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Chairman's Corner

By Doug Hoople



I'm writing this on Memorial Day. As a Veteran, I was up early to lower my American flag to half-mast to recognize the holiday and those who have given the supreme sacrifice in war (after it had been raised to the top of the flag pole). In Bellevue, Sunset Hills Memorial Park has an outstanding memorial program every year. This year attendance was greater than usual. After the program I returned home to raise the flag back to the top of the pole, per flag code.

In the afternoon it was time to travel to Tahoma National Cemetery to place flowers on graves. There are two special Veteran friends for me to visit Lorenzo DelRosario and Bill Wood. Both returned home from war and the military to live their lives and serve their community. Del worked for Boeing, was a Bluebill and provided lots of volunteer hours for the Kids in Needs program. Bill was a volunteer and advocate for Veterans in King County as a member of the King County Veterans Program Advisory Board. He advocated for and served on the King County Veterans Levy Oversight Board. Del passed in 2007, Bill in 2014, so I've been remembering Del for a longer time.

I couldn't visit the grave site which holds special respect for me. It's located in McAllen, Texas. Edward P. Cooper is buried there. We served together flying Market Time flights off the coast of Vietnam. He was killed in an airplane crash on December 5, 1971. I survived that crash because we had changed seats and responsibilities in the airplane. In 2000, I saw that his name was not on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, DC and stated a series

of letters and proofs to get his name added. Completing that task ranks as one of the most satisfying efforts I've ever accomplished in life.

I believe it is a solemn responsibility for those of us Veterans who are still here to keep our fallen brothers and sisters remembered and recognized. Every time I attend a funeral at Tahoma I visit the growing number of graves of friends buried there.

I hope that all of you were able to pay respect to those friends and family members who are no longer with us. I remember my In-Laws back in Kansas used Memorial Day as a day to place flowers on all family graves. It's important to have at least one day to pay respect to those who have given us our heritage.

This month I have nobody to recognize. Last month I had submitted a thanks to those who might step up to take on new responsibilities in Bluebill leadership and help in the office. Somehow that paragraph didn't make it to print. It didn't matter, nobody took up my plea. A few of our long time Bluebill office volunteers have taken on some new responsibilities but there has been no new volunteers to take on needed tasks.

As you read this I will be down in Utah at Bryce Canyon National Park. Each year I volunteer in June as an astronomy volunteer to help provide programs to the visitor there. It is a beautiful park, has a friendly staff and great dark skies.

Don Hilt and Howard Syder and our other office volunteers will keep the Bluebills running smoothly while I'm off exploring the wilds of Utah and later the Grand Canyon. Have a great summer until I return.



Busy B's

by Janice Hawes

Hi Bluebills,

The Busy B's decided to recognize Fran Parker for all the work she has done over the years with the school supply program by presenting her with a quilt. It was given to her at the Chapter meeting this past month. The beautiful quilt was made by Lisa Nyreen.



We were happy to welcome back Joyce Hassler who is feeling a little better after her fall.

Bambi and Yoshi have been under the weather and hopefully they will be back in action soon.

Florence Studer dropped by the Busy B room with a big box of crocheted granny squares that need to be put together. She rescued them from being thrown away and thought of us. Sibyl Fletcher volunteered to finish them and it should make a nice lap robe or throw.

Zip Zuther came by and picked up quilts and medical dolls for Children's Hospital. We try to give them a couple of dozen dolls and as many quilts as we can make each month. The medical dolls are a team effort with Yoshi cutting them out, one of us sewing them up and Joyce stuffs them at home. Lisa makes all the hospital gowns for them and they are really cute.

On display this month is a quilt that Bambi made and it looks very nice. We like to feature a special quilt each month. You all have an open invitation to drop by and see our work.

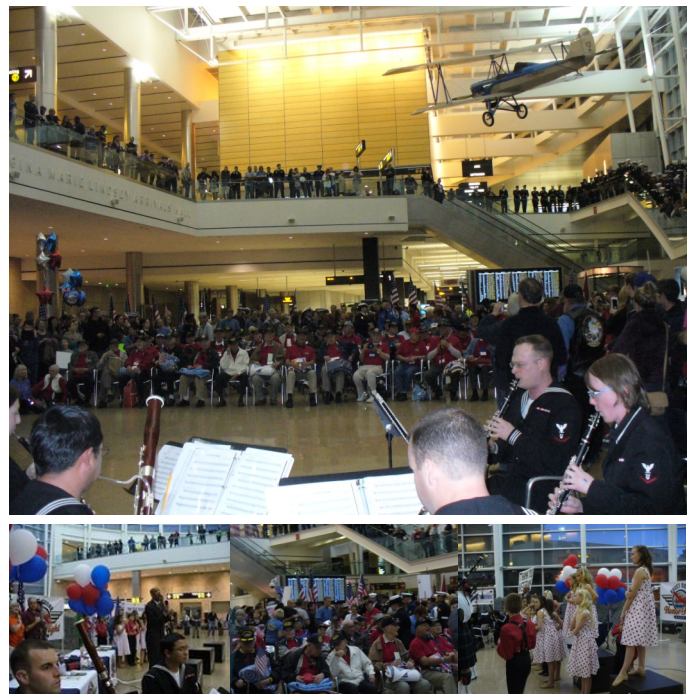
USO Volunteers

Submitted by Lonnie Stevenson

Puget Sound Honor Flight sends WW II vets to DCA to view all the memorials, especially the world war II Memorial.

We, the **USO VOLUNTEERS**, on the specified Saturday, arrive about 0400 (that's oh dark thirty) to set up tables, rally the troops, corral the vets and guardians, to way point them to check in, and also hold up signs curb side so the transportation providers know where to release their precious cargo into the airport. Then they are off for an awesome 3 day adventure.

Return trip is on the following Monday . . . around 8 oh 5 pm . . . ETA . . . Military personal from all branches meet the vet at the ALASKA AIRLINE gate, wheel them through to the exit, through the airport, down the elevators to baggage claim, where they receive their quilt of valor from the QUILTS OF VALOR group (of which our own Lisa Nyreen is a member), then they are wheeled or they walk (many of the vets gallantly declare, "I don't need no stinkin' wheel chair") to the Atrium at the south end of SEATAC Airport for a welcome home ceremony. Bring a camera, lots of tissue and cheering good will.



USONW support of Puget Sound Honor Flight: May 09 outbound/May11 Inbound . . . Fifty Seven WW!! veterans to DCA to see all the memorials, re-union-ise with each other, make new friends . . . never ceases to amaze me and bring tears of joy to honor the greatest generation; we live in the Land of the Free because of the brave. An awesome rendition of "O beautiful for Spacious Skies) from a SeaTac em-

ployee . .he shares his awesome singing talent for every PSHF homecoming. The vets, passengers at the airport, volunteers, anyone within hearing distance . . LOVES this rendition.

May Chapter Meeting Recap

Submitted by Mary Ulibarri

Chairman Doug Hoople called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. As usual, he asked for May birthdays and there were two: Lonnie Stevenson and Ernest Cassirer. There was one anniversary: Bill and Vicki Lee.

Doug paid tribute to Pat Gilroy, who recently passed, noting how helpful she was in the Bluebills office – always ready to lend a hand with volunteer recruiting, bulk mailings and decorating holiday gifts bags for nursing homes. She is greatly missed.

The theme for the Annual picnic in August per Don Hilt is “bring your best soup.” Yes, it’s a competition, but bring enough to share. In addition, folks are reminded to sign up for duty at the Washington State Fair in September. Details will be provided.

Jim Beasley then introduced the speaker, Bill Bryant, Port of Seattle Commissioner. Commissioner Bryant was elected to represent King County in the fall of 2007. In January 2008, former Governor Dan Evans, who co-chaired his campaign, swore him into office. Bryant immediately began increasing the Port’s transparency and public accountability, working to protect Puget Sound, and improving our transportation system.

After only one year, his peers elected him President of the Commission. He served in that position for three consecutive years. In 2010, he was named Maritime Public Official of the Year by the Propeller Club, which is a civic, social and charitable organization that promotes maritime commerce in the Puget Sound region.



Bryant was born in Morton and grew up on the Olympic Peninsula and in Olympia. After attending Capital High School, he studied trade and diplomacy at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. He put his training to work immediately as the director of Washington Governor John Spellman’s trade council. He then lived in Yakima for seven years, traveling around the world working to eliminate unfair foreign trade barriers and open new markets for Washington’s fruit growers.

In 1992, Bryant moved to Seattle and founded Bryant Christie Inc., a company that works to eliminate foreign trade barriers and develops new international markets. He is also an investor and advisor to Deneki Outdoors, a company with fly-fishing camps in Alaska, British Columbia, South Andros, and Chile.

In addition to his entrepreneurial interests, Bryant has been appointed by both Democratic and Republican administrations, Congress, and the United States Export Import Bank to advise on our nation’s trade policies. He recently announced his candidacy for Governor of the State of Washington.

Bryant began by stating he has long advocated a merger between the Ports of Tacoma and Seattle. The consolidation into a single seaport would keep jobs in Seattle. Some 20,000 jobs are at stake in an industry whose marine cargo accounts for 1/3 of Washington’s GDP. The competition between the two ports has to cease. If cargo were divided between them, shippers would often decide to use Vancouver, BC. Also, if each overbuilds to stay ahead of the other, the unsustainable result would land in the laps of the taxpayers. Bryant pointed out that Elliott and Commencement Bays offer deep water that needs no dredging.

The reality is that if one of the four huge merged shipping companies is lost to us, the job loss would be disastrous. Our ports are not ready for the larger ships and their larger cargoes. The merger would entail not only consolidating the single terminals of each port, but the necessity of offering four to the shipping companies. At this time, Terminal 5 is closed for the time being as it undergoes refurbishing. It is ideally situated: deep water, proximity of I-5 and I-90, the nearness of the airport, and location at the terminus of transcontinental railroads.

Drawbacks to the merger, expected to soon get federal approval, consist of deficiencies in:

-Education. The appalling high school dropout rate and poor qualifications for community colleges leaves vital jobs in high numbers going wanting, which results in depriving people of the chance of a good living.

-Transportation. There is a crumbling infrastructure in regard to bridges, antiquated rail system, and worsening truck routes. If the merger is to reach all that it promises, these must be corrected. Then there is the airport. It needs to be greatly overhauled in many aspects: the North Satellite, elevators, escalators, arrivals facility, security, baggage, and replacement of the center runway. Not just resurfaced, but completely overhauled.

In summary, Bryant stated this implementation is a must, as is the matter of expediting it. He then opened the floor to questions, of which there were many specific and spot on that provided even more insight to the Commissioner's knowledge and commitment to this topic.

Due to circumstances beyond our control, no names mentioned, there was no door prize drawing this month. In closing, Doug stated he was leaving in a couple of hours for a two-month vacation in Brice Canyon. Have fun, Doug. Our Vice Chairmen Don and Howard will cover for you.

USO Spirit Lifters Team

Submitted By Lonnie Stevenson

USONW Spirit Lifters team participated in the Delta SeaTac Relay for life on concourse A at SeaTac Intl' airport on Wednesday May 06.



Team co-captains: Doug Hoople and Lonnie Stevenson. Our walk was dedicated to Maybelle Brickley.

We walked, rallied, walked some, and more, cried, gave honor to survivors, and to the fallen . .

Goal for total fund raising was 80K. I believe it came close. I do not have the final count.

The Star Party at USONW in Honor of JIM PETERSON and MAYBELLE BRICKLEY

Submitted By Lonnie Stevenson

Thursday May 28th, the families of Jim Peterson and Maybelle Brickley gathered at the USONW . . to honor their loved ones, who are our fallen Blue-bills, with a Star in Memoriam on our Gallery Of Stars wall. The special honor is they were the first two stars to be added to the gallery in our new facility, which opened for occupation around mid-February.

There were tears, hugs, memories shared, loving comments by our wonderful center manager, Bill Baker, and then the stars were mounted by the children' of the star honorees, and there was cake, and some tours of the 'new digs' including some of the awesome history of artifacts in our beautiful USONW center . .



Clockwise from left: Mounting Jim's Star, Allegiance, Mounting Maybelle's Star, and the Stars.

Navy EA-6B Prowler Received by museum of Flight

Submitted By Lonnie Stevenson

Who remembers the field trip to NAS Whidbey, **back in the day, to see the Prowler up close and personal** ? Remember? We got to touch it, learn about it, and had lunch in the O Club, mostly due to efforts and connections of our Honorable Col. Bob Lambert.

On Wednesday May 27, the **Museum of Flight**

received a Navy EA-6B Prowler to add to its permanent collection. They call it ‘Permanent loan’ from the US NAVY. I was witness to it’s arrival. So thrilling to watch a killer fast fly over, then the slow fly by, then the landing, slowly cruising up to the parking lot, fold the wings, right head shot, fast around, left head shot, just showing off the beauty of the magnificent aircraft ! Then the champagne shower, signaling the last flight. I was standing next to Dan Hagedorn, the MOF Curator. He made a funny comment, ‘ hope the sugar doesn’t attract the ants into my new airplane’.

The flight crew and Maintenance crews were treated to catered lunch and basically anything they could want from MOF. Talking with them, they said they were the last in their squadron to phase out the Prowler and to attend school for the **Growler** (for which Bob Lambert wants to get us a future tour to NAS Whidbey).



I told the crew, “Well, they saved the best for last”. What a neat crew...**Thank God for our United State Military.**

Boeing Store Notice to Retirees

“The Boeing Store is now offering its annual employee discount to Boeing Retirees. As a retiree you may choose one day each year to receive a one-time 30% discount on all regular-price items in your order – a special offer that is not available to the public. Visit your local store or Boeing-Store.com to redeem. You’ve earned it. Shop any time at www.boeingstore.com.”



Looking Ahead

HERITAGE CHAPTER PICNIC AUGUST 28TH

This year’s picnic will be held at Gene Coulon Memorial Park Renton, Shelter 1 (South End of Park). Competition: “Best Soup”, bring enough to share. Fried Chicken, Soft Drinks, water and Ice provided. Power hookups available.

WASHINGTON STATE FAIR SEPT. 11-15, 2015

BB Booth at the Fair IT’s Tradition !

We will be manning a booth at this coming **Washington State Fair September 11th – 15th** in conjunction with the Museum of Flight. So, my fellow Bluebills, look at your busy calendars . . . (I know it’s a long way off, but not really) I’m hoping you will find an opening to support the Bluebill booth at the Fair !

At the **NEXT BB General Meeting, June 26**, I will be asking for a firm commitment for shifts.

Shift times are:

- 9:30 am – 2 pm,
 - 2pm to 6 pm,
- and the really crucial evening shifts
- 6pm to 11 pm FRI, and SAT
 - 6 pm to 10 pm SUN, MON, TUE,

Two late shifts are already spoken for: Friday September 11 and Tuesday September 15.

Thank you so much in advance !

For setup, really early Thursday morning September 10th, someone with a truck and set up know how . . . would really be appreciated. . . !

Jim Bunt, Richard Vaughn, Doug Hoople . . . I am looking at you guys . . .Any takers ?

Sincerely,

Lonnie Stevenson

SEPTEMBER - HOBBY AND CRAFT FAIR

The Heritage Chapter has many gifted hobbyists and crafters who make lovely and interesting items. We would love to see what you create in your spare time. Please bring your “show and tell” items to the September 25th monthly meeting. If you would like to sell any items, that will be okay, too. We look forward to a big turnout for this fun event.

Calendar of Events 2015

Jun 11	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jun 26	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Jul 16	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Jul 31	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Aug 13	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Aug 28	Chapter Picnic (TBD)
Sep 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sept 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Oct 15	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 30	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 18	Chapter Monthly Meeting

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Food Bank Schedule For 2015

Bring a non-perishable food item to monthly meetings to be given to a different food bank each month.

June	Auburn	Lonnie Stevenson
July	West Seattle	Marian Herrin
August	Tacoma	Ted & Judy Leyden
September	Renton	Bob Lambert
October	White Center	Eileen Bear
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz
January	Highline	Marian Herrin
February	Bellevue	Doug Hoople
March	Federal Way	Jim & Bambi Lee
April	Maple Valley	Vaughn's
May	Kent	Bob Stubbs

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

June 26, 2015

VFW Post 1263
416 Burnett Ave S
Renton, WA

10:00 AM Social 10:30 AM—12 Noon Meeting

Speaker: Carl Lindberg

Topic: "Civil Air Patrol's History and its Unique Three Missions in the 21st Century."

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Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the VFW Post 1263, 416 Burnett Ave South, Renton, WA. Parking is available in the lot immediately across the street from the VFW.

Bluebills Monthly Volunteer Hours

Volunteer Name _____

Phone Number _____

_____ **Hours worked** _____ **For** _____
(month/year) (agency name)

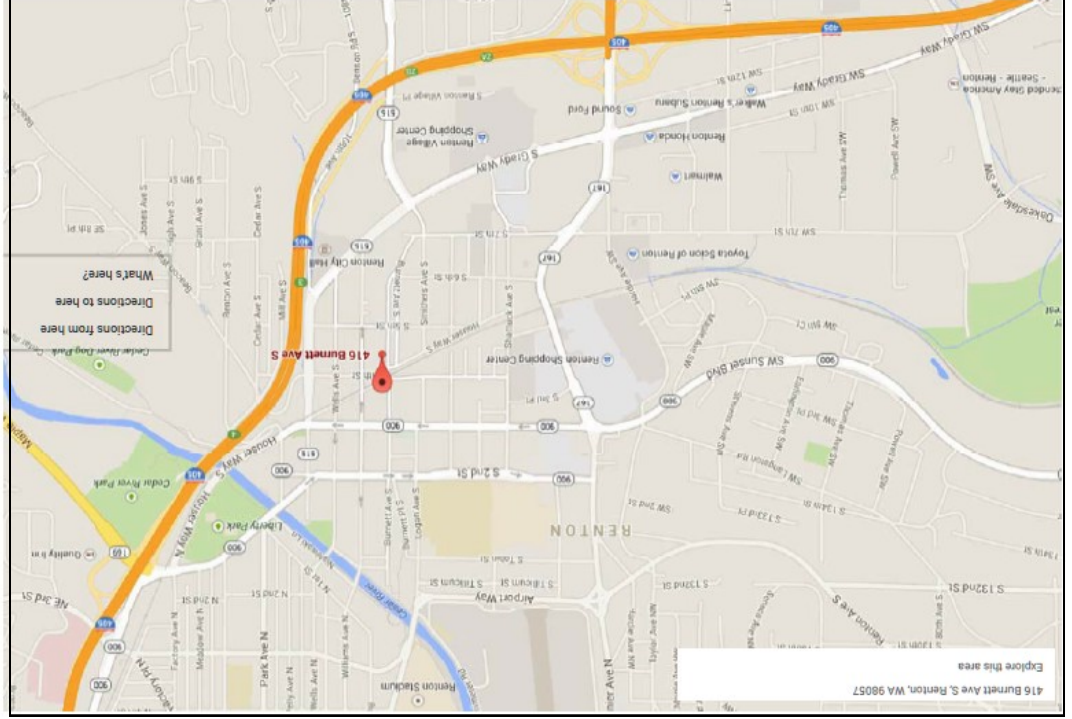
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Please send completed hours form to Bluebills, PO Box 3707 2T-04, Seattle, WA 98124

Email to bluebills@boeing.com or bring to Bluebills monthly meeting

Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting: 416 Burnett Ave S, Renton WA 98057



From the **north** take 405 S to **Exit 4** Sunset Blvd N to Bronson Way. Keep right and continue on S 2nd St. Turn left onto Williams Ave S. Turn left onto Williams Ave S. Go one right onto 5th St. Go one block and turn right onto Burnett Ave S. Go north to S Grady Way. Turn right on S Grady Way to Talbot Rd (3rd light) turn left on Talbot Rd. One block turn right on 7th St and then left on Burnett Ave S. Continue three blocks to VFW.

