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

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## Message from the President



During the last (partial) week of February, several representatives from the Puget Sound area will be traveling to Norfolk, Virginia and Washington, D.C. on behalf of those represented by the PSNBA. The team includes Guy Stitt (PSNBA Ambassador and Past President), Zeb Breuckman (PSNBA Vice President Base Relations and IFPTE Rep), Charlotte Garrido (Kitsap County Commissioner), Joe Dacca (Deputy District Director for Congressman Norm Dicks) and me. The preparation for the trip involves coordination and conduct of several "issues" meetings with local Navy leadership (we held six this year), unions (IFPTE) and coordination of issues with other associations, unions, individuals represented by the PSNBA. These meetings and interactions culminate in our "Issues Paper," which then goes through its own exhaustive review, before finally preceding the team in traveling to the East coast.

Preparation involves coordination with and through Congressman Norm Dicks' staff relative to our meetings with Navy leadership in Norfolk and DC. It involves coordination with folks in DC to set up meetings with our elected federal Congressional members and their staff. As part of our PSNBA mission and preparation, a small contingent flew down to Hawaii to meet with several senior Navy leaders at Pearl Harbor to discuss our "draft" issues, and to understand how the PSNBA can be useful in helping the Navy be successful in the Puget Sound community. Normally, we would have traveled to San Diego to meet with senior Navy leadership there, however this year; we were unable to squeeze that in.

And, yes, final preparation includes establishing who is going to drive with whom to where, in what car, after landing at which airport and staying at which hotel. It includes coordination of who is going to print what, and carry what to where, when we are meeting with.....and so on.....

I only share this to try to communicate the desperate importance of our mission. For those of you not following the news, we are in what I estimate to be the most uncertain fiscal, political and threat-based set of

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circumstances in a long, long, long, long time. Our national belt tightening is made more difficult in the presence of increased sword rattling in the Middle East, the increased potential for the Iranian nuclear threat, and our resolve to continue to secure ongoing terrorist threats.

So, we carry the banner of the PSNBA, that banner saying the Puget Sound is the premier location for sustaining the technological development, deployment, maintenance and home porting of the US Navy Fleet's finest. We have a community unmatched in its character relative to upholding the Navy's mission. That is our message, and that is our mission. Wish us well as we travel to meet with those in whose hands our destiny falls.

Blessings,

Tom

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**News From Our Local Bases & Community**

[Washington Navy League Councils Adopt USS Henry M. Jackson](#)

By Lt. j.g. Brandon Stewart, USS Henry M. Jackson Public Affairs, Jan 28, 2012

[New Commanding Officer Of NUWC Keyport In August](#)  
[northkitsapherald.com](#), Jan 21, 2012

**Westsound Business Expo 2012**  
**February 16, 2012**



PSNBA Booth Westsound Expo 2012 Dave Sayers (Secretary) & Leah Wattree (VP for Community Relations)

PSNBA participated in this years Westsound Business Expo which was a great success. Thanks to Leah Wattree, (VP Community Relations), Dave Sayers, (Secretary), and Davida Clyde, (Executive Administrative Assistant), and for participating. With PSNBA participating in this event we were able to get our message out to many local businesses and community as well as to our local military.

## Reception for USS Ronald Reagan January 27, 2012

Puget Sound Naval Bases Association, Navy League and Naval Submarine League hosted an event for USS Ronald Reagan on Jan 27 to welcome the crew to the Pacific Northwest. More than 40 Officers and Chiefs attended the function, along with members of the community.

Below: PSNBA President Tom Stroup and Captain Thom Burke of USS Ronald Reagan



Right Vice Admiral Kevin McCoy.



Mayor Patty Lent, Leah Wattree VP Community Relations and CDR McKay, Flag Aide to VADM McCoy

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## **Upcoming Events**

**PSNBA Board Meeting**

**Date:** March 12, 2012

**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:** [McClouds](#)

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.

**Please Welcome our newest members.  
Thank you for your Support!**

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**For over 66 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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