

The Sierra Wave

The Newsletter of the Navy League of the United States
Carson City Council #347

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July 18, 2008
Dinner Meeting
Carson Nugget
5:30 Social Hour
6:30 Buffet Dinner

**Rear Admiral L. R.
Hering, Sr. USN**
Commander, Navy
Region South West,
Speaker



Our next meeting will be at the Carson Nugget, Friday, July 18, 2008. The social hour is at 5:30 PM followed by a buffet dinner at 6:30 PM. The calling committee will be contacting you for your reservations unless you call Bud Southard, 882-7960 first or you may email Bud at brknpokeranch@charter.net. The price is \$25 per person.

For last minute reservations, you may call Bud through noon, Monday, the 14th. We must request that "no shows" be responsible for the price of their uneaten dinners.

Bud's Bits and Pieces

The Navy League would like to thank *Mr. Carl Stevens and Mr. Mickey Burchfield* for their generous donations. Your financial support enables the Council to fund four scholarships and the Sailor and Marine of the Quarter recognition programs.

Whether your financial aid goes to pay for the dinner of one of our uniformed guests or to help fund one of our annual scholarships, it all counts. As individuals we are limited in what we can accomplish but as an organization we join forces and are capable of achieving greater goals.

The board of directors continues to place emphasis on educating our members of the needs of our Sea Services. More often than not our relationship with our adopted units has afforded us the success of acquiring good speakers.



Rear Admiral Leendert "Len" Hering, Sr., was born in Portsmouth, Virginia and commissioned through the NROTC Scholarship Program from State University of

New York Maritime College in 1977 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Meteorology and Oceanography. He has also earned a Master of Science degree in International Relations and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College, and a Master of Science degree in Business Management from Salve Regina University in Newport, R.I.

Rear Admiral Hering's initial sea assignment was aboard USS SANTA BAR-

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Skipper's Corner

It's time to get together once again for dinner and some fun. I think that you will enjoy hearing what Rear Admiral Hering has to say. As Commander of Navy Region South West he deals with almost every Naval Installation from San Diego to Fallon and beyond. You will probably hear a perspective on the Navy that you have never heard before.

In our travels representing the Navy League, Irene Vrabel, Carolyn and Bud went with me to Fallon to celebrate the 110 birthday of Navy

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Member Profile **Bert Jakobson** **(see page 3)**



Bring a friend, neighbor and/or a vet to the dinner! Last minute reservations to Bob Prater, 888-2050

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 BARA (AE 28), where he served as 1st and 2nd Division Officer and Assistant First Lieutenant. Upon completion of Department Head School in 1980 he was assigned to the commissioning crew of USS FAHRION (FFG 22) as Ship's Control Officer and later as Combat Systems Officer. He had command of USS ARIES (PHM 5) from January 1989 to January 1991 and USS DOYLE (FFG 39) from July 1995 to March 1997. DOYLE was a member of the Vinson Battle Group in Desert Strike; the ship earned the Battle "E," all possible departmental awards, the 1996 Chief of Naval Operations LAMPS Safety Award, and two TY-COM Safety Awards and Commander, Naval Surface Group Pacific Northwest, from August 2002 to February 2005.

His assignments ashore include duty as operations and plans --

Officer to Commander, Destroyer Squadron TWELVE; aide and administrative assistant to the Deputy Chief of Naval Operations for Naval Warfare; Action Officer, Pacific Command Branch J-33, Joint Operations Directorate, Joint Staff; 1st Battalion Officer and Ethics Instructor, U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Maryland; Commanding Officer of Naval Base San Diego; Commander, Navy Region Northwest, August 2002 to August 2005, and presently Commander, Navy Region South-west.

Rear Admiral Hering's personal awards include (2) Legion of Merit, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, (4) Meritorious Service Medals, and various other personal achievement, service awards and ribbons. He and his wife Sharon have three boys. STS2 Lee (24), Tim (22) and Christopher (13).

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 Corpsmen and witness the adoption of the Medical Clinic by the Placer County Council. As you may recall, Rear Admiral Bonnie Potter NSNMC Ret., one of our former speakers is the Council President.

On June 25th Bud and I traveled to Pickel Meadows to visit our adopted units there. We met several new team members at the Med Clinic where we invited the Sailor of the Year to our July Dinner Meeting. I hope you will help make her and her husband feel welcome.

I saved this for last. The sad news this time around is that effective July 1st membership dues will increase again. Regular membership has gone up to \$50 and a like change for husband/wife up to \$85. We will have new applications available, so please get rid of your old ones. Why is it that people in Washington never listen to the people from other parts of the country?

Don't forget to call in for reservations, see you at dinner.

~Bob Prater, President



Pictured at left

Carson City Council's new parade float made its debut on May 17th for the Armed Forces Day Parade. The Navy TA-4J Cockpit will be utilized for parades, school and community needs plus Navy recruiting activities.

Once the interior is restored we hope to allow people to sit in it to have their picture taken. The success of this project was made possible by the support of NSAWC, NAS and FRC's sailors and officers.

Navy League of the United States, Carson City Council #347

Member's Name: _____

Date: _____ Phone: _____

The enclosed check in the amount of \$ _____ is a gift to the NLUS, Carson City Council for the support of our adopted Sea Services units.

Mail to: Carson City Council #347, NLUS, Attention: Mike Russo, Post Office Box 4404, Carson City NV 89702-4404. The Board of Directors thanks you in advance for your generous support. The Navy League is a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization.

Chief Warrant Officer Bert Jakobson, USMC (Retired)

Most Americans well remember December 7, 1941, the day of Infamy, but Cpl. Bert Jakobson remembers it better than most. Having just return from maneuvers in the Midway Islands, He was snoozing away that morning in the wooden barracks next to Hickam air field in Honolulu when the Japanese began the bombing of Pearl Harbor. After the chaos created by the sneak attack had subsided and a semblance of order was restored Bert was shipped out to the Palmyra Island for a nine month tour of duty. Then back to Pearl Harbor where he was assigned to the Second Marine Division and made landings on Tarawa, Saipan, Tinian and Okinawa. During the invasion of Okinawa, the landing craft carrying Bert was hit by a Japanese kamikaze aircraft. He was one of the fortunate marines that were rescued by surrounding ships and put on the island.

After the atom bomb fell on Nagasaki and the Japanese surrendered, Bert was sent in with the occupying troops for 7 months before returning to the United States. Upon his return he was sent to Washington D.C. for training at both the State Department school and the FBI school where, among his many accomplishments, he became a qualified Expert with the 45 caliber pistol. After completion of the training he was transferred to Europe in charge of the security, code rooms and safes for the U.S. Embassies. Though not as trying as fighting the Japanese in the Islands, it was demanding. The government sent them to the tailors to outfit them. Dressed in suits and trench coats complete with hats, they were ready. Bert served in the Sweden, Belgium, and Greece embassies and it was in Stockholm that Bert tells of a funny incident. The U.S. Ambassador had a large Doberman Pincer of which he was quite proud. The dog more or less had the run of the embassy and on this given



night the Ambassador was hosting a diplomatic dinner. While greeting the guests in the receiving line the French ambassador and wife approached the host to shake hands when here comes the Dobie. He ran behind the Frenchman's wife and stuck his cold nose under her skirt and up to, you know where. She screamed, and then loudly proclaimed "Damned Americans and their dogs!!"

Bert was born some 25 miles from Wibaux, MT. on a ranch/farm combination nearly on the Canadian border. Other than the ranch, his first job was working in a CCC camp at 16 years of age. In 1940 he joined the Marine Corps and was sent to Pendleton for basic training then on to Hawaii.

CWO Jakobson bade farewell to the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, Ca. in 1960 to partnered up with 3 fellow officers in their own Real Estate company in Oceanside, Ca. Bert was quite active in the selling and buying of Real Estate and in 1963 moved to Incline Village, NV. It

was here he met and married Doramae in 1965. They both enjoy playing golf and certainly took advantage of their condo in Palm Springs each winter.

Bert & Doramae built their retirement home on Silver Oaks Country Club in Carson City in 2005. They now enjoy their view of the golf course with their 12 year old standard bred Yorkie dog, "Honeybear!" They are both active in many different social activities around the city such as the Carson City Navy league.

If you should want to start a conversation with Bert ask him about his hole-in-one in 2006 in Palm Desert.

-Dan Seaton, Council Biographer

Have you ever thought about what your BIO would sound like written by a total stranger? Would other people be interested in what your life was all about before they met you? Actually, no one knows until they try it so take a chance and give me a call to let us know that you are interested. Call Bud at 882-7960

Coming Events

July 18, 2008, Friday Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
August 5, 2008, Tuesday Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
September 19, 2008, Friday Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
October 7, 2008, Tuesday Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
November 21, 2008, Friday Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30
December 2, 2008, Tuesday Board Meeting, 1093 Gambrel Drive, Bud's, 5:00
January 16, 2009, Friday Dinner Meeting, Carson Nugget, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:30

Mark your calendars now



**Thank you,
gentlemen!**

At our May dinner meeting we acknowledged the help by (L to R) AMAN Blake Lease and AM1 James Bacolo in repainting the TA-4J Cockpit. Plaques were presented to them by President Bob Prater.

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