



PORTLAND-BLUEBACK COUNCIL

NAVY LEAGUE OF THE UNITED STATES

Upcoming Activities

January 18 - Council Board of Directors Meeting. 10:00 am, Portland Coast Guard Station, 6767 Basin Ave., Portland OR 97217.

March 15 - Quarterly Brunch, 10:00am, The Aerie at Eagle Landing, 10220 SE Causey Ave., Happy Valley, OR 97086

May 16, 17, 18 - Hillsboro Air Show, Portland-Hillsboro Airport.

July 12 - Annual Barbecue at Boring Winery & Taproom, 29300 SE Haley Road, Boring 97009 (at US Hwy 26).

Events in the works:

- * Rose Festival - June
- * Chiefs' Mess - June 5, Kell's Irish Pub
- * Annual Fly In, Wash. DC - May
- * Ship Tour, Bremerton, date TBD



Council mourns at death of Board Member Ray Hanson

Ray was a long time member of Navy League. He was born June 14, 1947 in South Dakota. He died at age 77 on Nov. 10, 2024. He was a business consultant and lived in Sacramento, Tillamook and West Linn. He was a Royal Rosarian and Prime Minister in 2011.



Council Officers

President - Tom Finneran
 Vice President - Gary Battles
 Secretary - Ed Kairis
 Treasurer - Jim Lasher
 Judge Advocate - Scott Guptil

Board Members

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| Joe Baney | Steven Bledsoe |
| Arlo Gatchel | Debbie Hills |
| Mark Johnson | Scott Maguire |
| Tony Sebbio | Taylor Smith |
| Tom Stevenson | Angel Uscanga |

GET READY TO VOLUNTEER:

We will need lots of volunteers to work in the food chalet at the Oregon International Air Show, Hillsboro version. We need people to help set things up on Thursday, and folks to work serving meals on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. You will get a T-shirt and access to the air show.

HILLSBORO AIR SHOW DATES SET FOR MAY 16, 17, 18

May 16 is Friday. Show gates open at 6:00pm. The air show will begin at about 6:30pm. Hours for Saturday and Sunday are 9:00am to 5:00pm with the air show starting at about Noon.

Two air teams have signed on, so far with more coming.

USAF F-35 LIGHTNING II DEMO TEAM: featuring the F-35A, a stealth, supersonic, multi-role fighter. This team is based at Hill AFB in Utah

PATRIOTS JET TEAM: this is the largest civilian-owned aerobatic jet team in the Western Hemisphere. They Procured their first L-39 Albatross in 1999 and assembled their team of pilots in 2002. Now they have 8 of the light attack/ fighter trainers in their hangar. They are based in Byron, Calif.

December speaker Col Caswell updates Council on Army Corps work

Colonel Larry Caswell assumed command of the Portland District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in July 2023.

He provided an overview of the Corps' work in the Willamette and Columbia watersheds. The Corps has projects involving construction and waterways in Oregon and southwest Washington.

The Portland District oversees navigation, fish mitigation, dams, flood risk, hydropower, environment, recreation and disaster response. They maintain a fleet of dredges, including ocean-going dredges and they use them up and down the west coast and in Hawaii.

Col Caswell is a 1999 West Point graduate. He also holds a Master's Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Missouri and a Master's degree from the Army War College. His most recent positions were executive director of headquarters Military Program and branch chief for Program Integration.

His previous assignments included posts in Australia, Germany, Afghanistan and Iraq, as well as location in the U.S. He holds the Bronze Star, Campaign Medals and Combat Action badge.

He is married to Erin Jacques and they have four children.

