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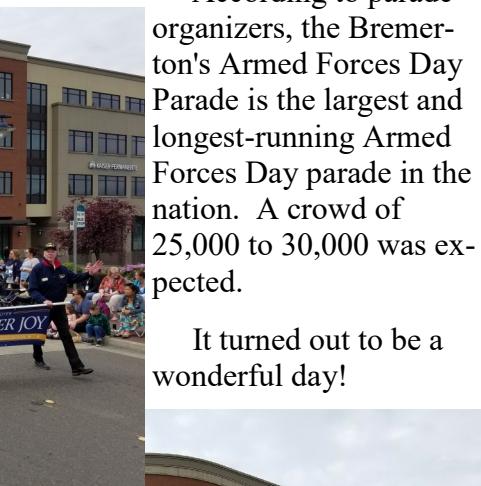
Showing Our Flag

USS Turner Joy was proudly and prominently represented by volunteers, staff and Board members in

BHSA Treasurer, David Rhine, and Michael Zuver, Volunteer.

According to parade organizers, the Bremerton's Armed Forces Day Parade is the largest and longest-running Armed Forces Day parade in the nation. A crowd of 25,000 to 30,000 was expected.

It turned out to be a wonderful day!



the 71st Armed Forces Day Parade on Saturday, May 19th in downtown Bremerton.

We rolled through downtown Bremerton with the USS Turner Joy Banner, carried by the new Director, Charlie Birdsell, and his wife, Diana; the TJ Jeep, driven by Daniel Zerbe, Maintenance Manager, carrying Bremerton Historic Ships Association (BHSA) President, John Hanson. Last but not least, the STEM Banner was following carried by



The USS Turner Joy (DD 951) is a museum ship that pays tribute to the men and women who served, fought, and died during the Vietnam War and beyond. The Officers and Enlisted personnel, who served aboard this ship from 1959 to 1982, left a legacy of honorable service, which is our humble duty to uphold. The ship is a memorial that preserves the U.S. Navy and maritime heritage in the Pacific Northwest as a place for education, reflection, and fun. A place for local area residents and tourists to enjoy the beautiful downtown Bremerton waterfront.

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25 Donations Received
Totaling \$8,540
Wow!

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Harbor Festival Activities



USS Turner Joy's presence was prominent on the Bremerton waterfront during the 10th annual Kitsap Harbor Festival over the Memorial Day weekend on May 26th and 27th. The Turner Joy Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) and information booth was staffed by BHSA President, John Hanson and his wife, Cassie, and volunteers, Dr. Jill Clarridge, Valerie Zuver and Makayla Vander Ven. Numerous students stopped by over the two days to participate in STEM activities. The activities included robots donated by the U.S. Naval Academy STEM program. In addition, the ship was very popular over the weekend with approximately 525 visitors touring the ship. Thanks to all of the volunteers who supported the tours aboard the ship.

The Kitsap Harbor Festival is the opening of the summer boating season and draws boaters and visitors from outlying communities to participate in the various activities along the waterfront marina. The Port of Bremerton started the festi-

val in 2008 and continues to financially support it, as does the City of Bremerton among many others. Each year the festival continues to grow with additional sponsored events.



Memorial Day Ceremony



The USS Turner Joy proudly served as the platform for the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council U.S. Navy League's 21st Memorial Day Ceremony on May 28th. The solemn event culminated with the tossing of a ceremonial wreath from the ship's fantail to recognize and honor our fallen veterans. Captain Steve Westover, USN (retired), President of the local Navy League Council served as

the Master of Ceremonies, the Color Guard was provided by the Scorpion Squadron Sea Cadets, and the Honor Guard was provided by the Ceremonial Guard, Marine Corps Security Force Battalion.

The guest speaker for the ceremony was Lieutenant Colonel Karl Tinson, Commanding Officer, Ma-



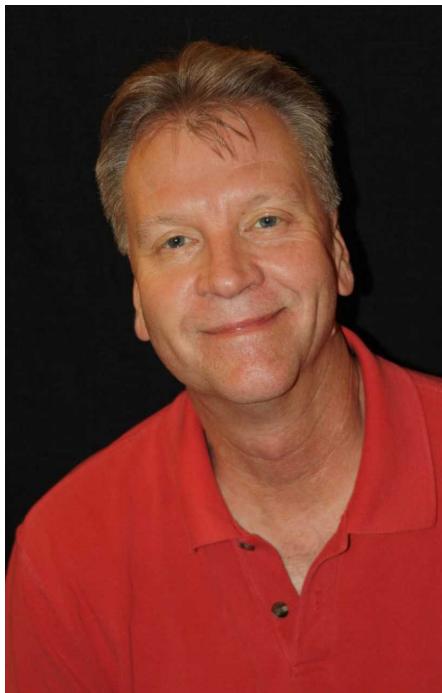
rine Corps Security Force Battalion, Bangor. The Marines and Sailors under his command are responsible for securing all strategic assets at Naval Base Kitsap – Bangor to prevent unauthorized access or loss of control.

Seattle news media, Q13 FOX, filmed the ceremony with the video airing that evening on the 10 o'clock news.





Our New Director!



Charlie Birdsell, Director, Bremerton Historic Ships Association

As many of you know, John Hanson, Bremerton Historic Ships Association (BHSA) President, has been serving as the Acting Director, after Frank Portello resigned to pursue another career. The BHSA Executive Board interviewed a number of candidates and selected, Charlie Birdsell, as our new Director.

Charlie's Biography: After graduating from the Murrow School of Communications at WSU, I worked for the next 25+ years in the operation and management of radio stations in places like Spokane, Seat-

tle, San Jose, Tucson and nationally as a consultant. When I moved back to the NW, we settled in Port Orchard and moved to Bremerton in 2003. I was the production director for an ad agency in Tacoma for almost 10 years. I established **Sound Voices** when we moved back and have continued to do freelance audio and voice production since. For the last 2 1/2 years, I've been the outside business developer for an employment agency—crisscrossing the county getting to know business owners and leaders along the way. My wife and I just got back from seeing our youngest of three daughters graduate in San Francisco. Empty nesters...if you call having two Corgis and two miniature dachshunds around the house "empty." A couple of non-work facts: I've appeared in roughly 30 community theater productions in Tacoma and Kitsap County. And, I'm a produced playwright. Great to be part of a new production team!

Welcome Aboard— Charlie!

Recent Groupon Comments

The screenshot shows a mobile application interface for "Feedback". At the top, there are tabs for "ALL", "POSITIVE", and "NEGATIVE", with "POSITIVE" being underlined. Below the tabs, there are four review cards, each with a star rating, the reviewer's name, the date, and a brief summary.

- R.A.** • May 25, 2018
All-Day Historic Ship Admission for Two
Had a wonderful time! Definitely worth a visit.
- Nicholas...** • Apr 25, 2018
All-Day Historic Ship Admission for Two
Really great. My wife and I did this for our 1st anniversary.
- Sara B.** • Apr 14, 2018
All-Day Historic Ship Admission for Four
Was a great way to spend a spring day! It was beautiful out and the ship was amazing! Our boys had a great time! The staff is so nice! Thanks for the amazing deal
- Kathryn ...** • Apr 9, 2018
All-Day Historic Ship Admission for Two
I bought these tickets for my son and husband, they loved it



Turner Joy DD-951

Phased-Maintenance Completion

Back in her “active days”, the First Lieutenant, Ship’s Boatswain, Deck Division and, typically, a crew of non-rates were responsible for preservation and maintenance of the decks and structures of USS Turner Joy. Periodically, during a shipyard refit period or contracted-maintenance coincidental with a port -of-call, she received a well-deserved prep, prime and paint on a portion of the ship. Wouldn’t it be great to have that same infrastructure today?

Unfortunately, we don’t! All of the ship’s maintenance falls on the shoulders of the Association, volunteers, small maintenance staff and contractors (when you can get them). As most of you know, there has been a plastic barrier over the port-side main deck while deck and structural maintenance were accomplished by our maintenance folks and volunteers. The plastic barrier protected the pristine waters of the Puget Sound from any debris contamination and partitioned the area off from our visitors.



There were a few complications experienced during the maintenance causing some unexpected and inconvenient delays, like corrosion at the steel to alu-

minum interface, but the work is finally complete with a great looking result. You can see by the photos that the main deck and open bridge are all “spiffed up” and ready for the summer season. A lot of work was done!

Thanks to the dedication and perseverance of our maintenance personnel, especially Maintenance Helper, Tyreke, for completing the maintenance.





Ukrainian Scout Overnight

When Michael snuck in, they were knot tying. They did their own flag ceremony that evening. Before they left the next day, they took a photo opportunity in front of the gun mount. After the pics, they sang a good-bye song.

Michael said that no other group ever stole his heart like these folks. He would love to have them back!

During their visit, the Ukrainian scouts held a private ceremony to commemorate the 100-year anniversary of the independence of Ukraine and the first time a Ukrainian battleship flew an independent flag. These ceremonies were conducted all around the United States and we were honored to be the Pacific Northwest host.

According to volunteer, Michael Kozlik, "...one of the best overnights I ever had!". By his account, the scouts of the Seattle Plast Ukrainian Scouting organization were one of the most well-behaved groups he ever had the honor of hosting. He and, the other overnight chaperone and docent, Rebecca Roskowski, had the pleasure of accommodating the scouts.

Before going to the overnight, Michael wrote down some words and phrases in Ukrainian, like "Hello", "Please", "Thanks", and "Does anyone speak English?" They told Michael that he did good but he is still a little dubious about his Ukrainian language skills. He related that the scouts loved singing! After the tasty, delectable, pizza that they were served, they all stood up and sang a thank you for dinner song! The troop was made up of boys and girls. According to Michael, "they were so dang polite!" They were split into two groups and toured the ship.

For quiet time (after 9 pm), they wanted to go to the wardroom.

Help Needed!

Volunteer, Michael Kozlik, is assembling displays for all of the Turner Joy's ports-of-call. As part of the project, he wants to include a sample of the currencies from each of the countries visited. He still needs currencies from New Zealand, Thailand, Japan and Singapore. If you can help Michael complete the displays by donating currency samples from one or more of these countries, please email him at m_koz52@yahoo.com. Your donations will be very much appreciated!

Coming Soon—Bremerton Bridge Blast!

Fireworks from the Manette Bridge!

June 30th, 2018





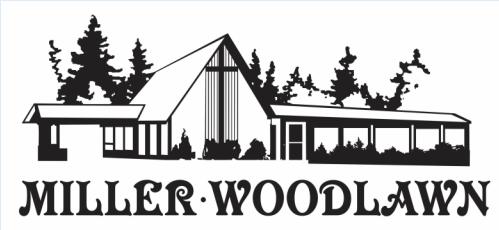
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Turner Joy DD-951

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