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Board Meeting TBD
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Liberty High School NJROTC Aces Area Inspection

By John Deehr

On 15 December 2022, NJROTC Patriot Company completed its biennial Area Manager's Inspection (AMI). In every other year, the Navy JROTC Area Manager is required to complete an inspection of all NJROTC units within their area of responsibility. Patriot Company falls within Area 13 and the Area Manager is CAPT Daniel Wenceslao, USN, Retired, below left, as he presents



the Bravo Zulu (BZ) streamer to Cadet LT Meagan Dutton (center) and Cadet LCDR Irene Miller (right) who accept on behalf of Patriot Company. CAPT Wenceslao is headquartered at the Naval Support Activity in Marysville, WA. The last time CAPT Wenceslao was scheduled to inspect Liberty was in the spring of 2020 but the inspection was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, CAPT Wenceslao had not visited Patriot Company since 2018 - it had been nearly five years since he had seen Patriot Company in person! The inspection (*continued on page 3*)

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Welcome to the March 2023 edition of *Voyager*, the 2021 Mackie Gold Award winning newsletter from the Lake Washington & Everett Council. Happy New Year, friends. I hope your 2023 has started off with renewed light and positivity. I would like to thank Sanu Chacko for his years of service with the LW&E Council. His dedication to fortifying the council has positioned us for growth and increased service capabilities to our local sailors. He left big shoes to fill and I am honored to follow in his steps as President for the 2023 calendar year. I intend to continue building upon the foundation Sanu has laid. Lake Washington and Everett Council is excited to be hosting our monthly Sailor Support events again now on the **third Wednesday** of each month at Scuttlebutt Family Restaurant. The first event of the year will be 15 March supporting the Surface Combat Systems Training Command DET PACNORWEST. We hope to see some of our civilian friends in attendance! As we continue to grow, please let us know how we are doing and share ideas you may have that might assist us with establishing new services to support our local sailors. We look forward to sharing our 2023 with all of you.

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Monthly Sailor Support Event Schedule



Open to all Navy League members and
 LW&E Council supported units

Time: Wednesdays from 1600 to 1900

Place: **Scuttlebutt Family Restaurant**
 1205 Craftsman Way
 Everett, WA 98201

Schedule:

15 March – Featured Unit: Surface Combat Systems Training Command DET PACNORWEST. The former Center for Surface Combat Systems (CSCS) has been renamed the Surface Combat Systems Training Command (SCSTC) as part of a larger CSCS realignment.

19 April - USS Sampson (DDG 102)

17 May - Branch Health Clinic Everett

21 June - USS Kidd (DDG 100)

19 July - USS Momsen (DDG 92)

16 August - USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53)

20 September - TBD

18 October - TBD

15 November - TBD



(continued from page 1) consisted of a command brief by the cadet staff, a personnel inspection for all unit cadets, a review of unit supply and administrative procedures, and a tour and review of unit/



Cadet Caitlin Mitchell stands by for inspection

school facilities. Ninety-six of 102 cadets participated in the personnel inspection and an unprecedented 42 of 92 cadets achieved a perfect 10 and earned the exemplary personal appearance award. Overall, the unit achieved a uniform inspection score of 9.2 and was awarded the Area Manager's Bravo Zulu (BZ) steamer to attach to the unit guidon.



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LW&E Council Supported Unit News

Four **University of Washington NROTC** midshipmen and GySgt Hendrix attended the Naval Leadership Weekend at Notre Dame on the first



Above Left to Right: Mikayla Gallant, Christian Macazo, Brandon Hendrix, Matthew Schreiner & Madison Herzig

weekend of February. They had the privilege of learning many leadership skills and listening to motivational speakers such as Master Chief Slabinski - a Medal of Honor Recipient, LtCol Gibson - UW alum, and the keynote speaker, VADM Houston, Commander, Submarine Forces Atlantic. It was a great experience for all. **Husky Battalion** also held an awards and change of command ceremony on 9 February. The Outstanding Midshipman Award was awarded to CAND Marstall (*top right*) and MIDN Dobbins (*bottom right*), while Husky Battalion Commander was transitioned from MIDN Finley to MIDN Deane.



Nimitz **Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN** and Makin Island Amphibious Ready Group, with embarked 13th Marine Expeditionary Unit participated in a photo exercise (*below*) 15 February. Ships and aircraft that made the formation are the USS Nimitz (CVN 68), USS Makin Island (LHD 8), USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), USS Decatur (DDG 73), Landing Cushion Amphibious Craft, F-35B Lightning II, F-18 E/Fs Super Hornet, EA-18G Growler, MV-22 B Osprey, E-2C Hawkeye, MH-60S and MH-60R. The units are conducting combined expeditionary strike force operations, demonstrating unique high-end war fighting capability, maritime superiority, power projection and readiness.





Naval Station Everett celebrated Black History Month with the stories of sailors who have blazed the trail for future generations and recognized a group of dedicated sailors known as the “Golden Thirteen.” The Golden Thirteen (*above*) was comprised of Jesse Walter Arbor, Phillip G. Barnes, Samuel Edward Barnes, Dalton L. Baugh, Sr., George Clinton Cooper, Reginald E. Goodwin, James E. Hair, Charles Byrd Lear, Graham E. Martin, Dennis Denmark Nelson, John W. Reagan, Frank E. Sublett, Jr. and William Sylvester White. In January 1944, there were nearly 100,000 black sailors in the U.S. Navy, but none were officers. That changed when a group of sixteen black enlisted men were assembled at Recruit Training Center,

Great Lakes, IL for officer training that month. The odds were initially stacked against them as there was still a strong sentiment within the Navy that African Americans could not succeed as officers. The normal officer training course was 16 weeks, however, these men were expected to complete it in eight – a move that they believed was an attempt to set them up for failure. The Navy also expected a 25% attrition rate, similar to that of white officer candidates. However, the group of 16 were determined not to fail, and supported one another throughout the brutal pace of the training. Though lights out was at 2230 each night, the group placed blankets over windows and studied together by flashlight, each man bringing his expertise to help strengthen the skills and knowledge of the others. At course end, all 16 passed their exams with marks so outstanding that some in Washington were certain that the men had cheated. The group was forced to retake certain exams, scoring even higher, with an average grade of 3.89 out of 4—the highest average of any class in Navy history at the time. Despite all 16 had passed the course, the Navy still wished to only commission 12, or 75%, as officers. Twelve were selected, and a thirteenth was made a chief warrant officer, hence the nickname “The Golden Thirteen.”

Snohomish High School’s Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officers’ Training Corps (MCJROTC) program has been recognized as a Naval Honor School for the 2021-22 school year earning Naval Honor School distinction in September 2022. Selection for the Naval Honor School means the school’s MCJROTC program was in the top 20% of the 268 programs in the United States.



More Unit News

Mid-February was a big week for **USS Gridley (DDG 101)** achievements as the crew celebrated many accomplishments by shipmates. LTJG Kiphart and LTJG Ruble both received their Surface Warfare Officer pin. This is a major mile-



stone in their career, and both officers worked hard for months to earn their qualifications. This process culminates in a rigorous board process, during which they must demonstrate all they've learned over the course of their first tour. Congratulations to LTJG Kiphart and LTJG Ruble! Later in the week GM1 Perezdejesus (*above right*) had his reenlistment ceremony when he was reenlisted by LTJG Castillo. Congratulations GM1 Perezdejesus! To conclude the week, the ship conducted an award ceremony during which nine sailors received Navy Achievement Medals for their hard work and exceptional performance: LTJG Ruble, GM1 Perezdejesus, ET1 Stanley, GM2 Ad-dae, OS2 Bryson, QM2 Laine, OS2 McCray, GSM2 Vasquez, AD3 Rodriguez and OS3 Troutt.



USS Kidd (DDG 100) recently finished her VBSS (visit, boarding, search, and seizure) certification. The team conducted simulated boarding scenario's and crushed their final evaluated scenario with ATG on board!



Congratulations to two lucky US Naval Academy midshipmen (*center left*) for selecting **USS McCampbell (DDG 85)** as their first ship. The ward-room is excited to welcome you.



From 20 - 26 February during **Navy Week** in Tucson, AZ, the **USS John S. McCain (DDG 56)**, **USS Tucson (SSN 770)**, and the **USS Gabrielle Giffords (LCS 10)** put together sack lunches for families staying at the Ronald McDonald House in honor of **Navy Week 2023**. *"It's a really amazing opportunity for us to give back to the kind community that helps build our namesakes of our ships,"* said LT Searra Sandlin on the **USS John S. McCain**. Each grab-and-go lunch makes it easier for families to care for a child in a Tucson hospital. Thank you, Sailors! Since 2005, America's Navy has come home to up to 15 cities across the country every year. The **Navy Week** program has served as the Navy's principal outreach effort into areas of the nation without a significant Navy presence, with over 250 Navy Weeks held in 80 different U.S. cities. The program shares with Americans how their Navy is deployed around the world around the clock, and why a strong Navy is vital to protecting the American way of life. Navy Week focuses a variety of outreach assets, equipment and personnel on a single city for a week-long series of events with key influencers and organizations across the market. During a Navy Week, 75-100 outreach events will occur in participation with corporate, civic, government, education, media, veterans, community service and diversity organizations throughout the city. The Blue Angels, the Navy Parachute Team, Navy bands, Navy divers, namesake ship and submarine crews, hometown sailors, medical personnel, Navy Environmental Health personnel, **USS Constitution** sailors and equipment, and Navy recruiting all participate in the Navy Week program.



Congratulations to MIDN Stuart Fechhelm (*above left*), USNA Class of 2023 for selecting **USS McCain** at the USNA Ship Selection Night. Former **McCain** CO CAPT Chase Sargeant represented the ship and presented MIDN Fechhelm with a BIG BAD JOHN Ballcap.

USS Sampson (DDG 102) (*below*) celebrated African American History Month.

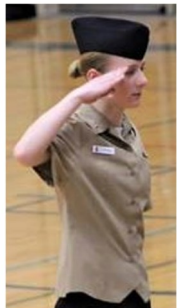


Patriot Company Wins 11th Straight Regular Season Drill Meet

On Saturday, 14 January 2023, 41 Patriot Company cadets participated in the first drill competition of the 22-23 season at Graham Kapowsin High School in Graham, WA. Local high school JROTC teams participating: Graham Kapowsin (USA JROTC), Federal Way (USAF JROTC), Todd Beamer (USAF JROTC), Auburn Mountain View (USA JROTC), Bremerton (USN JROTC), and Spanaway Lake (USN JROTC). Patriot Company was looking to extend a streak of seven straight regular season drill meet wins. The cadets practice five days a week, before and after school, and weekends, in order to properly prepare for drill meet competition in Color Guard, Armed and Unarmed Drill, Academics, Physical Fitness, and Air Rifle. In impressive fashion, Liberty brought home nine team awards, seventeen individual awards and racked up 72 team points to easily outpace the second place finisher. Congratulations to all the team members who worked extremely hard to get the teams ready for competition.



Above: Cadet Ashton Rood finishes in first place in the Ironman Physical Fitness Competition



At left: Cadet Seaman Callie Holmes (9) stands by to receive the Award for her second place finish in the Ironwoman Physical Fitness competition.

Team Awards

First Place Winners:

Color Guard Team 2	Unarmed Drill Team
Academics Team 1	Precision Air Rifle
Porter Air Rifle	

Second Place Winners:

Physical Fitness Team 1	Color Guard Team 1
Armed Drill Team	Academics Team 2

Individual Awards

First Place Winners:

Felicia Le - Color Guard Team 1 Commander
 Eowyn Ream - Color Guard Team 2 Commander
 Ashton Rood - Ironman Physical Fitness
 Jefferey Lin - Academics
 Felicia Le - Precision Air Rifle
 Cassandra Harris - Armed Drill Down
 Minh Koi Vo - Sporter Air Rifle

Second Place Winners:

Eowyn Ream - Armed Drill Team Commander
 R. Irene Miller - Unarmed Drill Team Commander
 Callie Holmes - Ironwoman Physical Fitness
 Fischer Skroch - Ironman Physical Fitness
 Jefferey Pan - Academics
 R. Irene Miller - Precision Air Rifle
 Eowyn Ream - Individual Armed Drill Exhibition
 Meagan Dutton - Unarmed Drill Down

Third Place Winners:

Shreyas Kolwalkar - Academics
 Jefferey Pan - Precision Air Rifle



It's A Clean Sweep! Patriot Company Finishes First in All Eight Competitive Categories

On 28 January 2023, Patriot Company hosted six schools for the second drill meet of the season at Liberty High School. The following teams participated: Graham Kapowsin (USA JROTC), Federal Way (USAF JROTC), Todd Beamer (USAF JROTC), Auburn Mountain View (USA JROTC), Bremerton (USN JROTC), and Spanaway Lake (USN JROTC). Patriot Company secured their twelfth consecutive regular season drill meet victory in spectacular fashion by placing first in every competition and in nine team awards. Patriot Company also achieved a new level of success by winning eight individual first places. Patriot Company will try to make it 13 in a row, on 11 February at Graham Kapowsin High School.

Team Awards

First Place Winners:

Color Guard Team 1	Color Guard Team 2
Unarmed Drill Team	Armed Drill Team
Academics Team 1	Precision Air Rifle
Sporter Air Rifle	Physical Fitness Team 1

Second Place Winner: Academics Team 2

Individual Awards

First Place Winners:

Felicia Le - Color Guard Team 1 Commander
Allison Marckel - Color Guard Team 2 Commander
Eowyn Ream - Armed Drill Team Commander
R. Irene Miller - Unarmed Drill Team Commander
Ashton Rood - Ironman Individual Physical Fitness
Shreyas Kolwalkar - Academics Individual High Score
Eowyn Ream - Individual Armed Exhibition Drill
Felicia Le - Precision Air Rifle

Second Place Winners:

Callie Holmes - Ironwoman Individual Physical Fitness
Fischer Skroch - Ironman Individual Physical Fitness
Neha Suresh - Academics Test Individual High Score
R. Irene Miller - Precision Air Rifle
Maximillian Lo - Sporter Air Rifle

Third Place Winners:

Jeffery Pan - Precision Air Rifle
Eowyn Ream - Dual Unarmed Exhibition Drill
Allison Marckel - Dual Unarmed Exhibition Drill



Cadet LCDR Irene Miller leads Patriot Company's Unarmed Drill Team through their regulation routine during the drill competition. The team finished in first place.

Lucky 13! Patriot Company Wins 13th Consecutive Regular Season Drill Meet

On Saturday, 11 February 2023, Patriot Company traveled to Graham Kapowsin High School for the third drill meet of the 2022-23 school year. Seven JROTC schools were in attendance. Including the host school, they included: Federal Way (Air Force JROTC), Todd Beamer (Air Force JROTC), Auburn Mountain View (Army JROTC), Bremerton (Navy JROTC), Spanaway Lake (Navy JROTC) and Steilacoom High School (Army JROTC) who competed in their first ever, JROTC drill competition!. Patriot Company secured their thirteenth consecutive regular season drill meet victory by bringing home first place awards in seven of the eight competitive categories and nine total team awards. The highlight of the day was the head to head competition between Liberty's and Graham Kapowsin's physical fitness teams. With each team earing a victory in the first



two drill meets; the motivation and level of effort was at an all-time high to see which team would come out on top in this head to head competition. While Graham Kapowsin had two of their competitors achieve the maximum number allowed (120), all five members of Liberty's team scored at least 100 points and as a result, Liberty had a narrow lead after the first event. The second event, sit-ups, was fairly close so Patriot Company had a narrow lead going into the mile run. Prior to the run, one of the judges made each competitor state their goal and four of liberty's five cadets stated their goal was to beat the current fastest time of the day and Graham Kapowsin cadets stated similar goals. THE RACE WAS ON! After one lap Ashton Rood was in the

lead and Fischer Skroch was in third, with a GK runner right in the middle. That is where the competition ended. Liberty male and female runners finished first and second in their respective categories and as a result, Liberty's Physical Fitness Team A won the competition by over 300 total points. Patriot Company will try to make it 14 in a row, on Saturday, 4 March at Liberty High School.

Team Awards

First Place Winners:

Color Guard Team 1	Color Guard Team 2
Unarmed Drill Team	Armed Drill Team
Academics Team 1	Precision Air Rifle
Physical Fitness Team 1	

<i>Second Place Winner:</i>	Sporter Air Rifle
<i>Third Place Winner:</i>	Academics Team 2

Individual Awards

First Place Winners:

Felicia Le - Color Guard Team 1 Commander
 Eowyn Ream - Color Guard Team 2 Commander
 Eowyn Ream - Armed Drill Team Commander
 R. Irene Miller - Unarmed Drill Team Commander
 Ashton Rood - Ironman Individual Physical Fitness
 Eowyn Ream - Individual Armed Exhibition Drill
 Felicia Le - Precision Air Rifle
 Callie Holmes - Ironwoman Individual Physical Fitness

Second Place Winners:

Fischer Skroch - Ironman Physical Fitness
 Allison Marckel - Ironwoman Physical Fitness
 Jeffery Pan - Academics Test Individual High Score
 R. Irene Miller - Precision Air Rifle
 Lauren Schwenk - Armed Drill Down

Third Place Winners:

Maximillian Lo - Sporter Air Rifle
 Jeffery Pan - Precision Air Rifle
 Eowyn Ream - Academics Test Individual High Score



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