



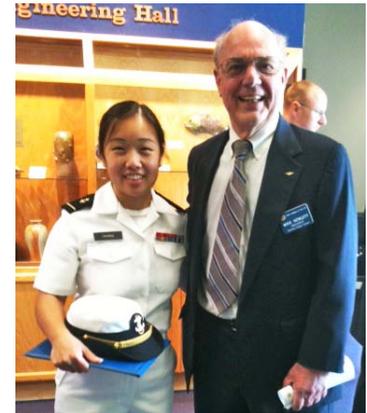
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LOCAL NAVY LEAGUE DAUGHTER COMMISSIONED

When Mike Hewlett, Portland Council President attended Oregon State University's NROTC ceremony to present an officer's sword to the outstanding graduate, he learned of another student with close Navy League ties. Member Jack Chang's daughter Betty is an OSU graduate who also received her commission that day. Her dad was in the Navy in the 1970s and is a lifetime Portland Council member. His daughter still remembers being on an upriver ship ride during the Rose Festival, an event that influenced her choice of the Navy as a career. Betty's first billet will be in Yokuska, Japan. Will Moore was awarded the sword, as top academic. Will is from Seattle and plans to pursue a medical degree and career.



RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES



Ten NL Portland members and guests were treated to an up-river cruise under clear skies. They travelled from Astoria to Portland aboard the *USCG Alert*. The *Alert's* Capt. Dan Pickles and crew made all feel most welcome. They were proud to display multiple facets of their ability to carry out their highly complex mission. RADM Keith Taylor, USCG District Thirteen Commander, came aboard during a quick stop in Longview. He, too, warmly welcomed all guests. Fewer up-river rides were available this year because fewer Coast Guard and Navy ships participated in Rose Festival, due to last minute changes.

Our fellow Blueback Council was still able to put various public groups on two Navy ships.

On June 23rd, 29 members and friends visited the *USS Frank Cable (AS40)* at Vigor Shipyard, Portland. This submarine tender services fleet nuclear submarines and is normally based in Guam. The full complement of 1200 sailors and civilians came aboard the week prior. Following a five-month yard period, they were fully engaged in preparations for the long voyage to Hawaii and then to Guam. Though we were an interruption, Capt. Hildreth and crew welcomed us to a delicious lunch in the wardroom and showed us around the ship. Much work was still under way as members threaded their way through various compartments, from bridge to machine shops. We hope to arrange future visits to Navy and other ships as they come to Portland for maintenance.



Capt. LeBlanc, USCG Guest Speaker

Capt. Daniel LeBlanc, USCG, will be the guest speaker at our quarterly Dinner Meeting on Thursday, August 23. He is Commanding Officer, Marine Safety Unit, Portland, which includes all the Columbia/Willamette River basin. In addition to addressing normal CG activities on the rivers, he will talk about little known CG activities -- such as what they are doing about various derelict ships along the rivers and law enforcement activities. Remember the *Davy Crockett* that cost taxpayers \$20 million to clean up? Our dinner will be at the Monarch Hotel (12566 SE 93rd Ave.), Clackamas Town Center. Social 6PM, Dinner 7PM. Cost \$25/person. Reservations: Ron Dale at ron_dal@msn.com or 503-789-3087 (mention "Navy League").

NEXT BUSINESS/BOARD MEETING – July 21

Business meetings are open to all members and are held at 10AM at the Navy District Recruiting offices at 7028 NE 79th Ct., Portland. Committee members needed.

MAKE PLANS FOR THE MARITIME BALL – OCT. 6

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