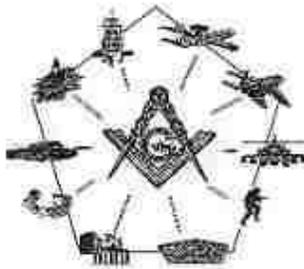


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Meeting Notice!

We will meet at VFW Post #239, 190 Dora Ave, Bremerton on Friday, 14 Oct. Social hour and dinner begin at 1800, meeting at 1900 hours. Ladies and guests are always welcome at the meeting and are urged to attend.

The associated Lewis and Clark Camp of the Heroes of '76 meets immediately following the Sojourner meeting and is open to all Heroes.

Don't forget to wear your Medals!

Highlights of the 9 Sep. Meeting

The Chapter opened at 1915 with President Peter Dawson in the East.

Those present were Pres. Peter Dawson; 2ND Vice Pres. Elect CSCS Todd Mears; District Rep and Chaplain elect LTC Wendell Dutt, HMCM Joe MacIntyre; Marshall elect MMCM Henry Carman.

District Rep LTC Wendell Dutt announced the importance of attending PAC Beach, September 30TH to October 2ND. He briefed the members on the National

Convention, which he attended, and announced that the requirements for membership in National Sojourners had changed. The requirement of rank has been removed and any veteran or active member of the U.S. Armed Forces of any rank who is a Master Mason can apply for membership. Bro. Dutt was also elected a National Trustee at the Convention.

New Business: LTC Wendell Dutt presented a National Award and Ribbon that was given to our Chapter at the National Convention to win, 1ST runner-up for Youth Emphasis “Presidential Citation for Outstanding Service and Achievement” 2015-2016 Sojourner Year.

MMCM Carman gave a short presentation on Naval Operation “Nimble Archer” in the Persian Gulf in Oct. 1987. He was a crew member aboard a ship, USS Leftwich DD-984, that was a participant.

COL William Biscomb gave a short presentation “Show and Tell,” an example of his wife’s embroidery skills. He showed us a Tux dinner apron with Masonic Square and Compasses.

Announcements: HMCM MacIntyre stressed attending PAC Beach and mentioned that if someone has a U.S. flag that needs an honorable disposal, there is to be a “Flag Retirement Ceremony” there.

With no further business, The Chapter was closed at 1950 with Peace & Harmony prevailing.

MMCM Henry Carman, Secretary Pro Tem

Lockheed Martin’s Anti-Ship Missile Could be a Game Changer



Chris Osborn of *Scout Warrior* Oct. 7, 2016
The Navy, Lockheed Martin and the Defense Advanced Projects Research Agency (DARPA) are

developing a surface and air-launched missile that can hit ships, shallow submarines and other moving sea and land targets with pin-point accuracy. Present-day Long Range Anti-Ship Missiles (LRASM) must be launched from Air Force B-1B bombers or F-18 fighters. 168 inches long and weighing 2,500 pounds, the missile has a 1,000 pound penetration and blast-fragmentation warhead and a range of 200 miles. The program plans to use an autonomous guidance system that does not rely on GPS or computer networks that can be jammed by enemy electronic warfare gadgets.

Requirements for launching LRASMs from ships are being developed. LRASMs have been launched from vertical launching tubes aboard cruisers and destroyers. Deck-mounted launchers are now being developed that would enable the missile to be used aboard frigates and Littoral Combat Ships. Sailors could hit high value targets at long range over the horizon and not get return fire. Flown by an advanced guidance and anti-jam global positioning system, the all weather missile would be able to detect and destroy specific targets within a fleet of ships, according to Lockheed.

Under the Navy’s “distributed lethality” strategy, the LRASM will give the fleet precision long-range offensive and defensive fire power. The ground wars of the past 10 years have shifted the Navy’s duties to such things as counter terrorism, anti-piracy and search and seizure drug raids. But “blue water” combat capability against an equally matched, high-tech adversary must still be maintained.

Sinking Enemy Warships – The U.S. Navy’s Firey New Weapon

David Majumdar *National Interest* Feb. 5, 2016

U.S. Navy cruisers and destroyers are getting an updated Raytheon Standard SM-6 missile, according to U.S. Secretary of Defense Ashton Carter. Originally designed as an anti-aircraft missile, the SM-6 is being modified to an anti-ship mode that can attack enemy ships at very long ranges. The upgraded missile can engage targets beyond a ship’s radar horizon using data provided by carrier borne E-2D Advanced Hawkeye aircraft. The radar horizon for an Aegis ship is 250 nautical miles for a target flying at 30,000 feet, less for a target at lower altitude. The E-2D can track air and surface targets and enable U.S. warships to attack targets beyond the horizon with a Mach 3.5+ missile. Designed to attack aircraft, the missile’s warhead is small, but the missile is very maneuverable, even at low altitude. It can detect incoming ballistic and cruise missiles aimed at our ships, track, attack and destroy them.

Today’s warships aren’t armored citadels from the battleship era. The kinetic energy, alone, from a very fast

missile could do immense damage to, say, a Russian *Kirov* class battlecruiser, making it easy to get a “mission kill.”

Our Aegis cruisers and destroyers are already equipped with the vertical launch tubes for the surface to air SM-6. The lethality of the anti-ship SM-6 gives the U.S. Navy 90 of the most lethal Aegis surface combat ships on the planet. Sec, Carter lauded the new missile as a potent new weapon for surface warfare professionals and a good deal for tax payers who get two capabilities in one missile.



Sink-Ex: Retired U.S. Destroyer Sunk in Live Fire Exercise

The retired Advanced Forrest Sherman class Guided Missile Destroyer *USS Towers* (DDG-9) was sunk off the California coast 9 Oct 2002 in a live-fire Sink-Ex exercise. Built in Seattle, Washington in 1959, she was in service from 1961-1990. She saw extensive duty during the Vietnam War. She was sunk by the Guided Missile Frigate *USS Sides* (FFG-14) to give crews experience firing missiles.



“Be Ready to Fight Tonight.” 10-7-2016



The head of the U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Harry Harris, told military personnel at the Yakota Air Base in Japan to be “ready to fight tonight.” North Korea has been conducting provocative ballistic missile and nuclear testing.. Military authorities in Seoul, South Korea are on emergency stand-by for more threatening gestures by North Korea. North Korea continues to violate sanctions imposed by the U.N. Security Council, prompting the U.S., South Korea and Japan to seek tougher punishment.

“We will take every possible step to defend the U.S. and our allies,” said Adm. Harris. U.S. Ambassador to the U.N., Samantha Powers, will visit Truce Village at Panmunjom, between the 2 Koreas, on Oct. 10, day of the founding of the Korean Workers Party, to condemn provocations by North Korea.