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Message from the President



Welcome to the New Year! As reported recently by the Kitsap Sun, 2012 kicked off with the Secretary of Defense releasing "new strategic guidance for the Department of Defense to articulate priorities for a 21st century defense that sustains U.S. global leadership." In support of maintaining a strong Puget Sound Navy, was the message, "we will of necessity rebalance toward the Asia-Pacific region." Without going into too much detail here (you can Google the report), it is obvious our Puget Sound Navy directly supports almost all of the "Primary Missions," including counter terrorism, counter insurgency, defending against state and non-state based aggressors, providing for a strong nuclear deterrent, defending the homeland and providing U.S. humanitarian and disaster relief. But we need to be aware of challenges facing the nation as we in the Puget Sound work towards the success in these critical missions.

The U.S. House Armed Services Committee released a report in the second half of 2011 assessing the impacts of the Budget Control Act and potential sequestration. You can go to our 2011 Community Report (linked on this page) and see that our funding sponsors, even a year ago, were concerned with diminishing resources. Without wandering into the political fracas (PSNBA is strictly non-partisan), the overall message is clear. The armed services are going to suffer budget reductions. Does the new strategic guidance completely mitigate this concern relative to the Puget Sound Navy? Likely not. And so the PSNBA is currently engaged in discussion with the local commanders and unions to make sure we understand and document the concerns facing our leaders and partners in preparation for our annual advocacy trips to San Diego, Pearl, Norfolk, the Pentagon and "the Hill." Thank you to all those facilitating OUR mission.

I had the opportunity to greet the USS Reagan as it came into the Puget Sound and moored at PSNS. The NIMITZ class carrier is here undergoing maintenance for the next year. It was a cold, but spectacularly sunny Puget Sound day on the water. We had a great team on the Old Man IV greeting

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the Reagan including Mayor Patty Lent (Bremerton), Mayor Tim Matthes (Port Orchard), Mayor Chuck Hunter (Gig Harbor), George Rose (Navy League), CAPT. Pete Dawson (NBK), CAPT Mark Whitney (PSNS), Joe Dacca (Norm Dicks), and Ralph Munro (former Washington Secretary of State). We had several uniformed sailors including CMDCM Piersel (NBK Command Master Chief), WN3 Hasenwinkel, and Lori Lynch, whose husband, CMDCM Lynch is the USS Reagan Command Master Chief. MANY thanks to Lisa Montgomery (NBK Protocol) for coordinating the event.

Let me finish with a resounding thank you. I am proud of the uniformed/civilian/contractor men and women in the Puget Sound whose daily jobs place them right in the middle of the missions as stated above. The PSNBA is at YOUR service.....

Blessings,

Tom Stroup,
PSNBA, President
president@psnba.org

News From Our Local Bases & Community

[Throughout year, big votes to take place](#)

Kitsap Sun
At Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor, work is expected to begin on the \$715 million ... At Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, USS Nimitz will soon wrap up a \$239 million ...

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Bend BulletinA Trident nuclear submarine sitting in Puget Sound near Sequim, Wash., in 2006 is one of eight in the Pacific fleet, stationed at Naval Base Kitsap Bangor. ...

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Insurance News NetF-22 Program Office Wright-Patterson Air Force Base , Ohio , is the Work will be performed in Bremerton, Wash. , at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and ...

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[Navy Federal Credit Union's Donation to Holly Ridge Center has a Ripple Effect](#)

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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 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 or contact this years current **President Tom Stroup** president@psnba.org

President: Tom Stroup, *Lockheed Martin*

Secretary: David Sayers, *Lockheed Martin*

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Vice President Public Relations: Kate Lorber, *Lockheed Martin*

Warmest Regards,

Executive Assistant
Davida Clyde
info@psnba.org

Upcoming Events

PSNBA Board Meeting

Date: February 13, 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: February-[Cloverleaf Sports Bar & Grill](#)
March-[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 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:

Guy Stitt, Platinum-AMI International

Anna Lee Todd, Silver-Cleantech West Sound

Jim Carlson, Bronze-Minder Meats Inc

[CLICK HERE](#) to download a membership application and join today! Or contact us at 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.

Thank you for your gracious support!
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