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Executive Board Study Session May 6, 2008

Topic: Naval Base Kitsap: Overview
Speakers: Captain Reid Tanaka, Commanding Officer, Naval Base Kitsap

The Power Point presentation for this study session is available on the Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council website: http://www.kitsapregionalcouncil.org/krcc_board.html

Captain Tanaka discussed the Naval Base's current facilities, new maritime strategies, and the future of the Naval Base.

Key Discussion Points:

- People that leave the military are talented and have been well trained. This Base was established since the late 1800's, but under Captain Tanaka's tenure, there seems to be more effort on the Navy's part to "look beyond the gate" and discuss the welfare of the greater community.
- Tom Danaher always does an excellent job representing the navy at the Kitsap Regional Council. What more can the elected do to help the Navy here? The Puget Sound Regional Council is currently adding a military cluster, their 6th cluster, to the Prosperity Partnership effort throughout the region.
Answer: The citizens and elected officials are already doing the right thing here. Military families tend to move a lot so we look for good schools, housing, access and transportation, low crime rates – these core issues help everyone in the community. Additionally, there are intangibles offered here: tuition assistance for spouses' education and vocational degrees offered at Olympic College help drive the workforce that make this area a good place to settle after the moving is done.
- In Kitsap County, the Navy is a resource, after retirement, they stay here to live, do other work, and create new jobs.
- Thank you for the partnerships that the Navy has extended. For example, the Gorst area clean-up and the Broadband project at Keyport are excellent examples of the Navy helping the community.
- Also, the Navy divers helped Leadership Kitsap at the Poulsbo Marina dock.
- Puget Sound Naval Shipyard is the Boeing of Kitsap County. There have been rumours that there is not going to be a downturn of Naval presence and ships in the net couple years – is this true? *Answer:* Yes, there will be no upcoming downturn – PSNS does the core of the Navy work for Naval vessels.