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PSNBA Focuses on Strategic Plan

The 2008 PSNBA Strategic Planning Session was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to spend an evening shaping PSNBA's future.

The Strategic Planning Session was held on the evening of November 13th, in the Fireside Bistro at Olympic College – Bremerton Campus. Representatives from the PSNBA Board of Directors, unions and organizations from PSNS&IMF, and members from the community all gathered to share their concerns and ideas for PSNBA's future. After a solid brainstorming session, it was clear that everyone in the room shared a passion for the work PSNBA does, and will continue to do. Committee's have been established and work on action items will begin soon. Look for exciting changes coming to PSNBA in the near future!

Message from Congressman Norm Dicks (D - WA)

Throughout my years in Congress, I have seen the Navy and Kitsap County both benefit from the work of the Puget Sound Naval Bases Association. Every year I am pleased to arrange meetings between PSNBA and Navy leaders in Washington, DC. I do this knowing that the work of PSNBA is so respected that leaders such as the Secretary of the Navy and the Chief of Naval Operations are more than glad to make time to meet with them. To their credit, PSNBA engages on substantive issues, does their homework, builds key relationships and performs as an effective advocate for our communities and for the Navy. PSNBA brings important topics to the attention of the Fleet commands in Pearl Harbor and in Norfolk, and to the Pentagon. The topics concern the Navy's sailors and civilians, its operations, its facilities, and its communities.

I cannot overstate how important it is that the Navy knows that its host communities value its service to the nation and support its men and women. This is

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PSNBA members at the Strategic Planning Session

PSNBA and Puget Sound Partnership - Focus on the Military

This past summer and fall, PSNBA representatives participated in the development of a strategy for the Military Cluster of the Puget Sound Partnership. The Partnership is a coalition of nearly 300 organizations in four counties. Government, labor, and community organizations in Kitsap, King, Pierce, and Snohomish Counties have mobilized to ensure the long-term prosperity of central Puget Sound. The Partnership set a goal to create 100,000 new jobs in this region and identified seven business clusters: aerospace, clean technology, information technology, life sciences, logistics and international trade, tourism, and military. The Military Cluster, formed in 2008, is the newest area of emphasis for business initiatives. The Partnership recognized that the military was extremely important to the central Puget Sound economy. Each year, the military presence generates over \$350 M in sales for Puget Sound businesses and supports 132,000 jobs.

Members of the Military Cluster met this year and developed a cluster strategy, which springs from four core objectives:

- I. Understand and Support the Military Mission in Washington State and at Individual Bases
- II. Enhance Employment Opportunities for Military Spouses and Veterans

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Welcome 2009!

Hello Valued Members! Welcome to winter. Do you remember that old story of walking 10 miles in the snow to school each morning, going uphill – both ways? Well, it seems like it's true with our recent weather. I'm sure I've shoveled a ton of snow. I trudged to my local Safeway, foraged for groceries, and returned home with supplies on my back. (My dog sled was in the shop.)



AnnaLee Todd

The wonderful thing about the snow was how it closed the door on contemporary Christmas activities and restored us to traditional ones with our families gathered together. No power means no distractions from Direct TV, Xbox, and the like. We had the time and opportunity to enjoy each other. But eventually, I was more appreciative of how beautiful a snow-covered landscape is when I have the lights on and the furnace running.

Since the holidays promote reflecting upon the past year, I spent time considering my PSNBA involvement. I joined when someone asked if I benefited from having a healthy Navy in Kitsap County. The answer was affirmative. I became President because I believe that we must be proactive in maintaining the Navy's presence. Too often, we just put our heads down and go to work. We should celebrate our contribution to the national defense. What you do is amazing and incredibly important, reaching so far beyond Kitsap County and the Pacific Northwest. I'd be very pleased to hear from any member with their thoughts on this topic.

Since my last note to you, we distributed the results of our Strategic Planning Session to those who attended and volunteered to help develop our action plan. I expect the focus groups to start their discussion later this month. We have also started on our issue papers for our annual legislative visit.

Thank you for your continued support. I invite you to attend our board meeting or any of our socials. Your presence is welcome and appreciated. I'll see you soon.

Warm Regards,
AnnaLee Todd

PS – For friends and family members that are Navy buffs, I had a fantastic shopping experience at the Keyport Museum. I highly recommend it!

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!

World War II Lectures at Olympic College

NEW! Evolution of the US Navy Submarine, Parts 1 & 2

Olympic College Continuing Education will be offering a two-part lecture on the "Evolution of the US Navy Submarine" in January 2009.

This two-part lecture is a continuation of a popular World War II lecture series that began Fall quarter. Retired Captain Will Lent, graduate of the US Naval Academy and US Naval Post Graduate School, will lead the lectures. He has served on a cruiser, five diesel submarines and a submarine tender.

Part 1: Wednesday, January 21, 6:30—8 p.m. \$20

Beginning with the cleverly engineered submarine TURTLE, built in 1775, and continuing through the years to the designs used during World Wars I and II, take this journey through the history of those vessels and their battles.

Part 2: Wednesday, January 28, 6:30—8 p.m. \$20

Follow the post WWII submarines' activities during the Cold War emphasizing the nuclear classes and Ballistic Missile classes of Polaris, Poseidon and Trident. Why they were originally procured and how they are currently used will be discussed.

Register today!

360.394.2725

For more information

Call 360.475.7786 or e-mail continuinged@olympic.edu

Naval Heritage Award

PSNBA congratulates Congressman Norm Dicks who was honored with the Naval Heritage Award at the 2008 United States Navy Memorial's "Lone Sailor" Awards Dinner.

The Naval Heritage Award is presented to distinguished Americans who have significantly supported this nation's Sea Services, and whose lives and careers exemplify the core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment. For further information on the U.S. Navy Memorial and the Lone Sailor Awards Dinner, visit www.navymemorial.org.

The city of Bremerton is one of only 13 cities in the country to have one of the beautiful Lone Sailor® statues. The Lone Sailor – Bremerton has been placed approximately 45 feet from the SW end of the new Breakwater pier at the recently renovated Bremerton Marina. The sailor stands watch over Sinclair Inlet, welcoming all who come to visit our community.

A dedication ceremony for the new statue is planned on April 18, 2009. Donations are still needed to finish the construction of the site, which will include a Commemoration Wall. For more information on making a donation, visit www.lonesailor-bremerton.org.

PSNBA and Puget Sound Partnership...

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- III. Improve Education Opportunities for Military Personnel, Spouses, and Children
- IV. Use Business Attraction, Retention, and Expansion Strategies to Expand the Region's Defense Contracting Industry

Admiral James Symonds, Navy Region Northwest, and Carol Evanoff, Lockheed Martin – Bangor, served as the Cluster's co-chairs. Ms. Evanoff, a current PSNBA Board Member was joined by two other PSNBA representatives: Jim Nall (PSNBA Past President) and Wendy Miles (PSNBA 2nd VP). In addition, Bill Stewart attended representing the Kitsap Economic Development Alliance. PSNBA looks forwards to continued participation in the Puget Sound Partnership to meet these objectives in 2009 and beyond.

For more information about the Puget Sound Partnership and the Military Cluster, explore the website at www.prosperitypartnership.org.

Message from Congressman Dicks...

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especially true during times such as these. Our Navy is conducting missions around the world every day; some are combat missions, some are deterrence missions, and some are humanitarian missions. At the same time the national economy is struggling and federal budgets are strained. The Navy is going to be challenged to buy an adequate number of ships and aircraft for the future while it also pays for current operations and takes care of its people. The role of groups like PSNBA and Navy communities will be as important as ever in the years to come.

My hat is off to the members of PSNBA and their supporters. Keep up the great work!

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Message from U.S. Representative Jay Inslee

Greetings from U.S. Rep. Jay Inslee (D-Wash.)

During the holiday season, it's important to remember what you're thankful for. I am deeply thankful for the chance to serve my constituents and fight for their interests during my past ten years in Congress – and I am particularly proud to represent the Kitsap County military community and its supporters like the Puget Sound Naval Bases Association.



Jay Inslee

In the U.S. House of Representatives, I represent the First Congressional District, which includes the Bangor Naval Submarine Base and Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Keyport, both part of Naval Base Kitsap. I strongly support a robust defense budget to keep this country safe and keep good jobs here at home. I have consistently voted to support investments in military construction and infrastructure so our bases are ready in war and in peace. We have recently seen first-hand the importance of the Pacific theater to our naval strategy, both to prepare for future threats and to act as a staging ground for operations such as the 2004 tsunami relief effort.

In August, I toured the submarine USS Nebraska (SSBN-739) and met with Rear Admiral Tim Giardina, commander of Submarine Group Trident, to discuss the military community's needs and concerns. In November, I was honored to join many of you in thanking our men and women in uniform at the Veteran's Day Celebration at the Kitsap County Fairgrounds. At that event, I explained that veterans epitomized the ideals of the Constitution and Declaration of Independence in the flesh; the promises in those hallowed documents are brought to life every day through the service and sacrifice of our military service members and their families.

I encourage you to contact me with your thoughts or to let me know if my office can assist you in any way. You can reach me by phone at 202-225-6311 or by email at jay.inslee@mail.house.gov. Thank you, and keep up the good work.

**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:

- January 30, 2009
PSNBA Reception for Admiral Tim Keating, Commander, U.S. Pacific Command
Look for more details on the "Events" page on our website, www.psnba.org.
- February 3 - 4, 2009
PSNBA Delegation to meet with U.S. Pacific Fleet Commander, Admiral Robert Willard
Pearl Harbor, HI
- February 9, 2009 – 4:45 p.m.
PSNBA General Board Meeting
Exact location TBA
Check our website, www.psnba.org, or email info@psnba.org for meeting location.
- March 2-6, 2009 (*Planned dates*)
Annual Advocacy Trip
PSNBA Delegation travels to Washington, D.C. to meet with Senior Navy Officials and Washington State Political Delegation.

