

PORTLAND DIVISION



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Commander's Corner

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Another month, and things keep getting better and better with the Portland Division! Cadets did a terrific job performing the flag ceremony on

At the Staff Planning Day, all our adult volunteers were identified into staff positions; we set some unit goals and a staff training date, and began plans for a unit budget and calendar. The new Portland Division Chain of Command is on page 4.

Capt Alex MacKenzie spent time with our Cadets and Leaguers during the September 2nd drill going over Naval shipboard in preparation for teaching them shipboard fire drills and going onboard a local Coast Guard ship.

Navy life is immersed in tradition. It prescribes the way we relieve the watch, begin and end the day, and it guides much of the routine in between. We preserve naval traditions because they link us with unique and memorable aspects of our seafaring past. Coming up in October is the annual traditional Navy Ball.

The Supply Officer will be working with Cadets and Leaguers to help them get all the uniform parts for this formal evening. This year the area Navy Ball is co-sponsored by the Portland and Blueback Councils of the Navy League. Details have been set and you will find them in this newsletter. I hope that most of the Cadets and Leaguers, along with parents/guardians will be attending. The Portland Division Cadet of the Year will be presented at the Navy Ball.

Please join us to celebrate the accomplishments of our unit and to recognize the men and women who have gone before us.



Lady Washington – see article page 3.

Welcome Aboard!

Cadet:

Officer:

Instructor:

Liz Davenport

Nixie Stark

Significant Dates

Veterans of Foreign Wars Day is Fri., Sep. 29th

Columbus Day (Obs.) is Monday, Oct. 9th

United Nations Day is Tuesday, Oct. 24th

Birthday of U.S. Navy is Friday, October 13th
(established in 1775 by the Continental Congress)

Make a Difference Day is Saturday, Oct. 28th

Election Day is Tuesday, Nov. 7th

Veterans' Day (Obs.) is Friday, Nov. 10th

Unit Calendar

September 16
Saturday Drill

October 7
Saturday Drill

October 13
Navy Ball

October 21
Saturday Drill

The Navy Ball

The Navy League's Portland and Blueback Councils are co-sponsoring an area-wide Naval Ball.

Capt Alex MacKenzie, USN, Ret, Portland Council President, and Stan Morin, Blueback Council President, invite all Portland Division Sea Cadets and their parents/guardians to attend.

The event will take place on and celebrate the Navy's 231st Birthday.

Date: Friday, October 13th

Location: Vancouver Hilton & Convention Center.

Time: 1800-2400 hours (6:00 PM - midnight)

Cost: \$48 per person.

The scheduled speaker is Vice Admiral Terrence Etnyre, Commander Naval Surface Forces. The Governors of Oregon and Washington, Federal, State, and local elected representatives are expected to attend. There will be a no host bar beginning at 1800 with dinner commencing at 1915 followed by the posting of the colors by members of the Portland and Kelso Divisions of the US Naval Sea Cadet Corps, and the Young Marines.

At the conclusion of dinner, introductions and presentations will be made followed by our keynote speaker. The US Army Band will provide music for dancing for the rest of the evening. A photographer will be present and copies of pictures can be obtained from the photographer.

Parking, driving directions, and menu options can be seen on line at <http://portland.nlus.us/content.asp?ContentId=225>

This is a formal affair but the Navy League will allow great latitude. Recommended dress is:

>05 and above: Dinner Dress Blue w/ min. medals.

>04 and below: Service Dress Blue Bravo (large medals).

>Civilian attire: Black tie & tux encouraged but business suit will be acceptable.

Please contact Alex MacKenzie by phone at (360) 258-2037 or by email at highlandlight@comcast.net with your RSVP, questions, or to recommend an invitee.



You can learn more about the Navy League Portland Council at: <http://portland.nlus.us/default.asp>

Navy Birthday – 13 October 1775

The United States Navy traces its origins to the Continental Navy, established on 13 October 1775. The Continental Navy included approximately fifty ships over the course of the war, but only about twenty warships active at its maximum strength. After the American War for Independence, Congress sold the surviving ships of the Continental Navy and released the seamen and officers. The U. S. Constitution, ratified in 1789, empowered Congress "to provide and maintain a navy" and in 1794, Congress ordered the construction and manning of six frigates that the War Department administered the establishment of the Department of the Navy on 30 April 1798.

Lady Washington

Barbara Wright



Portland Division Cadets Hannah Wright, Alex Tcvetkov, and Cody Wright

took advantage of a unique opportunity and had an unbelievable day onboard the Lady Washington.

The ship's crew came the San Juan Islands just before arriving in Seattle. Sea Cadets from Portland Division and Kitsap Battalion joined other passengers

exchange gifts with our crew.

The Cadets were put to work; they swabbed the deck, stood watch on the bow, made reports to the captain, and helped with line handling.

The Lady Washington was greeted at her destination by hundreds of people who had waited for hours to see her. Sea Cadets disembarked via the Jacob's Ladder, climbed down to the dock and pushed back the crowd so the ship's crew could rig the bumpers and put out the gangway.

It was an amazing experience!



for a total of about thirty-five guests onboard for the six-hour trip from Lake Union, through the Ballard Locks, and to her homeport on the Olympic Peninsula.

The crew and passengers were gawked at and photographed by people on the rails above the locks, from bridges and from boats along the way. The ship sailed for about a third of the trip, so the crew climbed up and down the rigging and getting the sails up and down. Along the way, the ship's cannons were fired and near our destination two canoes of Native Americans came along side to

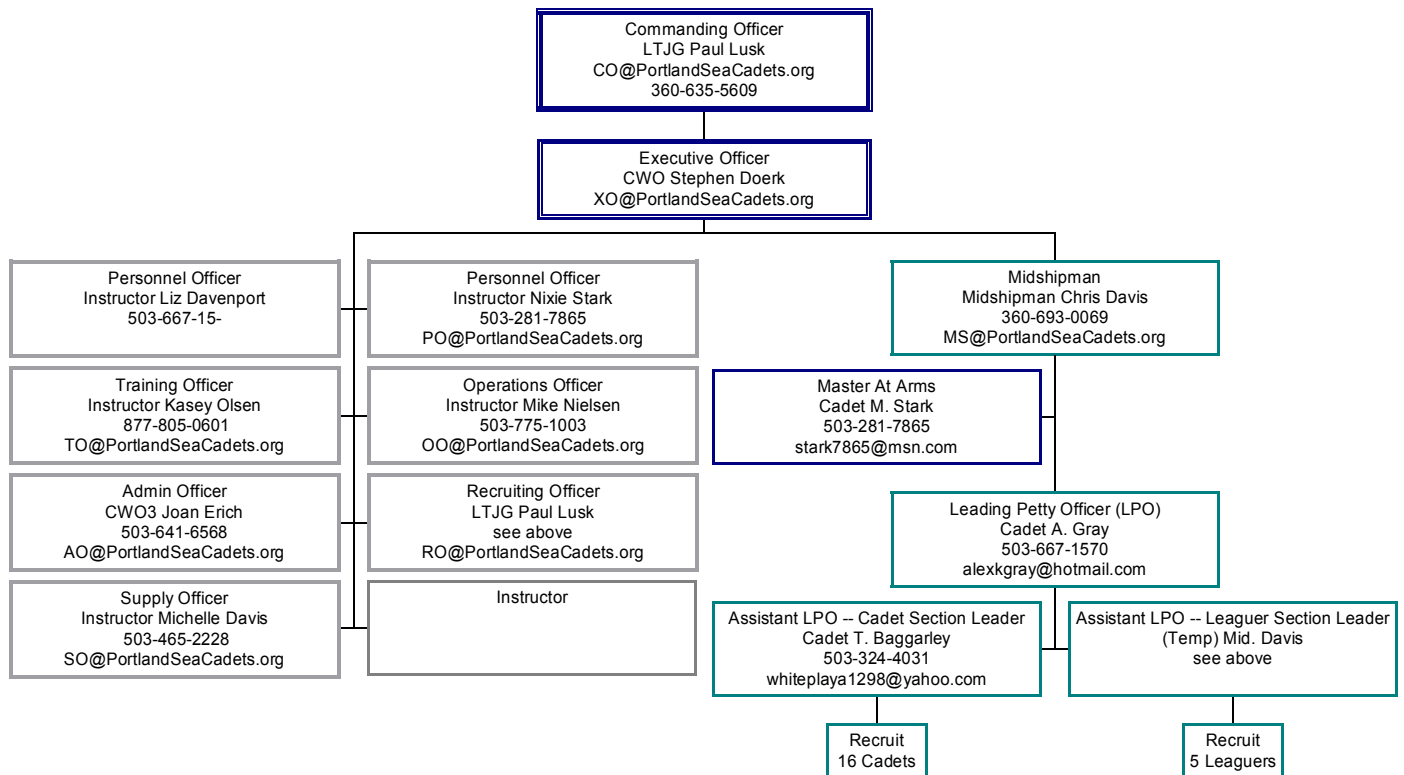
Hopefully, next year Portland Division will be invited again and more of our Sea Cadets will be able to participate.



Chain of Command

Learning to functioning within the Chain of Command is an important aspect of the Naval Sea Cadet and Navy Leaguer programs. With new staff coming onboard, we now have an effective structure defined for the Cadets and Leaguers.

Portland Division Sea Cadets



Navy Day – 27 October 1922

Not to be confused with the Navy Birthday or the founding of the Navy Department is Navy Day. The Navy League sponsored the first national observance of Navy Day in 1922 designed to give recognition to the naval service. The Navy League of New York proposed that the official observance be on 27 October in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt, who had been born on that day.

To learn more about U.S. Naval history and traditions, visit <http://www.history.navy.mil/birthday.htm>

Navy Ball

Navy Day and Navy Birthday celebrations are occasions to appreciate of our Navy heritage and tradition holds that Naval units have a yearly formal, where everyone puts on their finest dress uniforms and gather for an enjoyable evening - a Navy Ball. It is both a military and social gathering. Numerous senior officers and dignitaries are invited from the area to join in the festivities. New acquaintances and friendships are made as well as enjoying the company of old friends. Young participants have the opportunity to learn the social and military etiquette expected of young officers.

Typically, the evening begins with a social hour followed by presentation of the Colors and Honored Guests. During dinner everyone relaxes a little. The guest of honor will give a short speech and there will be a cake cutting ceremony. Lastly, attendees enjoy dancing and more socializing before heading home. This regal evening invites attendees to have a wonderful time while still maintaining professionalism, integrity and dignity.