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USCGC Healy (WAGB 20)
USCGC Henry Blake (WLM 563)
USCGC Blue Shark (WPB 87360)
USS Jimmy Carter (SSN 23)
Undersea R & D Detachment
Liberty High School NJROTC
U. of Washington NROTC
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UW NROTC Spring Commissioning Ceremony

As in past ceremonies, the Spring ceremony on 9 June was an outstanding and inspirational event. The University of Washington NROTC is one of the Lake Washington & Everett Council's outstanding adopted units. In addition to 125 of the midshipmen and



NROTC photo

officer candidates; family members and friends; council members Pete Stiles, Jim Ardissono, Dan Burr, Sanu Chacko and his daughter Jessica attended. NROTC Professor of Naval Science and Commanding Officer CAPT Mark Johnson, USN was the presiding officer. Keynote speakers included Dr. Cheryl A. Cameron, UW Vice Provost for Academic Personnel and ADM William Owens USN, Retired. A total of ten midshipmen and officer candidates were promoted to ENS, USN and 2nd Lieutenant, USMC. (continued on page7)

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Reasons to Join the Lake Washington & Everett Council

Every Navy League Council and there are 230 councils, nationally and internationally, continually strive to (1) retain current council members and (2) to acquire new members. It is always a top priority and a growing council is a healthy council. The Lake Washington & Everett Council is no different from the other 229 and **we are always looking for new individual members and community affiliate members.** And periodically we get asked... "*Why should I join?*"

Our Council's **Mission Statement** includes four very important reasons as to why you would consider becoming a member of the LW&E Council and is included in this edition of *Voyager*.

And here are a few additional reasons (courtesy Navy League National):

- You served in one of the sea services and want to continue your association.

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- You know that the Navy and Marine Corps provide forward presence and quick reaction to world events and we must have the ships and equipment to make them responsive and effective.
- You know that 90% of the world's goods move to their destination by sea and a capable US Flag Merchant Marine is needed to sustain the economy of the United States.

We hope that you will join the LW&E Council **and remember, you do not need prior military service to become a member of our council.** Please contact one of the council members below and we will assist you through the process.

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USCGC Healy Hosted Navy League and Guests on Day Cruise

Cutter Healy, the Coast Guard's premier ice breaker, provided a six hour cruise around Puget Sound on 3 June that included games, a BBQ prepared by the galley staff and tours of the ship for family and friends. Healy departed CG Base Seattle promptly at 1000 and returned at 1500. Some



of the guests included (above left to right) Jenn Chin, NL National Director Roger Olsen, CGD13 Commander RDML David Throop, Marina Throop and Pete Stiles. On the bridge, CAPT Hamilton (below), Healy CO, briefs Robert Lockyer who provided the photos. Jim Ardissono,



Council Tour Director, received the following:

Jim,

This is a little later than I wanted but just wanted you to know that my wife and I thoroughly enjoyed the Healy experience last Saturday. Had a chance to talk to crew members and introduced myself to the Admiral, Healy's Captain and XO to connect re ESGR. As usual I am always impressed by the men and women who chose to serve our country.

*Take care,
Phil Sanders*

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USCGC Munro (WMSL 755) Commissioning

By Cec Allison

Photos by PO3 Amanda Norcross, USCG

1 April 2017 was a day not for pranks but a day to breathe life into the Coast Guard's newest cutter, USCGC Munro, through the time-honored tradition of commissioning the ship into active



Photo by Lance Davis/HII

service. Munro (above) is a 418-foot Legend-class National Security Cutter that will be homeported in Alameda, CA. It was also a day the elements of our maritime community – Congress, Department of Homeland Security, US Navy, US Marine Corps, US Coast Guard chain of command, Coast Guard retirees, Navy League members, community friends, and representatives



CAPT Sam Jordan, commanding officer of the old CG Munro; CDR Douglas Sheehan, USCGR, Retired and the nephew of Douglas Munro, CAPT Tom King, commanding officer of the new cutter Munro, and members of the Sheehan family stand in front of an etched granite wall at the Laurel Hill Memorial Park in Cle Elum, WA.

and family members from Cle Elum, WA (Douglas Munro's home town and final resting place) gathered to remember the Coast Guard's sole Medal of Honor recipient and to relive the events of 27 September 1942, off the shore of



CAPT Thomas King (left) shakes hands with ADM Zukunft and assumes command of the USCGC Munro during the commissioning ceremony.

USCG photo by PO2 Jonathan Klingenberg.

Guadalcanal for which Signalman First Class Douglas Munro posthumously received the Medal of Honor. Highlights of the ceremony included:

- Brian Cuccias, President of Ingalls Shipbuilding, recognized and congratulated the crew of Munro and extolled the pride and dedication of his workforce in their efforts to provide a top-quality ship for Coast Guard service.
- VADM Fred Midgette, Commander, USCG Pacific Area, reviewed the changes in the operational environment over the nine years since construction of Munro was authorized.
- ADM Paul F. Zukunft, Commandant, USCG reiterated the heroism of Signalman First Class Munro and tied his dedication to duty to the officers and crew of Munro. He noted the presence of two members of the Munro family and their roles in the commissioning ceremony and the future life of CGC Munro.
- Senator Dan Sullivan from Alaska talked of his oversight of Coast Guard functions as a member of the Senate Committee of the Armed Services and the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation. As a Lieutenant Colonel in the Marine Corps Reserve, he related the reverence and awe in which the Marine Corps holds the heroism and sacrifice Signalman First Class Douglas Munro displayed at Guadalcanal.
- Noting that Secretary John F. Kelly, Homeland Security, had been suddenly recalled to the other Washington, ADM Zukunft placed CGC Munro in commission.
- CAPT Thomas King assumed command of Munro and then provided an overview of the

crew's activities during construction, preparations for departure from the shipyard and transit to the west coast, and two successful rescues and a drug seizure during the transit

- Ms. Julie Sheehan (*right*), great-niece of Douglas Munro, expressed her gratitude for the opportunity to be the sponsor for CGC Munro and her commitment to an enduring relationship with the officers and crew of Munro. She talked of growing up with the stories and example of her great-uncle. She spoke of the example of her grandmother, Douglas Munro's mother, who became a SPAR days after she received Munro's Medal of Honor.
- After all the speeches, it was time to act. Orders were given, salutes exchanged, the first watch was set, and the crew was ordered to man CGC Munro. With a shout that rattled the Cruise Terminal, the officers and crew ran up the two brows and manned the ship's rails. Bells rang, alarms were tested, ship's horns sounded and CAPT King reported that CGC Munro was ready for duty.
- Seattle Council, NLUS, coordinated the events surrounding the commissioning ceremony and provided a first-class experience for the officers and crew of Munro, visiting and participating dignitaries and invitees to the ceremony. The ceremony was held in the Smith Cove Cruise Terminal with approximately 900 invitees. The US Navy Band provided music before the ceremony and closed the ceremony with a spot-on rendition of Semper Paratus.
- Lake Washington-Everett NLUS attendees included RADM John Lockwood, RADM Jeff Garrett, RADM Bert Kinghorn, CAPT & Mrs. Ray Copin, and CAPT & Mrs. Cecil Allison.



The first cutter named after Munro, USCGC Munro (WHEC 724) is scheduled to remain in service until 2022 and the name is officially changed to: "USCGC Douglas Munro." Coincidentally, in another commissioning at the Bath Iron Works Shipyard in Fall River, MA, for the USS Thomas Hudner (DDG 116), a Navy warship was named in honor of U.S. naval aviator Thomas Hudner, who

was awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions in trying to save the life of his wingman, ENS Jesse L. Brown, during the Battle of Chosin Reservoir in the Korean War.

Douglas A. Munro, signalman first class, USCG died heroically on Guadalcanal on 27 September 1942. Having volunteered to evacuate a detachment of Marines who were facing annihilation by an unanticipated large enemy force, he succeeded in safely extricating them and in doing so



was mortally wounded. Douglas Albert Munro was born in Vancouver, Canada, of American parents, on 11 October 1919, but spent his entire life in South Cle Elum, WA. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. James Munro of South Cle Elum. He attended the Central Washington College of Education for a year and left to enlist in the USCG in 1939. He had an outstanding record as an enlisted man and was promoted rapidly to signalman, first class. In the engagement in which he gave his life, Munro had already played an important part, in charge of the original ten boats that had landed the Marines at the scene. Afterward, Munro led his small boat force to a previously assigned rally position. Almost immediately upon his return, he was advised by the officer-in-charge that the Marines were under attack from a larger Japanese force and needed immediate evacuation. Munro volunteered to commanding the rescue expedition and brought the boats in -shore under heavy enemy fire and proceeded to evacuate the Marines still on the beach. Though the majority of the Marines had been loaded, the last remaining rear guard were having difficulty embarking. Assessing the situation, Munro maneuvered himself and his boats to cover the last groups as they headed to the boats; however, he was exposed to greater enemy fire and suffered his fatal wound. It was reported that he had remained conscious long enough to utter his final words: "*Did they get off?*" For his heroic and selfless actions in the completion of this rescue mission, Munro was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor.

CG District 13 Change of Command

CG Public Affairs Release

Photos by PO2 Ali Flockerzi, USCG

RDML David G. Throop relieved RADM Mark E. Butt as commander of the 13th Coast Guard District in a change-of-command ceremony held at Base Seattle, 4 May 2017. The Coast Guard 13th District Commander is responsible for overseeing all Coast Guard operations throughout the Pacific Northwest, including the states of Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana, which include more than 4,400 miles of coastline, 600 miles of inland waterways and a 125 nautical mile international border with Canada.



The official party (*above*) stands on stage during the change of command ceremony. The change of command ceremony is a time-honored tradition, which formally transfers responsibility, authority and accountability from one individual to another. The change-of-command ceremony ensures that all hands know of the shift in authority and that a duly authorized officer is placed in charge. Coast Guard RADM Mark E. Butt (*below left*), VADM Fred M. Midgette (*middle*) and RDML David G. Throop (*right*) render salutes during the presentation of colors.



RDML David G. Throop (*above*) addresses guests after assuming command of the 13th Coast Guard District. Throop is coming from the Force Readiness Command in Norfolk, VA, and Butt will return to Washington D.C. and retire in June after 35 years of service in the Coast Guard.



RADM Mark E. Butt, (*above left*) outgoing commander, shakes hands with RDML David G. Throop (*right*). VADM Fred M. Midgette, (*center*) commander, CG Pacific Area, presided over the ceremony. RADM Butt (*below*) addresses guests.



Boeing Hosts Tour of P-8A Assembly

*Compiled from public documents at Boeing.com
Navy photo by Liz Wolter*

On 30 March, 40 guests of LW&E Council toured the Boeing 737 assembly plant and the P-8A installation facility in Tukwila, WA. Production of the 737 is increasing to 57 per month in 2018. The P-8A Poseidon (*below on a weapons release test flight-torpedo release*) is an aircraft designed for



long-range anti-submarine warfare; anti-surface warfare; and intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance missions. It is capable of broad-area maritime and littoral operations. A derivative of the Next-Generation 737-800, the P-8A, and its variant for India, the P-8I, combine superior performance and reliability with an advanced mission system that ensures maximum interoperability in the future battle space. US Navy is the major customer. Boeing will broaden its support for the U.S. Navy's fleet of Boeing P-8A Poseidon maritime surveillance aircraft through a recent order for maintenance simulators. The Navy has been using six virtual trainers, one ordnance load trainer and 14 hardware-based devices to train P-8A maintenance personnel at Naval Air Station Jacksonville, FL since 2016. The virtual maintenance training devices provide interactive, high-fidelity simulations based on actual mission systems software, while the hardware-based trainers are full-scale replicas of aircraft components. Boeing has previously delivered several aircrew training devices for the P-8A. The stated requirement of the US Navy is to purchase 117 P-8A aircraft to replace its fleet of P-3C Orion four-engine turboprop aircraft, and Boeing has delivered 55 aircraft to date.

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ENS Jacob Boldes graduates with a Bachelor of Science in oceanography with a focus in technology and a minor in naval science. He will report as a surface warfare officer to the USS Green Bay (LPD-20) homeported in Sasebo, Japan.

ENS Charles Brennan will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in oceanography and a minor in naval science. He will report as a student naval aviator to flight school in Pensacola, FL.

ENS Ansel Hartman graduates with a Bachelor of Science in applied physics. He will report to Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek, SC, on a path to qualify as a submarine officer.

ENS Yana Karlova majored in molecular, cellular and development biology. She will report as a student naval aviator to flight school in Pensacola, FL.

2ndLt Brandon Kavlok is receiving a degree in international studies with a focus in foreign/diplomacy, peace and security. He will report to Basic School in Quantico, VA, followed by training as a student naval aviator in Pensacola, FL.

ENS Justin Luk studied atmospheric sciences with an emphasis on climate. He has been selected as a student naval aviator and will report to Pensacola, FL.

ENS Bryant Mijares will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in applied physics and will report as a surface warfare officer (Nuclear option) to the USS Oscar Austin (DDG-79) homeported in Norfolk, VA.

ENS Troy Moens graduates with a Bachelor of Science in civil and environmental engineering and a minor in naval science. He will report as a surface warfare officer to the USS Anchorage (LSPD-2), homeported in San Diego, CA.

ENS Wyatt O'Brien will graduate with a bachelor's degree in environmental science and resource management with a minor in naval sciences. He will attend flight school in Pensacola, FL, as a student naval aviator.

ENS Levi Wasmundt majored in mathematics and will report to Nuclear Power Training Command in Goose Creek, SC.

USN Reserve Force Duties Explained at May Dinner

By Pete Stiles

Photos by Delgene Phillips

With 30 guests, Lake Washington & Everett Council held its Spring Dinner on 17 May 2017, at the Bellevue Red Lion Hotel. Following the social hour President Pete Stiles opened the evening with Liberty High School NJROTC presenting the Colors (*below left to right: Jason Rhodes, Chandler Alexander, Joshua Talbert & Olivia Van Ry*) followed by Pete leading the audience in



the pledge of allegiance. Colors were retired and Board Member Jim Ardissono gave the invocation. The buffet dinner was served at 1900 and at 1945 Pete resumed the evening by introducing CAPT Stanley "Stosh" Romanowicz (*below right with Curt Maier & Bob Lockyer left*), USCG,



commanding officer of adopted unit, Coast Guard Base Seattle. Pete next invited CAPT John Deehr USN, Retired to the podium. In addition to being a new council board member, John is also the new commanding officer of the Liberty High School NJROTC, a council adopted unit. CAPT



Deehr (*above left*) gave an update on the activities and presented a bio on each of the cadets at the dinner. Following CAPT Deehr's comments, Pete presented a \$750 check which is used to support unit programs and activities. Richard Ander-



son, President of Seattle Seafair was introduced next. Richard Anderson (*above left*) is in his third year as President and CEO of Seafair as it enters its 68th year. Seafair is a ten-week festival featuring nearly 75 sanctioned events that reach more than two-million people. It's about building community, creating memories, and providing affordable fun. The festival remains the fabric of the Seattle community and is made possible with the help of nearly 3,000 volunteers. The visions of Seattle Seafair is to: a) built community b) create positive memories c) provide affordable fun. All events are free, e.g., 4th of July fireworks. New events and changes this year include: torchlight run finish at evening Torchlight Parade; BMX bike racing; more music; professional men's water polo; Ivar's is now food master concessionaire; El

Gaucha is in charge of fine dining; improved access by renovating parking options and working with mass transit and Cascade Biking Club; using more social media, i.e., Twitter, Facebook, Instagram. There were 500,000 hits a day on the web site for Seafair 2016 weekend. Seven USN, USCG and Royal Canadian Navy vessels will be present during fleet week. For the first time, race weekend will feature two days of running. Saturday will feature the inaugural 5K, starting and finishing at Tukwila's Museum of Flight, with the marathon and half-marathon to follow on Sunday. Also new this year, the marathon and half marathon courses will run from stadium-to-stadium, starting at Alaska Airlines Field at Husky Stadium and finishing at CenturyLink Field. This course highlights the beauty of Seattle with a start across the iconic ship canal, through the Washington Park Arboretum, along Lake Washington, through Seward Park. The keynote speaker for the evening was CAPT Jeff McIrvin, USN, Commander, Navy Region Northwest Reserve Component Command. A little known military asset, the US Naval Reserve provides critical support to its active duty Navy counterparts. Since the terrorist attack on September 11, 2001 the Naval Reserve has mobilized more than 73,000 Reserve sailors. As Commander of Navy Region Northwest Reserve Component Command, CAPT McIrvin is responsible for 3,600 Naval Reserve personnel who are located in Washington, Oregon, Alaska, Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and



Iowa. CAPT McIrvin (*above left*) is a Washington native and reminisced about his memories of Seafair and also past association with board member Jay De Bellis (*above right demonstrating a Prowler maneuver*) while both were at War College and also flying EA-6B Prowlers. CAPT McIrvin

briefed on the Naval Reserve functions today. The Navy Reserve was established 3 March 1915 as part of the 1916 Naval Appropriations Act, and has since participated in every U.S.-involved conflict since World War I. Today, more than 20,000 Navy Reserve Sailors - about one third of the Navy's Reserve component - are providing fully integrated global operational support to fleet and combatant commanders at any time. There are currently 107,000 Selected Reserve, Full Time Support and Individual Ready Reserve Sailors serving in the Navy Reserve. Navy Region Northwest (one of six), Reserve Component Command (NRNW RCC) was established in 1974 and was formerly known as REDCOM Northwest. NRNW RCC provides oversight to 16 Navy Operational Support Centers (NOSC) formerly named Navy Reserve Centers. NRNW RCC serves additional duties to Commander, NRNW by providing funeral honors, casualty assistance calls support, operational support and Navy mobilization processing. The command is housed in the Navy Reserve Complex at Naval Station Everett. Reservists are fulfilling many duties in the Navy providing strategic capability and operational support including Seabees, aviation and special warfare. It is harder for reservists to stay current in navy hardware due to fewer naval vessels and disestablished aviation squadrons. Reserve aviation support for active duty navy fliers includes: flying Prowlers in Carrier Air Wing 20; providing fighter adversary training; flying C-40 (Boeing 737-700C), C-130 and C-20 Gulfstream transport missions and manning a helo special warfare squadron. As an asset to operational commanders, Navy Expeditionary Combat Command (NECC) is designed to provide an array of capabilities that are unique to the expeditionary maritime environment as opposed to the blue water and land warfare environments. Reservists provide unique skill sets for Seabees, EOD, divers, medical services for marines, coastal riverine force, intel units, cargo handlers, sub rescue and emergency preparedness liaison officers. After 9/11, reserve manpower was at 86,000 and is just under 60,000 today with 10,000 full time on active duty. The current mobilization is 4,000 for one year then five years off but many reservists are doing more. Following CAPT McIrvin's presentation, Pete adjourned the meeting by announcing that the next dinner at the Bellevue Red Lion Hotel on Wednesday, 20 September 2017.

Liberty H.S. NJROTC Awards Night

By Pete Stiles

Photos by Romel Caole

Council President Pete Stiles had the honor of presenting the Lake Washington & Everett Council's *Navy League Youth Award* to Cadet Kyle Tran (below right with Pete) at the Liberty High School



NJROTC annual Awards Night on 25 May 2017. Liberty High School NJROTC is one of three LW&E's "student" adopted

units, the other two are the University of Washington NROTC and the Naval Station Everett Sea Cadet Division – 132 NSE. All three programs provide cadets, midshipmen and officer candidates outstanding training, instructions and field experiences that prepares each student for whatever direction they will take following graduation. The focus for each is: **dedicated participation, top academics and leadership**. With approximately 175 family members and guests in the audience, a variety of awards and ribbons were presented to deserving cadets of all classes. Senior Naval Science Instructor CAPT John Deehr USN, Retired, was presiding officer and MC for the evening. In addition, council member



ADC Al Torstenson USN, Retired, (on right with Cadet Peter-son) who for the prior 15 years was the program's Naval Science instruc-

tor and who has worked this year with CAPT Deehr on a voluntary basis, was presented with a special award by Cadet Commanding Officer Samantha Peterson for his 16 years of dedicated and outstand-

ing service to the NJROTC. Next, the outgoing Commanding Officer, Cadet Samantha Peterson, and Executive Of-



ficer Cadet Zachary Simington, (above right) presenting the NJROTC "Patriot's Flag" to the incoming Commanding Officer, Luke Ransom, and Executive Officer, Emily Magley (above left). The evening concluded with the graduating senior cadets invited to stand as a group (below) on the stage. Of the 18 graduates, one will be enlisting in the US Air Force with the remaining 17 attending either a two-year college or four-year university.



Third Annual Golf Scramble

By Pete Stiles

Photos by Matt Thompson

The Lake Washington & Everett Council held its



courtesy of PJKoenig golf photography

Third Annual Golf Scramble on 18 May 2017 at the Twin Lakes Golf & Country Club. Organized by board member CMC Kevin Isherwood, the Scramble included 40 golfers. The event kicked off at 1200 with a putting contest and the shotgun start at 1300.



Contest winners included:

1st Low Score – 58

Mark Hash
Ken Lorentzen
Joel Shabel
Dano Bagnell

2nd Low Score – 62

Glenda Smith
Mary Moss
Jeremy Fugler
Jim Aschenbrenner



Honesty Prize – 78

Kevin Isherwood
Sara Isherwood
Denis Dunn
Julie Dunn

Long Drive

Rob Parker

Closest to the Pin

Dano Bagnell

The afternoon concluded with prizes being awarded, a drawing for additional special prizes and a barbecue dinner. All participants thanked the council and Kevin in particular for hosting the



event. All golfers stated that they had an outstanding afternoon of golf and looked forward to participating next year.



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- Supports local Naval Reserve Officers Training Units and US Naval Sea Cadet Corps: Liberty High School NJROTC, University of Washington NROTC, US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, Naval Station Everett Division.
- Increases awareness of the diversity of maritime units in Puget Sound.
- Conveys the pivotal role of Puget Sound sea services in national and regional security.
- Furthers understanding that maritime commerce is the cornerstone of our region's economy.

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