



PSNBA NEWS

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PSNBA Celebration Attracts Over 400 to Convention Center

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Puget Sound Naval Shipyard labor and management, private citizens, and public officials answered an early morning wake-up call on Thursday, March 30th to attend the PSNBA Kick Off Breakfast at the Kitsap Convention Center at Bremerton's Harborside. The event celebrated the start of the PSNBA Regional Membership Drive. With over 400 people in attendance this was the largest Kick Off Breakfast in PSNBA history!

Bub Pratt played jazz guitar, the West High School JROTC presented the colors and Harmony Madden sang a stirring rendition of the Star Spangled Banner to start the program. Bremerton Mayor Cary Bozeman gave opening remarks prior to the crowd hearing from the key note speaker, Congressman Jay Inslee.

PSNBA received several generous donations that morning from shipyard and community members and organizations. More importantly, the shipyard and regional communities demonstrated very publicly their commitment to PSNBA and the important work done to support our Navy, our citizens and our community. The Regional Membership Drive is still underway. JOIN PSNBA TODAY!

Membership forms are now available from representatives throughout the shipyard, or you can download a membership application on our web site, www.psnba.org.



Admiral (ret) Dale Baugh and PSNBA Board member Jeff Markiewicz.

PSNBA Visits Mission Funding Sponsors for PSNS

A delegation of Puget Sound Naval Bases Association (PSNBA) members had an opportunity to meet with several senior naval executives responsible for funding work at the shipyard at the request of Admiral Walt Doran, the Commander of the Pacific Fleet.

Mr. Guy Stitt, President of PSNBA; Mr. Jeff Markiewicz, Treasurer of PSNBA; Mr. James Nall, PSNBA Board Member; and Union representatives of the IAM, Mr. Mike Goddard and Mr. James Pappas, attended the meetings January 27, 2005 in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

The delegation first met with RADM Greg Bryant, Pacific Fleet Maintenance Officer, and Mr. Bill Ryzewic, the Deputy DCOS for Fleet Maintenance. RADM Bryant applauded the efforts of PSNS in the significant workload

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Message from the President...

The U.S. Navy is in the midst of transforming itself to ensure its relevancy for the new priorities of our nation. The cost of war in Iraq has put tremendous pressure on our traditional military accounts and the solutions funded by them (e.g. the decline in SCN funded naval ship-building). The need for re-prioritizing expenditures is apparent and vitally needed.



Guy Stitt

Our membership is affronted daily with the numerous changes, budget cuts and re-organizations occurring in the effort to transform our Navy. The successful fulfillment of the role and mission of PSNBA is perhaps more important today than it has ever been in our history!

I can assure you that your PSNBA Board has risen to the challenge. Our bases and community membership continues to grow at a rapid pace. Our significant community membership signifies the support of Kitsap County and the City of Bremerton in supporting you at each of our naval activities. Our Executive Board is conducting numerous meetings and holding continuous dialog with our U.S. Navy leadership and Congress to ensure your voice is heard and our great efforts are appreciated.

Our unity is the vital link to ensure a positive way ahead for West Sound naval bases as the Navy figures out what it wants to be. On behalf of the PSNBA Board of Directors I thank you for your continued support and commitment to PSNBA's 60 year legacy!



Pictured from left to right are: Bob Steinmetz, President IFPTE Local 12; Chris Endresen, Kitsap County Commissioner; Admiral Kirkland Donald; Guy Stitt, PSNBA President; and Tim Thomson, PSNBA 2nd Vice President.

PSNBA's Annual Trip to the Nation's Capitol

PSNBA sent a delegation to visit with our nation's Navy, Department of Defense, and Congressional leaders during the week of March 7th through the 9th, 2005.

Our delegation spent 2 full days meeting with the most senior leaders of the U.S. Navy discussing solutions to issues important to PSNS and IMF, Bangor, Keyport and other local naval activities. Some of the issues discussed included our concern over the inefficiencies of SCN funding and how it restricts efficient planning and cost benefits of ship repair. We extolled the excellent relationship between PSNS and Electric Boat, specifically regarding submarine maintenance. On that same subject, we highlighted the repair at PSNS of the SSN 711 USS SAN FRANCISCO, which is the sub that ran aground near Guam a couple of months ago. Our delegation expressed PSNBA's concern regarding only four new ships being constructed each year and the impact that has to future ship maintenance requirements. And finally, we emphasized the importance of keeping an active duty flag officer assigned to Navy Region Northwest.

On the third day, the PSNBA delegation met with our State's members of the House of Representatives and Senate, providing inputs on important issues from the U.S. Navy and Department of Defense that impact our region.



PSNBA Introduces New Executive Board

The Puget Sound Naval Bases Association held its annual meeting on October 12th, 2004 and elected the 2005 Executive Board members. "This new Executive Board brings a high level of energy. Working together with our part-time Administrative Coordinator, Anna Welling, it's great to see the number of things this Executive Board has accomplished", said PSNBA President, Guy Stitt.

The 2005 Executive Board Members are

President, Mr. Guy Stitt

Mr. Stitt was elected for his third and final term as President of PSNBA. He has been a member of PSNBA since the year 2000 and brings to this position a great understanding of our U.S. Navy, established relationships with many of our senior Navy leadership, and an ability to focus our efforts on the most important priorities of our West Sound naval activities.

Mr. Stitt is a life member of the U.S. Navy League, U.S. Naval Submarine League, U.S. Submarine Veterans, U.S. Naval Institute, and the American Society of Naval Engineers.

1st Vice President, Mrs. April Mills

Mrs. Mills currently serves as First Vice President of Puget Sound Naval Bases Association. She joined the board in April 2003, representing the International Federation of Professional and Technical Engineers (IFPTE), Local 12.

Mrs. Mills brings energy and enthusiasm to all her activities. She is a nuclear engineer for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Her community involvement includes several volunteer committees, and she is currently a member of the Leadership Kitsap Class of 2005.

2nd Vice President, Mr. Tim Thomson

Mr. Thomson joined PSNBA in 2001 and contributes 28 years experience as a retired Naval Aviator Captain. He brings a wealth of insight about the community and the U.S. Navy to PSNBA.

Mr. Thomson currently serves the Port of Bremerton as their Chief Operating Officer. He manages the Olympic View Industrial and Business Parks, markets Port properties including the Bremerton National Airport, and directs

Port business development while providing oversight to the Port marinas and the airport.

Mr. Thomson has served as the President of Port Orchard Rotary Club, President of Kitsap Visitor and Convention Bureau, and he is currently a board member of Bremerton Historic Ships Association. He and his wife Denise, who is the Navy Region Northwest Work and Family Life Coordinator, live in Port Orchard, WA.

Treasurer, Mr. Jeff Markiewicz

Mr. Markiewicz was elected for his first term as an officer and represents the Naval Civilian Managers Association (NCMA). He contributes 15 years experience interacting between Union members and management.

Secretary, Mr. Jim Oas

Mr. Oas has been a member of PSNBA since 1997 and acts as the liaison between the PSNS Base Drive and the PSNBA Board.

Mr. Oas actively supports the naval bases in Kitsap County by chairing the PSNBA Base Drive at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. Additionally, he is involved in several community organizations including the Salvation Army, the Kitsap County Fair, 4-H, and the Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk-a-thon. Jim and his wife of 26 years, Valerie, have three children. Their youngest daughter, Brianna, is a spokesperson for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Administrative Coordinator, Mrs. Anna Welling

Mrs. Welling joins PSNBA as their new Administrative Coordinator. She brings an amazing array of skills to the organization and a talent for juggling a large number of objectives. Mrs. Welling has been instrumental in bringing about PSNBA's new website, the expanded Community Membership Program, and the development of new professional communications materials.

She was born and raised in Kitsap County, and is currently a full-time student working on a degree in Agricultural Sales and Service with an emphasis in Equine Management.





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Become a Member of PSNBA Today!

Puget Sound Naval Bases Association (PSNBA) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting local naval installations. PSNBA has earned a solid reputation in its efforts to ensure a strong and positive naval presence in the Puget Sound region. Our membership is made up of thousands of members from Puget Sound Naval Shipyard; Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport; Naval Submarine Base, Bangor; Fleet and Industrial Supply Center; and Naval Base Kitsap. Additionally, we have members from many unions, organizations, businesses and professional firms in Bremerton, Port Orchard, Silverdale, Poulsbo and the surrounding areas.

Your membership helps PSNBA champion the local installations and the people they represent. By supporting PSNBA, you join the elite company of DoD and U.S. Navy Leadership; local, state and national political representatives; local and national union leaders; and naval industry business executives. The best part of becoming a PSNBA member is being part of unique organization with a rich history in Kitsap County's Naval history.

To join, visit our web site at www.psnba.org and download a membership form. Or, you can contact us at info@psnba.org to have a membership form sent to you. Thank you for your support!

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that has been given to them to manage. The delegation also had the opportunity to meet with the Deputy Commander of Submarines, Pacific, Captain George



Guy Stitt, PSNBA President, meets with Admiral Walt Doran.

Manaskie, and discussed issues COMSUBPAC has with PSNS and the Puget Sound area. PSNBA has diligently followed up and helped to resolve several of the issues brought up by COMSUBPAC.

At the end of a busy day the delegation then met with Admiral Doran. PSNBA applauded Admiral Doran's posture of taking care of our nation's sailors! Admiral Doran reminded us of his affection for the Pacific Northwest and the great job PSNS, Bangor and others are doing. Admiral Doran further added his appreciation for PSNBA's long history of pro-active involvement in helping our Navy and Sailors.