



# Now Hear This!

## Bach Onboard?

Well, classical music anyway. Our “Love on the High Seas” fundraiser, a first ever collaboration of the Bremerton Symphony Orchestra and the Bremerton Historic Ships Association was held on the sixth of August and was a smash hit.



*The string quartet and the brass ensemble highlighted the evening.*



*Bremerton Symphony Executive Director Anna James Miller and BHSA Director Frank Portello twist guests arms for donations at the start of the program (left).*

Guests were greeted with a string quartet and an opportunity to bid on the silent auction as they entered. The symphony’s brass quintet played throughout the evening as guests enjoyed the music and the opportunity to tour the ship. Probably some new experiences there for both symphony and BHSA supporters.

A half a dozen shipmates came from all over the states and received a royal welcome.

**THANK YOU!**

**Shipmates**  
David Nitsch

**Friends**  
West Sound Human Resource  
Management Association

**FOR YOUR GENEROUS  
CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE HISTORIC SHIP  
PRESERVATION  
PROJECT**

The USS Turner Joy (DD 951) is a museum ship that pays tribute to the men and women who served, fought, and died during the Vietnam War and beyond. The Officers and Enlisted personnel, who served this ship from 1959 to 1982, left a legacy of honorable service, which is our humble duty to uphold. The ship is a



memorial that preserves the US Navy and maritime heritage in the Pacific Northwest as a place for education, reflection, and fun. A place for local area residents and tourists to enjoy the beautiful downtown Bremerton waterfront.



## CPO LEGACY ACADEMY

The CPO Legacy Academy has been held onboard every year since 2012. Chief selectees from Naval Base Kitsap descend on Turner Joy - one of three museum ships on the west coast to host them - and, under the guidance of

### What they're saying about us.

We get a lot of comments from our visitors, both online and in the visitor book in the gift shop. Here are a few of the latest reviews from Tripadvisor:

“What a great find. The staff was super informative and friendly. The ship is not as big as the Midway in San Diego, but still very impressive. Take time to walk along the boardwalk and maybe grab a bite at one of the local restaurants too.”

“It is a floating museum! Full of historic events, displays, historic photos and the science of firing the cannons. Allow plenty of time to see it all.”

“A Vietnam veteran, old school gun armed destroyer, you can visit almost all of the ship.”

Thanks



*This year's class of Chief selectees muster in front of Mount 53. For their project on board this year, they scraped, primed and painted all three gun mounts. Thank you Chiefs!*

Chief Petty Officer mentors, hold leadership, history and heritage training, and team building exercises onboard. Welcome back and congratulations Chief Petty Officer selectees and mentors.

## THE AMAZING MICROSOFT RACE

Microsoft Corp. does its own version of the TV show "The Amazing Race" where teams find clues to secret destinations to get information to solve a puzzle. The teams are racing against time and each other. Microsoft's version is done with their interns as a team building event.



The USS Turner Joy was one of their secret locations for 2017. Eleven teams of 25 interns came aboard between 9pm and 2am as they raced to find the clues hidden in various locations then met on the mess decks to brainstorm.

The coordinators and teams all agreed that the ship was, by far, the "coolest" location in the 17 years they've been doing this.

Most of the interns were millennials born in the mid nineties and their questions ranged from, "is the ship going to pull out of the marina tonight?" to "how was she involved in the war" and "which war?"

Welcome aboard!



## ON THE ROAD - AGAIN

Director Frank Portello spends a lot of time on the road spreading the word about Turner Joy. Mostly he does it on his own, since there are a lot of events and volunteers aren't always available to help.



This month, Northwest Military - part of Swarner Communications - in conjunction with USAA and Olympic College hosted a Military Family Fun Day on the OC campus.

Frank was there with Neil Hart to represent BHSA and talk up Turner Joy. Fortunately, he had help setting up and tearing down from the Sea Cadet Battalion from Kitsap County. Thanks Sea Cadets.



As we said in the last issue, if you're a former sailor volunteering with Turner Joy is an enriching experience. And if you're not a sailor, come on down anyway. We have former Marines. Retired Air Force. A submariner and volunteers who've never served. We welcome everybody.



about the sustainability of our environment and local economy. It creates SHOP LOCAL campaigns to promote downtown Bremerton.

On August 10th, Turner Joy hosted Green Drinks onboard. The event was sold out with 100 attendees. The group presented BHSA with a check for \$200.

GreenDrinks is a networking event for people passionate

Held almost every second Thursday of the month, Bremerton GreenDrinks is an informal networking event for professionals, community leaders, activists, artists, and anyone interested in making Bremerton a great place to live. Welcome aboard!





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