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FUTURE EVENTS

Board Meeting TBD
Dinner Meeting TBD
Scuttlebutt Social Hour-3rd Wed

ABOUT US

The Lake Washington & Everett (LW&E) Council is part of the Navy League of the United States, www.navyleague.org

SUPPORTED UNITS

USCG Base Seattle
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
Snohomish High School MCJROTC
U. of Washington NROTC
Naval Station Everett Division USNSCC
US Naval Station Everett
Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN
Destroyer Squadron Nine
USS Barry (DDG 52)
USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53)
USS John S. McCain (DDG 56)
USS McCampbell (DDG 85)
USS Kidd (DDG 100)
USS Gridley (DDG 101)
USS Sampson (DDG 102)
USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 114)
Afloat Training Group - PACNW
Branch Health Clinic Everett
Regional Support Organization - PACNW
Naval Operational Support Center Everett
Puget Sound Naval Shipyard &
Intermediate Maintenance Facility

Lake Washington & Everett Navy League Council Held Annual Recognition Dinner

Photos by Delgene Phillips & Bob Lockyer

On Saturday, 20 January, the Blue Heron Room at the Port of Everett, WA was the scene where LW&E Council hosted a dinner to



honor 40 outstanding sailors from many council supported Naval and Coast Guard units and two outstanding Sea Cadets from Everett Division US Naval Sea Cadet Corps. Guest speaker was RADM Charles E. Fosse, USCG, Commander USCG District 13. CAPT Joshua Menzel, USN, Commanding Officer Naval Station Everett, gave an update on Naval Station (*Continued on page 6*)



VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



I offer my sincerest gratitude to everyone who helped put together the Annual Sailor Recognition Banquet our Lake Washington & Everett Council held on 20 January. The event was a huge success and it was absolutely wonderful to be surrounded by so many stellar sailors in one room, each of whom was well deserving of their award and recognized in this issue along with sailors who were recognized but could not attend. As we move into the second quarter of 2024 we will be hosting our monthly Sailor Social Hour the Third Wednesday of each month at the Scuttlebutt Restaurant Sea Services Room, beginning with the USS John Paul Jones in March. The public is always welcome to attend and show their support for our local Navy and Coast Guard members. Thank you all for your support. Lastly, I just learned that Phil Johnson, LCDR, USCGR, Retired, a loyal council board

member and council webmaster passed away on 19 March. Phil was master of ceremonies for all the Coast Guard Balls our council held starting in 2007. He was the recipient of the 2012 John and Cyndee Lockwood Lifetime Achievement Award. Phil also had a long civilian career as a broadcast news reporter, mainly with KIRO radio in Seattle. Phil's faithful service to our council was greatly appreciated and our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Tessa.

Karmin

Scuttlebutt Schedule:



20 March - USS John Paul Jones (*above*)
 17 April 15 May 19 June 17 July 21 August
 18 September 16 October



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Additional Recognized Personnel Absent at 20 January Dinner:

Naval Station Everett:

Junior Sailor of the Year (JSOY)

MA2 Tania M. Ordaz Herrera

Blue Jacket of the Year (BJOY)

MA3 Keyshalie M. Pellot Alvarez
 MA3 Maxmillian G. HurstMendoza

Sailors of the Quarter (SOQ)

OS2 Mya L. Davis
 CS1 Michael C. Murray
 MA1 Payton M. Daniels
 MA2 Charles Hayslette
 MA1 Evan H. Brooks
 GM2 Aveanna Wells

On 19 February, the Coast Guard Reserve celebrated its 83rd Birthday. Founded by the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act Title II, Section 201, which was passed by the 77th Congress of the United States on 19 February 1941, the Reserve is a contingency-based workforce trained locally and deployed globally. A vital member of the CG Family, all Reservists enjoy a Happy Birthday and thank you for your service. *Semper Paratus!*



Black History Month

On 21 February 2009, the Navy's Centennial Seven - the only African American men to command submarines within the first 100 years of the submarine service - pose with USNA midshipmen. Below left to right, CAPT Pete Tzomes, RADM Tony Watson, CDR Will Bundy, VADM Mel Williams, CAPT Joe Peterson, RADM Cecil Haney, and RADM Bruce Grooms. Right of Grooms are, CDR Rich Bryant, who commanded USS Miami (SSN 755), and CDR Roger Isom, who commanded USS Wyoming (SSBN 742) - the first two African Americans to command a submarine during the 21st century.



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News from Council Supported Units

USCGC Blue Shark (WPB 87360) had quite a week recently for the crew conducting alongside training with USCG Station Port Angeles, helicopter operations with USCG Air Station Port An-



geles and providing tours in Friday Harbor in addition to law enforcement mission and damage control training throughout the week as well. Sheriff Eric Peter of San Juan County Sheriff's Office responded, "*Huge thank you to LT Koenig and the crew of the USCGC Blue Shark for coming to Friday Harbor and giving tours of your*



ship! The turnout was great and we are grateful you came to our community. Thank you for everything y'all do to keep our waters safe."

Robert LaTendresse (*right*) is the new department head for Code 100TO, Command Transformation Office at **Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility** in Bremerton, WA. Previously, he served as the PSNS & IMF Nuclear Test Engineering division head. Jeremy McCrimmon (*below*) also recently took over as department head for Code 120, Ocean Engineering.



Before that, he was the division manager for Code 130, Quality Assurance Department. (U.S. Navy photos by Jeb Fach)

Congratulations to **USS McCampbell (DDG 85)** Damage Control Assistant, LT Lozano (*below*) on his promotion.



On 24 February, **Snohomish High School Marine Corps JROTC** cadets participated in the Everett High School Drill and Rifle Competition. This competition marked the end of division competitions, determining which schools and teams advanced to the regional competition. The Armed Drill Team placed first, Color Guard Team 1 placed



second, and Color Guard team 2 placed third. Air Rifle Team 1 placed second and Air Rifle Team 2



placed third. For the overall division placements, Armed Drill Team, as well as Color Guard 1 and 2 were all crowned division champions. The Air Rifle team finished second in the division. All teams will travel to Oregon City on 16 March to compete in the Conference Championships.

USCGC Henry Blake (WLM 563) most recent Sailor of the Quarter was SN Hailey B. Crawford who has served on board since October 2022, predominantly in the Deck Department. Her citation was based when she served in the Operations Department, filling a Boatswain's Mate billet. Here is an excerpt from her citation:

“When the Operations Department was shorthanded, you were reassigned to fill an E-4 position. In this capacity, you immediately demonstrated an incredible work ethic and willingness to learn. Notably, you helped draft ten trip plans throughout the cutter’s area of responsibility and prepared essential voyage planning documents. You also

drafted 40 operational summary messages, four end-of-month vessel operations reports, and reviewed three months of cutter logs. Your commitment to mission excellence as a Quartermaster and Aids to Navigation Positioner contributed to the successful service of more than 45 aids. You also served as one of the cutter’s senior Buoy Deck Riggers, training four new crew members on safe buoy deck practices.”



(Above) SN Crawford is conducting the morning safety brief for an upcoming buoy servicing evolution.



(Above) Secretary of the Navy, The Honorable Carlos Del Toro visits with the crew of Arleigh Burke-class Guided Missile Destroyer **USS John Paul Jones (DDG 53)** and her crew. During the visit, Secretary Del Toro reaffirmed the Navy's commitment to modernization, readiness, and lethality to ensure it remains prepared to meet any challenge. (U.S. Navy photo by Mass Communication Specialist 2nd Class Jared Mancuso)

(Continued from page 1) homeport to two USCG vessels and many USN vessels and home to several tenant shore commands. Following a social hour,



President Karmin Pincus welcomed all the guests and introduced the following distinguished guests: Brandy Donaghy - State Representative 44th Legislative District; Benjamin Studley - Military and



Above: Sea Cadets Emmalyn Rodriguez & Hope Mark

Veteran Liaison to US Congresswoman Suzan DelBene; RADM Charles E. Fosse - Commander Coast Guard District 13; CAPT Ted Wiederholt -



Left to right: Pete Stiles, Susan Hart & David Hart

Commodore DESRON 9; CMDRCM Shelly Zakimi - CMC DESRON 9; CAPT Joshua Menzel - Commanding Officer Naval Station Everett; CAPT Timothy J. Long, USN, Retired - past commanding officer, Regional Support Organization Pacific NW; Navy League NW Region President Steve Westover, CAPT, USN, Retired, CDR Ryan Collins, USN, Retired - past commanding officer, ATG Pacific Northwest. Karmin then thanked the following personnel: Delgene Phillips, Editor of the council newsletter, *Voyager*; Everett Division Sea Cadets for their help setting up, bussing tables, and cleanup; Phil Bannan, Jr. - owner of Scuttlebutt for the drink services; Jeremiah Marleau for catering the event with his new company *Jeff's Texas Style*



Left to right: SA Nicholas Young, SA Hope Mark, SA Emmalyn Rodriguez & SA Garth Osterburg

BBQ and The Port of Everett for providing use of their Blue Heron Rooms. Everett Division of the Naval Sea Cadet Corps color guard (above) paraded the colors followed by pledge of allegiance by Sea Cadet Sam Ervick. A dinner buffet consisting of bar-b-que brisket, baked beans, rolls, salad and pie was served by *Jeff's Texas Style BBQ* of Marysville, WA. Jeff's was declared Best BBQ in Washington State by Food & Wine's David Land-



Left to right: Jeff Garrett, Benjamin Studley & CMDRCM Geoffrey Hunley



At right: Karmin Pincus presents Sea Cadet PO2 Cayson Rudolph the Navy League Certificate for the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal after she pinned on his medal.

sel in 2018. President Pincus introduced keynote speaker RADM Fosse, Commander CG District 13. RADM Fosse stated how honored he was to attend and to recognize and celebrate the outstanding sailors supporting the missions here in the Pacific Northwest and around the world. He thanked Lake Washington & Everett Council for their con-

Below: Karmin Pincus presents Sea Cadet CPO Jameson Grimsby the Navy League Certificate for the Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal after she pinned on his medal.



tinued support of our dedicated sea service members and their families. RADM Fosse is a longtime fan of the Navy League with his last close connection with the San Francisco Bay area councils. At his Training Center Petaluma command assignment, Sea Cadets were hosted on base many weekends for ceremonies, drills and activities. RADM Fosse briefly covered USCG missions in the Pacific Northwest served by 3,000 active duty, reserve, civilian, and auxiliary women and men in the district comprised by Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Montana. These states are home to three air stations, two Sectors, 17 cutters, four Aids to Navigation Teams, and 15 small boat stations including Coast Guard Surf Stations. District 13 is also home to several specialized Units including the National Motor Lifeboat School, the Advanced Rescue Swimmer and Advanced Helicopter Rescue School, as well as a Marine Force Protection Unit that is located on Naval Base Kitsap where it directly supports the Navy and its National Security mission. Waterborne cargo and associated activities contribute to more than 68,000 jobs for the state of Oregon, over half a million jobs in the state of Washington, and annually generates more than \$250 billion dollars for the two states. Within Puget Sound alone, District 13 ensures safe passage for the nation's largest ferry system, transporting 25 million ferry passengers a year and also facilitate



Above: STG3 Emily Berry, NCI(AW/SW) Johnstevan M. Daux & HT1 Thomas E. Dermates

commercial ports both north and south of the border. Seattle also serves as the Gateway to the Arctic and the long-term national arctic strategy is dependent upon the city, as it is home to the nation's current and future ice-

vital commerce links in Puget Sound, the Salish Sea, and the Straits. Internationally the CG works closely with our Canadian counterparts in the region. Specifically, a joint vessel ship rider program was implemented whereby members of the Coast Guard, Royal Canadian Mounted Police, and Canadian Coast Guard ride on each other's ships to expand law enforcement capabilities over the 125-mile maritime border. District 13 works closely with Canadian Vessel Traffic System to safely move thousands of vessels every year in and out of the Strait of Juan de Fuca and to the

breakers. "Not only am I excited about the great things our Coast Guard members are doing currently, but I am also excited as we look ahead to the future, especially here in the Pacific Northwest." The expansion of USCG Base Seattle will allow Seattle to become the focal point in the United States' strategy to increase Arctic presence in a rapidly changing environment. In addition to the Polar Security Cutters coming to Seattle, Astoria



Above: FCA1(SW) Andrew Albin & Mrs. Albin



Above: CDR Cathrine S. Long & CMDCM Paul A. Green

will be homeport for two new future Fast Response Cutters. With these new assets comes a potential for a new Base construct in Astoria to help support

an increase in personnel and operations in NW Oregon. *“I mentioned that these are exciting times for the Coast Guard, but they are also challenging times in terms of our workforce. I think it’s no secret to you that attracting citizens to military service in our country is at a historically challenging state.”* Recruiting is being called an “existential” crisis for the Coast Guard, and retention of currently serving members is close to that. Bottom line, the CG is hiring and indeed is looking for motivated women and men who want to learn valuable skills, serve their nation, and be members of an organization that dates to 1790 and is persistently and proudly serving in communities across the United States and beyond. *“As much as we’re looking to recruit the next generation of military members, we’re here tonight to recognize those who are serving today, and not just serving, but serving with excellence. In summary they are the best of the best, leaders of character, devoted to duty, an example for all of us, and plain awesome. They are our best recruiting poster, the things they do and*



the way they serve as brand ambassadors for their respective services is inspiring.” RADM Fosse concluded by asking any family members, also heroes who are integral to our military safeguarding the interests of our country, to stand up for just a moment. Karmin then presented RADM Fosse (*above*) with a framed Betty Vestuto painting of the

recently (1 February 2024) decommissioned 210 foot USCGC Steadfast (WMEC 623) with a CG helicopter on deck. Betty Vestuto, known as *“The Chart Artist,”* hand paints all her original paintings on authentic N.O.A.A. charts. Next, CAPT Joshua Menzel, Commanding Officer Naval Station Everett also thanked the Navy League for not only sailor recognitions but also for the legislative support that leads directly to protecting the US Navy. CAPT Menzel also made a pitch for recruiting for the best Navy in the world. He further stated the reason the US Navy was *“The Best”* was not just technological or nuclear advantages - not even leadership - but the navy sailors who are so resilient. He said everyone has experienced engineering casualties many miles from port and he has personally observed a crewmember wiping grease from his hands and saying, *“It’s fixed,*



Cap.” When asked how, the crewman said, *“Don’t ask that, Cap.”* Karmin then presented CAPT Menzel (*above*) with a flask engraved with the Navy Emblem. Moving on to the recognition of personnel, 15 Navy and Coast Guard commands recognized Sailors of the Year (SOY), Senior Sailors of the Year (SSOY), Blue Jacket of the Year (BJOY), Senior Sailor of the Quarter (SSOQ), Junior Sailor of the Quarter (JSOQ), Sailors of the Quarter (SOQ) and Blue Jacket of the Quarter (BJOQ). Photos of all personnel recognized are on pages 10 to 14. After recognizing all award recipients, Karmin asked for a final round of applause in appreciation of their dedication and service to the United States of America.

**Additional Recognized Personnel
From Units Absent:**

USS Kidd (DDG 100)

RS1 Naomi Dunkley - SOY
 BM2 Lazaro Martinez - SOY
 GSM1 Enrico Estayo - SOQ
 QM2 Akrapat Pujchimangkoon - SOQ
 MM3 Jesus Magana - SOQ

USS Ralph Johnson (DDG 102)

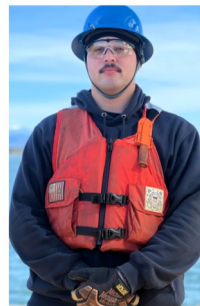
CS1 Ahrens - SOQ
 GSM2 Ross - JSOQ
 EMFN Callies - BJOQ

USS Chosin (CG 65)

BMSN Nicholas Kirkbrowne - BJOY
 ET3 Brayden Alvarez - JSOY
 GSE2 Brittany Eisenhardt - SOY
 STG1 Ryan Nivera - SSOY
 CTR1(SW/IW) Paul Wenzel - SSOY



*Above: Transient Personnel Detachment Everett
 FCC Kyle Sabara Hernandez - Chief Petty Officer in Charge
 GMI Matthew Verboom - SOQ*



*Above: USCGC Henry Blake (WLM 563)
 MK2 Tristan E. Aldous - SOQ
 LT Cyrus P. Unvala - CO
 CWO Spencer M. Greer - XO*



Above: Naval Reserve Center Everett left to right:

CDR Claire Dyer - CO, LS1(SW/EXW) Anthony C. Ballard - SOY, LS2 Chelsea I. Lake - SOQ, EMI(SS) Brandon L. Bateman - SOQ, DC2 Eric P. Rivers - JSOY, NC1(AW/SW) John Steven M. Daus - SOQ, HT1 Thomas E. Dermates - SOQ, HM3 Nicholas E. Woodbeck - SOQ, HTC Maria Michel - Command Senior Enlisted Leader, ET1 Rylie A. Levalley - SOQ (Absent)



Above:
USS John S. McCain (DDG 56)
left to right:
 CMDCM Geoffrey Hunley - CMC
 GM2 Faith L. Sturdy - JSOY
 STG2(SW) Rosa A. Angeles - SOY
 OSSN Jerry K. Milsap - BJOY

At Right:
Naval Station Everett
left to right:
 CAPT Joshua Menzel - CO
 MA2 Erik A. Valdivia - BJOY





Above: USS Sampson (DDG 102) left to right:
 CDR Cathrine S. Long - XO, CDR James D. Hostetler - CO, FCA1(SW) Gregory Fearer - SSOY, PS2(SW) Braxton Hammock - SOY, DC2 Samantha Melendez - JSOY, DCFN Trent Brockett - BJOY, CMDCM Paul A. Green - CMC

Below: Destroyer Squadron 9 left to right:
 CAPT Ted Wiederholt - Commodore, STG1 Kun Lin - SOQ, CAPT Emily A. Cathey - Deputy Commodore, CMDCM Shelly Zakimi - CMC





Above:
Navy Talent Acquisition Group Pacific NW
left to right:
 CDR Clinton E. Blankenship - CO,
 NCI Monica Fulwidervaughn - SOY

Above:
USCGC Blue Shark (WPB 87360)
left to right:
 BMI James Delagarza - SOY
 LTJG Dennis H. Koenig - CO



Above:
USS Gridley (DDG 101) *left to right:*
 CDR Thomas Brewer - XO
 CDR Kathleen R. Whitman - CO
 FCA1(SW) Andrew Albin - SSOY
 QM2(SW) Alexis Wighamman - SOY
 STG3 Emily Berry - JSOY
 MMFN Andy Flores - BJOY
 CMDCM Robert C. Schmutge - CMC



Above:

Coast Guard Base Seattle left to right:

SKC Adam Stunkel, SK2 Dylan Aguon - SOY, YNI Ashley Tunker - SOY, CWO Jeremy C. Clipse - Personnel Officer



Above:

USS Barry (DDG 52) left to right:

CDR Adrienne Roseti - CO, CDR Roger Young - XO, IT1 Heather Stanley - SSOY, ET2 Ruben Solis - SOY, MMFN Jayce Kennedy - BJOY, ENS Holly Nicholas, CMDCM (SW/AW/IW) Terrance G. Wright - CMC JSOY: LS2 Princess Guerrero - JSOY (Absent)

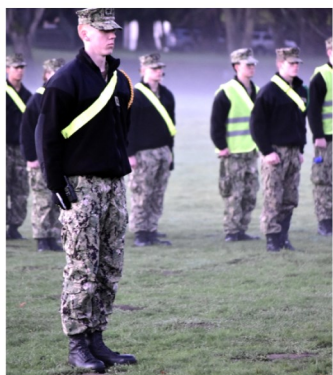
Everett Division Sea Cadet News

By LT Eric Grimsby NSCC
CO Naval Station Everett Division
Photos by CTT1 Austin Kaufman, USN

The Puget Sound Training Contingent Sea Cadets hosted a week-long training evolution at Fort Worden state park 26 December 26 - 1 January for 153 Sea Cadets and adult leaders from across the United States. The cadets trained in seven different training classes: Recruit Training, Petty Officer Leadership Academy, Advance Leadership and Strategy, US Navy Honors and Ceremonies, Navy League Orientation, Basic Aviation and Basic Medical. Cadets slept in the barracks; marched on the parade ground and mustered every



day for morning and evening colors. Each cadet struggled mentally, emotionally, and physically, learning new skills and technical knowledge while honing their military bearing and their character. Throughout the week, cadets were given the opportunity to visit and tour the USCGC Osprey (WPB 87307) (at right) home ported in Port Townsend, WA. The cadets interacted with the crew and learned about the missions, propulsion, and most importantly, the galley. Naval Station Everett Division's Chief Petty Officer Jameson



Grimsby was selected as the Command Chief Petty Officer for the entire contingent ensuring cadet safety, providing technical support to all the different training classes to ensure all cadets learned as much as possible all while keeping in the



spirit of the US Navy and Coast Guard. The week-long training culminated with a spirited graduation ceremony attended by about 400 people including parents, siblings, extended families and friends. Outstanding cadets were honored with awards and ribbons and returned home with their families or transported to Sea-Tac airport for flights home. The cadets were all exhausted



from the long days and evenings by rising early, physical fitness routines, classroom learning, field learning and team training.



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- Liberty High School NJROTC and Snohomish High School MCJROTC
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- 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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