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Honor, Courage, Commitment

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I hope this newsletter finds you all happy and healthy.

To start, my apologies for a somewhat slow 2018 for the Chapter. I hope you will find 2019 to be quite the opposite. We have a great group of Trustees, Chapter Officers, and Volunteers who have committed to ensuring we have multiple events across the region with enough variety to interest everyone.

It is no surprise that we are a geographically disperse Chapter. That said; we are looking to add up to three additional Trustees to the Chapter with a goal of having representation from all four compass points around the Sound. If you are willing/able to help plan or host some events and are interested in participating as a Trustee please let me know and/or watch for future email announcements.

Our Happy Hour Social / Networking events are going strong and I am pleased to report that these are happening more frequently and at more locations to accommodate all our amazing Alumni in the region. If you have not made it to one of these please do so. We provide appetizers and current members get their first drink "on the house".

I am really looking forward to our Annual Meeting in April and the incoming Plebe Luncheon in May. What a great combination, Distinguished Graduates followed by future Naval Officers... Awesome...

Other big events coming up include a tour of the Blue Origin facility in Kent, our summer picnic at Camp McKean, and of course Army Navy. Be sure to read future emails and/or visit our website to see what else comes our way – If you have an idea for an event please don't hesitate to reach out to any of the Trustees and share your idea(s).

Membership – We have retained our status as one of the largest Alumni Chapters, and that is a big deal. Because of this, we retain a seat as a National Trustee. If you are not a member please consider becoming one. If you are currently a member and are about to expire, please renew. A Chapter is only as strong as its membership and I want to be the best; We cannot do it without you.

Donations – As a Chapter we are pushing to have all of our events be low/no cost. In order to achieve this and still be able to do things like host WA state students for Summer Seminars we are opening the door to contributions / donations. You will see opportunities to donate when registering for / attending events and we have information on our website about donations as well.

Called to Serve - Daring to Lead: The Naval Academy Campaign. On this I will just say please visit <https://www.usna.com/daringtolead>, read a little about what this campaign is for, and make a decision if contributing is right for you. Know that the amount is less important than the participation – It would be really amazing if we could get 100% participation from the Puget Sound Alumni.

Well, I am out of room – Thanks for reading, Thank you for your service (past, present, and future), thank you for being a part of the Chapter, and of course:

Go Navy! Beat Army!

- APRIL 2019**
- UPCOMING EVENTS***
- 4/3: Networking Social Happy Hour (East), Roanoke Inn Mercer Island***
- 4/18: Annual Chapter Meeting, The Northern Trust Company, Seattle***
- 4/24: Networking Social Happy Hour (West), Oxford Suites, Silverdale***
- 4/27: Tour of BLUE ORIGIN facility, Kent***
- 5/11: Incoming Plebe Lunch, Mercer Island Community and Events Center **FREE LUNCH*****
- 5/22: Networking Social (North), Oak Harbor***
- 6/26: Networking Social (West), Silverdale***
- 7/2: Networking Social (North), Anacortes***
- 8/11: Annual Chapter Picnic, Camp McKean on Lake Kitsap, Bremerton***
- 8/23: Networking Social (West), Silverdale***
- 9/17: Networking Social (North), Anacortes***
- 10/30: Networking Social (West), Silverdale***
- 11/6: Networking Social (North), Oak Harbor***
- GO NAVY! BEAT ARMY!***

UPCOMING EVENTS

BLUE & GOLD SOCIALS ARE GOING STRONG!

Our chapter has several informal “Blue and Gold” networking/social happy hours scheduled for the following months throughout the Puget Sound area, in Seattle, Oak Harbor, Mercer Island, as well as our traditional longest running social in Silverdale at the Oxford Suites. These are “come as you are” after work events where all USNA Alumni and their guests of all ages are invited. Current chapter members’ first drink is on us, and limited complimentary appetizers are provided, with additional food/drinks typically available for purchase. No RSVP required! Information on these and other events are found on our chapter website at <http://pugetsound.usnachapters.net>.



Silverdale February: Carol Hoffman '80, Brian Uber '65, Tom Long '59, Joe Kuzmick '81, Steve Fabry '65, Doug Moran '75, Rich Pollock '70, Pat Cooper '65, Ernie Lockwood '65, Jim Adkins '58, George Papich '92

INCOMING PLEBE LUNCH – SATURDAY, MAY 11

Please join us for lunch and to meet the class of 2023! Food Trucks will start serving a FREE lunch at 11:00am. The Alumni Association will kick off the program at 12:15pm with introductions of the new plebes and '73 Alumni presenting “Another Link in The Chain.” At the end of that portion of the program the Parents Club will take over with “Plebe 101” to get the Class of '23 (and their nervous parents) ready for I-day and Plebe Year.

Although this is a free event, pre-registration will be required. Visit <http://pugetsound.usnachapters.net> to register.

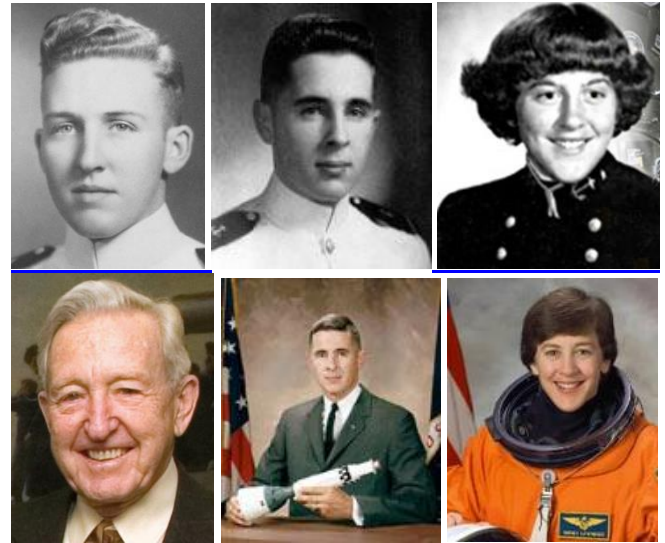


Mercer Island VFW Post 1836 72nd Ave SE, Mercer Island

ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING – THURSDAY, APRIL 18
5:30–7:30pm at Northern Trust – 1301 2nd Ave, Suite 2600, Seattle

Join us in honoring local USNA Distinguished Graduates:
ADM Thomas Hayward, USN (Ret) Class of '48
MGen William Anders, USAFR (Ret) Class of '55
CAPT Wendy Lawrence, USN (Ret) Class of '81
We will hold a panel discussion during this “Happy Hour” style event with complementary food and drinks and an amazing view.

Although this is a free event, pre-registration will be required. Visit <http://pugetsound.usnachapters.net> to register.



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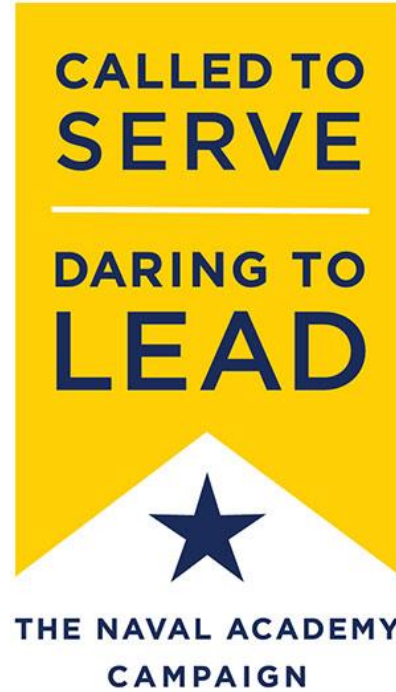
TOUR OF BLUE ORIGIN FACILITY – SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Erik Lord '04 has arranged to host a tour of the Blue Origin facilities in Kent on Saturday, April 27. Blue Origin, LLC is a privately funded aerospace manufacture and spaceflight services company founded in 2000 by Jeff Bezos. The company motto is *Gradatim Ferociter*, Latin for “Step by Step, Ferociously”

More info on the company can be found at www.blueorigin.com

Although this is a free event, pre-registration is required. There is a maximum of 50 attendees, and the tour is open to current members and their families. Visit <http://pugetsound.usnachapters.net> to register.





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