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Council Holds First Recognition Dinner in Everett

By Pete Stiles
Photos By Delgene Phillips

The Lake Washington and Everett Council held its first major dinner event on Saturday, 8 December 2018 in the Blue Heron Room at the Port of Everett facility on the Everett waterfront. Over 165 attended including 70 active duty Navy and Coast Guard officers and enlisted personnel. Following the no host social hour President Sanu Chacko opened the meeting by welcom-



ing Keynote Speaker RADM Scott Gray USN, Commander, Navy Region Northwest and his wife Candi, thanking them for driving from Bangor to Everett to be a key part of the evening. Sanu also thanked CAPT Pete Stiles, CAPT Doug Kunzman and Kerry Kearney, without whose help the dinner would not have happened. Sanu recognized the following individuals: Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers; Everett City Council President & Mayor Pro Temp Paul Roberts; Everett City Council Member Liz Vogeli; LW&EC Board Member RADM Jeff Garrett USCG, Retired; Bob Bolerjack, Representing the Everett Mayor's Office and Glen Bachman, (continue on page 9)

VIEW FROM THE BRIDGE



Happy New Year to you and all yours. Welcome to another fine issue of the Lake Washington & Everett Council's award winning newsletter, Voyager. 2018 was a very busy year for us and I am honored to be the President of this amazing Council. We

capped our very eventful year with a hugely successful dinner event honoring the outstanding sailors based at Naval Station Everett, the details of which you will read in this issue.

Some of the highlights of 2018 have been:

- Started our outreach into the Greater Snohomish and Everett areas with our renewed focus on the units based at Naval Station Everett. We presented the Navy League and our Council's mission to the Economic Association of Snohomish County, The Rotary Club of Everett and other organizations.
- Began a monthly social get-together at Scuttlebutt Restaurant in Everett to publicize units based at Naval Station Everett.
- Held four dinner events at the Bellevue Red Lion, capping the events there with a

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keynote address from RADM David Throop, Commander, USCG District 13, in September.

- Hosted over 40 sailors from the USCGC Healy at our spring dinner.
- Sponsored the first "**Captain's Cup**" which was awarded to the USS Shoup, for winning the competition among all the destroyers based at Naval Station Everett.
- Pinned two Chief Petty Officers in 2018: CPO Jessica Chacko and CPO Blake Sketchley in the Naval Station Everett Division of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps.
- Officially "supported/adopted" 14 new military units based at Naval Station Everett.
- Hosted a very successful dinner at the Port of Everett Blue Heron Room in December honoring the Sailors of the Quarter/Year for most of the units home ported at Naval Station Everett. The council especially thanks Skagit Family Farmers, Lumenal Lighting and Banner Bank for each sponsoring a table at the dinner. Over 165 people attended the event with at least half active duty members and spouses. RADM Scott Gray, Commander, Navy Region NW, gave the keynote address, while CAPT Michael Davis, Commanding Officer, Naval Station Everett, also spoke.

We hope to expand our efforts in the Greater Snohomish area in 2019. If you know of anyone who wishes to join the Council, please ask them to contact us at: membership@lakewashnlus.org.

Please consider donating to the efforts of the Lake Washington & Everett Council. We need all the assistance we can get to support the activities of the council to fulfill our mission in promoting the works of the sailors of our adopted units.

Here's hoping that 2019 will be another banner year for the Lake Washington & Everett Council of the Navy League of the United States.

Regards,

Sanu Chacko
President



At the Navy League National Convention in Portland, OR 6 – 9 June 2018, Sanu Chacko receives from Mary Olsen the 2017 Mackie Award for 3rd Place – Medium Council for Lake Washington & Everett Council's newsletter, *Voyager*. The Donald M. Mackie Awards were established in 1964 to encourage more effective communication between Navy Leaguers. The award is named for Donald M. Mackie, an instrumental figure in establishing *Navy — The Magazine of Sea Power*, now known as *Seapower*.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Suggested New Year's Resolutions:

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RENEW YOUR NL MEMBERSHIP!
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Fall Dinner Honors USN and USCG Members

*By Pete Stiles
Photos by Delgene Phillips*

The Lake Washington & Everett Council held its annual fall dinner on Wednesday, 19 September 2018 at the Bellevue Red Lion Hotel. With 48 guests in attendance, the evening started at 1800 with a no host social hour enjoyed below (left to right) by Shannon Gross, Glen Connolly, Tristan Gross and Jessica Chacko. Council President



Sanu Chacko opened the program at 1845. The Liberty High School NJROTC rendered Colors, Liberty High School Cadet Petty Officer First Class Jacob Hill led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance and board member Cecil Allison gave the invocation at which point the buffet dinner was served. At 1945 Sanu opened the program by introducing CAPT Jed Boba USCG, new Commanding Officer of Coast Base Seattle and CAPT Jason Hamilton USCG, Coast Guard District 13 Response Officer. CDR Elaine Brunelle USN,



At left, Helen R. Miller, board member with Navy League Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council chats with LW&E Council Board Member Janie Nicodemus.

Commanding Officer, USS Momson (DDG 92), was invited to the podium where Sanu presented CDR Brunelle, who will retire from the US Navy in early 2019, with the council's formal plaque, and thanked her for her thirty years of exceptional service to the US Navy and the United States of America. See her story on page six of this issue.



Next, CAPT Brendan McPherson (above) USCG and Chief of Staff, Coast Guard District 13 was congratulated on his recent selection to RADM and for his exceptional service to the US Coast Guard and the United States of America. Sanu then introduced RADM David Throop (below) USCG, Commander, Coast Guard District 13, who recognized the sailors being honored, thanked military spouses and thanked the Navy League for its work. He reported that 11 CG District 13 members are deployed for hurricane rescue efforts with more being deployed each day. Air Station Astoria air crews recently rescued 18 adults, one infant,



four dogs and two cats in 8.2 hours of flight time. The US Coast Guard is operating world wide, and as an example, are helping to preserve fish stocks, a major source of protein for many countries. He relayed the United States Coast Guard focus of the new Commandant of the Coast Guard, ADM Karl Schultz, to be: Ready, Relevant and Responsive. ADM Schultz is focused on CG personnel being ready to respond. Current Hurricane Florence rescue and clean up is an example of relevance and also with other military partners, e.g., working with the army in Bahrain preserving security of ports in the area. RADM Throop mentioned new Fast Response Cutters coming to Astoria in 2021 and the importance of the new Polar Security Cutter replacing USCGC Polar Star (WAGB 10) and thanked Congresswoman DeBene for her support for both the new cutter and also the CG budget. He concluded by noting a Danish vessel set sail from Vladivostok this week to become the first container ship to tackle the Arctic sea route north of Russia. The **Venta Maersk**, owned by Maersk Line, and carrying 3,600 containers, hoped to reach St. Petersburg by late September cutting 11 days of transit if routed via the Suez canal. RADM Throop concluded, *"If we are not present, then we are not going to get influence in the Arctic and*



this is a national security issue." CAPT Jed Boba praised ME1 Jeff Phillips USCG (*above right with CAPT Boba*) as CG Base Seattle Enlisted Person of the Third Quarter for expertly completing a 54 page checklist prior to Base Seattle's triennial security inspection and on short notice creating a qualification program for new gate guards when one guard was leaving employment. He is also a mentor at Hawthorne Elementary School. CAPT Boba then honored SK3 Layne Washington USCG as CG Base Seattle 2017 Enlisted Person



of the Year for his energy and attitude at work; Layne (*above right with CAPT Boba*) processed 12,000 packages in the mail section; managed \$50,000 in logistics supplies; managed all D13 mass transportation; was active on CG morale committee, CG honor guard, National Hispanic Heritage Month, Trees for Troops, Big Brothers; is a certified applied suicide prevention CG member and is close to completing a BA in Business Management. CAPT Jason Hamilton then honored OS1 Carson Russell USCG (*below right with CAPT Hamilton*) as CG District13 Sailor of the Quarter for his energy and enthusiasm as an exceptional command center watch-stander, watch-stander training petty officer, command center supply petty officer and member of both the D13 Leadership Development & Advisory Council and the CG Ball Committee. Sanu presented each sailor with the Council's Certificate of Appreciation and an engraved coffee cup (*right*). After Sanu's final remarks, dinner was adjourned at 2030.



US Navy Destroyer Commander Elaine Brunelle Is The Boss You've Always Wanted

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When it comes to leaders, we're all familiar with the tough guys and the smooth operators. But it can be hard to come by a boss who you actually aspire to be like. There's something special about a leader who couples warmth and openness with strength and laser focus — and something uniquely effective. Future bosses take note. One night in June, somewhere off the coast of Oregon,

USN Photo



CDR Elaine Brunelle (*above*) climbed the stairs from her cabin to the pilothouse aboard the USS Momsen to lead her crew through a storm. The ship took 16-degree rolls as waves more than 12 feet tall crashed against its bow. The crew deftly navigated the weather, though she conceded — unfazed, “*it was a little sporty.*” “*The Sea demands respect. As long as we honor that, we'll make safe passage.*” As Captain of USS Momsen, (DDG-92) CDR Brunelle is responsible for everything aboard her ship, including the lives of the people she oversees — many of whom are young sailors experiencing their first time at sea. It's impossible to overstate how vital her duties are. It's up to her to ensure the ship and crew maintain a state of maximum battle readiness. If the ship were to sink, CDR Brunelle would be the very last person off. That level of responsibility can be humbling, and it should be. Just like the leaders she most admires, CDR Brunelle approaches her job with humility — so she doesn't mind being humbled, again and again, by the force of the sea. It's the reason she sought out advanced leadership training early on in her Navy career. She studied executive leadership and earned a Master of Public Administration to bet-

ter understand the nuances of leadership and be the best possible leader for her sailors. “*The biggest driving factor that led me to serve in the military is that I wanted to make a difference in the world. I wanted to be part of something bigger than me.*”

USS Momsen is a US Navy guided missile destroyer, a ship with serious firepower and a crew of more than 300 people. On any given day, CDR Brunelle might lead these sailors in air defense operations, humanitarian assistance missions, counter drug ops, fishery enforcement, or multinational force projection exercises. For 30 years, she has served in the military; first, as an enlisted Airman in the Air Force, and then as a commissioned Surface Warfare Officer in the Navy. Her career hasn't exactly been typical — though she's hardly the first woman to command a ship, not many people are selected from the Air Force ranks to become officers in the US Navy. CDR Brunelle has navigated her path to leadership in much the same



Above: At the 19 September council dinner, CDR Brunelle receives the LW&E Council Plaque of Appreciation from President Sanu Chacko

way that she steered the Momsen through a storm from the ship's homeport in Everett, WA, down to San Diego, and on to Pearl Harbor, HI: with quick thinking, an unshakeable calm, and a deep commitment to the people she serves with. In every exercise and evolution, she holds each member of the crew to the same high standard. She even participates in firefighting drills — she can don her firefighting suit and man a hose in a minute and fifty seconds flat. It's a bad day if the Captain is



check-ins. This level of communication helps create a positive culture, but CDR Brunelle also views it as critical for mission success. Momsen is largely self-sustaining. The crew must be able to handle the ongoing operations of the ship and deal with any situation that might arise while they're at sea. Everyone needs his or her voice to be heard because

putting out the fire, but if it something goes wrong, her crew needs to know they can count on her. And she can count on them. *"It's important for everybody to have their voice heard because this is the group. This is it. This is what we do, and we have to do it together as a team."* Most afternoons, CDR Brunelle's voice echoes over the ship's PA system through the Momsen. She informs the crew about upcoming evolutions and updates them on the events of the day. But she also takes questions. Any Sailor, no matter how junior, can call in and submit a question to her which she then answers for the whole crew. And this is just one of the ways that she connects with her sailors. Every single sailor meets with CDR Brunelle when they board the ship. After this, she gets to know them, and they get to know her, through daily

there's only this team to rely on if something goes wrong. *"I'm proud of [the crew]. I'm proud of the accomplishments that they do every day. They truly are just a breath of fresh air. This crew is proof positive that you can do whatever you choose to do. The sky's the limit."*

Below left to right: Pete Stiles; Sanu Chacko; CDR Brunelle & CDR Robert Laird, USS Momsen XO. CDR Brunelle is honored at the 18 September gathering at the Scuttlebutt Restaurant & Pub in Everett, WA

Photo by Robert Lockyer



USCGC Healy Returns From Arctic

Article by CG Pacific Area Public Affairs

Photos by SCPO NyxoLyno Cangemi

USCGC Healy returned 30 November to their homeport in Seattle following a four-month deployment in the Arctic. In addition to providing presence and access in the Arctic during the 129-day summer deployment, the Healy crew completed three research missions in partnership with the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the Office of Naval Research (ONR), conducting physical and biological research in the Arctic Ocean. The crew's first mission was a NOAA-sponsored project aimed at furthering the understanding of the changing bi-



Above: USCG PO3 Shannon Eubanks (left), PO1 David Edelson (middle) and scientist Jeremy Wilkinson walk on the ice to conduct an ice survey 2 Oct 2018, about 715 miles north of Barrow, AK.

ological picture in the Arctic, along with studying the physical oceanography and offshore ocean currents in both the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. The findings from this mission will aid scientists in studying the biological conditions in the Polar region. The second mission, supported by ONR, is part of a larger, multi-year Arctic study program. This mission focused on studying the effects of water inflow and surface force changes on ocean stratification and sea ice in the Beaufort Sea. In completing this mission, Healy crew deployed specialized instruments on ice floes and placed subsurface moorings on the sea-floor, which will remain in the Arctic until next year. Healy's final mission, sponsored by NSF, was aimed at understanding the effects of the Pacific and Atlantic water-inflow and the associated boundary current in the Arctic ecosystem. As part of a multi-year endeavor, this study captures

measurements from subsurface moorings deployed on the Barrow Canyon Slope as well as data collected from Healy's onboard scientific equipment. Commanded by CAPT Greg Tlapa, USCG, Healy is the nation's premiere high-latitude research vessel and is the only U.S. military surface vessel that deploys to and is capable of operating in the ice-covered waters of the Arctic. In addition to science operations, Healy is capable of conducting a range of CG operations such as search and rescue, ship escorts, environmental protection and the enforcement of laws and treaties in the Polar Regions. Healy provides access and presence throughout the Arctic region to protect U.S. maritime borders and to safeguard the maritime economy. At 420-feet long with a displacement of over 16,000 tons and a permanent crew of 87, Healy is the largest ship in the USCG. Commissioned in 2000, Healy is one of two active icebreakers in the U.S. fleet; the other is the USCGC Polar Star, the service's only heavy icebreaker, homeported in Seattle. Commissioned in 1976, Polar Star recently departed for a four-month Antarctic deployment to support Operation Deep Freeze 2019, the logistical support provided by the U.S. Armed Forces to the U.S. Antarctic Program. Polar Star will carve a navigable path through seasonal and multi-year ice, sometimes as much as 10-feet thick, for supply ships to deliver annual operating supplies and fuel to NSF research stations in Antarctica. The Coast Guard has been the sole provider of the nation's polar ice-breaking capability since 1965, and is seeking to increase its icebreaking fleet with six new Polar Security Cutters in order to ensure continued national presence and access to the Polar Regions.

Below: Peter Koski connects a cable to a buoy on the ice on 3 Oct 2018, about 715 miles north of Barrow, AK. Koski is an engineer to deploy sensors and autonomous submarines to study stratified ocean dynamics and how environmental factors affect the water below the ice surface for the ONR.



(continue from page 1) Port of Everett Commissioner. Sea Cadet Division 134 NSE presented the Colors and Sea Cadet SN David Weldon led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the posting of the Colors, Sea Cadet parent and Division 134 Public Affairs Officer Kerry Kearney gave the invocation and the buffet dinner, catered by Scuttlebutt Restaurant, was served. Sanu



opened the program by acknowledging the council's active duty Navy and Coast Guard guests and thanking all for attending the dinner. He presented Angie DellaPenna



(above), Vice President and Mortgage Team Leader at Heritage Bank, with the Navy League's official mahogany member plaque and thanked Heritage Bank for joining the council as one of the first new Everett area Community Af-



filiate Members. Sanu next congratulated ENS Paul Kearney (above right) for becoming the new Sea Cadet Division commanding officer and presented ENS Kearney and CPO Jessica Chacko (above left) with the Council's annual \$1,000 donation. Sanu then presented Mike Da-



vis USN, (below) Commanding Officer of Naval Station Everett with the Council Supported Unit



plaque. RADM Scott Gray, Commander, Navy Region Northwest was introduced as the keynote speaker for the evening. RADM Gray (below with wife Candi & Bob Bolerjack, from the City of Everett) began by noting that our world has changed. We are now in a great power competition, that not since the cold war, is growing as a resurgent Russia needles the US. Russia seized the Crimea, put cruise missiles in Europe in vio-



lation of existing treaties and conducted cyber involvement in our election. Chinese are growing exponentially. The USN has been trying to build a hangar on Guam for five years but have not yet started but China has created nine islands with military facilities in the same period. Other world wide conflicts are challenging the U.S. Navy today. We are not able to outspend our enemies today. We have to develop new innovative ways of doing business to stay ahead, e.g., unmanned

aerial and underwater vehicles. Cyber threats will impact the US on its own soil. An example is what happens if a cyber threat shuts down the electrical grid in the Southeastern US at the same time as a heat wave occurs. Many people would die due to lack of air conditioning and water. These attacks could destroy key electrical grid equipment such as large transformers mainly manufactured in Germany and South Korea and would require up to



Above left to right: SH1 Mateasha McCoggle-Johnson, FC1 Ross Woody & Kayla Sonrocder

two years to order and deliver thus restoring capacity. Since World War II, we have lived in a rules based international environment that has allowed many countries to prosper. Today's Navy mission is: (1) Deter enemies that want to do harm and (2) Assure our allies and build coalitions so that if a conflict occurs, we can win and preserve our way of life. Ninety per cent of the world's commerce flows by sea and the U.S. Navy guarantees the sea lines of communication remain open. Global trade is increasing and with polar ice re-

Below left to right: CS3 Alicia Victoria & IT2 Dominique Taylor





Above left to right: Scott Castle, Angie DellaPenna, Jacquelyn Greenwood & Jamison Hilde

ceding, Arctic traffic will significantly increase due to shorter routes. China has recently declared themselves as an “Arctic Power” supposedly to compete for Arctic resources. The U.S. Navy operates worldwide to protect the sea lines of communications, deter adversaries and bolster our allies and protect our way of life and the commerce that has made us prosperous. In 1993, the Navy was drawing down from the “Reagan 600 ship Navy” and had 450 ships and today the Navy is at 280 ships with the same number of ships (100) deployed at any time. The result is men and material are worked hard and still delivering. Retention is still good even in a good economy. Sailors are sacrificing family time as ships are deployed more often. Navy Region Northwest covers 11 states east to Minnesota with 200,000 sailors serving in

the region. In his career after departing his first squadron, RADM Gray felt it would never be any better than that, but the feeling repeated after every assignment.

At left to right: HM2 Rebecca Clark, MA1 Anthonlee Clark & LS3 Camilo Villanueva



He felt he couldn't feel more close, more productive and giving more to his country than while in the squadron he just left. In February, he will have been in the Navy for 30 years for one reason only and that is due to the great people he has worked with on a daily basis. One program visual detailed the Navy assets in the region. Critical to the

Navy mission is the maintenance at Bremerton repair facilities, specifically nuclear. RADM Gray said most of the audience knows the critical importance of our Arleigh Burke-class guided-missile destroyers in sustaining our combat presence and power around the world. The EA-18G Growler at NAS Whidbey is the U.S. Military's only electronic attack aircraft so the Navy also



Above left to right: Mark Callagan & Logan Callagan

supports other U.S. Military missions. The Pacific Northwest provides very unique areas, e.g., mountains, desert and water for training. RADM Gray sees almost daily a report whereby the NAS Whidbey search & rescue copters have been in action. Our ballistic missile submarines are the most secure leg of our nuclear triad of land, air and sea launched missiles. Since sequestration, shore facilities have taken a huge hit in the budget. The CNO choose to invest in readiness and fleet upkeep in lieu of shore side infrastructure which has now created a backlog of shore infrastructure projects, i. e., runways, hangars, dry docks and piers needing replacement. The Region total is over 1.1 billion dollars but only 146 million dollars is available in FY19. Growth to a 355 ship Navy may mean more ships at Everett. Pacific Northwest is the third largest concentration of Navy forces behind Norfolk and San Die-

go - both who have less capacity than here in Region Northwest. RADM Gray concluded by remarking, *"Your sailors are doing yeoman's work around the globe every day—often at great personal sacrifice to themselves and their families."* He quoted an article that stated the average sailor's family and children go to six to eight schools by the time they graduate. *"You should be very proud of the sailors in this room and the things they do for this country, not only their willingness to lay down their life but that full range of sacrifice that they give in support of their country. I am proud to be a member of the United States Navy and to serve among you. I thank the Navy League in recognizing our sailors on this fantastic night."* Following RADM Gray's presentation, Sanu began the awards portion of the program. The Lake Washington & Everett Council sponsors three "student units," one of which is the Naval Station Everett Division of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps which drills monthly at Naval Station Everett. Currently the Division has 70 active cadets, ages from 10 to 18. Theodore Roosevelt, 26th President of the United States (1901-09), and previously Assistant Secretary of the Navy, enthusiastically supported the founding of the Navy League in 1902. The Navy League's Theodore Roosevelt Youth Medal was established to honor those young people who best exemplify Roosevelt's values of energy, spirit, competition, and fair play. Sanu presented the Theodore Roosevelt Medal to Sea Cadet CPO Blake Sketchley (*below*) and PO Samara Chacko (*above right*). The council recognized many Navy and Coast



Guard enlisted quarterly and annual award winners from Naval Station Everett commands present at the dinner. Sanu, on behalf of the Lake Washington & Everett Council, recognized all the commands at NAVSTA Everett as officially supported units of the LW&E Council. Commands present at the dinner included:

- Carrier Strike Group 11
- Naval Station Everett
- PSNS & IMF Afloat Training Group - Pacific NW
- NOSC Everett
- USCGC Henry Blake (WLM-563)
- USS Kidd (DDG-100)
- USS Sampson (DDG-102)
- USS Shoup (DDG-86)
- USS Ralph Johnson (DDG-114)





Each command was presented with an Official Council Supported Unit plaque in recognition. CDR Jeff Bessler (*above*), accepted the support plaque on behalf of the Regional Support Organization – Pacific Northwest. CAPT Todd Whalen (*below left*), accepted the support plaque on behalf of Destroyer Squadron Nine. The other commands receiving the Council Supported Unit plaque along with recognized Sailors of the Year (SOY), Junior Sailors of the Year (JSOY), Sailors of the Quarter (SOQ), Junior Sailors of the Quarter (JSOQ), Senior Sailor of the Year (SSOY) and Blue Jacket of the Year (BJOY) are listed below:

Navy Region Northwest Reserve Component Command

SELRES HM2 Rebecca Clark - SOQ

USS Sampson (DDG-102)

STG1 Kira Crawford USN – SOQ & SOY

SH3 Madivane Goddson USN – JSOY

FCA3 Charles Young USN – JSOQ

Afloat Training Group – Pacific Northwest

MA1 Anthonlee Clark USN – SOQ

MA1 Ryan Sullivan USN – SOY

Naval Station Everett

SH1 (SW/AW) Mateasha McCoggle-Johnson USN – SSOY

MA2 Jason Ruben USN – SOY

MA2 Alexa Ogden USN – JSOY

MASN Phillip Kara USN – BJOY

USS Ralph Johnson (DDG-114)

FC1 Ross Woody USN – SSOY

IT2 Taylor Miley USN – SOY

QM3 Dana Beard USN – JSOY

CTR3 Kali Mobley USN – BJOY

USS Kidd (DDG-100)

NC1 Ryan Holland USN – SOY

ET2 Brandon Norman USN – JSOY

LS3 Andrew Soto USN – BJOY

Carrier Strike Group ELEVEN

IT2 Dominique Taylor USN – JSOY

CS3 Alicia Victoria USN – BJOY

NOSC Everett

MA2 Matthew Franklin USN – SELRES JSOY

MA3 Erin Edgeworth USN – SELRES BJOY

PS1 Lindsey Spurling USN – FTS SOY

LS3 Camilio Villanueva USN – FTS BJOY

USS Shoup (DDG-86)

F1 Troy Bowman USN – JSOY

OS3 Aaron Garrison USN – BJOY

PSNS & IMF

ND1 Jason Peters USN – SOY

IC2 Jonathon Hemenway USN – JSOQ

USCGC Henry Blake (WLM-563)

SN Juan Vitalo USCG – SOQ

On behalf of the council, Sanu personally thanked all military personnel for their dedication to the US Navy and US Coast Guard and their service to the United States of America. On each dinner table were beautiful Poinsettia center pieces provided by Stadium Flowers which guests took home to enjoy over the Christmas Holiday. Sanu announced the next dinner event will be Wednesday, 16 January 2019 at the Bellevue Red Lion Hotel and wished everyone would have an outstanding Christmas and New Year Holiday and have a safe drive home. There being no further business, the dinner was adjourned at 2110.

Photos of the commands and award winners recognized are on the following two pages in this issue. Other photos of individuals receiving their certificates are on the council's Facebook page.

Check ALL dinner photos on Facebook!

www.facebook.com/groups/LWENLUS/



USS Kidd left to right: CDR Matthew McNealy CO, LS3 Andrew Soto BJOY, ET2 Brandon Norman JSOY, NC1 Ryan Holland SOY, CDR Nate Wemett XO, CDMCM Darrin Lowe CMC & Sanu Chacko



USS Shoup left to right: CDR James "Andy" Strickland CO, FC1 Troy Bowman JSOY & OS3 Aaron Garrison BJOY



Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility left to right: LCDR Brian Griffin Assistant Officer-in-Charge, CDR Mark Schuchmann Officer-in-Charge, IC2 Jonathon Hemenway JSOQ, ND1 Jason Peters SOY & CMDCS Jason Morris



USS Sampson left to right: CMDCM Jeromy Hartly CMC, CDR Henry Vasquez XO, STG1 Kira Crawford SOQ & SOY, FCA3 Charles Young JSOQ & CDR Jeremiah Jackson CO & SH3 Madivane Goddson JSOY (absent)



Naval Operational Support Center left to right: CDR Motale Eefimba CO, LS3 Camilo Villanueva BJOQ, Navy Region Northwest Reserve Component Command SELRES HM2 Rebecca Clark SOQ, PS1 Lindsey Spurling SOY, MA3 Erin Edgeworth BJOY, MA2 Matthew Franklin JSOY, LT Nicholas Ramos XO & CPO Michael Kelly CMC



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