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**Newsletter**  
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## Puget Sound Naval Bases Association

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### Message from the President



This newsletter finds us at the end of a couple of months of Navy and Marine Corps celebration and recognition. Early in November, I had the humble honor to attend the Navy League's Marine Birthday celebration in the Trident Ballroom. The Marines provided a wonderful presentation of special events and period uniforms from the late 1700s to their current uniform. Congressman Norm Dicks and Rear Admiral Hennegan both spoke of the importance of the Marines in supporting the past, present and future defense of the United States.

During the cake ceremony, Ga yle Blecksmith Snyder, was recognized and celebrated as the longest surviving Marine in the room.

The Navy League then sponsored and facilitated an inspired Veteran's Day celebration in the Kitsap Pavilion. The event, co-MC'd by Carolyn Dankers and Rear Admiral Biesel, was spectacular, with displays from several of the US conflicts and steel beams from the 9/11 attack on the towers. The formal presentation was inspiring, the POW-MIA presentation having been the most meaningful and personal recognition I have seen of its kind. These wonderful events led the way for us to celebrate Thanksgiving as never before.

Finally, in early December, NUWC Division, Keyport held the 18th Annual Remembrance of the attack on Pearl Harbor. Several Pearl Harbor survivors were in attendance and were permitted to share their experience and lessons from the attack and the response by the Navy personnel on-site. The most compelling remembrance for me, was to hear one of those present on that fateful day suggest they prefer to be regarded as not just as "survivors," but as "defenders." In addition, there was an opportunity to recognize those that had family members lost during the attack.

Never, in my life or experience, have I been so acutely aware and appreciative of the sacrifice made by our service men and women, and their families. The least we can do, the PSNBA and our members, is work towards making the Puget Sound the strongest, healthiest, positive

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experience for those that sacrifice for us. Their mission is our mission.  
God Bless you and yours this season.

Warm Regards,

Tom Stroup,  
PSNBA, President  
[president@psnba.org](mailto:president@psnba.org)

## News From Our Local Bases & Community

Senate passes \$662B Defense bill after deal on detainee language.  
PUBLISHED 1 December 2011 20:24. [Click Here](#) to read the entire article.

Pacific Northwest's Top Sailors Recognized by Submarine Group 9...  
PUBLISHED 7 December 2011 10:43.  
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to see the article.

The Navy Band Northwest brings Holiday Cheer to Veterans. PUBLISHED  
13 December 2011 14:25 [Click Here](#) to read Airman Jasmine Stokes' article.

A Canadian submarine is making a rare appearance at Bangor to become  
more stealthy. PUBLISHED 13 December 2011 18:09 [Click Here](#) to read the  
entire Kitsap Sun article.

Near miss with merchant ship led to submarine commander's firing.  
PUBLISHED 14 December 2011 17:16. [Click Here](#) for the Kitsap Sun article.

Latest update for PSNBA sponsored Boat USS Bremerton  
USS Bremerton Newsletter [Click Here](#).

Navy and Nature Conservancy partner on Dabob Bay [Port Townsend  
Leader](#)... important estuaries in Hood Canal and Puget Sound, according to  
the Nature Conservancy. ... The bay is across Hood Canal from Naval Base  
Kitsap-Bangor, ...

KEDA positioning Kitsap for economic development growth  
[Kitsap Peninsula Business Journal](#)... our nation's third largest naval base,  
and 250000 citizens living, ... role in our national defense, a vital role in the  
Puget Sound regional economy, ...

**Do you have news taking place at your base that you would like  
to share with PSNBA's membership? We want to know about it.  
Please send your news articles or links to  
[info@psnba.org](mailto:info@psnba.org) by the 15th of the month.**

## Public Notice

PSNBA is an organization that is dedicated to ensuring that the Navy and  
Congress never forget that Kitsap County is where the Navy's past, present,  
and future were meant to be. Our organization thrives and is able to  
continue this proud 65 year tradition because of a dedicated group of

volunteers that truly believe in the mission of PSNBA. We start the new fiscal year with a new group of dedicated volunteers to fill the following officer, positions.

During this time we are also seeking volunteers to participate in our strategic issues committees. Last month our board members and members met to discuss the important issues that we felt would benefit PSNBA as a whole. The group narrowed down the strategic issues to the top three: Community/Member engagement, Communication, and Funding. **We would love to hear the ideas and input from you the members!** If you are interested in participating in one of these committees or wish to express your ideas and suggestions please email us at [info@psnba.org](mailto:info@psnba.org) or contact this years current **President Tom Stroup** [president@psnba.org](mailto:president@psnba.org)

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Warmest Regards,

Executive Assistant  
Davida Clyde  
[info@psnba.org](mailto:info@psnba.org)

## Upcoming Events

### **PSNBA Board Meeting**

**Date:** January 9, 2011

**Time:** 4:45 p.m. General Board Meeting

**Place:** Norm Dicks Government Center  
6th Floor, Mayor's Conference Room  
345 Sixth Street, Bremerton, WA

**General Board Meetings are open to all PSNBA members and interested individuals.**

### **PSNBA Monthly Social Hour**

**Time:** 6:00 p.m.

**Place:** To be determined, please check website for final location.

Please join us for a casual social hour. This is a great opportunity to network with PSNBA Board Members and individuals from the community, navy, and shipyard. Appetizers are on us! Please contact us at [info@psnba.org](mailto:info@psnba.org) if you have any questions or would like to attend.

## PSNBA Membership

Are you an [Individual](#), [Community Member](#), [Civilian Employee](#), [Military](#)

personnel, Local Business owner, or employee of a local business or member of a community group who would like to have a voice in support of our local Military Bases?

**I invite you to become a member today.**

**Membership** is open to any individual or business who shares our goal of maintaining a strong naval presence in the Puget Sound Region.

**Individual Membership:**

- Full** - \$ 10.00
- Copper** - \$ 25.00
- Bronze** - \$ 100.00

**Business, Community Group Membership:**

- Bronze** - \$ 100.00
- Silver** - \$ 300.00
- Gold** - \$ 500.00
- Platinum** - \$ 1000.00
- Diamond** - \$ 5,000.00

**Please Welcome our newest members:**

**Chris Lombroia**, Bronze-AEROTEK

**Christine Salo**, Bronze-TWELVE TREES Business Park/ Apanage

**CLICK HERE** to download a membership application and join today! Or contact us at [info@psnba.org](mailto:info@psnba.org) and we will mail a membership application to you.

**For over 65 years, PSNBA has worked diligently so the Navy and Congress never forget that Kitsap County is home to the Navy's past, present, and future.**

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