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Chairman's Corner

By Don Hilt



In the first week of September, 400 backpacks and assorted school supplies (on pallets) were delivered to Fran Parker's house for distribution to the school districts in Auburn, Kent, and Renton. This annual Back-to-School program is possible because of our partnership with the Boeing Company. Bluebills filling the district "delivery orders" were Howard Syder, Lonnie Stevenson, Richard Vaughn, Fran Parker, Jim Bunt and I. This is a quick "visual" on the supplies loaded into Jim's pickup. The supplies were piled higher than the cab of Jim's truck and covered with a net to keep everything from blowing away. All Jim needed was a rocking chair and a "grandma" to top off the load, and it would have been a snapshot of the Beverly Hillbillies moving to California!

As more and more of Boeing's files are stored in a digital format, their discarded 3-ring binders make their way to the Bluebills throughout the year. After we have cleaned them, they are recycled for a second-life with school children. In mid-September we (Howard Syder, Lonnie Stevenson, Richard Vaughn, Maybelle Brickley and I) cleaned approximately 100 binders. They were delivered to the Federal Way School District along with a \$263 donation for school supplies. Another cash donation, in the same amount, was given to the Auburn School District. The cash donations were collected at a single Heritage Chapter meeting and through the sale of paperback books. More binders still need to be cleaned, so join us at our next "cleaning party." Many hands make light work!

Remember that we have three important events coming up in November and we will need you to:

(1) Nominate your choice for Volunteer of the Year. Give it some thought and send the name of the person you are nominating, and why, to our Office Manager, Norma Vaughn, at abby-rose00@msn.com. The nominations are reviewed by individuals who are not Bluebills.

(2) Support and attend the Annual Bluebills Volunteer Dinner. If you are willing to help with plans and arrangements for the dinner, please contact the Vaughns (Norma: abbyrose00@msn.com / Richard: rhvaughn32@msn.com or the Heritage Chapter Chairman or Vice Chairmen. The e-mail addresses for the Chairman/Vice Chairmen are listed in the Chapter Newsletter. The Volunteer Dinner will be held at the Southcenter Doubletree Inn on Wednesday, November 6.

(3) Contact Bill Baker (baker2721@comcast.net) if you are interested in being a candidate for one of the offices for the Heritage Chapter, or if you would like to nominate someone for a position. We have a Chairman's position and three Vice Chairmen positions. Each position serves for one year. We need new leaders, so I hope you will consider "stepping up" to a new level of volunteerism for our chapter.

As I write this column, it is the first day of fall, September 22nd. We're already experiencing cooler weather, and last night I used our electric blanket for the first time this season. It's a good thing my wife and I have "dual controls" or I might not have won the argument for having the blanket "on." Thanks to separate controls, my dog Bailey and I spent a very toasty night on my side of the bed!

With Halloween coming this month, can Thanksgiving and Christmas be far behind?

Chapter Leadership

By Bill Baker

It is time to identify nominees for Heritage Leadership Offices. Election ballots will be mailed out in November so we need names of nominees for Chairman and three Vice-Chairmen by October 30.

Please consider filling one of these important positions and send your name or some one you want to nominate to: Bill Baker at 253-862 -3005 or e-mail to: baker2721@comcast.net.

BUSY B'S

By Janice Hawes

A few months ago I wrote about a very special lady, Ramona Carnaje, who passed away and the Busy B's were the lucky recipients of some wonderful quilting pieces. Among them was a quilt top that she had pieced together but didn't get to finish. We put it together and one of our Busy B's, Lisa Nyreen, did the quilting on her quilting machine. She did a marvelous job and it is really a work of art. We are raffling the quilt at our September, October and November meetings, and will draw the winning ticket at the November meeting. The tickets are \$1.00.



For the Washington State Fair Richard Vaughn put together a very nice "board" displaying what we Busy B's do. A quilt made by Yoshi Akers was on display along with



some baby hats and two of our Medical Dolls and pictures of our various projects. Our thanks to you Richard for doing a great job on this.

The medical dolls are an ongoing project and as I mentioned in last months newsletter, we sure could use donations of bias tape and stuffing. One package of bias tape puts the finishing touch on two to three "hospital" gowns for the dolls. To date we have been able to give Children's Hospital over 80 of the little dolls.

We are all working hard to complete as many projects as we can before our "winter break" in December. Before we know it, the holidays will be here. I think Fall is here. Don't you just love the rain?

Recap of September 27th * Heritage Chapter Meeting

By Mary Ulibarry

absent, in leading the attendees in the Pledge of AllegiaThe September meeting began with Vice Chairman Helen Lowe, filling in for Chairman Don Hilt and Jim Petersen, who were nce to the Flag. Helen then opened the meeting with the usual recognition of two new members, two birthdays and one anniversary. As usual, there was teasing and applause for all.

Announcements:

Janice Hawes called attention to the lovely quilt on display, which was donated by the family of a deceased former Boeing employee, who was Mary Ulibarry's neighbor. The completed top piece, and a large supply of fabric pieces for additional quilts, was given to the Busy Bees who put it all together. A raffle will be conducted (\$1 per ticket) with the winner to be announced at the November meeting.

Richard Vaughn announced it is once again time for the election of Heritage Chapter officers. He asked that all members consider running for office to ensure the Bluebills continue to thrive in its various capacities. He also stated the Central Leadership Council is also looking for new officers.

Millard Battles thanked all the volunteers who helped at the recent Tacamo Auction and had commemorative pins to give them. He gave a brief summary of the event, which included a tour of the E6 aircraft that was at the Museum of Flight. The E6 was a derivative of the Boeing 707 and entered service with the U.S. Navy in July 1989.

Norma Vaughn announced the date (November 6) of the Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner to be

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held at the Southcenter Doubletree again. Everyone is encouraged to nominate a volunteer. There are many deserving folks out there, a lot of them working quietly behind the scenes. A letter will be sent in October with all the details, including a reservation form with dinner choices. Please don't forget to include your check, the sum of which is donated to the selected volunteer's preferred charity.

Jim Ewing announced the date of the Boeing Travel Club and interested folks should contact him for details.

Ben Sakamoto thanked all of the volunteers who helped at the Puyallup Fair. The booth was a big success resulting in six new Bluebills members.

Doug Hoople mentioned he had plenty of USO Challenge coins for sale and reiterated he will match all purchases. Kudos, Doug.

Gary Palmer stated, as a result of last month's speaker, Bev Lee from the Issaquah Fish Hatchery, a group of ten took the tour and enjoyed it immensely. Highly recommended.

Jim Beasley then introduced the speaker with a charming story from his childhood. It seems his sisters invited some military personnel to their parents home. About 60 people showed up at the house, so his mother thought she'd better round up some neighbors to help make them feel welcome. The next thing they knew, it was midnight and everyone was still there. In fact, a number of them ended up sleeping on the floor. So that was Jim's first introduction to the USO.

Jim then announced the speaker: Commander Donald M. Leingang, United States Navy Retired, who is Executive Director of USO Northwest.

Commander Leingang is a northwest native and recently retired as the Executive Officer at the Naval Station Everett. A helicopter pilot and former Commanding Officer of Navy Recruiting District Seattle. His distinguished 24-year Naval career includes leadership positions at the U.S. Naval Academy.

He is a graduate of Oregon State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management in 1984. In 2006, Leingang graduated from Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, where he earned his Master of Arts degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. He reported onboard Naval Station Everett as Executive Officer in June 2006 with immediate duties organizing the Seattle Seafair.

During his military career, Leingang received awards for Meritorious Service, the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal and the Navy Achievement Medal. In 2008, Leingang retired from the Navy and immediately began duties as the Executive Direc-



tor of the USO Northwest. Commander Leingang started his presentation with a slide show depicting the many aspects of the USONW. There were photos of the three centers. The first at SeaTac showing the small and crowded lounge full of service people

and their families waiting to be deployed or returning home. The second was the Center at JBLM, again showing a packed facility with military personnel with packs and weapons at the ready to ship out. The USO folks, including volunteers, feel privileged to be a part of their last hours on American soil. The third Center is a mobile unit (appropriately camouflaged) that travels to wherever it is needed. That may include a base for grilling hot dogs or in Bremerton to greet an arriving Navy ship.

Leingang stated there are over 250 volunteers touching the lives of so many military members serving our country. He couldn't say enough about the many volunteers, including a number of Bluebills, who are so much a part of their numerous services. He pointed out that their organization is not just Bob Hope's USO any more. The care of 600,000 military families is a result of President Roosevelt's vision at the beginning of WWII. That was the beginning of the gathering of the many volunteers from all around the U.S.

The local volunteers touch the lives of 121,422 service members and families at SeaTac. He acknowledged Maybelle Brickley's efforts in serving numerous sandwiches to these folks, some of who must wait 24 hours at the airport. Very often there are so many folks waiting that they are overflowing into the hallways. SeaTac handles the most people of all the USO facilities.

The volunteers are instrumental in helping families of fallen soldiers. Folks like Lonnie Stephenson and others meet grieving families coming from all over in order to connect with their loved one's casket. They help them maneuver the airport and basically hold their hands through a most difficult time.

Leingang gave a brief description of what the United Through Reading (UTR) program involves. A soldier can go to a USO center, read and record perhaps a children's book and then that recording is sent to his/her family. It was obvious the Commander feels very strongly about the program, especially when it involves a mother or father who made that recording and doesn't come home.

The USO puts together care packages for service members to take on their flights to many destinations. They may contain such items as snacks, toiletries, reading material, game books, plus a calling card to use when they arrive to let their loved ones know they arrived safely.

The USO has programs for children that help them cope with having a parent away from home, which may result in teasing from their peers because they only have one parent.

There is at least \$9 billion revenue generated by the military presence in the Puget Sound area. It is the only area in the U.S. that represents six branches. Another program is the Helping Hands Grants assisting various USO sites. That may be why you see a volunteer standing in front of WalMart or Target during the holidays seeking donations.

Leingang talked about the Help Wounded Warriors program and also Safe Harbor that helps Navy and Coast Guard personnel. This may amount to paying for lunch at Applebee's for soldiers waiting to be deployed or help provide entertainment activities in the area.

Some of the other ways the USO reaches the public for their support are the annual golf tournament held late spring at the Newcastle Golf Course; the annual Gala held in the fall; races and marathons at different times of the year and the Jamie Moyer Foundation which holds children's camps for military families. There is also support for PTSD sufferers. It is called "Permission To Start Dreaming" in support of the returning service members who suffer with this disability.

Leingang talked about the progress of the new facility planned for SeaTac, which will increase the space from 3,400 sq. ft. currently to 7,000 sq. ft. The goal is to raise \$1.2 million in order to break ground on November 13 and open in the spring of 2014. Just as it has provided in the past the basic needs – eat, sleep, relax, take a shower, write a letter – it will continue with these simple things that mean so much. Well, maybe there won't be so many letters written, more likely using Skype and the Internet. Also part of the plan is to have their very own washer and dryer installed. It cost \$1,000 a month to take all those bed sheets and towels to a laundry!

Commander Leingang closed his presentation by taking many questions from the audience, including what does USO stand for. It stands for United Service Organizations, based on the six organizations that started in 1941-42 to form the USO and depicted as six stars on the USO logo. For more information, go to: <http://www.usopsa.org/>

At the end of the question period, a Bluebill, reminded the audience of the Challenge coins Doug is selling, plus suggested a collection be taken up, which happened immediately. Thank you everyone.

The meeting was adjourned after Helen presided over the door prize drawing.

Speaker for October 25thst Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley

Daphne Hyde will relate what it was like to live in London during WW2 where due to the blitz many children were sent to the English countryside for their safety. The title of her presentation will be "Growing up in Britain During WW2."

Boeing 314 Clipper Flying Boat.

By Howard Syder

Jean and I were on a cruise in August which visited several ports in the Republic of Ireland. We were fortunate that this included the port of Foynes on the River Shannon in Western Ireland. This is a small village but had a significant part in Airplane History as it was the European Terminus for the Pan American and BOAC Boeing 314 Clipper Flying Boats during the period from 1939 - 1943. The Boeing Clipper was the biggest aircraft in service at that time.

Foynes was known as Shannon Airport but has been superseded by the current Shannon Airport which services land based aircraft.

There is a very interesting museum in the village which portrays artifacts and information on the history of the flying boats during that period.

Sadly, there are none of them remaining but with the help of plans supplied by Boeing a full size replica of a Boeing 314 Clipper is on display. Visitors are able to go into the aircraft and marvel at the extraordinary amount of room that is available compared to current space on today's aircraft. I have include several pictures of this replica to give you an idea of how luxurious it

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VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2013 NOMINATIONS

It is once again time for members of the Heritage Chapter to submit their nominations for outstanding Volunteers of the Year for 2013. In past years we have mailed a letter to each member and included a form to be used for this purpose. Due to the high cost of mailing these notices the leadership council has decided to place an article in our newsletter asking for your help again this year.

Nominations for the Volunteer of the Year must be received in the office no later than October 23, 2013, to allow the judges sufficient time to review them and determine who the honored Bluebill will be.

Please include:

Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

City, Zip Code _____

Nominee's Phone _____

Describe your nominee's activities including agencies involved, and number of hours volunteered (approximate). Please be as specific as possible about how people's lives and/or his community have benefited from the nominee's actions. Applications will be accepted only if they are typed or printed clearly and signed by the nominator.

Some guidelines for your submittal are as follows:

Nominations should be one page long, either typed or printed.

Please include your name, address, telephone number, signature and date. Anonymous nominations will not be accepted.

Nominations must be received no later than October 23, 2013.

Nominee must be a Heritage Chapter Boeing retiree or his/her spouse.

Nominee should be informed of his/her nomination, but this is optional.

Self-nominations are encouraged.

Nominee's efforts must be performed as a non-paid volunteer.

Bluebills reserve the right to use all nominees' names and achievement records in news stories and feature articles at a later date, whether or not the nominee wins.

Agencies, organizations or projects with which the nominee has volunteered will be contacted to verify nomination information.

Emphasis will be placed on the period from September 1, 2012 to October 1, 2013.

The Volunteer of the Year dinner will be held on November 6, 2013, and you will soon receive a letter with information and a form to be used to make your reservations for the dinner.

Thank you for your continued support to the community and the Bluebills organization.

Together we continue to make a difference.

was to travel on these aircraft.

Foynes Museum has a website www.flyingboatmuseum.com which has an enormous amount of information on each of the 13 Boeing 314 Clippers and the people who travelled on them.

There is also a local connection website. Bob Bogash, who gave us a presentation on the Boeing 314 Clipper has his own website which contains information on the Clippers, it is www.rbogash.com.

Normally when we all travel we see Boeing aircraft all over the world but seeing one that created history in a small Irish village was something special.



Food Bank Schedule For 2013

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

October	White Center	Eileen Bear
November	Issaquah	Eleanor Skinner
December	Des Moines	Dave & Mary Frantz

Calendar of Events 2013

Oct 10	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Oct 25	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Nov 6	Chapter Awards Dinner
Nov 14	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Nov 22	Chapter Monthly Meeting
Dec 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Dec 20	Chapter Monthly Meeting

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Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

Downtown Harley-Davidson
3715 East Valley Road
Renton, WA

October 25, 2013 10:00 AM

Social: 10:00 to 10:30 AM Meeting starts at 10:30 AM

Speaker: Daphne Hyde

Topic: "Growing up in Britain During WW2"

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

Please Note:

The Bluebills monthly meetings are held at the Downtown Harley-Davidson building at 3715 East Valley Road, Renton, WA. The door on the North side of the building is opened at **10:00 AM** sharp. Please enter the building only on the north side. We meet on the 2nd floor — there is an elevator on the right as you enter. The Social hour begins at that time. **PLEASE DO NOT ENTER BUILDING PRIOR TO 10:00 AM.**

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



From the **north** take Highway 167 south to the SW 43rd St exit, turn right on SW 43rd St to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson. From the **south** go north on Highway 167 take the SW 43rd St exit and turn left back over the freeway to the E Valley Rd and turn Right, Go north to Downtown Harley-Davidson. The meeting is in the Downtown Harley-Davidson building, 2nd floor. Signs are posted directing you to the meeting room.

