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UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ Dec 30th LWC Board Meeting at Bellevue Library 715-845PM
- ◆ Jan 13th LWC Anniversary Dinner Event, Keynote Dan Branch
- ◆ Feb 10th—2010 Board Meeting
- ◆ Mar 17th LWC Dinner Event
- ◆ May 11th—Bob Curran Memorial Breakfast honoring all services
- ◆ Sep 25th—Pacific NW Coast Guard Ball at the Westin—Bellevue

ABOUT US

Additional information on LWC meetings and events can be found on our web site at www.lakewashnlus.org

Contact us; info@lakewashnlus.org; The Lake Washington Council (LWC) is part of the Navy League of the United States (NLUS).

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Through their financial contribution, these business affiliates demonstrate their commitment to LWC-NLUS, to the mission of the Navy League, and their desire to support young people through our programs and scholarships.

NW Coastal Area Navy Leaguers and Friends are Welcome

Meet Navy League President Dan Branch

Lake Washington Council— Anniversary Dinner Event Honoring the USCGC Healy, the Liberty High School NJROTC, and LWC Members John and Cyndee Lockwood

Wednesday, January 13th, 2010

Red Lion Bellevue Inn—11211 Main Street, Bellevue WA
No-Host Social Mixer 5:30 PM, Dinner and Program 6:45 PM

As we begin our 10th year, we are pleased to have Navy League President Dan Branch as our keynote speaker. (Registration information for this and other Area events with Dan Branch is on page 3.)

We will be honoring two of our adopted units: Liberty High School NJROTC and the USCGC *Healy*. **The *Healy* is “special” because the Council has been involved since its commissioning. The *Healy* is the Coast Guard’s elite research vessel serving primarily in the Arctic region. Through our community affiliates and members generosity, we have provided significant funds for their MWR and host most of their crew at each anniversary dinner.**

We will also be presenting the newly established LWC Lifetime Recognition Award to charter members John and Cyndee Lockwood.

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE

Greetings fellow Navy Leaguers,

It is the Holiday Season, and I wish you all a delightful and not too frantic season and a happy and peaceful holiday.

Amid all the hustle and bustle of holiday preparations, I would ask that we all remember our fellow citizens in uniform and serving in our military. Some are able to be with their families and some will be far from home. And it is thanks to all their service and sacrifice that we are able to spend this time with our family and friends in security and without threat of violence.

Merry Christmas and Thank you to all our service men and women, both past and present!

Lee Anne Petersen-Walker



Honor the NOAA ship Rainier, USCG Integrated Support Unit, and the USCG Response Boat -Medium Project Dinner Event

NAVY LEAGUE DINNER MEETING, NOVEMBER 11TH



On November 11th, the Lake Washington Council had, as its **Guest Speaker**, **Captain Michelle Bullock**, **Director of the NOAA Pacific Marine Center**. Unfortunately, her associate Dr. Usha Varanasi was unable to join in a duo presentation on Environmental Stewardship. We will do that in the near future. Captain Bullock gave a fascinating presentation explaining the intricacies of NOAA. She enumerated the wide array of functions and how they relate to the NOAA fleet which she oversees, including LWC adopted unit NOAA ship Rainier. She also discussed the relocation to Newport, Oregon.

At the dinner, the **LWC 2010 Board of Directors** was elected. New officers to be installed at the January dinner event include: President Pete Stiles, Vice Presidents Al Torstenson and Shel Woodle, Treasurer Lee Ann Petersen-Walker, Secretary Donnann Visneski, Judge Advocate Al Grantham, and Chaplain Cec Allison. (photos by Roger Ponto).



*USCG C.O. CDR
Scott Washburn
congratulates Re-
sponse Boat -
Medium Project
Enlisted of the Year
SOQ SK1 John
Jackson*



*USCG C.O. Captain
Robert Klapproth
and LWC President
Lee Anne Petersen-
Walker congratulate
Integrated Support
Unit - Seattle
Enlisted of the Year
POC Kari Brubacker*



*The Liberty High School
NJROTC
Color Guard*

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Entrée choices are (a) Lobster stuffed Hazelnut Halibut roasted and finished with Orange Frangelico Butter Sauce, (b) Rosemary and Cracker Pepper Roasted Prime Rib slow roasted with Au Jus and Creamy Horseradish Sauce (c) Vegetarian.

Cost per person \$40.00 prepaid by Jan 8, \$45.00 at the door (because we have to commit to pay for meals by deadline date), Please use on-line reservations with entree' selection: www.lakewashnlus.org, use form below to mail in funds due.

MAIL IN REGISTRATION / SUPPORT FOR Lake Washington Council Dinner 13JAN2010

Name (1) _____ **CIRCLE PRIME RIB or HALIBUT or VEG**

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Street Address _____

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Phone _____ E-Mail _____

Cost Per Person for Dinner \$40 Dinner _____

Donate a Dinner for a Sailor or Student (\$40 each)** _____

Total _____

**** ASAP to notify crew of how many we can host; also for event sponsorship contact Pete Stiles at 425-451-4940**

Mail to: LWC, PO Box 183, Medina WA 98039; To be Received by Friday January 8th, Make Checks out to LWC-NLUS,

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: To attend the Bangor Luncheon on Jan 12th with Dan Branch contact Carol Meteney (360-876-5744) :
: To attend the Oak Harbor Luncheon on Jan 14 with Dan Branch contact Beth Munns (360-675-3019) :
: The Bangor and Oak Harbor events will be on base, please make contact at least 10 days prior to event :
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NW Coastal Area Navy League Welcome NLUS President Dan Branch

Dan Branch is the 45th National President of the Navy League of the United States. He has served as National Vice President for Legislative Affairs, Rocky Mountain Region President, Region Vice President for Legislative Affairs, Colorado (CO) State President, Denver Council President, and as a National Director for 10 years. Navy League awards for his work include two Navy League Commendations and the Scroll of Honor.

Dan is a retired career naval officer with over 30 years of service. After graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy, he went to sea on three surface ships (Destroyer *USS Bigelow* during the Cuban Missile Crisis, submarine tender *USS Orion* as C.O. in Italy, and the first nuclear DLGN *USS Bainbridge*) and three submarines (nuclear attack submarine *USS Scamp as C.O.*, nuclear attack submarine *USS Gato*, and strategic missile submarine *USS James K. Polk*).

He was Deputy Squadron Commander, Submarine Squadron 16 in Kings Bay GA when Naval Submarine Support Base Kings Bay became operational in 1979. He was a Battalion Officer at the U. S. Naval Academy and a member of the Academy Admissions Board. In NATO HQ in Brussels, Belgium, he was Senior Staff Officer, SACLANT Representative Europe with nuclear weapons policy, and nuclear and conventional weapons arms control responsibilities. At the Atlantic Submarine Force HQ, his duties included Submarine Tactical Readiness and Training, and training Navy SEALs on submarines. Dan is a Distinguished Graduate of the Naval War College, Command and Staff College. Additionally, he has a Masters Degree in International Affairs from The George Washington University. Active Duty Awards: Letters of Commendation, the Meritorious Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Defense Superior Service Medal, and the Battle Efficiency "E" Award for two consecutive years as C.O., *USS Scamp*.

After Naval Service, Dan had over 11 years as a corporate executive, responsibilities for manufacturing, quality assurance, and performance assurance. His work included significant turnaround, cost cutting, productivity improvement, and start-up of DOE nuclear facilities. He has been a member of several CO Congressmen's Military Academies Selection Boards and Advisory Boards over the past decade; and has been on the Board of Trustees of the Naval Academy Alumni Association, and is a Trustee for the Naval Academy Foundation, A & S Division. He currently serves as CO Chapter President, U. S. Naval Academy Alumni Association. Dan and his wife Kathleen Lanahan Branch reside near Denver in the Boulder area.

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Navy League President Visit

*Jan 12th - NW Coastal Area Navy
League Luncheon - Bangor Plaza
Jan 13th -NW Coastal Area Navy
League Dinner—Bellevue Red Lion
Jan 14th -NW Coastal Area Navy
League Luncheon—Oak Harbor*



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Lake Washington Council

CITIZENS IN SUPPORT OF THE SEA SERVICES

Lake Washington Council is your community service organization that:

- Supports our Puget Sound Sea Services: *USS Abraham Lincoln, USCGC Healy, USS Jimmy Carter, NOAA Ship Rainier, Maritime Expeditionary Security Squadron Nine, Undersea R & D Detachment, USCG Integrated Support Command-Seattle, & USCG Response Boat Medium Project.*
- Supports youth programs: local Naval Reserve Officers Training Units and USN Sea Cadet Corps: NJROTC at Renton's Liberty High School, NROTC at University of Washington, and USN Sea Cadet Corps, Everett.
- Increases awareness of the diversity of maritime units in Puget Sound.
- Conveys the pivotal role our Puget Sound sea services play in our national & regional security.
- Furthers understanding that maritime commerce is the cornerstone of our region's economy.

Navy League of the United States Mission Statement: *A civilian organization dedicated to informing the American people and their government that the United States of America is a maritime nation and that its national defense and economic well being are dependent upon strong sea services – United States Navy, United States Marine Corps, United States Coast Guard and United States Merchant Marine.*