



Now Hear This!

Commissioning Ceremony

It was a beautiful, sunny morning on Thursday, March 28th, 2019. A perfect day for a commissioning ceremony with Turner Joy as the venue.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to one of the Navy’s and USS CARL VINSON (CVN 70)’s newest officers, Ensign Erica Weatherford. She was commissioned, with her family looking on, during a ceremony aboard the Turner Joy.



Ensign Erica Weatherford, USN

Summer Hours In Effect

The USS Turner Joy is now on “Summer Hours”. The Ship and Gift Shop are open 7-days a week, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Please stop by when you can and check out all of the improvements.

Kitsap Great Give is just around the corner!

Turner Joy provides STEM Academy and education classes for grades 3-7 at no cost to the school - fully funded through grants, donations and sponsorships.

Please consider selecting Turner Joy, now until April 23rd for your donation.

To Donate follow: [Kitsap Great Give](#) and enter: “DD-951 USS Turner Joy” as the Nonprofit.



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.

DONATIONS

Shipmates

Robert B. McClinton,
RADM, USN (Ret.)

Dawn Sanders, Herbert
Probst, and Lynn Gavlock in
memory of former shipmate
RMSN Herbert E. Probst Jr.

Friends

William A. Lowell, CAPT,
USN (Ret.)

Terry Berglund

Donations for January through
March Totaled— \$2,026.52

THANK YOU!
FOR YOUR GENEROUS
CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE USS TURNER JOY
MUSEUM SHIP





The Passing of a Shipmate: RADM Bob McClinton (1925-2019)

We are saddened to report that RADM Robert Brock McClinton, Commanding Officer of USS TURNER JOY from May 1965 to October 1966, and former Bremerton Historic Ships Association board member, passed away on April 12th at his home in Sequim, Washington. Bob graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in June 1947 and embarked on a 35-year career as a Surface Line officer. Prior to taking command of TURNER JOY, Bob served as a Division Officer in USS MISSISSIPPI (BB 41/EAG 128) and USS FRESNO (CL 121), as a Department Head in USS DYESS (DDR 880) and USS DOUGLAS H. FOX (DD 779), as Commanding Officer of USS CONFLICT (MSO 426), and as Executive Officer of USS NORFOLK (DL 1).

During his command tour in TURNER JOY, he led the ship through a combat deployment to Vietnam from July 1965 to January 1966. This included operations on Yankee Station in support of USS CORAL SEA (CVA 43) and USS TICONDEROGA (CVA 14), as well as naval gunfire support (NGFS) missions along the length of the South Vietnamese coast from Chu Lai in the north to the Mekong Delta in the south to the Gulf of Thailand in the west. During its operations on the gunline, TURNER JOY conducted 84 missions, expending over 2,000 rounds of ammunition. This included the first ever NGFS missions fired from the Gulf of Thailand against targets on the west coast of South Vietnam.



CDR Robert Brock McClinton

*Photo taken while serving as Commanding Officer of USS
TURNER JOY*

Following his tour in TURNER JOY, Bob commanded USS DETROIT (AOE 4) and was subsequently promoted to Rear Admiral. His flag officer assignments included tours as Commander, Navy Recruiting Command, Commander, Naval Surface Group, Western Pacific, and Commandant, Sixth Naval District headquartered in Charleston, SC. Bob retired from the Navy in 1982 and settled with his wife, Gunvor, in Sequim. He will be greatly missed by his former shipmates and BHSA board colleagues, as well as the many TURNER JOY volunteers who have had the benefit of meeting him on his visits to the ship.



Sand Hill Elementary STEM

It was a great Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) session on Thursday, March 14th, 2019 with 3rd graders from Sand Hill Elementary School, Belfair, Washington. The TJ's Crews Mess was a hopping place! Learning is fun, fun, fun!



First Overnights

The Turner Joy's first overnight liveboards for the new season. Scout Pack 505! A great time was had by all!





Our Majestic Tenant

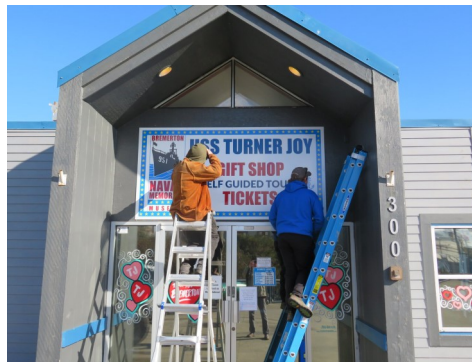
If you were a majestic bald eagle and wanted the best vantage point on Sinclair Inlet to survey the territory. Where would you pick? This fellow picked the Turner Joy masthead. We can't be sure if this is the same eagle that visited us last year but this is a welcomed and awesome sight!



New Turner Joy Gift Shop Signage

Recently, the Turner Joy Gift Shop and entrance to the ship got an updated look with new signage. Turner Joy Director, Charlie Birdsell, and Gift Shop Manager, JoAnn Groat, collaborated to develop a new look at the front entrance. The entrance sign and sandwich board provide a very professional, fresh and appealing look! The new signage was received and installed in early February.

I believe they truly hit a homerun! You be the judge!

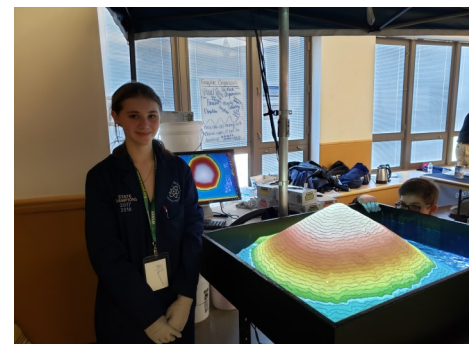


STEM Augmented Reality Sandbox New Record

The Turner Joy STEM Team supported the 62nd Annual Washington State Science and Engineering Fair (WSSEF) on March 29th and 30th. The WSSEF works to create enthusiasm in science and technology while encouraging project-based inquiry, and provides students the chance to compete for college scholarships, awards and other prizes.

During the Fair, held in the Bremerton High School Auditorium, one of the students (unfortunately we don't have her name) created the tallest mountain ever created with the Augmented Reality Sandbox. The mountain was 31 contour lines high above sea level. We were using a 1000 feet per line so that makes it 31,000 feet high which is higher than Mt Everest, the tallest mountain on earth at 29,029 feet.

The standard has been set!



World's Tallest Mountain (sorta!)



Snowmagedon, Snowpocalypse!

My, Oh My! We certainly had some weather challenges this year. Bremerton recorded a total of 20.7 inches of snowfall in February of this year topping the previous February record of 20 inches, set in 1949, according to the National Weather Service. Some parts of Kitsap County reported even deeper snow. Wow! There were certainly some challenges for access to the Turner Joy and facilities but the Crew and Staff adapted and overcame.



We're Open During Construction!

Construction on the Marina Square Project (new hotel, apartment building, restaurant and shopping areas) adjacent to the Bremerton Marina may go on for another couple of years. Please don't let that deter you from visiting the ship. We are open and encourage you to stop by for a visit.

Even with the weather issues, we had another stellar winter meeting guests and showing off the ship.

Thanks to everyone for including your email address in our guest book and we hope you look forward to receiving your next issue of *Now Hear This!*



KING 5 Take 5

We've had some new friends on the ship over the last few months. Co-hosts Chris Cashman, Michelle Li, Angela Russell and Jordan Steele from KING 5's Take 5, that airs weekdays at 4:00 p.m., have been in town checking out things to do in Bremerton. Of course, they came to the USS Turner Joy Museum Ship. We have had several visits by the KING 5 co-hosts and crew to film and prepare for a future Take 5 episode that includes Bremerton and the Turner Joy.

From their website, KING 5 Take 5 is a casual conversation about the news, with storytelling centered around people, places and ideas that leave you feeling something positive. Launched in 2018, the show's mission intends for you to come away from the show not just informed, but inspired, entertained and energized.

The co-hosts and crew have visited and filmed various parts of the ship including Main Battery Plot (Plot 1) and the Bridge, among others. Keep an eye out for the KING 5 Take 5 episode on Bremerton.



KING 5 Take 5 - Michelle Li Interviews BHS President, John Hanson and STEM Volunteers Valerie Zuver and Makayla VanderVen



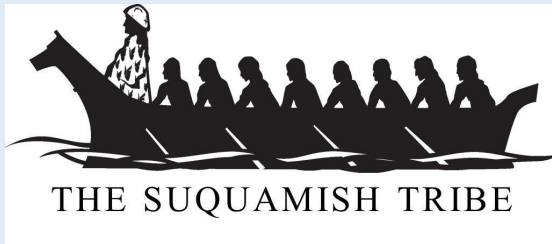
KING 5 Take 5 Co-hosts aboard Turner Joy preparing for their film shoot (left to right) - Angela Russell, Chris Cashman, Michelle Li, and Jordan Steele



Director, Charlie Birdsell, and Volunteer, John Kieft, support KING 5 Take 5 filming of the Bridge and Plot 1



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