



PSNBA NEWS

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Lasting Impressions

On the morning of May 1, 2008, my husband, Ed Wolfe, Ron Sher and I boarded the USS John C. Stennis (CVN-74) as personal guests of Captain Brad Johanson's. We were in for an exciting five day adventure sailing with the crew from Bremerton to San Diego. This would kick off a two month work up following the ship's seven month maintenance period at PSNS. Once in San Diego the ship was scheduled to pick up the air wing and begin its work up for deployment.

We arrived on the dock in Bremerton with eyes wide open and minds ready for a taste of what life onboard the largest and most powerful aircraft carrier in the world was all about. The first order of business was reviewing our schedule of tours and eating arrangements for the next five days. So much for a leisurely cruise – we were scheduled from sun up to sun down, with a 30 minute rest before retiring. As many of you know, we climbed ladders all day long and embraced our bunks at night.

Spending time onboard was a unique experience for this civilian. It further cemented the respect I have developed in recent years of how our US Navy is run and the work it does. There is too much to describe, so I have boiled it down to six overarching impressions.

- 1. Redundancy:** there are back ups to back ups - whether it is in equipment, procedures or people - that could take over if the first fails. Everything is repeatedly tested to ensure all systems are mission ready.
- 2. Training:** There are continual drills throughout the ship and at all hours of the day. In the next two month period, the goal is re-establishing skill sets within the ship's company, followed by honing skills to work with the air wing, and finally establishing readiness to work smoothly with the carrier strike group. In addition, sailors must meet training requirements for their jobs and for

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Wendy Miles "Driving" the USS John C. Stennis

PSNBA Plans Commanding Officers Reception

Commanding Officers from local major commands will gather for a reception at the Kitsap Credit Union in downtown Bremerton on Monday, September 22, 2008. PSNBA will host the reception as another initiative that allows networking between our naval leadership and our membership. Active communication and connection with naval commanders allows PSNBA to understand the issues facing our leaders and region, and to advocate effective resolutions with our local and national representatives.

An announcement with the details for this important gathering will be posted on the "Events" page of our website, www.psnba.org.

Message from the President...

PSNBA needs your help. Please spread the word that PSNBA supports everyone associated with the local Navy bases. As you know, PSNBA's mission is to ensure that the Navy and Congress never forget that Kitsap County is where the Navy's past, present, and future were meant to be. Sixty-two years after our bylaws were approved the objectives of the organization remain the same:



Jim Nall

- To promote the general economic welfare of its members and the Puget Sound area.
- To further and encourage mutual confidence between management and employees of the various activities encompassed by the naval installations in Kitsap County.
- To coordinate the establishment of policies affecting the welfare of the naval installations and to present to proper authorities matters evolving from these policies.
- To render such assistance to congressional representatives as would best enable them to present to Congress the needs of the naval installations and its employees.

Our membership numbers give credence to the organization and helps your PSNBA delegation "carry the water" during the visits with both Navy Leadership and Congress. Please help spread the word that we need to increase the memberships in the Puget Sound Naval Bases Association.

JOIN PSNBA TODAY!

Membership forms can be downloaded from our website, www.psnba.org, or you can send an email to info@psnba.org to have a form sent directly to you. We offer corporate memberships as well as individual memberships, and best of all, membership is open to everyone. PSNBA is a non-profit organization which operates solely from the generous contributions of its members. Become a part of the legacy and join PSNBA Today!

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advancement. Some sailors elect to pursue a college education on top of this, fitting in classes and study time at odd hours during their heavily-scheduled and long days.

- 3. Empowerment:** With so many technical jobs on the ship, the Captain depends on everyone to do their job superbly, and to keep all eyes and ears open to potential compromises. This is accomplished by empowering sailors at all levels. They become valuable contributors to the overall mission.
- 4. Respect:** No matter what job a sailor has onboard, officers and shipmates respect their work. It is understood that each job is significant in running a smooth and safe ship. From the sailor who uses an air hose to blow water out of the cat eyes on the flight deck to the Navi"Gator" and Captain, it was clear that all jobs are critical to the success of the mission.
- 5. Pride:** Every sailor is proud of the work they do. No matter which department we toured, it seemed our tour guide's enthusiasm led us to ask more questions and stay longer than planned.
- 6. Caring:** The leadership onboard set an excellent example of how to care for their shipmates. One sailor's young toddler was in an accident just as we were leaving port. The Captain steered the ship around and made quick arrangements to get that sailor to his family as quickly as possible.

It is no wonder we are the most powerful military in the world. Thank you Capt. Johanson, XO Burnham, CMC Powers and shipmates of the USS John C. Stennis for showing us firsthand the great work you do.

Ms. Wendy Miles is the Director of Military and Continuing Education at Olympic College in Bremerton. She is also a member of the PSNBA Executive Board and currently holds the office of 2nd Vice President.

PSNBA Gate Drive

Members of the PSNBA Executive Board greeted employees of the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard and Intermediate Maintenance Facility (PSNS&IMF) on the mornings of July 14th and 15th. They handed out free coffee and donuts and spoke to the shipyard employees about the work PSNBA is doing on their behalf.



PSNBA Immediate Past President, Tim Thomson, and 2nd Vice President, Wendy Miles, standing outside the State Avenue Gate entrance to PSNS&IMF

PSNBA Welcomes the Chief of Naval Operations

PSNBA, working together with the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League and the Bremerton Chamber of Commerce, hosted the distinguished Admiral Gary Roughead, Chief of Naval Operations, as the Grand Marshall of Bremerton's Annual Armed Forces Day Parade.

Members of PSNBA participated in five different events with the Admiral during his stay in Bremerton. On the eve of the parade, PSNBA hosted a reception in honor of the Admiral at the beautiful "Fountain Room" located off the Puget Sound Navy Museum in downtown Bremerton. A large attendance of local community leaders, active duty military, and Navy Leadership made the evening a great success.

(Visit the PSNBA website, www.psnba.org, to read the thank you letter Admiral Roughead sent to our President Jim Nall.)



Admiral Gary Roughead and Mayor of Bremerton, Cary Bozeman

PSNBA Supports the Lone Sailor Project

The PSNBA Board of Directors approved a donation of \$1,500 in support of the Bremerton Navy League's Lone Sailor Statue Project to help bring the U.S. Navy Memorial to the Bremerton Waterfront. PSNBA will be permanently listed as a donor.

The statue depicts a seasoned Second Class Petty Officer and will be placed on the new Bremerton Marina breakwater where it will be seen from shore and the Sinclair Inlet with the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard as an obvious backdrop.

The project deserves our support because "...without the sailor, none of us would be here." The comment summarized the rationale for the Board's action. You can learn more about the Lone Sailor and donate privately through the website at: www.lonesailor-bremerton.org.

PSNBA is Proudly Supported by:

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**And our Silver and Bronze Members.
We Appreciate your Support!**

PSNBA Welcomes Chief of Naval Personnel

On 14 August 2008, PSNBA hosted a reception at the Naval Undersea Museum in Keyport, Washington for Vice Admiral Mark Ferguson, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Manpower, Personnel, Training, and Education).

Attending the reception and welcoming VADM Ferguson to the Pacific Northwest were representatives from the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council of the Navy League, the Bremerton Chapter of Naval Submarine League, the US Submarine Veterans, major commands, and local leadership from the community, business, and government.

Our officers introduced VADM Ferguson to the PSNBA legacy and our advocate's role for those who serve at our naval bases. VADM Ferguson recognized our leadership in bringing significant issues to Navy leadership and representing the interests of our members.

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We Need Your Help, 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. When you join PSNBA you become a member of a unique organization with a rich legacy 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!

PSNBA Calendar of Events:

- August 22, 2008
PSNS&IMF Internal Opportunities Fair
Naval Base Kitsap - Bangor
PSNBA will have a booth at the fair. Please feel free to stop by and say "hello"!
- September 8, 2008 – 4:45 p.m.
PSNBA General Board Meeting
Kitsap Transit Office, Bremerton WA
- September 8, 2008 – 6:00 p.m.
PSNBA Hosted Monthly Social
Anthony's Harborside Restaurant (in the Bar),
Bremerton, WA
Come join PSNBA Board Members, and Navy and Civic Leaders, in an informal networking environment
- September 22, 2008
PSNBA Commander's Reception
5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Kitsap Credit Union
Bremerton Harborside
Look for more details on the "Events" page on our website.

