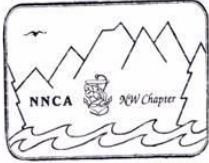


# NWNNCA

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### PRESIDENT'S NOTE:

Happy 85<sup>th</sup> birthday to Julia Pickering! We celebrated with cake and Navy Nurse Corps enthusiasm at our October General meeting held in Everett, Washington. Twenty people -members and guests-were present to sing happy birthday and share cake with Julia. Our more 'salty' charter members included Kit Tate, Ann Marie Nelson, Toni Lebel-Edmons, Madeline Ancelard, Linn Larson, Fran Connor and June Bartol.



It is with a heavy heart that I add to my President's letter that Julia died Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. She was living in the Memory Care facility at Mirabella in Seattle and had been declining over recent weeks. While we may rejoice that she is now happy and healthy, I will miss her acerbic wit and steady moral compass that I know she provided for others as well as myself. Our prayers are with Kit Tate as she mourns her best friend and closest family member.



Kit Tate

Julia Pickering

At the October meeting we also celebrated and presented the NNCA Meritorious Recognition Award to Madeline Ancelard. It was announced at the NNCA Reunion in Tennessee in May 2014 but Madeline chose to have it presented at our chapter meeting. Present to share in the celebration was Madeline's 99 year old father, Lionel



Lisa Stephens & Madeline Ancelard

Duvernay. He is a former Tech Sergeant in the Army who was stationed in the Pacific.

Our guest speaker was LCDR Patricia Butler, NC, USN, DNP, RNC-OB, D-EFM who is stationed at the Naval Hospital, Bremerton. She spoke and presented a fascinating slide show on her experiences as the Mission Nurse during Operation Pacific Partnership 2013, a multinational humanitarian exercise led by the United States, Australia and New Zealand. Congratulations were also offered as LCDR Butler



Lisa Stephens & LCDR Patricia Butler

recently completed her Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree from the University of Washington (2014). Our chapter voted and has decided to host the 2018 Reunion! We are very excited as we begin planning for another Alaska cruise. Lynne Cox from Cruise Specialists has met with Board members and the planning has begun! We will be cruising on Holland America's MS Westerdam on a 7 day roundtrip from Seattle Pier 90 to Juneau, Glacier Bay, Sitka, Ketchikan and Victoria, BC. We are tentatively looking at a 12 May 2018 departure date with the Annual Meeting

held prior to that in Seattle. If you are interested in reserving one of the Verandah, Neptune or Signature Suites or a Verandah stateroom, you can contact Lynne Cox at 206-285-5600 or email her at [LCox@CruiseSpecialists.com](mailto:LCox@CruiseSpecialists.com) to place a FULLY REFUNDABLE payment of \$100. The suites apparently go fast!

We look forward to seeing you all at our 18 April NWNCA General meeting. Details can be found elsewhere in the 2015 Spring Newsletter.

Lisa Dalquist Stephens

Fall 2014 General Meeting  
Patty's Eggnest & Turkey House, Everett, WA



June Bartol

&

Linn Larson





Ann Marie Nelson, Madeline Ancelard & Lionel Duvernay



Board meeting February, 2015  
Bremerton

## Upcoming Events

**Services for Julia Pickering: Friday, March 20, 2015 @ 1330 - Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Bremerton, WA**

**NWNNCA SPRING General Meeting**  
April 18, 2015  
Harrison Silverdale  
(details p. 9)

### **Future NNCA Meetings:**

**2015 Board & Annual Meeting**  
May 6-9  
Embassy Suites Airport Convention Center,  
Charleston, SC  
( for details:  
[www.nnca.org](http://www.nnca.org))

**2016 NNCA "Homecoming" Reunion**  
Board & Annual Meeting  
April 25 - 29  
Newport, RI

## Membership update:

Ready or not, 2015 is upon us, which means a new membership year. Thank you for your continued support this past year!

In an effort to facilitate renewing memberships this year, I mailed a hardcopy form along with an explanation on how to renew your national and local memberships online. All members with membership dates of 2016 or beyond should not have received a form. If you have an email address, you should also have received an email from me announcing membership renewal dates and the process for renewing online. Because of the nature of the NNCA mass email system, I'm unable to easily remove addresses, so everyone, regardless of membership renewal status, received the email. Please add my email, [pattoddt@yahoo.com](mailto:pattoddt@yahoo.com), to your approved contact list, so you don't miss out on membership news. This will be the last time that everyone receives a hardcopy membership form in the mail. Next year, I will only send hardcopies to those who have indicated that they prefer to mail me a check.

We currently have 86 active members with two new members joining us since the last newsletter.

Check out the NNCA website for real-time directory updates, online member search capabilities, and the availability of both past and present NNCA and NWNNCA Newsletters.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Spring meeting!

Pat Taylor



## Scholarship

Normally in this edition of the newsletter the Scholarship Committee would be reporting on the number of applicants we had for our \$1500 scholarship and perhaps even the name of the individual the committee had selected. Instead, I am reporting that we are at the beginning of totally revising our process of soliciting applicants and evaluating them. We have reviewed the process used by other chapters and are hoping to identify best practices and then put together our own application and evaluation process. We will still be awarding a scholarship this year just a little later than usual. It is the committee's intent that we will be selecting our scholarship awardee in July and awarding the scholarship in time for the fall semester/quarter. By delaying the application timeline, the individuals writing the clinical evaluations will have a better foundation for writing the recommendations. We will be announcing the name of our selectee in the fall newsletter and at the fall meeting. If anyone asks you about the scholarship reassure them that there will be one awarded this year just a little later than in the past.

Joline DeVos



## Treasurer's Report

Current balances:

Checking	<b>\$3,462.56</b>
Savings	<b>\$9,373.46</b>
CD's	<b>\$1,874.46</b>
Total	<b>\$14,710.48</b>

We have three CD's:

Date	8/18/2013	10/13/2014	12/12/2014
Matures	2409	2414	2415
Amount	\$662.91	\$611.11	\$600.44

Bonnie Bulach

## NWNNCA SPRING GENERAL MEETING

Guest Speaker: LCDR Louise Nellums, NC, USN

LCDR Nellums completed her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Lenior-Rhyne College in North Carolina in 1996. In 2003 she received her direct commission into the United States Navy Reserve, beginning her career as a Lieutenant Junior Grade with Naval Hospital Support Unit, Naval Hospital Portsmouth. She completed her Master of Science, concentrating in Health Care Administration, from Bellevue University in 2005, after which she augmented to active duty and reported to Naval Hospital Cherry Point. There she served as a staff nurse on both the Inpatient Care Unit and the Urgent Care Clinic. While at Cherry Point she also deployed with EMF Kuwait, serving at Camp Buehring as a staff nurse and immunizations nurse.



In 2008 LT Nellums reported to Naval Hospital Portsmouth, initially serving as the Assistant Division Officer on the Medical-Surgical ward. In 2009 she became the Division Officer for Orientation Programs in the Staff Education and Training Department, during which time she was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander. While at Portsmouth she also served on the USNS Comfort (T-AH 20) during Operation Unified Response following the earthquake in Haiti in January 2010.

LCDR Nellums was competitively selected for Duty Under Instruction (DUINS) in 2011 and, following her tour at Portsmouth, reported to Old Dominion University. There she completed a Master of Science degree in Educational Leadership. In 2013 she reported to Naval Hospital Bremerton where she is currently the Department Head for Education and Training. During her time at Bremerton she has also participated in Pacific Partnership 2014, serving with multinational forces on board the Japanese Defense Ship (JDS) Kunisaki (LST-4003).

LCDR Nellums' personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (3), the Army Achievement Medal (1), and the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (1). She is married to QM1(SW) Michael Nellums (Ret).



JDS Kunisaki (LST-4003)



*IN MEMORY...*

**Alice Jean Sater Ritchey - June 11, 1920 - September 19, 2014**



LCDR Ritchey was commissioned in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps in 1943. She attended Flight Nurse training and was a Certified Nurse Anesthetist. Jean retired at Bremerton Naval Hospital in 1963, then worked at Harrison Hospital in Bremerton as a nurse anesthetist. She was a founding member of the Navy Nurse Corps Association and active in many other veterans and community organizations. She was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn, also a Navy veteran. Donations may be sent to United Methodist Church, Bremerton or Crista Shores Retirement Community, Silverdale.

**CAPT Karen Pruett Baer NC, USN 1965 - December 10, 2014**



CAPT Pruett Baer received her BSN at Ohio State and accepted a direct commissioning in the Navy Nurse Corps. She served in a variety of staff, education and leadership roles as well as a variety of duty stations throughout her career, including deployment with the USNS COMFORT during Operation Desert Shield/Storm. In 2009, CAPT Pruett Baer deployed as Senior Nurse Executive to Kuwait. At the time of her death, she was Director of Nursing and Interim Executive Officer at Naval Hospital Oak Harbor, Washington.

CAPT Pruett Baer is survived by her husband, Emil, and children, Patrick Pruett at Washington State University and Kathryn Pruett at the University of Washington, and by two brothers, Lee Wolfe of Columbus, Ohio, and Steve Wolfe of Marysville, Ohio.

Family and friends gathered to celebrate Karen's life on Monday, December 15, 2014, at NAS Whidbey Island Base Chapel. The family suggested memorial donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 2223 Alaskan Way Suite 220, Seattle, WA 98121

**Julia Elizabeth Pickering Oct. 20, 1929 to March 8, 2015**



Red Cross Award, 2006

Julia Pickering passed away March 8, 2015 in Seattle. After retiring from a 21 year career in the Navy Nurse Corps, she remained active in the Navy Nurse Corps Association and the American Red Cross as well as in other community organizations. Julia's services will be Friday, March 20, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Bremerton, WA.



Reunion cruise 2012



**NWNNCA**  
**SPRING GENERAL MEETING**  
April 18, 2015



Iris Conference Room  
Harrison Medical Center  
1800 NW Myhre Rd  
Silverdale, WA  
(360) 337-8800

**Directions:** Take WA-3 to Silverdale; exit 45B to WA-303/NW Waaga Way toward East Bremerton. In 0.8 mi, take Ridgetop Blvd exit and turn right on Ridgetop Blvd. Right on NW Myhre Rd - 0.3 mi. Hospital on right.

Time: 1100-1130: Meet & Greet  
1130-1215: Luncheon  
1215-1300: Speaker/General Meeting

Lunches will be ordered from a limited menu and prepaid on-site at the Chipmunk Grill. Average meals are about \$10.00 including drink. Per hospital policy, there is no tipping.

Menu options will be emailed or forwarded by USPS prior to meeting date for selection

RSVP, by mail or email, no later than **April 13, 2015** to  
Tracy Brommel  
12266 Ridgepoint Circle NW  
Silverdale, WA 98383  
[tbrommel@gmail.com](mailto:tbrommel@gmail.com)



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Number in your group for lunch\_\_\_\_\_

Menu Selection(s):\_\_\_\_\_

If you have not already done so, please indicate if you would like to receive this newsletter via email

Yes\_\_\_\_\_

No\_\_\_\_\_

**Please include newsletter by email preference with your luncheon reservation, or if not attending the luncheon, send separately to [smrushing@hotmail.com](mailto:smrushing@hotmail.com)**

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