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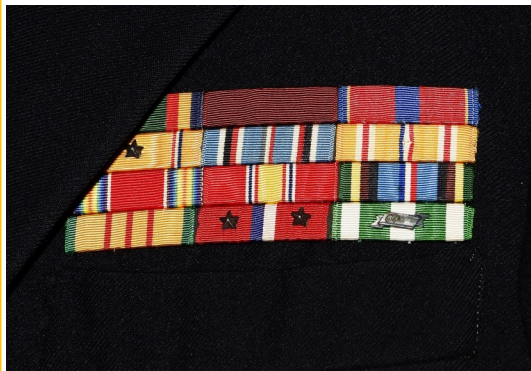
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OCTOBER

- OCT 11TH (WED) TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY HONOR GUARD DUTY DAY**
OCT 12TH (THURS) MONTHLY POST MEETING @ 7:00 PM (LOCATION TO BE ANNOUNCED)
OCT 13TH (FRI) 248th BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY
OCT 27TH (FRI) NAVY DAY (See article about Navy Birthday vs Navy Day on Page 5)
NOV 10TH (FRI) VETERANS DAY OBSERVED (Lets plan something at next meeting)
NOV 10TH (FRI) USMC DAY

FAREWELL SAILOR - DAVE LAKE - 1922 - 2023

Dave Lake joined AL Post 79 together with Bob Hammerly almost immediately after being discharged from active duty in the US Navy in 1946 and was a Life Member of Post 79. On Wednesday Sept 20th Post 79 Members and the Snoqualmie Valley Veterans Honor Guard rendered Full Military Honors for Dave at Tahoma National Cemetery.

Dave passed away on his 101st birthday and will be remembered. Timothy Lake, US Navy Senior Chief, proudly served his country from 1941 to 1980. He enlisted in the Navy in 1941, five days before Pearl Harbor. He spent WW2 in the Pacific on the USS Pennsylvania and was discharged in 1946. Senior Chief Lake joined the Navy Reserve and was recalled for the Korea Conflict. In 1961 he was involuntarily recalled for service in Vietnam. He was again transferred to the Naval Reserve where he went on to retire. After his active duty tours, the Senior Chief went on to work for Weyerhaeuser. He was the recipient of many medals and decorations for his service during World War 2, Korea, and Vietnam. He will be remembered!



Prior to the service at Tahoma National Cemetery a Celebration of Dave's Life was held at the Snoqualmie Eagles with several Officers and Members of Post 79 attending.

You are welcome to view a complete album of photos from Dave's Celebration of Life at the Snoqualmie Eagles and the Full Military Honors at Tahoma National Cemetery by visiting this link: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/EXBJJ7n7vWcXsGWUA>

ATTENTION ON DECK - FROM THE COMMANDER



December 11th, 1969 at 0600 I reported to the US Navy Induction Center at Whitehall Street in New York City. The first thing I remember was how cold it was riding by myself on a subway train into Manhattan. Well, I thought it was cold till I and the other recruits were taken from Chicago O'Hare to The Great Lakes boot camp.

Like all recruits reporting to boot camp, we all ask ourselves, what the heck have I done? One minute you are safe at home then you are being yelled at by some guy who thinks you can't hear him from six inches from your face. I am sure we all have nightmares of boot camp and some great stories of comaradery also.

Somehow we all made it through the Great Canoe Club. And received our first orders, exciting times, but no sub-duty. Growing up has become a fast reality for us. We learned how to depend on each other. We deployed to various parts of the world, some peaceful and exotic, some full of conflict. The one thing I know about all of us is, we grew up, fast.

I would not trade them days for anything, well maybe for a 1968 Camero SS 396, we can all dream.

We, as Legionnaires should always share our stories and experiences with young people. Guide them in making educated choices should they be thinking about joining a service branch. I talked to 3 High Schoolers today and hopefully help them in their future choices. I hope it's the US Navy.

Michael Pollina, Commander, Post 79



THE CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

It is hard to believe that October is already upon us. The transition to more rainy days than sunny days is well underway, and the days will continue to grow shorter. While I enjoy the rainy weather, I know many do not. Remember to take advantage of the sun that you can, and use a "happy light" if you can. Being around bright lights helps a person deal with the gray darkness of winter. A bright, full-spectrum light might be just the ticket.

As many of our Navy comrades know, October is the month to celebrate the formation of the US Navy. On October 13, 1775, more than eight months before the US would declare its independence, the Continental Congress established the Navy, which has played a vital role in securing our independence and national security in the decades since. Six years and six days later, on October 19, 1781, George Washington accepted the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, effectively ending the War of Independence.

"God, I pray that You will help me to do what is right in this crisis. I know I am not always right, but I will try my best." History records this prayer by President Kennedy during another October event, this one in 1962. The Cuban Missile Crisis Brought the US and the Soviet Union to the brink of war and prompted many, including our President, to seek the guidance and wisdom of the Almighty.

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(Continued from Page 2) Kennedy's faith was a source of strength and comfort during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He believed God was watching over the world and would ultimately guide him in making the right decisions. In his speech to the nation on October 28, 1962, after the crisis had been resolved, Kennedy said, "My fellow citizens, let us give thanks that the dark clouds have lifted. But let us never forget how close we came to war. And let us never again tempt fate by letting a crisis develop that we cannot control." Kennedy's words remind us that we should never take peace for granted and always strive to resolve our differences peacefully. His example of seeking help from Above is one that all of us would follow well, especially in difficult times.

I hope all is well. If not, remember you are not alone. The same God who helped in the Cuban crisis stands ready to help us today. Also, the Post leadership and I are only an email away. I trust that October will be a great lead-in to the Holiday Season that will quickly be upon us.

For God and Country, Chaplain Jim, Post 79

OUR TAHOMA NATIONAL CEMETERY HONOR GUARD

On Wednesday Sept 13th seven Veterans with service in Korea, Vietnam, and the Cold Wars were laid to rest at Tahoma National Cemetery. Our Eastside Veterans Honor Guard representing VFW Post 2995 in Renton and American Legion Post 79 in North Bend-Snoqualmie had the privilege of providing Full Military Honors along with members of the USMC and the Washington Army National Guard for these 5 Army and 2 USMC Veterans. We were also proud to have our newest member **Alan Brown** an Afghanistan Veteran join our Team for the first time and welcome him to the Eastside Veterans Honor Guard.



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SNOQUALMIE VALLEY LITTLE LEAGUE

Snoqualmie Valley Little League was established in 1958. The league serves the Snoqualmie Valley, including North bend and parts of Snoqualmie. SVLL continues to grow and is now home for more than 400 boys and girls playing baseball and softball between the ages of 5-14. The American Legion Post 79 is proud to become a Sponsor of Snoqualmie Valley Little League as part of the Legion's Program to support youth sports since 1925.



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ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

by *Bill Cottringer*

All organizations go through stages of development as they move forward to achieve their mission. Sometimes they have to go back and revisit these stages to assure the primary goal of continuous improvement. Here are the four stages organizations go through in order to get to peak performance as a successful and effective organization:

Forming: This is the beginning stage where team members politely get to know each other's hobbies, interests, skills, and preferences. The forming stage is characterized as "cocktail chit-chat" with focus on discussing roles, responsibilities, and timelines.

Storming: Here is where uncomfortable conflicts about values, decisions and perspectives start disrupting forward progress and when authority begins to be questioned. During this critical stage of development team members are functioning more as individuals than a cohesive team and members compete for roles and responsibilities.

Norming: To get to this stage of team development, the team must resolve conflicts assertively with supportive communication. During the norming stage, members agree on roles and responsibilities, reach consensus on important decisions and actions, and actively delegate or assume productive responsibilities as a more cohesive unit.

Performing: Norming has to resolve the storming stage to get to where the team performs most effectively as a cohesive team working both autonomously and together, as needed, with peak communication and minds being read.

NAVY BIRTHDAY VS NAVY DAY

The birthday of the U.S. Navy on Oct 13th is important as it is the beginning of the formation of this essential military service in American history, while Navy Day on Oct 27th celebrates all Naval members who have served as part of this country's Naval Forces.



Confused already! The Navy Birthday is one of the two Navy-wide dates celebrated annually – Navy Birthday and Navy Day. The United States Navy was originally established as the Continental navy on 13 October 1775, when the Continental Congress authorized the procurement, fitting out, manning, and dispatch of two armed vessels to cruise in search of munitions ships supplying the British Army in America. All together, the Continental Navy numbered some fifty ships over the course of the war, with approximately twenty warships active at its maximum strength.



Navy Day was originally sponsored by the Navy League 1922. Navy Day is 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.

In 1972 Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Admiral Elmo R. Zumwalt authorized recognition of 13 October as the Navy's birthday. In contrast to Navy Day, the Navy Birthday is intended as an internal activity for members of the active forces and reserves, as well as retirees, and dependents.



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