

Appendix J

2013 Scoping Information

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other matters relating to the Academy. Specific topics for this meeting include a Superintendent's Update; a USAFA Non-profit Financial Support Briefing; a classroom visit and a tour of the Center for Character and Leadership Development. In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, one session of this meeting shall be closed to the public because it involve matters covered by subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b. Public attendance at the open portions of this USAFA BoV meeting shall be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis up to the reasonable and safe capacity of the meeting room. In addition, any member of the public wishing to provide input to the USAFA BoV should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements must address the following details: the issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and provide any necessary background information. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the Air Force address detailed below at any time. However, if a written statement is not received at least 10 calendar days before the first day of the meeting which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the BoV until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the BoV Chairman and ensure they are provided to members of the BoV before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. For the benefit of the public, rosters that list the names of BoV members and any releasable materials presented during the open portions of this BoV meeting shall be made available upon request.

If after review of timely submitted written comments and the BoV Chairman and DFO deem appropriate, they may choose to invite the submitter of the written comments to orally present the issue during an open portion of the BoV meeting that is the subject of this notice. Members of the BoV may also petition the Chairman to allow specific personnel to make oral presentations before the BoV. In accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(d), any oral presentations before the BoV shall be in accordance with agency guidelines provided pursuant to a written invitation and this paragraph. Direct questioning of BoV members or

meeting participants by the public is not permitted except with the approval of the DFO and Chairman.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For additional information or to attend this BoV meeting, contact Maj Mark Cipolla, Accessions and Training Division, AF/A1PT, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330, (703) 695-4066.

Bao-Anh Trinh,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington and To Announce Public Scoping Meetings

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 Code of Federal Regulations parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy (DoN) announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler airfield operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Washington. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with the introduction of two additional EA-18G Growler expeditionary squadrons (10 aircraft) and the addition of three EA-18G Growler aircraft to the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS) when added to baseline conditions, including ongoing EA-18G Growler airfield operations, at NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville.

DATES: *Dates and Addresses:* Three open house information sessions will be held between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. on:

1. Tuesday, December 3, 2013, at Coupeville High School Commons Area, 501 South Main Street, Coupeville, Washington 98239.
2. Wednesday, December 4, 2013, at Oak Harbor High School Student Union Building, 1 Wildcat Way, Oak Harbor, Washington 98277.
3. Thursday, December 5, 2013, at Anacortes Middle School Cafeteria, 2202 M Avenue, Anacortes, Washington 98221.

Each of the three open house information sessions will be informal and consist of information stations staffed by DoN representatives.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NAS Whidbey Island is the home of all Navy tactical electronic attack (VAQ) squadrons flying the EA-6B Prowler and EA-18G Growler. In 2005 and 2012, the DoN prepared environmental analyses pursuant to NEPA for the replacement of the EA-6B Prowler aircraft with the newer EA-18G Growler aircraft at NAS Whidbey Island. The 2005 Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated the environmental consequences of transitioning fleet squadrons and the FRS from the EA-6B to the EA-18G aircraft. The 2012 EA evaluated the environmental consequences of retaining and transitioning the three expeditionary squadrons currently home based at NAS Whidbey Island from EA-6B to EA-18G aircraft and the relocation of a reserve expeditionary squadron from Joint Base Andrews, Maryland.

To meet current and future requirements, the DoN proposes to: (1) Continue and increase the existing VAQ airfield operations at NAS Whidbey Island complex, which includes Ault Field and OLF Coupeville; (2) Add two new Expeditionary VAQ squadrons (10 additional aircraft) and augment the VAQ FRS (3 additional aircraft) to support an expanded expeditionary Department of Defense (DoD) mission (total increase of 13 aircraft); (3) Construct and renovate facilities at Ault Field over a three-year period to accommodate additional aircraft; and (4) Station up to 860 additional personnel at and relocate approximately 2,150 family members to NAS Whidbey Island and surrounding community.

The purpose of the proposed action is to sustain the Navy's electronic attack aircraft capabilities at NAS Whidbey Island. The proposed action is needed to maintain electronic attack operational readiness to support national defense requirements under Title 10 United States Code Part 5062. The VAQ community of personnel, aircraft, equipment and mission related Navy functions have been performed almost entirely at NAS Whidbey Island since 1971. With the disestablishment of U.S. Marine Corps capabilities, the DoD Expeditionary VAQ mission is single-sited at NAS Whidbey Island which

maximizes operational capabilities and efficiencies without duplicating facilities and functions at another location.

In addition to the No Action Alternative, this EIS will assess the potential environmental effects of action alternatives to be developed by DoN for different operational scenarios.

The environmental analysis in the EIS will focus on several aspects of the proposed action: Aircraft operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville; facility construction; and personnel changes. Resource areas to be addressed in the EIS will include, but not be limited to: Air quality, noise, land use, socioeconomic, natural resources, biological resources, cultural resources, and safety and environmental hazards. The analysis will evaluate direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other relevant activities near the installation. Relevant and reasonable measures that could avoid or mitigate environmental effects will also be analyzed. Additionally, the DoN will undertake any consultation applicable by law and regulation. No decision will be made to implement any alternative until the EIS process is completed and a Record of Decision is signed by the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Energy, Installations and Environment) or designee.

The scoping process will be used to identify community concerns and local issues to be addressed in the EIS.

Federal agencies, state agencies, local agencies, Native American Indian Tribes and Nations, the public, and interested persons are encouraged to provide comments to the DoN to identify specific issues or topics of environmental concern that the commenter believes the DoN should consider. All comments provided orally or in writing at the scoping meetings or by mail during the scoping period will receive the same consideration during EIS preparation. All comments must be postmarked no later than January 3, 2014.

To be included on the DoN's mailing list for the EIS (or to receive a copy of the Draft EIS, when released), a written request should be submitted to: EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA 23508.

August 29, 2013.

P.A. Richelmi,

Lieutenant, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U. S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[Docket No. ED-2013-ICCD-0085]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge Annual Performance Report

AGENCY: Office of Elementary and Secondary Education (OESE), ED.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, (44 U.S.C. chapter 3501 *et seq.*), ED is proposing a new information collection.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before October 7, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Comments submitted in response to this notice should be submitted electronically through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov> by selecting Docket ID number ED-2013-ICCD-0085 or via postal mail, commercial delivery, or hand delivery. *Please note that comments submitted by fax or email and those submitted after the comment period will not be accepted.* Written requests for information or comments submitted by postal mail or delivery should be addressed to the Director of the Information Collection Clearance Division, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW, LBJ, Room 2E115, Washington, DC 20202-4537.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions related to collection activities or burden, please call Tomakie Washington, 202-401-1097 or electronically mail ICDocketMgr@ed.gov. Please do not send comments here.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Education (ED), in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)), provides the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed, revised, and continuing collections of information. This helps the Department assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. It also helps the public understand the Department's information collection requirements and provide the requested data in the desired format. ED is soliciting comments on the proposed information collection request (ICR) that is described below. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection

necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge Annual Performance Report.

OMB Control Number: 1810-NEW.

Type of Review: New collection.

Respondents/Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Governments.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Responses: 21.

Total Estimated Number of Annual Burden Hours: 2,520.

Abstract: The Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge program is authorized by Sections 14005 and 14006, Division A, of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, as amended by section 1832(b) of Division B of Public Law 112-10, the Department of Defense and Full-Year Continuing Appropriations Act, 2011, and the Department of Education Appropriations Act, 2012 (Title III of Division F of Pub. L. 112-74, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012). This program is jointly managed by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The purpose of the Race to the Top—Early Learning Challenge program is to focus on improving early learning and development programs for young children by supporting States' efforts to: (1) increase the number and percentage of low-income and disadvantaged children in each age group of infants, toddlers, and preschoolers who are enrolled in high-quality early learning programs; (2) design and implement an integrated system of high-quality early learning programs and services; and (3) ensure that any use of assessments conforms with the recommendations of the National Research Council's reports on early childhood. Five key program reform areas representing the foundation of an effective early learning and development reform agenda focused on school readiness and ongoing educational success. These five key reform areas are: (A) successful State Systems; (B) High-Quality, Accountable Programs; (C) Promoting Early Learning and Development Outcomes for Children; (D) A Great Early Childhood Education Workforce; and (E) Measuring

Affairs Office of the Army Environmental Command at 210-466-1590 or 1-855-846-3940 (toll free), or by email at usarmy.jbsa.aex.mbx@mail.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Army's proposed action, referred to as the Schofield Generating Station Project (SGSP), is a lease of 10.3 acres of land and a related 2.5 acre interconnection easement on Schofield Barracks to Hawaiian Electric, as well as Hawaiian Electric's construction, ownership, operation, and maintenance of a 50 MW biofuel-capable power generation plant and 46-kilovolt subtransmission line.

The SGSP would be a source of renewable power that would provide an energy security service to Schofield Barracks, Wheeler Army Airfield, and Field Station Kunia if loss of service occurs from the normal sources of electricity supporting these installations. Any electricity produced from renewable biofuels would also help achieve the Army goals of producing renewable energy on Army-owned real property.

The SGSP would benefit Hawaiian Electric and the residents of Oahu. It would provide a quick-starting facility to help maintain grid stability; provide a facility at a higher elevation and away from coastlines; provide a physically secure facility on a military installation; and makes progress toward the Hawaii Renewable Portfolio Standard.

The SGSP would operate on a mix of biofuel and diesel, as required to meet Hawaiian Electric's Renewable Portfolio Standard and the Army's renewable energy goals, and may help sustain a local demand for biofuels. Since the SGSP would be multi-fuel capable, it would be able to run on a combination of fuels as necessary to ensure operations are economically viable and can continue under adverse operating conditions.

The EIS will assess the potential for direct, indirect, and cumulative effects on the human, natural, and cultural environment and identify mitigation measures for any adverse effects.

The EIS will examine two alternative operating scenarios for the proposed action. Under the first scenario, the SGSP would run approximately six hours per day, and consume up to eight million gallons of fuel per year. Under the second scenario, the SGSP would operate seven days a week and 24 hours per day, and would consume up to 31.5 million gallons of fuel per year.

The EIS will analyze a No Action Alternative, as prescribed by the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations, to serve as the

baseline against which the proposed action and alternatives are compared. Under this alternative, the SGSP would not be built. The EIS process will also examine whether there are additional reasonable alternatives that could meet the needs of both the Army and Hawaiian Electric.

Key resources of concern, for which potentially significant impacts could occur, include air quality, traffic, and stormwater. The Army is preparing supporting studies for those resources.

The Department of the Army encourages all interested members of the public, as well as federal, state, and local agencies to participate in the scoping process for the preparation of this EIS. Interested members may participate in scoping meetings, submit written comments, or both. Written comments will be accepted within a 45-day period following the publication of the Notice of Intent (NOI) in the **Federal Register**. Scoping meetings will be held on the Island of Oahu, Hawaii during the first week of February 2014. Notification of the locations and times for the meetings will be published in the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser*.

Brenda S. Bowen,
Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Reopening and Extending the Public Comment Period for the Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Navy (DoN) is reopening and extending the public scoping period for the notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Washington. This notice announces an extension of the public scoping period until January 31, 2014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 5, 2013 (78 FR 54635), the

DoN published a notice of intent to prepare an EIS for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at NAS Whidbey Island, Washington and also announced public scoping meetings. DoN provided a 120-day public scoping period which ended on January 3, 2014. The original public scoping period was intended to avoid any complications or delays that could result from government shutdowns and the end of the calendar year.

This notice announces an extension of the public scoping period until January 31, 2014. Scoping comments may be submitted in writing to the EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Boulevard, Norfolk, Virginia 23508, or electronically via the project Web site (<http://www.whidbeyeis.com>). All written comments must be postmarked or received (online) by January 31, 2014, to ensure they become part of the official record.

Dated: January 14, 2014.

N.A. Hagerty-Ford,
Commander, Office of the Judge Advocate General, U.S. Navy, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Board for Education Sciences; Meeting

AGENCY: Institute of Education Sciences, U.S. Department of Education.
ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting of the National Board for Education Sciences (NBES). The notice also describes the functions of the Committee. Notice of this meeting is required by Section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend the meeting.
DATES: January 31, 2014.

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time

ADDRESSES: 80 F Street NW., Large Board Room, Washington, DC 20001
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellie Pelaez, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Room 600 E, Washington, DC 20208; phone: (202) 219-0644; fax: (202) 219-1402; email: Ellie.Pelaez@ed.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Board for Education Sciences is authorized by Section 116 of the Education Sciences Reform Act of 2002

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Release – 45-13
September 5, 2013

Navy to Prepare Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for Growler Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island

The Navy has announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station (NAS) Whidbey Island, Oak Harbor, Wash. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with ongoing EA-18G Growler airfield operations at NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville, including the proposed introduction of two additional expeditionary Electronic Attack (VAQ) squadrons and the addition of aircraft to the Fleet Replacement Squadron (FRS).

There are two distinct components to the VAQ community: the Carrier Air Wing Fleet VAQ squadrons and the Expeditionary VAQ squadrons. Each has the same mission but they differ in where they deploy (on board aircraft carriers for the Fleet VAQ squadrons versus land based VAQ squadrons). Expeditionary VAQ squadrons do not deploy on aircraft carriers and therefore pilots in these squadrons do not conduct field carrier landing practice at either Ault Field or OLF Coupeville beyond an initial qualification during training in the FRS.

A scoping process will be used to identify community concerns and local issues to be addressed in the EIS. As part of the public involvement during scoping the Navy will host three open house information sessions on the following dates: Tuesday, December 3, 2013 at Coupeville High School (Commons Area), 501 South Main Street, Coupeville, Wash.; Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at Oak Harbor High School (Student Union Building), 1 Wildcat Way, Oak Harbor, Wash.; and Thursday, December 5, 2013 at Anacortes Middle School (Cafeteria), 2202 M Avenue, Anacortes, Wash. 98221. All of these meetings will take place from 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

The meetings will be conducted in an open house format with informational displays and materials available for public review. There will be no formal presentations. Navy staff will be present to answer general questions on the proposed action and the EIS process.

To be included on the Navy's mailing list for the EIS (or to receive a CD copy of the Draft EIS once it is prepared), interested individuals should submit an e-mail request to WhidbeyEIS@navy.mil or a written request to: EA-18G EIS Project Manager (Code EV21/SS); Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) Atlantic, 6506 Hampton Blvd, Norfolk, VA 23508.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Press Release – 28-14
July 25, 2014

Navy to Analyze New Growler Alternatives

As has been recently reported, Congress is considering authorizing and appropriating funds so the U.S. Navy may procure EA-18G Growler aircraft. While it is unclear whether more Growlers will ultimately be procured, the Navy has decided to be proactive in analyzing the potential growth in the Growler inventory in order to ensure full transparency with the public and local community. Therefore, U.S. Fleet Forces Command has been directed to incorporate additional force structure alternatives for the Navy's Electronic Attack community at NAS Whidbey Island into the ongoing Environmental Impact Statement.

Fleet Forces Command is currently evaluating how this potential change may affect the scope and timing of the ongoing EIS. Once this information is available, the Navy will provide it to the public.

The number of Growlers in the Navy inventory, and the number ultimately based at NAS Whidbey Island, will depend on how many, if any, are funded by Congress. The Navy is developing a variety of force structure alternatives, and these alternatives will be made public as part of the NEPA process.

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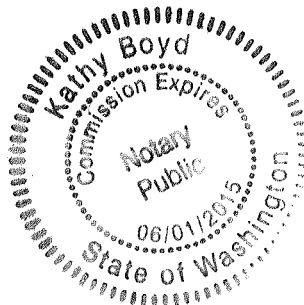
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BY: Kathryn Schultz

Subscribed and sworn to before me
This 27th day of Feb., 2014.

Kathy Boyd
Notary Public



April 2011

Obituaries

Gregory Todd Morlan

It is with great sorrow that beloved family and friends mourn the passing of Gregory Todd Morlan, age 56, of Ocean Park, Wa., on August 18, 2013.

Survived by spouse Mary Majerle Morlan, stepson Jeremy Engstrom, parents Jim and Shirley Morlan of Anacortes, Wa, brother Jeffrey Morlan and wife Colleen of White Rock, BC, Canada, niece Naomi Morlan of London, England, Aunt and Uncle Audrey and George Thayer of Rathdrum, Idaho, In-laws Pam and Ed Majerle of Duvall, Wa, numerous cousins and cherished friends.

Greg attended Shadle Park High School in Spokane, Wa. He was a gifted guitarist and was a central part of the music scene in Seattle for many years. He

made friends easily, had a wonderful sense of humor and was loved by everyone. He had a great love for animals and rescued many. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the ASPCA.

Evelyn S. Legg

Sept. 5, 1913 ~ Aug. 30, 2013



Evelyn was a longtime resident of Anacortes having moved here in 1956. Born Evelyn Strouse in Perkaspie, Pennsylvania, she married Byron Legg in

1944. They had six children.

She was a graduate of Cedar Crest College and held a Library degree from Drexel. While living in Anacortes, Evelyn worked as a cataloger for the Anacortes Public Library and later for the Bellingham Public Library from which she retired in 1979.

She was an avid reader and an accomplished pianist. She enjoyed attending community theater and concerts, and working in her garden.

Evelyn was preceded in death by Byron, her husband of 50 years, her son Byron and her daughter Virginia. She is survived by daughters Patricia, Priscilla, Fritzi, Mary, and three grandchildren.

No service is planned. Arrangements are in the care of Evans Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc.,

Anacortes, WA and the San Juan Islands. To share memories of Evelyn, please sign the online guest register at www.evanschapel.com

Eugene Rae Knokey

Feb 25, 1929 ~ Aug. 22, 2013



Born in Aberdeen, WA, Eugene passed August 22 in Mount Vernon, WA. For the past 25 years Gene and Marjorie, his wife of 64 years, resided in Anacortes, WA. "Gene" is survived by his wife, Marj; children, Alan Knokey,

MarJean Long, Judy Thompson; grandchildren, Rachel Russell, Jonathan Knokey, Samantha Thompson, Jenna Thompson; great-grandchildren, Cade Russell and Avery Knokey.

Gene will be remembered for his commitment to family, innovations he brought to the plywood industry, skill as a wood boat builder (building 30 wood boats from 10 to 50 feet both sail and power), custom furniture designer, and love for things boating. Gene was a passionate boater and loved the San Juan Islands and adventures to all scenic stops along the northwest coast of Canada.

He began his professional career building and managing plywood plants. From this experience, he gained knowledge of the industry need for modern plywood process machinery. As vice president of Coe Manufac-

turing from 1976 to 2001, he led the design and manufacturing of process machinery that remains the world standard today.

He will be missed by his family and friends and remembered for his energy, humor, warmth, and empathy.

In today's society we are quick to be critical; however, my family firmly believes we should be quicker to praise. My family would like to thank the staff and owners of Randy's Pier 61 for their professionalism and accommodation in helping the family plan and implement a "celebration of the life of our father, Eugene Knokey" on August 31.

The event was a great success as a result of all those affiliated with Randy's Pier 61. Thank you so much for all your efforts on our behalf.

Fourteen Skagit drivers arrested during DUI emphasis

The results are in from the recent Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over DUI enforcement campaign conducted from Aug. 16 through Sept. 2. In Skagit County, preliminary numbers show that 14 motorists were stopped and arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs, and statewide, law enforcement officers arrested 1,420 drivers for DUI.

In Skagit County, the Anacortes, Burlington, Mount Vernon, Sedro-Woolley and Swinomish police departments, the Skagit County Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Patrol participated in the extra DUI patrols, with the support of the Skagit County Traffic Safety Task Force.

The extra patrols were funded by a grant from the

Washington Traffic Safety Commission.

These patrols are important because August is one of the deadliest months on Washington's roadways.

These and all extra patrols are part of Target Zero — striving to end traffic deaths and serious injuries in Washington by 2030.

For more information visit www.targetzero.com.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

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Pot shop in Friday Harbor?

Most of downtown off-limits due to distance ban from school sites

The Friday Harbor Town Council briefly discussed the prospect of retail marijuana stores in light of the state Liquor Control Board proposed rules issued Sept. 4.

Because siting a retail pot store within 1,000 feet of schools and other public facilities is prohibited, much of downtown Friday Harbor could be off-limits for retail pot stores, according to a memorandum and town map prepared by Mike Bertrand, town land use administrator.

Councilwoman Barbara Starr expressed her view that marijuana stores not be permitted in residential neighborhoods, a concern allayed when town attorney Adina Cunningham pointed out that the proposed regulations require that police have access to retail stores without U.S. constitutional Fourth Amendment impediments which apply to private residences.

Cunningham told the council she needed to review the latest proposed amendments and would offer the council a briefing of the new state law and "the pros and cons" on various alternative zoning amendments at a later council meeting.

— Steve Wehrly

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ance for projected consumption. Under the LCB proposal, King County will have 61 stores, Snohomish County 35 stores, Skagit County 10 and Whatcom County 15. Neither growers nor processors are permitted to be licensed as marijuana retailers. If more than one applicant applies for a license in a given jurisdiction, licenses will be awarded on a lottery basis.

Siting of retail locations, like the siting of liquor stores, will be subject to public comment and to a setback of 1,000 feet from a school, playground, public

park, public transit center, or library.

"I think when people map out the 1,000 foot setback from schools and parks, the areas where a retail store may go will be quite limited," Gaylord said of the setback. "With few locations, it will be easier to assure marijuana is not distributed to or used by minors."

Advertising and display of marijuana in retail locations is limited; on-premises consumption, or even opening of packages, will not be permitted. Retail packages will be limited to one ounce of "useable marijuana", 16 ounces of solid marijuana-infused products or 72 ounces of marijuana-infused liquid.

Combination public retail stores and medical marijuana stores will not be permitted. Non-residents will be permitted to purchase and use marijuana in the state, but

export from Washington will be illegal.

The state's Office of Financial Management fiscal impact statement places a price estimate of a \$3 per gram producer price, a \$6 per gram processor price and a pre-tax \$12 per gram average retail purchase price. Estimates of state revenue generation from all sources, including 25 percent excise taxes at the production, processing and retail levels, range up to \$2 billion in the first five years of retail sales.

The County Council put the matter on their agenda for discussion with the prosecutor and sheriff at 2 p.m. on Sept. 24.

Gaylord would not say whether local governments could ban placement of stores in San Juan County by ordinance, but did say, "I will be closely following what is happening in other communities."

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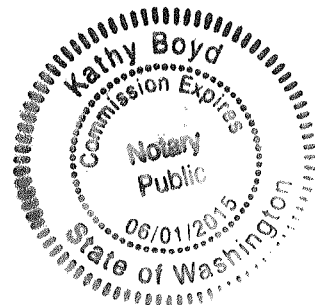
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On the beat

Here is a small sampling of recent calls made to law enforcement in the area:

BURGLARY

A Mount Vernon woman reported Tuesday that her home on Nathan Lane had been burglarized while she was gone during the past week. She came home to find her sliding glass door open and two television sets missing. Meanwhile, a "watchful neighbor" told Skagit County sheriff's deputies they had seen a younger male — who lived in the area — at the victim's anything had been taken, but Capt. John Small surmised the digging duo may have been after scrap metal.

FRAUD

A bank on Riverside Drive in Mount Vernon called police Wednesday to report that someone had cashed a check that had been altered. The person reportedly changed the numbers on a legitimate check to make it for a much larger amount and then cashed it at the bank. Bank employees did not discover the altered status of the check until the person left, but turned video over to police, who are investigating.

— Skagit Valley Herald staff

MV man gets four years for store burglary

By **KIMBERLY CAUVEL**
@Kimberly_SVH

MOUNT VERNON — Mount Vernon resident Mark Bolf was sentenced to 50 months in prison and 25 months in community custody for first-degree possession of stolen property in connection with a burglary that he originally reported to police at Mount Vernon's Good Old Days Antiques.

Bolf, 53, lived in a room behind

a business neighboring the antique shop, according to court documents. On May 5, he reported to police that he discovered broken windows at the shop on his way home early that morning.

The owners of the shop calculated nine items worth a total of \$1,970 were missing.

Several days later, an antique shop owner in Tacoma reported seeing information on the burglary in the news and believed the sto-

len items were sold there. Bolf's name was found in the sale records, according to court documents.

Bolf initially pleaded not guilty to four separate felony charges related to the burglary, but changed his plea Aug. 8 to reduced charges as part of a plea deal.

The state Department of Corrections also determined Bolf has mental health, drug and alcohol problems and may be eligible for

an in-custody treatment alternative.

Judge Michael Rickert said Bolf has a significant criminal history with 25 previous felony convictions racked up since his early 20s and said this trial-based sentence is likely his last chance to avoid life in prison.

■ Reporter Kimberly Cauvel: 360-416-2199, kcauvel@skagitpublishing.com, Twitter: @Kimberly_SVH, facebook.com/bykimberlycauvel

NATURE'S BOUNTY



Scott Terrell / Skagit Valley Herald

Bruce Denton of Anacortes harvests Gravenstein apples Thursday from a demonstration orchard at the Washington State University Northwestern Research and Extension Center in Mount Vernon. Denton is a member volunteer of the Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation that supports and operates the demonstration orchard. They have a weekly work party every Thursday morning.

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Glenn and Kenan Adams-Kinard, both 16, beat Delbert Belton to death Aug. 22 while he sat in his car. Investigators found Glenn's prints on the exterior rear driver's side door and the interior of the rear driver's side passenger door and Adams-Kinard's prints were on the exterior driver's door and the interior of the rear driver's side passenger door, according to the affidavit.

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PSE nearly done with pole replacements

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Puget Sound Energy crews have nearly completed replacing 23 power poles along Highway 20 between Burlington and Sedro-Woolley. The work is being done at night until mid-morning, 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., with flaggers guiding motorists through the construction zone on one lane of the highway. Work on the nearly mile-long task began in August and is expected to be finished by mid-September.

PSE spokesperson Allison Stanford said the poles are being replaced to meet the North American Electric Reliability Corp. requirements for utilities. She said PSE power systems are engineered to meet certain standards based on the line voltage. The work will increase the line capacity, reducing the possibility for overloading which could cause outages. The increased capacity is essential when consumers are all drawing extra power for winter heating, for example, she said.



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LOCAL

MOUNT VERNON

Road work set for early next week

Drivers should expect delays early next week due to construction work going on in two places.

On Monday, traffic will be limited between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. at the intersection of Digby Lane and Digby Road while Skagit PUD replaces a water line. Local traffic will be directed south to East Section Street.

Blackburn Road will be closed for asphalt work from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday between 13th Street and Blodgett Road.

The Blackburn Road work depends on weather and could be rescheduled. Flaggers and detour routes will be on site in both places to direct traffic.



Michael Penn / The Juneau Empire via AP

Stephanie Gustafson holds her two-year-old female cat, Wasabi, after returning from the veterinarian hospital Thursday in Juneau, Alaska. The cat survived a fall from the 11th floor of her apartment building.

named Wasabi, survived but suffered a fractured leg and broken bones.

The Juneau Empire reports the cat was chasing the mosquito Monday in her owners' apartment in Juneau.

The mosquito escaped out a window, and Wasabi went after it. Stephanie Gustafson says her mother watched the female cat fall.

Wasabi landed in a parking lot, and Gustafson found her huddled nearby, bloody and wet from rain.

The cat underwent an operation and has pins and wires holding together her fractured leg and broken bones in a joint.

fighters on high alert. Lebanon and Syria share a complicated history and a web of political and sectarian ties and rivalries.

NATION

PHOENIX

Woman released from death row

An Arizona woman who spent more than two decades on death row was released on bond Friday after a judge ruled there's no direct evidence linking her to the death of her young son, other than a purported confession to a detective whose honesty has been questioned.

Debra Milke walked out of the Maricopa County Sheriff's jail after supporters posted \$250,000 bond.

The 9th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned her conviction in March, stating that prosecutors should have disclosed information that cast doubt on the credibility of a since-retired detective who said Milke confessed.

The 49-year-old Milke has not been exonerated, but a judge said she could go free while preparing for a new trial in a case that made her one of Arizona's most reviled inmates.

WORLD

BEIRUT

U.S. orders diplomats to leave Lebanon

The State Department ordered all non-essential U.S. personnel Friday to leave Lebanon, reflecting fears that an American-led strike on neighboring Syria would unleash more bloodshed in this already fragile nation.

The Lebanese government's top security body held an emergency meeting and the Shiite militant group Hezbollah put its

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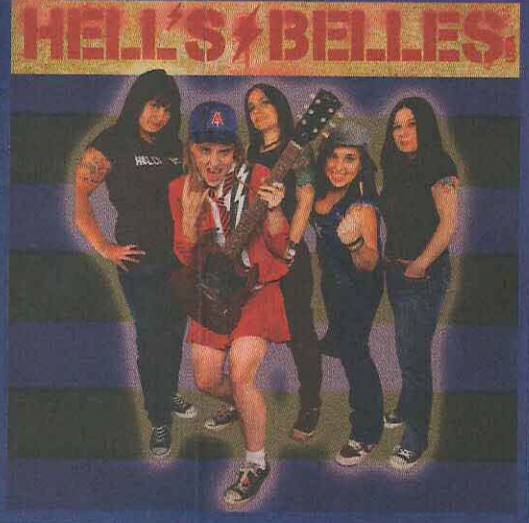
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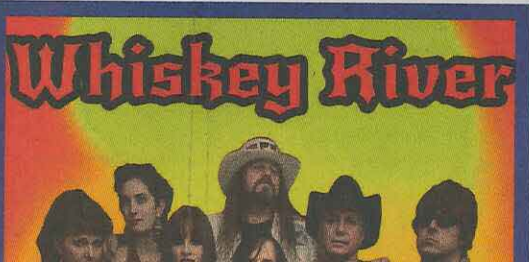
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JUNEAU, ALASKA

Cat survives 11-story fall from apartment

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The 2-year-old cat,

Salmon fest swims through Skagit

Celebration brings conservation groups together, seeks to educate community

Story by DANIEL DeMAY
Photos by NICK GONZALES
Skagit Valley Herald

MOUNT VERNON — If there's one thing folks up and down the Skagit River know, it's salmon.

Whether they're out fishing for them or trying to save the fish's native habitat, people living along the river are tied to the salmon, according to the folks who organized a festival

Colleen Smiley, who coordinated this and last year's events, said she was happy to be able to put on the free event to help educate people about the river and its surrounding habitat.

"This is really special because of how it's bringing our community together," Smiley said. "All the conservation groups, people are having fun, the kids are having a blast. It doesn't get any better."

Almost every booth had



Francis the salmon on Saturday during the Skagit River Salmon Festival. Festival director Colleen Smiley said 30 conservation groups were present and she anticipated about 5,000 people would attend, around 2,000 more than last year.

some kind of educational game or demonstration aimed at attracting kids to learn about salmon, the Skagit River and the habitat around it from its mouth all the way up into the Cascades.

Christine Scheele, with Washington Wild of Seattle, was

spreading the word about the group's Cascades Wild campaign to protect the headwaters of rivers that often begin on the west slopes of the North Cascades. She said the size of this event surprised her.

"The conservation aspect is much bigger than I expected,"

that are natural partners."

Though only half-way through this year's event, Ertel said he expected to go bigger next year.

"There's opportunity for this to be a big event," he said. "All the partners have committed to the long run and want to see this thing continue."

Beyond spreading information about conservation, the day also included a silent auction for artistically painted rain barrels, pony rides and a beer garden.

Smoking train blocks traffic at MV crossing

By DANIEL DeMAY
@Daniel_SVH

A train engine caught fire Friday evening, blocking traffic for at least an hour at the Blackburn Road and South Second Street crossing in Mount Vernon.

Mount Vernon Fire Chief Roy Hari said the second of four engines started smoking from the cab as the third-mile-long southbound Burlington Northern Santa Fe train passed through Burlington error has been made, please call Editor Colette Weeks at 360-416-2132.

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PSE plans night closure of Highway 20 in Sedro-Woolley

Puget Sound Energy plans to close a section of Highway 20 in Sedro-Woolley between Ferry and F&S Grade roads from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10, to complete the removal of the abandoned high voltage conductors. PSE and other utilities have been relocating overhead utility lines as work continues on the SR20/Cook Road Realignment Project.

OLYMPIA

Family sues business partner after tractor death

The Rochester family of a 3-year-old who died when he was run over May 26, 2011, by a tractor being driven by his 7-year-old brother is suing a former business partner for failing to supervise the children.

The Olympian reports the wrongful death lawsuit has been filed by Christopher and Randi Decker in Thurston County Superior Court. It names Jacob Huff and his wife as defendants.

The younger boy had been riding on the tractor when he fell off and was run over.

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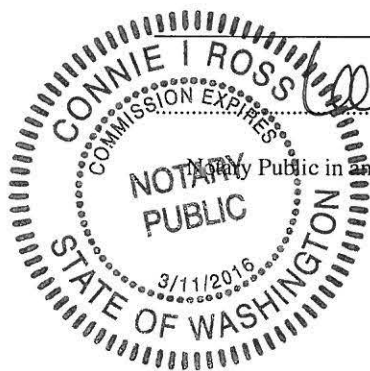
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free-loading corporations and the mega rich for another time — is basically approval of the drying up of such federal funding as Fred and the Regional Transportation and Planning Organization were able to obtain.

If we collectively want to sustain and perhaps even improve our standard of living here on Whidbey Island, we had better get busy and rid the U.S. Congress of those who seek the opposite.

GENE KOFFKIN
Clinton

Park plan

Don't forget special needs at parks

Editor,

I read with interest that Langley's Parks and Open Space Commission is planning an upgrade to Generation Park/Playground. In these days of iPads, electronic games, TV, movies and so many tempting static play options, it is wonderful to watch children playing outside in a well-kept playground. I commend the commission for its work and commitment to the community.

I would like to encourage them to provide "play for all" in all playgrounds. There is nothing sadder than seeing a special needs child visit a playground where there is nothing they can use. A good beginning would be the inclusion of at least one adaptive swing in each playground. This swing can be used by a disabled child but also by a child too small for many swings. There is a wide variety of adaptive-play equipment which can be

used and enjoyed by all children. Realizing that funding is always an issue, I would encourage the commission to explore one of the many grant opportunities for adaptive play.

LYNN NORMAN
Langley

Economic forum

Forum needs more than planning

Editor,

When I read that Langley was forming another committee to look for ways to increase business I was reminded of a Yogi Berra quote, "It's like deja-vu, all over again."

It has been said that a camel is a horse designed by a committee. This is the same group that has held countless meetings, study groups, focus groups or whatever the buzzword of the day is and all we end up with are more camels.

Where has it gotten Langley or South Whidbey? Clinton businesses that wanted to survive have retreated to Ken's Korner where the synergy of shared traffic has paid off. Lower Clinton has become a ghost town, the result of several people making a living pushing Clinton as a tourist stop.

It is not that difficult to bring tourists to Langley and Whidbey. After all we live in one of the most beautiful places around and are a short drive for a huge number of people looking for a respite from city life. What is sorely lacking in every group, committee or government entity that has announced "we have a solution" is a long-term strategy that ties many businesses together so all prosper.

Another concept that I have been pushing for years is statistical record gathering and targeted marketing.

Folks, this is Business 101

but seemingly a foreign concept here. I pushed for years for the Port of South Whidbey to demand proof that grant money, tax dollars, was spent to actually bring new business to Whidbey. Two years ago they wrote new rules for grants asking for this data. What happened? Only one group, the Farm Tour, actually gathered such data but the port happily doled out our tax dollars anyway. Understanding and integrating demographic information from every event is not difficult but vital. Sharing this data island-wide is also key to understand who visits, why they come, would they come back and if not, why.

These committee groupies seem happy to see Whidbey as a summer-only destination with no desire to tie in every business together.

Whidbey should and can be a year-round destination for visitors. I believe we need to brand Whidbey as "Whidbey for All Seasons, Where Memories are Made and Traditions are Born." An island wide strategic plan is simple and in less than two years could double the visitors year round. This would provide jobs and most importantly sales tax revenue to bolster our shaky county budget.

None of this is new and one only needs look at Disneyland and how they approach visitors and the customer experience here. The long ferry lines are a potential down side to visit the island, but simple changes would change a negative to a positive experience. Portable toilets at several locations along the line would be a blessed relief to many. Having entertainers at safe places along the wait lane would make it a fun time for everyone and especially families with children. The ideas and possibilities are endless.

It is time to recruit people

with fresh ideas and give them the ability to implement them — not just schedule another meeting, decide who will bring refreshments or form another blue ribbon committee.

ED JENKINS
Clinton

OLF debated

Anti-airstrip group won't quit now

Editor,

The Navy has announced it will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, or EIS, on the addition of yet more new planes at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, as well as "baseline operations at NASWI and OLF Coupeville."

The key words are "baseline operation." Very clearly, as those words pertain to our federal suit, they do not include EA-18Gs at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, or NASWI. The Citizens of Ebey's Reserve's, or COER's, suit addresses the impacts of the decision to bring the Growlers to NASWI in the first instance, the subject of the seriously flawed 2005 Environmental Assessment. Our position very clearly is that "baseline

operations" do not include the operation of the Growlers at NASWI.

A bit of history is helpful. In 2005, the Navy proposed stationing the Growlers at NASWI. They prepared a fraudulent environmental assessment, the 2005 Environmental Assessment, claiming the jets at Outlying Field would be less loud than the EA-6Bs they were replacing and they would be flying fewer operations at Outlying Field, or OLF, both blatant misrepresentations.

We all know now that the Growlers are louder and that flight operations steadily increased at OLF until they were up over 300 percent in 2012 and well on their way to even a larger number of operations in 2013 until we filed the federal suit and they shut down for the remainder of 2013.

Using their fraudulent 2005 assessment, the Navy claimed there were no impacts from the transition to the Growlers and made the decision to base them at NASWI. This environmental assessment and decision is what we challenge now in Federal Court. The Navy is trying to bootstrap the Growlers into "baseline opera-

tions," as if their existence at NASWI is a foregone conclusion and part of the status quo. Wrong. Our suit challenges the flawed assessment and the decision to bring the Growlers to NASWI in the first instance.

While the notice of intent to do an environmental impact statement has been filed by the Navy, the process is just beginning. The scoping of the EIS is the next big round of activity and we are very well poised and prepared to weigh into that process in a big way with our capable attorneys and expert witnesses.

We will be insisting that the Navy go back to that much earlier decision in 2005 to bring the Growlers to NASWI. We will not be dismissing our lawsuit until the Navy complies with the law in every detail.

COER will also be seeking injunctive relief to prevent any use of OLF until a full disclosure is made in the EIS of all impacts upon humans, animals, the environment, the Ebey's Reserve, property values, etc. with a scientifically and truthfully researched EIS under the watchful eyes of the courts and COER.

KEN PICKARD,
chairman
COER

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MARILEE SELIGSON
Langley

Rebuttal

Navy commander forgot sworn duty

Editor,

The viewpoint article published in the Aug. 21 edition of The Record by retired Navy Cmdr. William Simons is a little disturbing.

He stated "that anyone who, through words or actions, endangers my friends or comrades-in-arms is the enemy."

With due respect, I would like to point out to Simons that the enemy was always defined for him by his superior officers and ultimately

the President of the United States and as a United States naval officer, he was never given the authority to choose who his enemy was or is.

His job was to follow orders, ostensibly to safeguard the people of the United States and their freedoms, among which is the freedom to have and express opinions and to take peaceful action to resolve disputes.

In the discussion of the OLF operations, I am sure no one outside of the lunatic fringe on either side wishes harm to members of our armed forces. We know we need to keep our pilots current and in practice. But jet noise is very loud and disturbing especially under the departure path of those Navy jets. So I believe the people who live around OLF are simply asking that the Navy provide such training and practice facilities elsewhere. That is their right and if the Navy does not give them satisfaction, it is also their right to sue.

Commander Simons, you were sworn to protect that right and, I believe, did so for 30 years. Our military is not charged with protecting its own. It is charged with protecting the citizens of the United States and their constitutional freedoms.

Defining people with a different opinion does not warrant them becoming the

enemy. I respect his opinion and agree, at least in principle, with his intent. Then, I do not live under the flight path. I disagree adamantly with the threatening tone of his viewpoint. That is not the Navy I know and trust.

GHERRY J. TAYLOR
Freeland

Syria

Violence not the answer in Syria

Editor,

In the past decade the United States has engaged in two largely unsuccessful military interventions in Iraq and Afghanistan at a considerable cost of money, lives, and international respect. The American people are now asked, through their Congressional reps, to support yet another potentially disastrous military intervention in Syria with equally clouded rationale, purpose and goals.

We oppose this proposed military intervention.

The reports of the atrocities committed against the people of Syria, particularly the recent allegations of the use of chemical weapons, are horrendous.

While we strongly denounce the use of chemical weapons, we also believe that we cannot respond with violence. A unilateral U.S. attack on Syria, even limited, will introduce further

instability, fear, and violence into the already tumultuous situation.

There are people on both sides of the conflict, as well as other international powers, who oppose the use of American force.

Voices from religious and political leadership here and abroad, as well as millions of people of faith and good will throughout the world, have affirmed that the path of dialogue and negotiations among all components of Syrian society, with the backing of the international community, is the only option to end the conflict and the violence that each day cause the loss of so many human lives, most of all among the defenseless population.

On behalf of the Whidbey Island Friends Meeting we strongly urge our fellow citizens to advocate against military intervention in Syria by contacting Congressman Rick Larsen, Sen. Maria Cantwell and Sen. Patty Murray and ask them to choose sustainable peace efforts through diplomacy.

The use of military might may seem to be more immediately satisfying, but our Quaker experience is that

the slower process of non-violent engagement has historically proven to better address and ameliorate complicated foreign affairs by providing for human rights and the primary needs of the people caught in the tragedy and aftermath of war.

To allow us to discuss the Syrian situation as a community, the Whidbey Island Friends Meeting (Quakers) are organizing a dessert fundraiser at the Trinity Church Hall Annex in Freeland for this Sunday evening, Sept. 8, 7-9 p.m.

All are welcome. This gathering will also be an opportunity for us as individuals and as a community to petition our Congressional representatives.

TOM EWELL
Clerk
Whidbey Island Friends Meeting

COLUMN

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north end of the island.

To this day, I have no idea about Wallie's personal politics. I don't know whether he is Republican or Democrat.

It never mattered.

Any conversations we had about politics always centered around a candidate's character and ethics, and whether they were truly the best choice to represent the people of Whidbey Island.

For me, Wallie's ability to remain above the fray, focus on what's best for the community and take the path that he believed to be right is a valuable lesson for all community newspaper publishers.

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WAR IS NOT THE ANSWER

As members and attenders of the Whidbey Island Friends Meeting (Quakers) we believe that war is not the answer in Syria. We acknowledge the call to respond to the horrendous spectacle of innocent people killed by chemical agents but we oppose military intervention. We believe that we can best support and build long-term bonds with the people of Syria by allocating food, water, shelter and medical care for Syrian refugees, as a huge percentage of the country is currently displaced, and by increasing diplomatic efforts and international peacekeeping.

The following have provided permission in writing to be signatories on the ad:

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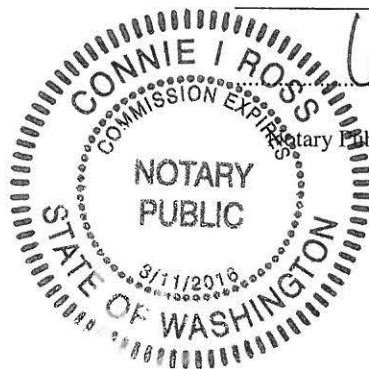
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Group forms to save historic Coupeville house

By Megan Hansen
Editor

In a town filled with historic treasures, some are out for the world to see while others are hidden in plain sight.

Amongst the hustle and bustle of downtown Coupeville, lies a hidden gem within the historical community.

The Haller House, located on the corner of North Main and Front streets, hides behind tall trees and overgrown shrubbery.

It has been uninhabited since 2006 and still maintains most of its historic integrity.

Put on the market in 2012, a group of Whidbey history lovers formed a group with hopes of purchasing the home and turning it into a

public museum.

Historic Whidbey is planning an open house to help raise money for the purchase. The open house will be 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 21 in the lot between the home and Cook's Corner Park.

The open house will include small tours inside parts of the house, informational displays and Mike Vouri of San Juan Island National Historical Park will speak on the colorful military history in the 1850s, from the Treaty Era through the Pig War and Civil War – a little-known history in which Granville Haller played a significant role.

Lynn Hyde, who works for Ebey's Reserve, took on the project outside of her 9 to 5 job.

With the help of for-

mer reserve historic architect Annie Matsov, Hyde and Matsov nominated and successfully had the house named to a list of Most Endangered Properties in Washington state.

Working with the current homeowner, the group has halted the house from going back on the market until Nov. 1.

"We're hoping we can raise enough to establish a lease-to-own," Hyde said.

Hyde said they hope to raise between \$45,000-\$50,000 by November.

The house was previously on the market for \$475,000, but the group and homeowner have not established a sale price.

The group has brought in historic architects and historic landscapers to assess the property's historic standing.

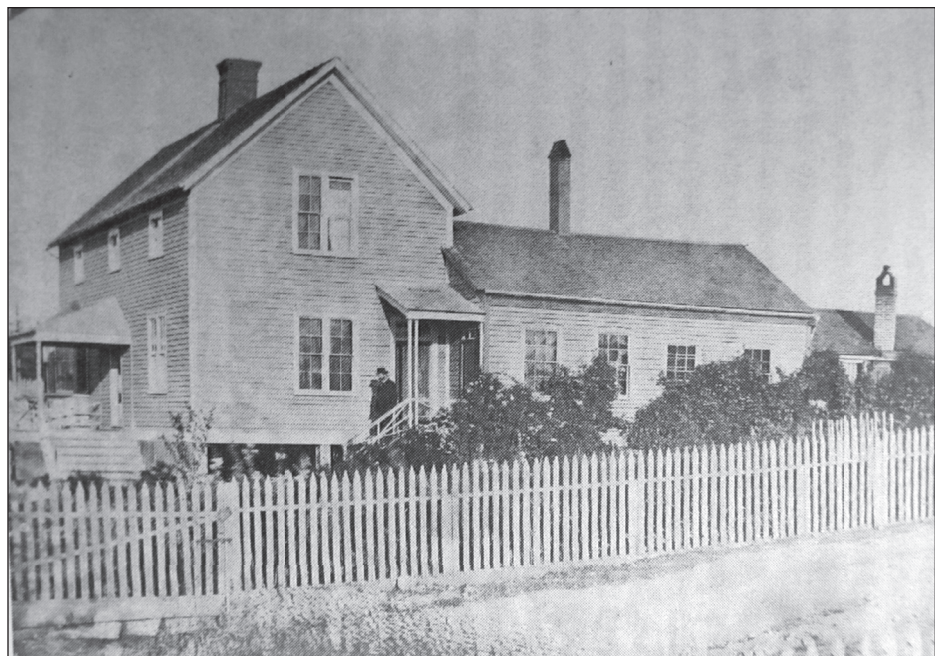


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An undated photo shows Colonel Granville O. Haller outside his Coupeville home. He left the area in 1879 and his house still stands.

"We don't have any way of knowing what it's going to cost (to preserve)," Hyde said.

Built in the 1866, the group hopes to restore the house to its original appearance.

The group also has the sponsorship of the Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, enabling them to launch their capital campaign. Any funds will be filtered through the trust.

Colonel Granville O. Haller himself was a significant figure in the Euro-American settlement of the Pacific Northwest.

In a town of sea captains and farmers, his story is

unique in Coupeville's early chronicles. Sent to the Pacific Northwest by the U.S. Army during Washington's treaty period in the 1850s, he later was a player in in the "Pig War" (the last boundary dispute with Great Britain on the West Coast) and the Civil War, where he served with the Union Army, most notably in the battle of Gettysburg.

After the Civil War, Haller returned to the Washington Territory and, after buying a parcel of land from Capt. Thomas Coupe, he opened one of the earliest mercantile establishments on Front Street.

As Island County Treas-

urer and founder of Masonic Temple #15, Haller was an active participant in the early growth of Coupeville.

Over 150 years, different generations have lived in the home. It has a single toilet and a kitchen sink. It also has limited electrical.

"The idea is to turn it into a museum focusing on the elements of the region when Haller was living here," Hyde said.

The focus of the proposed museum is not represented in any other museums in the area, she said.

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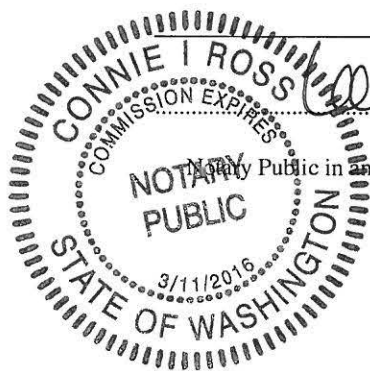
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Element nightclub forced to close its doors

New owner applies for liquor license despite city opposition

By JANIS REID
Staff reporter

The Element's liquor license was officially revoked Wednesday, Sept. 4 by the Washington State Liquor Control Board effectively ending business at the troubled night spot.

Citing specific incidents of over-serving alcohol and serving to minors, the owners of the Oak Harbor night spot must surrender their liquor license paperwork within 30 days, according to court documents.

"It was never the objective to close the business

down," said Oak Harbor Police Chief Ed Green. "Businesses need to prosper. But there are laws that need to be followed, and when they started to deplete city resources, we need to look at how we can do things better."

According to city incident reports, the business has a history of disruptions and violence.

In a memorandum to the mayor last year, Green wrote that city officials should consider revoking the Element's nightclub license based on a series of violent incidents associated with the club, as

well as the owner's failure to follow a series of conditions of the license.

The club has also been the source of a multitude of noise complaints from nearby condo residents.

Meanwhile, Jennifer Olsen, a former employee and manager at Element, has applied for a new liquor license at the same location, but under the moniker Infusion Lounge, according to correspondence with the state Liquor Control Board.

Green said he has discussed the issues at the Element, which need to be addressed by Olsen before the city will agree to allow another night club there.

The City of Oak Harbor filed a letter of opposition to the Liquor Control Board

stating that it does not want the same type of business open at that location.

"It is an obvious concern from the City of Oak Harbor, the police department and its residents that the persistent chronic noise, crime and violent criminal activity will continue and it will be 'business as usual,'" said the five-page letter.

The letter was signed by Mayor Scott Dudley.

"So I, as mayor of Oak Harbor, and the Oak Harbor Police Department, oppose the issuance of a liquor license for the Infusion Lounge, LLC (operated by Jennifer Olson). There is a concern the past behavior will continue under the auspices of a new owner."

In a Sept. 2 email to

the Liquor Control Board responding to the mayor's concerns, Olson said "in all honesty, I have seen the issues and the problems, and have wanted to change the way the business was ran."

Olson said she plans to replace staff, increase security, provide better training and other improvements to the previous operation.

"All said and done, I am more than willing to completely cooperate with the Oak Harbor Police Department and the City of Oak Harbor officials. I am completely willing to comply with all laws and regulations at all times. I am completely willing to seek help and assistance of law enforcement before there are problems,

and to keep communication open to ensure all issues are resolved properly."

Even if Olsen is awarded a liquor license from the state, she still must convince the Oak Harbor City Council to award her a local night club business license.

According to court documents, on or about Oct. 13, the staff at the Element allowed at least one person under the age of 21 to enter and remain in the club.

On or around Dec. 30, the documents stated, Element staff served alcohol to at least one apparently intoxicated person.

At least one employee was cited for not maintaining the proper liquor serving permit.

City council approves marijuana moratorium

By JANIS REID
Staff reporter

The Oak Harbor City Council passed a six-month moratorium on the opening

of both recreational and medical marijuana businesses.

Neither measure affects existing medical marijuana dispensaries.

Development Services Director Steve Powers recommended the six-month moratorium on both medical and recreational ventures

to give city planners time to study the issue.

Powers noted that the state Liquor Control Board is still developing regulations, which are expected to be released by mid-October.

At the end of the six months, the council has the option of extending the moratorium for another six months.

While saying she understands the need to place a moratorium on recreational marijuana, Councilwoman Tara Hizon questioned the need to halt future medical marijuana operations since it has been legal in this state for some time.

Powers said that a lot of local municipalities "chose to wait and see what would happen with I-502," the recreational marijuana initiative that was approved by voters, and then address the two similar issues together.

The law created by I-502 comes with many restrictions, including the requirement that marijuana-related businesses be no closer than 1,000 feet from schools, playgrounds, parks, child care facilities, transit stations, libraries and arcades.

Other than these requirements, the law leaves zoning and land use decisions up to local jurisdictions.

Councilman Bob Severns asked when staff would map perimeter regulations.

Powers said that would be "step one" for the staff because it will inform the council's decisions on land use and regulation.



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Picnic honors military service

By **JANIS REID**
Staff reporter

A little rain couldn't dampen the support for the armed services Saturday.

Despite some morning drizzle, Oak Harbor's 13th annual Military Appreciation Picnic at Windjammer Park saw steady traffic from area military families and supporters.

Attendees enjoyed free hotdogs from 7-Eleven, frozen yogurt from Toppins, a pulled pork meal and other donations of time and products from Coupeville and Oak Harbor businesses and individuals.

Capt. Mike Nortier, commanding officer for Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, expressed his gratitude from the Naval community Monday for the ongoing support and partnership of Oak Harbor.

"The picnic is one small token of the community support," Nortier said. "Oak Harbor and Naval Air Station Whidbey Island enjoy an enduring sense of community partnership, which can be seen daily across the city from support in the Oak Harbor school system for military families and deploy-



Old Glory flies at the Military Appreciation Picnic in Oak Harbor Saturday.

ments, to the dramatic outpouring of support from the community following the loss of three crew members in March, to sailors and their families volunteering and supporting charities and civic events throughout the year."

Nortier stressed the need for the island to continue to think and operate as a team.

"Team Whidbey is not just a motto, but a spirit that we all live and breathe, whether military or civilian," Nortier said. "On behalf of a grateful Navy, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island and all of

our sailors and their families, I would like to thank the community for the Military Appreciation Picnic."

The event is put on by the Navy League each year to bring the community together and remind them that Oak harbor is not two communities, but one, said Oak Harbor Navy League President Jim Slowik.

Slowik, who helped plan the event, said that the weather "slowed picnic goers," but the skies opened up just in time for a great event made possible by more than 100 volunteers.

"It's important in a lot of ways," Slowik said. "It's the glue that fills between the spaces. This community is truly a combined community of Navy and civilian."

"The picnic is a good way to show that."

Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Kathy Reed said the community response to the event was "fantastic."

Reed said there was plenty of food left over to go to the North Whidbey Help House, and water will be kept for future charitable organizations.

Toppins Frozen Yogurt donated more than \$1,200 worth of yogurt to the event, Reed said.

"Attendance was down due to the morning weather, but overall the event was well attended," Reed said. "Everyone had a great time, food was delicious and we couldn't have asked for a better day. We wanted to let the military know how important they are to us."

To involve Coupeville residents in the picnic, Shelli Trumball, of Cascade Insurance on South Main Street, led the charge to acquire water, juice and soda for the event.

The City of Coupeville has taken some flack in recent months after a Coupeville-area citizens group filed a lawsuit against the Navy protesting the jet noise at Outlying Field Coupeville.

Trumball said she and other Coupeville businesses joined forces with local chambers of commerce to show their support for the Navy.

"Not everyone in Coupeville is against the military or OLF," Trumball said.

"This is our way of showing our support."



Photos by Janis Reid/Whidbey News-Times

Armed services supporters turned out for Oak Harbor's annual Military Appreciation Picnic Saturday.

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Scoping Meeting

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- Proposed Action
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Please Sign In

Scoping is your opportunity to provide comments to help us focus our analysis.

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project website at: www.whidbeyeis.com*





Welcome

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The official scoping period began when the Navy published a Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in the Federal Register on September 5, 2013. The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental effects associated with the proposed introduction of two additional Growler expeditionary squadrons and the addition of Growler aircraft to the training squadron. The Navy is also proposing to continue and increase Growler operations at NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville and to study the distribution of operations between those two airfields. The Navy has extended the minimum 45-day scoping period to 120 days. Comments may be submitted through January 3, 2014.

Scoping meetings are being held to solicit input from the public on what should be analyzed and studied in the EIS. Scoping is one of the first steps in the EIS process, and your input during the scoping period is important. Alternatives are currently being developed. No decisions about the proposal have been made, and the impact analysis has not yet started.

During the scoping period, the public can provide comments in four ways:

1. Provide written comments at today's meeting
2. Speak with the stenographer, who will record your comments
3. Submit comments electronically on the project website (www.whidbeyeis.com)
4. Mail comments to:

EA-18G Growler EIS Project Manager
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 6506 Hampton Boulevard
 Norfolk, VA 23508
 Attn: Code EV21/SS

The project website will be updated periodically throughout the EIS process to keep you informed. The website will contain public announcements and electronic versions of public information such as the Draft EIS.

Introduction

Public Scoping

Thank you for attending today's public scoping open house.

The proposed action will include the addition of two Growler expeditionary squadrons (10 aircraft) and the addition of three Growler aircraft to the training squadron. The Navy will prepare an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental effects of this proposal. Navy representatives are here today to explain the proposed project, answer questions, and describe the environmental impact analysis process and related timeline. An area has been set aside to provide you with an opportunity to write and submit your comments, or to speak with a stenographer who will record your comments.

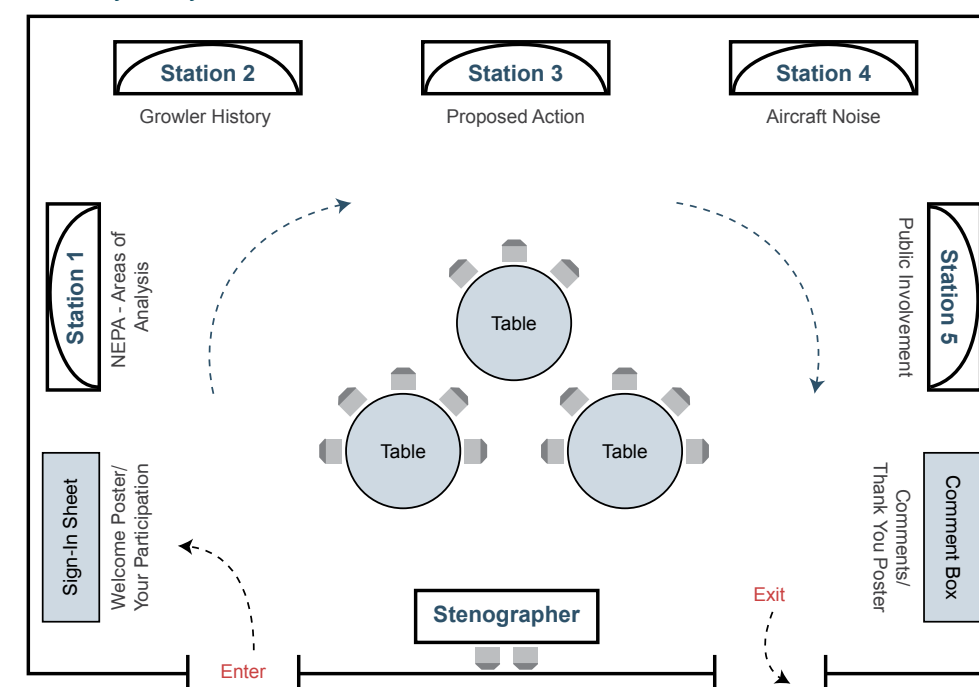
What Is the Purpose of This Public Scoping Meeting?

Scoping is an early and open process where the public is invited to help identify issues to be studied in the EIS. The purpose of this scoping meeting is to inform you about the proposed project, explain the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the associated environmental impact analysis, and solicit your comments and concerns related to the proposal.

Scoping is an early and open process where the public is invited to help identify issues to be studied in the EIS.

Please review the displays located throughout the open house, talk with our representatives, and then provide us with your comments. You may also take a comment sheet home with you and mail your written comments to us through the end of the scoping period (January 3, 2014). The approximate layout of the room is shown below.

General Room Layout for Open House Public Scoping Meeting, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
(Actual layout may be different)





The EIS Process

Why Is the Navy Preparing an EIS?

As part of our compliance with NEPA, the Navy is conducting an evaluation of the potential environmental effects of the proposed project. NEPA is the national charter for promoting productive harmony between humans and the environment and minimizing the impacts of federal actions. This law requires all federal agencies to consider potential environmental impacts of their proposed actions and reasonable options in making decisions about those actions. Public involvement is an essential part of the process. With public involvement and environmental analysis, the NEPA process helps the Navy arrive at the best possible informed decision.

NEPA requires that all federal agencies consider the environmental impacts of any major proposed projects.

Informed decisions are based on a candid and factual representation of environmental impacts. These facts come from collecting information on the areas and resources affected by the proposal and then identifying the type and extent of potential impacts resulting from the proposal.

For this project, the Navy will analyze potential impacts to noise, air quality, safety, land use and compatibility, socioeconomic, community services, transportation, biological resources, cultural resources, and hazardous materials and waste, among other resources. Numerous federal laws and regulations govern the protection and preservation of environmental resources. The Navy strictly

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adheres to these laws and regulations, such as the Endangered Species Act, Clean Air Act, and Clean Water Act, among others. The EIS will evaluate direct and indirect impacts, and will account for cumulative impacts from other relevant activities near the installation. Measures that could avoid or mitigate environmental effects will also be analyzed.

Public Involvement in the EIS Process

The Navy invites public participation during the scoping process to help understand community-specific issues and concerns regarding the proposed action. We expect to receive scoping comments from interested individuals; business and community leaders; federal, state, and local officials; Native American tribes and nations; regulatory agencies; and non-governmental associations.

No decisions about the proposal have been made because the impact analysis has not yet started. Scoping comments will help the Navy determine the issues and concerns to analyze in the preparation of the Draft EIS.

The public will have a second opportunity to participate in the NEPA process after publication of the Draft EIS. The release of the Draft EIS and the opening of the Draft EIS comment period will be announced in a newspaper that serves your area, and additional meetings will be held to receive comments on the report. All comments on the Draft EIS will be addressed in a Final EIS.



The EIS Process



National Environmental Policy Act Areas of Analysis

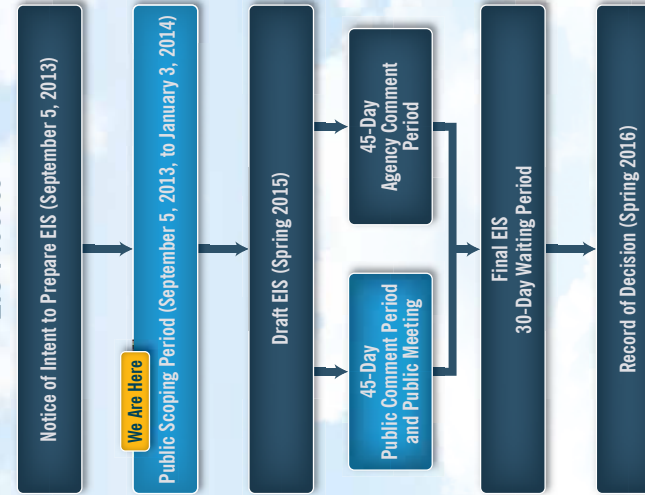
Your scoping comments will help us focus our study.

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Process

- NEPA is the national law that requires all federal agencies to evaluate potential environmental impacts of any major actions they may propose and to inform and involve the public in the decision-making process
- Scoping is an early and open process through which the public is invited to help identify issues to be studied in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- We are early in the process, and your input during the expanded public scoping period will assist the Navy in identifying key environmental concerns that need to be evaluated in the Draft EIS
- ✓ Expanded public scoping period extends from September 5, 2013, to January 3, 2014
- Findings will be published in the EIS, which will describe:
 - ✓ Purpose and Need
 - ✓ Proposed Action and Alternatives
 - ✓ Existing Conditions
 - ✓ Evaluation of Impacts
- A Draft EIS will be made available for public review and comment before any decision is made or actions taken



EIS Process



What Is Important to You?

- Noise**
 - Ault Field, OLF Coupeville, and surrounding communities
- Community**
 - Land use compatibility
 - Economic effects
 - Potential growth
- Airfields and Airspace**
 - Number of aircraft operations and flight paths
 - Civil aviation impacts
- Air Quality**
 - Aircraft, maintenance, and vehicle emissions
- Safety**
 - Aircraft and maintenance operations
 - Hazardous and toxic materials and waste
- Biological and Natural Resources**
 - Protected, threatened, and endangered species
 - Wildlife and vegetation
 - Water quality, stormwater
- Cultural Resources**
 - Historic structures
 - Archaeological resources



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The Growler at NAS Whidbey Island

NAS Whidbey Island

NAS Whidbey Island is an integral part of Whidbey Island and the area community. It is the only center of excellence for electronic combat warfare training (electronic surveillance and attack) and is the home of all Navy electronic attack (VAQ) squadrons in the United States. NAS Whidbey Island has supported the VAQ community for more than 30 years. Growler operations began at NAS Whidbey Island in 2009. The Navy is currently replacing the aging Prowler with newer Growler.

The VAQ aircraft deploy on both land (expeditionary squadrons) and on aircraft carriers (carrier-based squadrons). Additionally, NAS Whidbey Island has a training squadron that provides training to pilots before they join their squadrons.

Carrier squadrons conduct field carrier landing practice (FCLP), a graded flight exercise that trains pilots for landing on aircraft carriers, at both Ault Field and OLF Coupeville. FCLP is conducted on a runway that is designed to simulate the flight deck on an aircraft carrier. OLF Coupeville is designed to simulate the experience of landing on a carrier and provides the most realistic training for landing on a carrier.



The Growler

The training and mission needs of the Navy have changed over time, and efforts to ensure appropriate environmental analyses continue to evolve as well. In 2005, the Navy evaluated the environmental impacts of transitioning carrier and training squadrons from the Prowler to the newer Growler aircraft. The 2005 Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzed 57 Growler aircraft replacing 72 Prowler aircraft, including the disestablishment of three expeditionary squadrons. In 2009, a Deputy Secretary of Defense memorandum directed the Navy to maintain the expeditionary VAQ capabilities indefinitely. As a result, in 2012, the Navy prepared an EA that analyzed retaining three expeditionary VAQ squadrons that operated the Prowlers and their transition to Growlers.



Additionally, the 2012 EA analyzed the relocation of a reserve Prowler squadron from Andrews Air Force Base and the transition of that squadron to Growlers at NAS Whidbey Island.

The Navy recently announced its intent to prepare an EIS to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of continuing Growler operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville and adding a total of 13 Growler aircraft to NAS Whidbey Island.

The Growler at NAS Whidbey Island



The Growler at NAS Whidbey Island

NAS Whidbey Island is home to all Navy electronic attack squadrons in the U.S.

NAS Whidbey Island's VAQ Community

- Home of all Navy electronic attack (VAQ) squadrons in the U.S. since 1970
- The Navy is currently replacing the aging Prowler with the newer Growler. The transition is expected to be completed in the 2015 timeframe.
- Three types of Navy VAQ squadrons:
 - ✓ Carrier-based squadrons, which deploy on aircraft carriers
 - ✓ Expeditionary squadrons, which deploy to land-based sites
 - ✓ Training squadron, which provides training to air crews before they join their squadrons
- Air crews require continuous training to maintain their skills
- Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) is essential training to prepare for carrier landings
- Training relies on two airfields to support air operations, Ault Field and Outlying Landing Field (OLF) Coupeville
- ✓ OLF Coupeville provides realistic training for carrier landings



EA-18G Growler



EA-18G Growler, manufactured by Boeing

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Proposed Action

What Is the Navy Proposing?

The Navy is proposing to add two expeditionary VAQ squadrons (10 additional Growler aircraft) and three additional Growler aircraft to the training squadron. The Navy is also proposing to continue and increase existing VAQ airfield operations at NAS Whidbey Island's Ault Field and OLF Coupeville. As a part of this proposal, the Navy would study the distribution of Growler operations between Ault Field and OLF Coupeville. The Navy would also construct and renovate facilities at Ault Field over a three-year period to accommodate additional aircraft and would station additional personnel and associated family members to NAS Whidbey Island and the surrounding community.

The EIS will evaluate the potential environmental effects of the No Action Alternative and one or more other alternatives related to different levels of operations.

- **No Action Alternative:** Provides a baseline for comparison and supports the level of annual Prowler and Growler operations analyzed in the 2005 and 2012 EAs.
 - Station up to 860 additional personnel at NAS Whidbey Island
 - Relocate approximately 2,150 family members to NAS Whidbey Island and the surrounding community
- **Operational Scenarios:** The Navy is developing action alternatives. Supporting air operations and noise studies are underway to inform the development of these alternatives.

Why Is the Navy Proposing This Action?

NAS Whidbey Island is the home of all Navy VAQ squadrons flying the Prowler and Growler aircraft in the U.S. The continued operations are required in order to support the Navy's electronic attack aircraft capabilities. The proposed action is needed to maintain attack operational readiness to support national defense requirements as specified in the United States Code (Title 10, Part 5062) and also to sustain and continue to support all other aircraft missions at NAS Whidbey Island.

NAS Whidbey Island manages two primary aircraft training fields, Ault Field and OLF Coupeville, which are often used simultaneously to safely and effectively handle air traffic. Both airfields are integral to the training-mission support provided by NAS Whidbey Island and will both continue to be operational in the future.

Ault Field, Oak Harbor, WA

- Primary airfield that supports multiple types of aircraft
- Two 8,000-foot intersecting runways

OLF Coupeville, Island County, WA

- Dedicated airfield to support FCLP and provides the most realistic training for landing on a carrier
- 5,400-foot runway that meets FCLP training requirements
- Allows for mission-critical training to occur at Ault Field



Ault Field



OLF Coupeville

Proposed Action



Proposed Action

The Navy is studying an increase in Growler operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville.

What Is the Navy Proposing?

- Add two new expeditionary electronic attack squadrons beginning in 2016
- Conduct more Growler operations and study the distribution of Growler operations between Ault Field and OLF Coupeville
- Construct and renovate facilities at Ault Field
- Station additional personnel and associated family members to NAS Whidbey Island and the surrounding community
 - ✓ Up to 860 additional personnel
 - ✓ Approximately 2,150 family members

Where?

Ault Field

- Primary airfield that supports multiple types of aircraft (P-3s, P-8As, Prowlers, Growlers, C-9s, MH-60s, and transients)
- Two 8,000-foot intersecting runways
- Arrival, departure, touch-and-go, and Field Carrier Landing Practice (FCLP) operations

OLF Coupeville

- Provides most realistic FCLP training
- Dedicated airfield to support FCLP
- One 5,400-foot runway that meets FCLP training requirements
- Allows for mission-critical training to occur at Ault Field
- Crucial to training mission

EA-18G Growler History at NAS Whidbey Island

- **2005:** Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluated environmental impacts of a transition of carrier and training squadrons from Prowler to Growler aircraft and the disestablishment of three expeditionary squadrons
- **2009:** Growler began operation at NAS Whidbey Island
- **2012:** EA evaluated retaining three expeditionary squadrons and relocating a reserve expeditionary squadron to NAS Whidbey Island
- **Today:** Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to evaluate adding two expeditionary Growler squadrons, conducting more Growler operations, and to study the distribution of Growler operations at Ault Field and OLF Coupeville.



Ault Field



OLF Coupeville



Aircraft Noise

Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) is the federal standard for determining community noise impacts.

Noise

- Unwanted sound that interferes with normal activities
- May diminish the quality of the environment
- Response to noise depends on many factors

Noise Modeling

- Computer Model
- Input Data
 - ✓ Aircraft type
 - ✓ Aircraft speed
 - ✓ Relative humidity
 - ✓ Number of operations
 - ✓ Terrain
 - ✓ Engine maintenance testing
 - ✓ Flight tracks
 - ✓ Temperature
 - ✓ Power settings
 - ✓ Altitude
- Noise contours are generated and presented on a map

Noise Zone Illustration



Change in Perceived Loudness	
1 dB	Requires Close Attention to Notice
3 dB	Barely Perceptible
5 dB	Quite Noticeable
10 dB	Dramatic... Twice or Half as Loud
20 dB	Striking... Fourfold Change

dB = decibel

Calculating Noise

Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL)

- The average sound-level exposure, measured in dB, over a 24-hour period
- A 10-dB penalty is added to noise events occurring between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m.
- Used to determine long-term community response to environmental noise, particularly aircraft noise
- Depicted as a continuous line around a noise source (contour line)

Sound Exposure Level (SEL)

- Represents the total noise energy of a single event, such as a flyover, as if it occurred in one second

Comparison of Single-Event (Sound Exposure Level) Noise Levels by Aircraft Type in dB		
Operation Type	Altitude (Feet above Ground Level)	Growler
Take-off	1,000	123 dB
Landing	1,000	114 dB
Pattern (Field Carrier Landing Practice Auit Field)	1,000	114 dB
Pattern (Field Carrier Landing Practice Coupeville)	600	115 dB
		117 dB
		113 dB
		116 dB

dB = decibel

Prowler and Growler Noise

- Noise measurements show that Growler noise levels are similar to those of the Prowler.
- Noise levels vary depending on where you are in the flight pattern.
- The Growler is recognizable by the low frequency “rumble” of its jet engines.
- The Prowler is associated with a higher frequency sound of its jet engines.

The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (Draft EIS) will include a comprehensive noise study of NAS Whidbey Island operations and the potential impacts of the alternatives, using the latest in approved computer modeling and acoustical information.

For more information, please visit the project website at whidbeyeis.com

What Is Noise?

Noise is defined as unwanted sound that interferes with normal activities.

The Draft EIS will include a comprehensive study of NAS Whidbey Island operations and the potential impacts of the alternatives. The study will use the latest approved computer modeling and acoustical information on the Prowler and the Growler. Once projected noise exposure levels are determined, they will be assessed for their potential to impact the natural and human environment.

How Is Noise Assessed?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Aviation Administration, and Department of Defense (DoD) measure aircraft operational noise levels in decibels (dB) using two common metrics: the Day-Night Average Sound Level (DNL) and Sound Exposure Level (SEL).

DNL represents the average sound energy of events over a 24-hour period, with a 10-dB penalty added to night-time (10:00 pm to 7:00 am) operations. This 10-dB penalty accounts for the added intrusiveness of noise when background noise levels are low and noise-sensitive activities such as sleep take place. DNL is depicted as a continuous line around a noise source (i.e., a contour line) and is usually shown using 5-DNL increments (e.g., 65 DNL, 70 DNL, 75 DNL). DNL takes all of those factors that influence our perception of noise—loudness, number and duration of events, and time of day—and includes them in one metric that is used to identify land uses that are compatible within specific noise zones.

SEL represents the total noise energy of a single event, such as a flyover, as if it occurred in one second. This metric combines the loudness and duration of the event.

How Is Noise Modeled?

The DoD primarily uses computer modeling to assess noise.

Input includes type of aircraft, number of operations, flight tracks, altitude, power settings, speed of aircraft, terrain, temperature, and relative humidity. Engine maintenance testing is also included.

Results are presented on installation land use maps in the form of noise contours.

Noise is modeled using a computer program called NOISEMAP, which considers the number and type of flight operations planned over the course of a year to establish noise contours for all types of aircraft operating at a specific location.

A comprehensive noise study will be conducted as part of the EIS.

Response to Noise Depends on Many Factors

- How long the noise lasts (duration)
- How many times it occurs (repetition)
- Time of day
- Background or ambient noise levels
- Interference with activity
- Previous experiences within the community



Aircraft Noise

Prowler and Growler Noise

Though their sounds may seem different, noise levels for the Growler and Prowler are comparable. The two aircraft generate different sound frequencies. The Growler operates in a much lower frequency spectrum than the Prowler's and sounds different. The Growler is recognizable by the low frequency "rumble" of its jet engines, whereas the Prowler is associated with a higher frequency sound of its jet engines. In the 2012 *Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Expeditionary Transition of EA-6B Prowler Squadrons to EA-18G Growler at NAS Whidbey Island*, the Navy identified the Growler as quieter because scientific measurements indicated that the Growler emits less sound than the Prowler during most flight profiles. Noise levels vary depending on where you are in the flight pattern. The comprehensive noise study conducted for the 2012 EA acknowledged that the Growler is louder during arrival than the Prowler.

Noise measurements show the Growler noise levels are similar to those of the Prowler.



EA-6B Prowler



EA-18G Growler

Public Involvement Process



Public Involvement

There are several ways to participate in the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) process.

Participate Today

- Review the poster displays to learn about the Navy's proposed action and the environmental review process
- Provide input to help identify areas of study for the Draft EIS



How to Provide Comments During The Scoping Period

- 1 Provide written comments at today's meeting
- 2 Speak with the stenographer, who will record your comments
- 3 Submit your comments on the project website at www.whidbeyeis.com
- 4 Mail your written comments to:
EA-18G EIS Project Manager
Naval Facilities Engineering Command Atlantic
6506 Hampton Boulevard
Norfolk, VA 23508
Attn: Code EV21/SS

All comments submitted as a part of the public scoping period must be submitted by January 3, 2014.

How to Participate in the Future

Your input is essential to ensure the most informed decision is made. There are several ways to participate:

- Join our mailing list
- Check the project website for new information
- Review the Draft EIS in **spring 2015**
- Attend the public meeting following publication of the Draft EIS
- Provide your feedback during the Draft EIS public comment period

Thank you for attending the public scoping meeting for the EIS for EA-18G Growler Airfield Operations at Naval Air Station Whidbey Island.

Environmental Impact Statement Schedule



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