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#### 2019 Annual Recognition Night at Naval Station Everett

By Pete Stiles
Photos by Delgene Phillips & Sam Chacko

On 14 December, Lake Washington & Everett Council held its 2019 annual recognition dinner in the Blue Heron Room of the Port of Seattle facility on the Everett waterfront. The event recog-



nizes the sailors and units at Naval Station Everett. 150 attendees included 50 US Navy and US Coast Guard active duty officer and enlisted personnel and their guests. After the no host social hour, Council President Sanu Chacko welcomed everyone to the dinner celebrating three great milestones: (1) 25th anniversary of Naval Station Everett, (2) 50th year of the Navy League in Everett and (3) 50th year of the Sea Cadets in Everett. He explained that Henry "Hank" Robinette, Everett NL Council Plank Owner and one of the original members instrumental in establishing Naval Station Everett was unable to attend the dinner. (continued on page 3)

## **VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE**



Happy Holidays! I wish you all a wonderful and prosperous New Year! The Lake Washington and Everett Council had a very busy 4th quarter as you will read in this *Voyager*. LT Jessica Shafer, USCG,

gave a great presentation at our 13 November dinner. On 14 December, we held our Annual Recognition Dinner for Naval Station Everett at the Port of Everett's Blue Heron Room. The dinner was attended by approximately 150 people, with most guests active duty personnel and their significant others. We officially adopted the Branch Health Clinic Everett at the dinner and recognized outstanding sailors from nine of our supported units based at Naval Station Everett. We also recognized CPO Jessica Chacko, NSCC, for her outstanding achievements during her Sea Cadet career. RADM Anthony "Jack" Vogt, USCG, Commander, USCG District 13 and CAPT Mike Davis, USN, CO of Naval Station Everett spoke at the event. I would like to especially thank all those who helped make the 2019 Annual Naval Station Recognition Dinner a great success. They are specifically mentioned on Page 17 of this issue. A big thanks and welcome to US Bank Everett for becoming our newest Community Affiliate member, and to all our new individ-

#### **2019 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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National Director Emeritus: Louise Chase (LWC) (NLUS) Roger Ponto (LWC) (NLUS) / Past LWC President RADM John Lockwood, USCG, Retired ual members as well. I welcome John Bartak, Mayor of Snohomish, as our newest board member. We hope to see all members and guests at one of our upcoming events such as our dinner at the Bellevue Red Lion on 15 January and/or our Scuttlebutt Social on 16 January. Finally, the *Voyager* is proud to display the newest Navy League Logo. As always, we, the council board of directors, appreciates all the love and support from each and every one of you.

Sanu Chacko President

### USCGC Polar Star Officer Awarded 2019 Coast Guard Stabile Award for Naval Engineering

Demonstrating exceptional technical acumen. leadership, and mentoring abilities, CWO Jopling kept the Coast Guard's most complex engineering plant and the nation's only operational heavy icebreaker fully mission-capable during a period of over 250 days away from home port, transiting a distance of 22,000 nautical miles, and two \$9 million drydock maintenance periods. Possessing a unique blend of technical excellence and project management skills, CWO Jopling led the extensive \$4.4 million upgrade to the cutter's electrical plant control and monitoring system, which modernized the engineering control processes for all propulsion generators. CWO Jopling's leadership and deep subject matter expertise during this project ensured all project milestones were met and allowed the cutter to sail on-time for the 2019 Operation Deep-Freeze deployment. Demonstrating extraordinary courage and poise during a high pressure operational period, CWO Jopling engineered and installed an emergency repair to the cutter's centerline shaft seal. Entering chest deep into 28 degree water that was actively flooding the confined compartment, CWO Jopling stopped the flow of water to allow sufficient time for the specialized shaft sealant to cure, allowing CGC PO-LAR STAR to continue the breakout and resupply of McMurdo Station in support of the U.S. Antarctic Program and Presidential mandate to sustain an active and influential presence in this remote and nationally significant region.

#### **WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**

Melissa Lynn Nicole Christison Carl Platou Bob Bolerjack Paul Kearney Russell Steele (continued from front page) In his place one of the council's newest members of the board of directors and an Everett resident, Karmin Pincus, cut the two celebration birthday cakes. Sanu then introduced and recognized several special guests:

Steve Westover – Navy League Area President Larry Salter – Navy League Northwest Region President

Paul Roberts – Everett City Council Member RADM Jeff Garrett USCG, Retired – LW&E Council Board Member Bob Bolerjack – Representing Mayor of Everett's Office Glen Bachman – Port of Everett Commissioner

Everett Sea Cadet Division NSE 134 presented the Colors and Sea Cadet CPO Jessica Chacko led the audience in the Pledge of the Allegiance and Colors were retired. Sea Cadet Chaplin Kerry Kearney gave the invocation and the buffet dinner, prepared by Scuttlebutt Restaurant & Brewery, was served. After dinner, Sanu invited Larry Salter, Navy League Northwest Region President to start the evening's program by "ringing the bell." Phil Bannan, Jr., owner of the Scuttlebutt Restaurant and Brewery was recognized for exceptional support to the council and for providing the restaurant's Sea Services Room for the council's monthly unit appreciation social events. He also introduced Scuttlebutt Chef Jeremiah Marleau and thanked him for providing the evening's outstanding buffet. CAPT Mike Davis USN, Commanding Officer of Naval Station Everett as "host" for all of the US Navy and US Coast Guard commands attending the dinner, welcomed everyone on behalf of Naval Station Everett. Following CAPT Davis' remarks, Sanu presented him with the council's formal, engraved plaque for his dedication and service to the US Navy and the United States of America. RADM Anthony "Jack" Vogt, USCG, Commander of CGDistrict 13 was introduced as the evening's keynote speaker. RADM Vogt presented a synopsis of CG operations in the Pacific Northwest and also internationally with cooperation with Canada in fisheries and border operations, Arctic operations by CG ice breakers stationed in Seattle and CG small boat and vessels operating in the Middle East. Following his remarks Sanu presented RADM Vogt with the council's formal plaque. Sanu explained to the audience that the council sponsors three "student units" including Naval (continued on page 11)

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## NJROTC Celebrates USN Birthday Before Basic Leadership Training Camp

By John Deehr Photos courtesy of NJROTC

On 10 October CAPT Deehr, Chief Spears, 68 cadets, and five parent chaperons boarded buses for the CISPUS Learning Center in Randle, WA. During the three and a half day camp, the cadets were up at 0600 and turned in at 2200. The camp included leadership and citizenship classes, team building activities, communications activities, military drill, physical fitness training, physical fitness assessment, barracks/uniform inspections, and a low ropes/high ropes challenge course.



On 9 October, Cadet Aurora Baldwin (above) receives her advancement certificate to Cadet Seaman. She was one of over forty cadets who were advanced to the next rank.



Cadet Seaman Apprentice Rebecca Hellan (above) learns how to fold the US Flag under the direction of Cadet PO2 Colby Van Ray.



Cadet Seaman Apprentice Jalecya Amos *(above)* and CAPT Deehr cut the Navy's 244th birthday cake. The Navy's birthday was 13 October 1775.



On Friday, all cadets participated in the NJROTC physical fitness assessment that includes two minutes of sit-ups, two minutes of push-ups and a one mile run. Cadet PO2 Matthew Martin leads the pack in the mile run.

On Friday, cadets participated in several communication exercises. One was to build a bridge using only the items provided (newspapers, masking and duct tape and pens). Parent chaperons built the bridge below which held over 50 lbs.



Cadets participated in the low ropes and high ropes courses, learning teamwork and how to overcome personal fears/limitations. On the high ropes course, Cadet PO3 Ryan Croasdell ((right) conquers the vertical playground. On the low ropes course (below), cadets work as a team to put three tennis balls in predetermined locations.



On Saturday evening the entire company participated in a final personnel/uniform inspection conducted by CAPT Deehr and Chief Spears. Members of Alpha Platoon *(above)* (Fox Mercury, Kaitlin Ovsak, Daniel Tsang, Elise Cheng, and Wendy Wu are inspected by CAPT Deehr.





## LT Shafer's "Operational Life"

By Pete Stiles Photos by Delgene Phillips

On Wednesday, 13 November 2019 the Lake Washington & Everett Council held its final dinner of the year. With forty-eight attendees, the event was held at the Bellevue Red Lion Hotel. Following a no host social hour, President Sanu Chacko welcomed the guests. The Liberty High School Naval JROTC presented the colors, Liberty High School Cadet Second Class Petty Officer Sofia VanHess led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and board member Cecil Allison gave the invocation. Following the buffet dinner, President Sanu opened the meeting by introducing special guests CAPT Megan Dean USCG, Chief of Staff, Coast Guard District 13 and CAPT Mary Ellen Durley USCG, Commanding Officer, USCGC Healy. He noted a list of the council's



Left to right: Patty Ewbank, Leigh Ewbank & council member John Thoma

Motor Lifeboat School in Ilwaco, WA. She cross trained and stood duty at both Station Cape Disappointment, WA and Station Tillamook Bay, OR, where she earned her Coxswain, Heavy Weather Coxswain and Tactical Coxswain certifications.



**Left to right:** CAPT Durley, LT Shafer, & council members: Richard Stringfellow & Jeff Garrett

proposed 2020 slate of officers and board of directors was at each place setting and that additional new interested and qualified board members would be welcomed. The prospective 2020 officers and board will be voted upon and installed at the 15 January dinner. President Sanu introduced LT Jennifer Shafer USCG, the speaker for the evening. LT Shafer enlisted in the US Coast Guard in 2002 and was assigned to the National

During Hurricane Katrina, she served in response during two separate deployments in 2005 and 2006. In 2006 she reported to Station Golden Gate, Sausalito, CA where she qualified as Boarding Officer, Boarding Officer Certified Ashore, Multi-Mission Officer-in-Charge Ashore Certification and she earned Surfman Certification. She held command positions as Operations Petty Officer, Executive Petty Officer and Surfman Trainer while on board as well as being one of the few Command Duty Officers. Following a number of other significant assignments LT Shafer returned

to Station Cape Disappointment, taking command in June 2018. Earlier, although from Indiana, Jessica selected the USCG because she grew up on the lakes and enjoyed the life style of small boat operations. Station Cape Disappointment performs many of the 11 CG missions every day. The National Motor Lifeboat School in Ilwaco, WA was her first assignment after boot camp. A short video showed the 47 foot self-righting motor lifeboats (47292 of Station Golden Gate shown below) of the school operating in heavy surf while training boat operators to navigate in heavy weather search and rescue. There are also four unique 52 foot motor life boats – all serving in Oregon and Washington. The National Motor Lifeboat School is the only international training school of its type. There are 20 CG stations that have the mission to operate with qualified Surfman and it takes five to seven years to earn the Surfman rating. Her career seemed to be one opportunity after another. During Hurricane Katrina she was deployed to the Critical Mission Management Team checking on the units responding by launching small boats from Interstate 90 off ramps. While in New Orleans, she received career advice to be assigned to CG Station



Golden Gate whereby one could get 10 years operational experience in four years. Shafer was subsequently stationed there for seven years of dynamic missions involving huge sailing fleets, port security missions, presidential details, world cup races, fleet weeks and America's Cup practice races and any high profile event requiring CG small boat operations. On 20 January 2007, Shafer remembers pulling alongside Microsoft researcher Jim Gray on the sailing vessel Tenacious as he sailed out toward the Farallon Islands and visually checked that the boater was properly dressed for the weather and that his sail boat had all required safety equipment, etc. All appeared in order as Tenacious sailed outbound but neither Jim Gray nor S/V Tenacious or any debris was ever seen again. Shafer stated that was Station Golden Gate – one week it's Fleet Week and the Blue Angels blowing your ear drums out and creating water spray due to low flying and the next week you are on a major SAR case, even boarding a floating hot tub with an engine during the 2010 Giants World Series. Kite surfers were a continuing problem when daily, like clockwork, the wind would die and all the surfers needed a tow out of the main shipping channel. Mavericks Challenge California surf contest was a big wave surfing competition that required 15 small vessels to act a pit crews for the surfers and Station Golden Gate small boats had to stand by if any needed a tow away from the towering surf up to 60 feet. Shafer followed this exceptional operational tour by attending OCS and following her commissioning, reported to Sector Long Island Sound as Assistant Enforcement Chief. Expecting and looking forward to a mental break and a controlled, less high tempo environment, she instead was involved with working closely with the Secret Service and on presidential security details all of the time for President Obama, Michelle Obama and also the Vice-President. Pollution Response was a busy mission due to the freezing weather causing boat cracking, flooding and subsequent sinkings and she remembers being on scene over 18 hours with a diesel tug spill. After two years it was on to Station Fort Lauderdale. One memorable case involved a station boat returning to base with 28 underage drunk teenagers on board six vessels. Another day, a small rusty boat came ashore with 10 migrant Cubans with one woman and the nine males flashing knives. Multiple agencies responded and the station CO via radio told the female CG Coxswain that she was in charge as senior

agency on scene. She immediately started giving orders to the other agencies taking charge of the situation. Jessica later wrote the petty officer a recommendation to grad school and presented her a used machete. The average age of the crew at a small boat station is 22 to 24 years old. Jessica said, "It is amazing the amount of responsibility and professionalism that the crews have in their jobs." Hurricane Irma was Jessica' first response to that type of threat and resulted in the station's



Left to right: LT Shafer, Sanu Chacko & CAPT Dean

five small boats evacuating across Florida to St. Petersburg via Port St. Lucie and Lake Okeechobee. Only problem was the flotilla did not refuel on arrival and the next day, fuel trucks left the area. The storm track changed and when the crew called to report they could not move the boats, Jessica stated she was so mad she had to hand the phone to someone else. Eventually, the boats were refueled and returned to Station Fort Lauderdale where power was restored nine days later. Emergency Preparedness Management was next for Jessica as she flew to CG Air Station Boringuen, Puerto Rico. Without power for GPS, cell phones, etc., printed maps were again in vogue. Although originally assigned to San Juan, there was a need for more emergency management coordination in the western area of the island so Jessica operated daily from there starting at 0700 facilitating inter-agency response. She noted many agencies on scene but with no intercommunications. To pass information, every day she visited each emergency management agency: Border Patrol, US Army, air and marine operations. Eventually, the team stood up a food, water and fuel distribution plan for approximately

150,000 people. Jessica returned to Station Cape Disappointment and the National Motor Lifeboat School after her initial assignment 12 years earlier. Over 2,000 ship wrecks since 1847 off the mouth of the Columbia River attest to the dangers of the river bar and sea conditions there. Jessica found the area more vibrant and alive with visitors and new recreational ventures such as sea kavakers. She related several notable SAR cases involving fishing vessels and a drug vessel seizure operation. The Surfman Program is undergoing a review over the past year. Jessica concluded by relating some lessons learned over her career at this point: Adapt and reflect, keep the long view and first impressions are not always accurate. President Sanu asked CAPT Dean to join him at the podium where he thanked LT Shafer for her outstanding presentation, her service to the US Coast Guard and the United States of America, and he then presented her with the LW&E Council plaque. Council member and retired Naval Aviator CDR Joseph Murashie, USN, Retired (below left) presents CAPT Dean (below right), a set of Naval Aviator wings formerly mounted over the entrance to the NAS Lemore Officers' Club. Sanu concluded the program by announcing that the council's last event of the year will be its annual Naval Station Everett Recognition Dinner which will be held on Saturday, 14 December 2019 in the Blue Heron Room in the Port of Everett facility on the Everett waterfront. President Sanu thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 2045.

Below left to right: Joseph Murashie & CAPT Dean



#### SM1 Douglas Munro, USCG added To VA Puget Sound Wall of Heroes

By Kevin Isherwood Photo courtesy of VA Puget Sound

I represented the LW&E Navy League Council at VA Puget Sound's annual Wall of Heroes induction ceremony held 12 November 2019 in the central check-in lobby of the facility at 1660 S. Columbian Way, Seattle, WA. U.S. Coast Guard Signalman First Class Douglas A. Munro, a former resident of Cle Elum, WA, was added to VA Center's Wall of Heroes. SM1 Munro is the U.S. Coast Guard's only recipient of the Medal of Honor, which was posthumously awarded to his family in 1942, for heroic efforts during the Battle of Guadalcanal. Dr. Catherine Kaminetzky, VA Puget Sound Chief of Staff was master of ceremony





for the event with RADM Jack Vogt, USCG District 13 Commander; Master Chief Jason Wong, USCG District 13 Command Master Chief; and CDR Doug Sheehan, USCGR, Retired, SM1 Munro's nephew offering remarks. As the largest VA medical center in the region, VA Puget Sound began in 2009 to honor the exceptional military service of individual patients, staff and volunteers through the installation of a new Wall of Heroes display. More than 100 veterans, service members, local congressional offices and staff attended VA Puget Sound Health Care System's Wall of Heroes celebration held in honor of Signalman 1st Class Douglas A. Munro's selfless actions to evacuate hundreds of Marines trapped by enemy

Japanese forces at Point Cruz, Guadalcanal in 1942. He was only 22 when he was tragically killed. Honoring Munro (above left to right) VA Puget Sound Chief of Staff, Catherine Kaminetzky; Munro's nephew Doug Sheehan, U.S. Coast Guard Reserve, Retired; Coast Guard District Thirteen Commander, RADM Anthony "Jack" Vogt; Coast Guard District Thirteen Command Master Chief, Jason Wong; Munro's nephew Chris Sheehan; Munro's cousin Paul Sheehan and his wife, Verlen Sheehan; and VA Puget Sound Chaplain, Gary Cowden. Munro became the 15th Veteran inductee to VA Puget Sound's Wall of Heroes.

## Miller, Staunch Supporter of Local Navy, Dies at 83

Reprinted from Kitsap Sun, Josh Farley, Reporter Photo by Delgene Phillips

It's difficult to say what motivated Helen Miller to devote so many of her final years to supporting her local military. It might've been an appreciation the British-born Miller gained for the work of her husband, George, an engineer for Lockheed-Martin; it very well could've been the manner-adhering Miller's penchant for tradition. Perhaps it was the military's connection to the geopolitics she followed fiercely throughout her life. In any case, she held beloved those who wear the uniform. As a member of the Navy League, she attended just about every event possible since she'd joined 13 years ago until she recently succumbed to injuries she suffered in a fall at her home in late-August. "She just really wanted to support the enlisted troops," said Alan Beam, a retired captain and fellow Navy League member. She was 83, though it must be acknowledged the intensely private Miller would have abhorred her age being made public. Carol Meteney, a past president of the league, recalled someone asking Miller, a product of "proper" manners, her age once. Big mistake. "How could someone have the audacity to ask me my age?" Meteney recalled Miller saying. Indeed, Miller, born in Maidstone, England, and who later became a U.S. citizen, pulled no punches. She was bountiful in sharing her views. "She had no filter," Beam said. "She'd tell you exactly what she thought." Meteney said Miller, who she met a decade ago, displayed a rare tenacity. She learned quickly Miller was building a sea wall at her Madrona Point home in Bremerton — hauling the rocks from front yard to back yard herself. "If she was determined to do something, she was going to do it," Meteney said. She brought that spirit to Navy League. No matter her health, Miller, known as "the ambassador," was there: at parties, at luncheons, at change -of-command ceremonies. She refused a wheelchair and would use a walker to slowly make her way to and from the area bases. "She was our best recruiter," Beam said. She also related well with Navy brass, who she knew were newcomers to the area. Tom Zwolfer, a Navy captain who became commanding officer of Naval Base Kitsap in 2013, said Miller introduced him to "almost everyone in the room not wearing a uniform" at his first Navy League luncheon. He came to find



At left, Helen R. Miller, chats with LW&E Council Board Member Janie Nicodemus at a council dinner in September 2018.

Miller was a steadfast presence at almost any change of command and gathering. He was also taken by her volunteer efforts for Navy, Marine and Coast Guard families, recalling Christmas parties she planned for them. Once, she called him to help her donate a pool table in the barracks. "I think the most appropriate way we could honor Helen is by stepping up and carrying on her legacv of service to our sailors and Marines," he said. Prior and during her Navy League involvement, Miller was a frequent attendee at Bremerton City Council meetings who never hesitated to offer a critique. Lori Smith, longtime council staff member, recalled how she used to "shake things up" by speaking her mind. "She saw herself as an advocate for transparency," Smith said. Miller was not afraid to show her bellicose side. She and her husband were once taken to court over a land use spat with neighbors. She had no qualms about contacting a reporter's superiors when she read something in the Kitsap Sun she did not like. And she herself penned plenty of letters to this newspaper on a range of opinions. It was her chosen media; she had no television but read a number of newspapers and periodicals each day. A fall in late August resulted in two broken femurs and, eventually, illnesses that would take her life, Beam said. Her husband George, preceded her in death five years ago. Miller had no children. Proceeds of her estate will go to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Hillsdale College, a Michigan school that prides itself on no federal or state funding. The month she fell, Miller attended a change of command ceremony of the USS Nimitz and managed to make her way to the flight deck. Kevin Lennox, former captain of the USS Nimitz, noted that act in a "special shout out" to her stating, "It is no easy task for you to get up to the flight deck; thank you for making that effort."

(continued from page 3) Station Everett Division of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps which meets monthly at Naval Station Everett. NSE 134's Commanding Officer, Paul Kearney and Command Chief Petty Officer Jessica Chacko were presented with the council's annual Sea Cadet support contribution of \$1,000. Council board members Jeff Garrett and Pete Stiles presented CPO



Above: Karmin Pincus cuts one of the celebration cakes.

Jessica Chacko with the council's formal plaque for her many accomplishments in a seven year Sea Cadet career. Sanu continued, "Naval station Everett has many outstanding sea and shore commands and each command is successful because of the dedication and exceptional work ethic of their



Above left to right: Sea Cadets Ryan Ohl, Blake Sketchley, Emerson Gruits, Malina Sketchley & Elijah Lisenby.

outstanding enlisted personnel. It is our honor to recognize a number of these sailors and coasties, each considered by their commands to be the "best of the best." He also stated that all of the commands at Naval Station Everett are officially supported units of the Lake Washington and Everett Council of the Navy League of the United States. Sanu recognized CAPT Todd Whalen, Commodore, Destroyer Squadron NINE for his support of the council. Nine Navy and Coast Guard commands recognized Sailors of the Quarter (SOQ), Sailors of the Year (SOY), Blue Jacket of the Year (BJOY), Senior Sailor of the Quarter (SSOQ) and Junior Sailor of the Quarter (JSOQ). Additionally, three Naval Station Everett tenant commands were recognized by Lake Washington & Everett Council which completes supporting all Naval Station Everett tenant commands. Photos of all personnel recognized are on pages 12 to 16. After recognizing all award recipients, Sanu asked for a final round of applause in appreciation of their dedication and service to the United States of America. Sanu concluded by thanking Stadium Flowers for providing the centerpieces and asked that someone from each table would take one of the centerpieces home. He announced that the next council dinner event would be held on Wednesday, 15 January 2020 at the Bellevue Red Lion Hotel. He closed the evening by thanking all for attending and wishing each a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.



Left to right: Pete Stiles, Larry Salter & RADM Jack Vogt



Above left to right: Pete Stiles, CPO Jessica Chacko, NSCC & Jeff Garrett



**Above:** OS1Martres Brown, USN of USS Samson makes a buffet line selection just before the prime rib.



Above Left to right: Sanu Chacko, CPO Jessica Chacko, NSCC & LTJG Paul Kearney, NSCC

Below left to right: Anne Laird, CDR Robert Laird, USN; OS3 Christopher Wilczynski, USN; Karen Quigley & ET2 Daniel Quigley, USCG





Left: Sanu Chacko presents CAPT Todd Whalen, Commodore, Destroyer Squadron NINE, a crystal memento of appreciation.



**Above:** Sanu Chacko presents LTJG Gagen the LW&E Council official adoption plaque for USCGC Blue Shark

Below Naval Station Everett left to right: MA1 Mionca Tomlinson – SSOY, CS2 Dale Boswell – SOY, OS3 Cyndie Cruea – SJOY, YN3 Juan Raymond – BJOY, CMDCM Jonathan Fields, CDR Matthew Loverink – XO, CAPT Michael Davis – CO & Sanu Chacko



**Above:** Sanu Chacko presents LT Branthoover the LW&E Council official adoption plaque for USCGC Henry Blake



Above: Sanu Chacko presents CMCDM Eugene Johnson the LW&E Council official adoption plaque for Branch Health Clinic Everett





Above Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility Detachment Everett left to right:

ND2 Sean Black – JŠOY YN1 Terrance Freeman – SOY ND1 Andrew Mixon – SOY CMDCM Jason Morris LCDR Brian Griffin -XOCDR Aaron Coudray – OIC Sanu Chacko

Below USS Sampson (DDG-102) from left to right:

OS3 Christopher Wilczynski – Q4 SOQ RS2 Patricia Messer – SOY

LS1 Aaron Kahabka – Q3 SOQ OS1 Martres Brown – SOY

CMDCM Jeromy Hartley

CDR Adam Soukup – XO





At left USS Momsen (DDG-92) from left to right: LS1 Rowell Raguindin – SOY CMDCM William Meyer CDR Robert Laird – CO

Below Naval Operational Support Center from left to right: LS2 Camilo Villanueva – BJOY HM2 Anthony Easterling – JSOY LS1 Lindsey Spurling – SOY LCDR Nicolas Ramos – XO Sanu Chacko



At right Branch Health Clinic Everett from left to right:
HM2 Kaleesha Ramos – SSOQ
HM2 Raul Haro – JSOQ
HM1 Taylor Tamayo – JSOQ
CMCDM Eugene Johnson





At left Afloat Training Group Pacific Northwest from left to right:
DCI Alissa Brack – Q4 SOQ
MA1 Anthonlee Clark – SOY
MACS Jon Brock – SEL
CDR Jeffrey Margalus – Director of
Training

Below USCGC Blue Shark (WPB-87360) from left to right: SN Andrew Schmit – SOY FN Glenn Ogo – SOQ LT JG Gagen – CO RADM Vogt



Below USCGC Henry Blake (WLM-563) from left to right: ET2 Daniel Quigley – Q1 SOQ MK2 Manoah Weber – Q3 SOQ SK2 Matthew Koch – Q2 SOQ WO David Emerson – XO LT Joshua Branthoover – CO RADM Vogt



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- Furthers understanding that maritime commerce is the cornerstone of our region's economy.

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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.