



The Heritage

Heritage Chapter Bluebills
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Chairman's Corner

By Don Hilt



Last month I highlighted the three agencies who receive the largest number of our Bluebill volunteer hours, the American Red Cross, USO, and the Puget Sound Blood Center. In the August newsletter, I wrote about the American Red Cross. This month I'd like to tell you more about another recipient of Bluebill volunteer hours, USO Northwest. The USO is a nonprofit organization that provides programs, services and live entertainment to United States troops and their families. They have been at Sea-Tac since 1966. Through a partnership with the Port of Seattle they are making plans to move into a new space at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. It should be completed next spring at a site close to their current location. At 7,000 square feet it will be more than double the size of the current Sea-Tac Center. The new center will now be able to maintain and improve all current programs, and enhance food services, sleeping accommodations, showering facilities and separate family areas. Bag storage will also be included.

The USO Northwest is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week, every day of the year. It has the largest number of military visitors, annually, of any USO in the United States. San Diego is in second place. USO Northwest has three sites; one at Sea-Tac, one at Joint Base Lewis McChord, and a mobile canteen. Annually, the three sites serve more than half a million active duty military and their families. Incidentally, Jim Beasley's speaker for our September Heritage Meeting will be Retired Naval Commander Donald Leingang, the Executive Director of USO Northwest.

Between 1941 and 1947 the USO presented more than 400,000 live performances, often with Hollywood's best-known entertainers. Known as *Camp Shows*, they helped boost the morale of the servicemen and women. Bob Hope was always one of my favorite USO entertainers. Heck, he was everyone's favorite entertainer. He flew millions of miles to entertain G.I.s during wartime and peace. His contribution to the USO began in 1941 and ended with Operation Desert Shield in 1991. He spent 48 Christmases overseas with American servicemen and women. Quite a man. Quite a record.

It may not be November, but it's certainly a time for us to give thanks!

I'm thankful that Mary Ulibarri will be the new co-editor for the Heritage Chapter Newsletter. Indeed, just in time to replace Miki Brown who has joined Bill and Vicki Lee to become the chapter's newest Snowbirds. We thank you Mary. Dick thanks you also.

I'm thankful for our newsletter editor Dick Beham who shoulders most of the responsibility for the Heritage Newsletter. It's what keeps us all "connected."

I'm thankful for the great Bluebills Picnic organized by the Stubbs, Bakers, and Vaughns. We had opportunities to play games, engage in small group conversations, and enjoy good weather, good company, and great food. My wife told me I can't announce who won the "best appetizer" contest. It was a perfect day. Thank you. Remember to send your picnic photos to Dick:

rsqdnrc@foxiinternet.com

I'm thankful that Kathy Lyons is this year's coordinator for our booth at the Western Washington (Puyallup) Fair. She's doing a great job! Ben Sakamoto has been totally committed to finding people to work shifts at the booth. I saw him at two recent Bluebill events – circulating a sign-up sheet. Way to go, Ben. Thank you.

I'm thankful for the partnership we have with Boeing to fund our 2013 Back to School Program (for backpacks and school supplies) in the Auburn, Kent, and Renton School Districts. Thank you, Teri.

I'm thankful for Micki Brown and Jim Lee's work on the Heritage Newsletter. Micki just stepped down as co-editor, and Jim filled in as editor for Dick Beham when Dick was recovering from shoulder surgery.

I'm thankful for the very, very interesting speakers that Jim Beasley schedules for our monthly Heritage Chapter meetings. Month after month, the broad range of topics is amazing! Kudos!

I'm thankful, too, that Bill Baker is our Heritage Chapter Nominations Committee Chairman. I encourage you to think about running for a position in our chapter, or to encourage others to run. Bill's the one to contact. His e-mail address is: baker2721@comcast.net.

I hope you will find the time to thank these people for all the hard work they do for our chapter!

Finally, remember that next month we will be looking for nominations for Chapter Volunteer of the Year.

The leaves are starting to change color in our neighborhood, a sure sign that fall is nearly here. School will be starting soon, so drive safely and watch your speed in marked school zones!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

By Maybelle Brickley

ZENO...Build Love for Math as a Math Workshop Volunteer

Want to help kids get excited about math and have a great time doing it? Assist a teacher during math workshops at Zeno partner elementary schools. Your assignments will be at the teacher's discretion and will include leading games, running activity stations, and assisting kids with activities.

Zeno, a non-profit organization, believes that with the self-confidence and skills gained by experiencing **math** in unique and unexpected ways, a person's possibilities are infinite. Our games and programs re-frame math as fun and relevant so that all kids, teachers and families can build math confidence and lifetime skills.

Interested? E-mail volunteer@zenomath.org or call Carol Ryan, Zeno volunteers, at 206-325-0774.

School locations and math times/days available:

Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary, 6725 45th Ave. S., Seattle, WA 98118

- 9:30 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (minimum shift is 1 hour any one day during these times starting Oct. 1)

12:30-3 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (minimum shift is 1 hour any one day during these times starting Oct. 1)

John Muir Elementary, 3301 S. Horton, Seattle, WA 98144

- 9:30 a.m.-noon Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (minimum shift is 1 hour any one day during these times starting Oct. 1)

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The minimum time commitment is a one-hour shift one day a week. Ideally a volunteer would work two shifts a day two or more days a week. We seek a volunteer who can commit to working in the classroom for a full, 10-week trimester, with the opportunity to renew commitment for additional trimesters if

desired.

The 10-week trimesters for volunteering during the 2013-14 school year are (dates may change):

- Oct. 1-Dec. 6
- Jan. 6-March 7
- March 17-May 30

For more information, e-mail volunteer@zenomath.org or call Carol Ryan, Zeno volunteers, at 206-325-0774.

Volunteer Shuttle Drivers Needed in Burien and Des Moines!



Hyde Shuttles empower seniors and folks with disabilities by providing them with needed transportation to grocery stores, medical appointments, and other local errands. Clients of the program greatly benefit from their improved access to medical care and nutritional meals, increased opportunities for socialization, and enhanced engagement in our community. One local rider described the service as a "real blessing!"

However, **more volunteer drivers are needed!** In particular, we need drivers in **Burien and Des Moines**. Drivers typically commit to one 4-hour shift per week.



Volunteer shuttle drivers come from a wide range of backgrounds, and many of them are seniors themselves. In fact, one volunteer driver in his 70's recently reported, "This is the best appreciation I've ever gotten after 35 years of working for wages. The thanks the clients give me is way better pay than working for money!"

If you enjoy driving and want to help others, this is a great opportunity for you. Choose your weekly shifts and receive free training in defensive driving and passenger assistance. You do not need a special driver's license and do no lifting or bearing of weight. To find out more, call Hilary at (206)748-7588, email Hilary at hilaryc@seniorservices.org, visit our website: www.seniorservices.org/

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[transportation](#), or read our blog: www.volunteertransportation.blogspot.com. Please help us “drive the distance” to ensure that older adults and people with disabilities of our community don’t get stranded!

BLUEBILLS PUYALLOP FAIR BOTH

Backup volunteers are needed for manning the booth at the Puyallup Fair. The dates are Sept. 6th through Sept. 10th., 4 hr shifts.

This a fun time meeting new people and explaining what the Bluebills do for our communities. Some retired Boeing employees aren't aware of what the Bluebills do. The shifts are 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, from 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm and 6:00 pm - 10:00 pm. At least 2 people are needed for each shift.

Please contact Kathy Lyons (206-371-6147)

The Salvation Army Seattle White Center Corps Back to School Shopping 2013

By: Eileen Bear

Our thanks to those who volunteered this year for The Salvation Army “*Back-To-School Shopping-Spree*” for the children. This year we met the children (85) at JC Penney at South Center. What a great time we had helping the children shopping for clothing items they needed for school.

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

I recently visited Children’s Hospital with Zip

Zuther to deliver 30 medical dolls and 8 quilts. They were very happy to receive them and would immediately be put to use. We are busy working on more of the dolls and of course our ongoing quilt making. If anybody has any bias tape, needed for the hospital gowns the dolls wear, or stuffing for the dolls they would like to donate, we can use all we can get and it would be very appreciated.

Many thanks to Zip for always being willing to pick up and deliver everything.

Busy B Jean Derheim brought in 25 baby dolls with clothes (this is a bonus for me since it’s less I have to make) that were donated by a sorority friend, Margo Jackson. She also brought in 21 nicely dressed Barbie dolls from one of her neighbors. I think I now have enough Barbies for the next year!

Kathy Lyon is a steady provider of crocheted baby hats and gave us 19 more. She creates all sizes and does a great job.



The picture is of Janel, one of the volunteer co-coordinators at Children’s Hospital and me with some of the medical dolls and quilts.

It’s hard to believe this is the September newsletter. Where did summer go?

Speaker for September 27th * Chapter Meeting

By Jim Beasley

COMMANDER DONALD M. LEINGANG
UNITED STATES NAVY, Retired
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
USONW



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, Director of Air

Warfare, Washington, D.C., and as the Operations Officer at Commander, Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. 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.

In 2008, Leingang retired from the Navy and immediately began duties as the Executive Director of the USO Northwest (USONW).

During his military career, Leingang received the Meritorious Service Medal (3), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (6), the Navy Achievement Medal, as well as numerous unit and service awards.

Helping Hands

"Heritage Chapter recently received a request for assistance to help a Boeing retiree who was physically unable to do yard work and his overgrown yard needed to be cleaned up. Bill Baker and Richard Vaughn answered that call and spent most of a day working with their garden tools to make this possible.



This picture is of Bill Baker who tackled the job with great spirit and much gusto."

Recap

Chapter Picnic August 23rd at Riverview Park, Renton

We had a good turnout for the picnic with the weather mild, lots of socializing, games and a variety of delicious food!



There was a short walk from the parking area over the River View Bridge to a very nice shelter with power for all of the hot dishes, tables, and shade when needed.

The picnic was coordinated by Bob and Melinda Stubbs. The Vaughn's and Bakers arrived early to assist in the set up, power cords, games, and beverage service, but it did not take long before everyone started arriving and begin pitching in and socializing on a very beautiful day.

The following are some pictures from the event:



Don Hilt, Bill Baker, & Richard Vaughn, taking charge!

BLUEBILLS HERITAGE CHAPTER VOLUNTEER DATA FOR 2013

	<u>Hours Reported</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Volunteers Reporting</u>	<u>Number of Projects</u>
1st Quarter Total	12,847	279	262
2nd Quarter Total	11,314	285	289

(Many projects are repeated each week by many volunteers. These are reported by each chapter as only one project each month). 8-7-13 (N. Vaughn)



Winners of the Heritage Chapter Summer Olympics were Bill & Karen Baker, Snake Toss; Gary & Donna Palmer, Washer Toss. Don Hilt won the ordure contest.

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Food Bank Schedule For 2013

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

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

Calendar of Events 2013

Sep 12	Heritage Leadership Meeting
Sep 27	Chapter Monthly Meeting
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



Bluebills Heritage Chapter Meeting

Downtown Harley-Davidson
3715 East Valley Road
Renton, WA

September 27, 2013 10:00 AM

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

Speaker: Commander Donald M. Leingang
United States Navy, retired, Executive Director, USONW

Topic: *“USO, its foundation, current status, and future”*

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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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(month/year) (agency name)

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 2nd floor. Signs are posted directing you to the meeting room.

