

'They shared a common bond. A bond with the sea'

Seamen's Memorial honored fallen mariners

By **McKINLEY SMITH**
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With the Astoria Bridge and the rhythmic constancy of the Columbia River as the backdrop, civilians and the military gathered to honor those whose lives were lost to the river and ocean.

The Seamen's Memorial — part of the Astoria Regatta — took place Friday morning at the Maritime Memorial, where the names of military men and women, cannery workers, fishermen and others

are immortalized in granite.

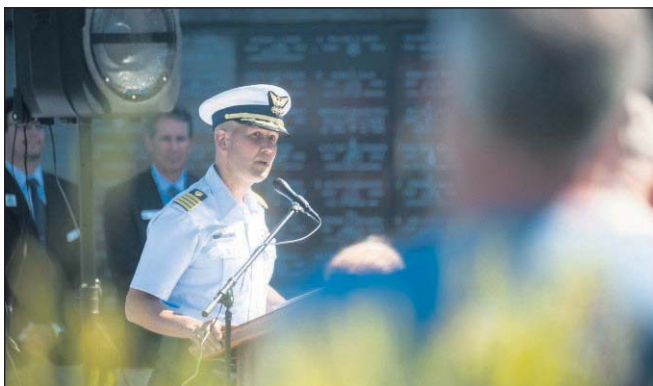
"They shared a common bond. A bond with the sea," said Curt Nehring, a Columbia River bar pilot.

As two bouquets of flowers were thrown into the river, several boats assembled near the memorial blasted their horns.

After the ceremony, U.S. Coast Guard Chief Petty Officer Chris Sheppard searched the memorial for the plaque of his wife's grandfather, Kenneth Berg, who had ties to the Pacific Shrimp Cannery.

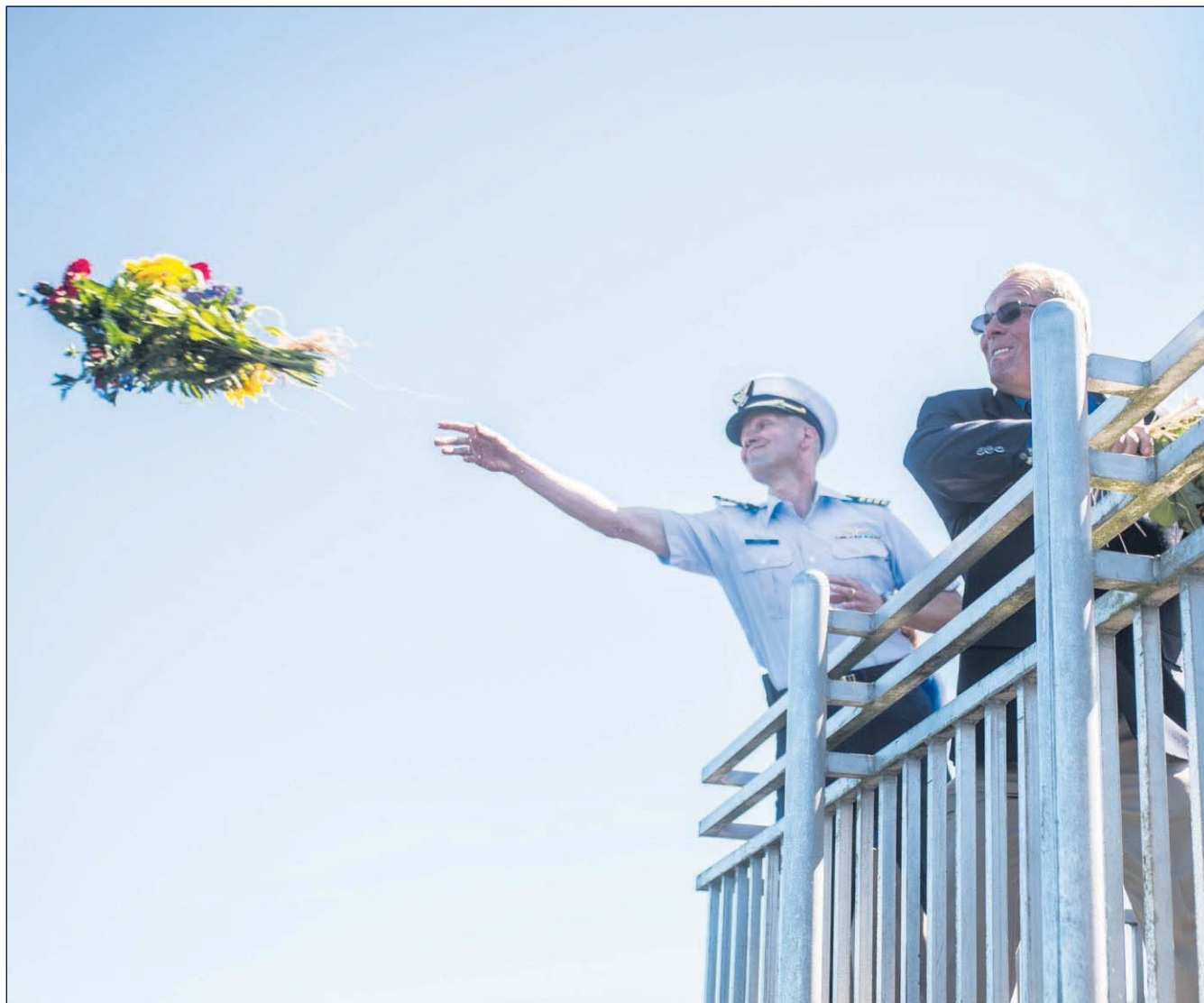
Sheppard had never met him, but they shared a connection to the Coast Guard. It was important for the family that he saw the plaque today, he said.

"Everyone kept telling me, 'Oh, you would have loved the guy,'" Sheppard said.



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Capt. Daniel Travers speaks during Seamen's Memorial event Friday.



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Capt. Daniel Travers, left, and Curt Nehring, right, toss a wreath and a bouquet of flowers into the Columbia River during the Seamen's Memorial event Friday.

Public hearings set for Tsunami Hazard Overlay project

The Daily Astorian

Clatsop County's proposed Tsunami Hazard Overlay project is complete and scheduled for review at two public hearings.

The goal of the project is to develop a comprehensive plan through a public involvement process to increase resilience to a Cascadia event tsunami.

The Planning Commission will conduct a hearing at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 18.

The Board of Commissioners will open a hearing 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 23.

Both hearings will be held at the Judge Guy Boyington Building in Astoria.

The project is designed to reduce the threat to life

and property and increase the community's ability to respond to and recover from an offshore Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake and tsunami using new requirements, incentives and other measures covering the review and authorization of development within the tsunami hazard area, according to the county.

For more information, visit the county's Tsunami Hazard Overlay website at www.co.clatsop.or.us. Written comments may be submitted by 5 p.m. the day prior to each hearing by letter to: Board of Commissioners, 800 Exchange St., Suite 410, Astoria, OR 97103; by email to comdev@co.clatsop.or.us; or by fax to (503) 338-3606.

Researchers study home weatherization, good bacteria

Associated Press

EUGENE — Researchers from the University of Oregon are studying how to keep beneficial bacteria in the home while weatherizing to keep out the cold.

The Register-Guard newspaper reported that UO architect Charlie Brown, microbiologist Jessica Green and others recently won a \$1 million U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant to study 72 houses in Portland and Bend as

they are weatherized over the next two years.

Their theory is that heavily filtered, closed-off indoor air supplies are unhealthy because they deprive occupants of good bacteria.

The pair's work corresponds with research into the role of bacteria in the human gut, which has recently been shown to affect weight and mood.

Brown and Green have previously published on the microbiology of campus buildings and hospitals.

Walk, panel discussion to focus on age-friendly communities

The Daily Astorian

A walkability tour and panel discussion tonight will explore issues of aging and mobility.

The "roll and stroll" starts at 5 p.m. at the Garden of Surging Waves. The panel discussion begins at 7 p.m. at the Judge Guy Boyington Building.

Alan DeLaTorre of the Portland State University's Institute on Aging, Noel Mickelberry

of Oregon Walks and Elaine Friesen-Strang of AARP Oregon will guide the walkability tour.

Along with DeLaTorre, Mickelberry and Friesen-Strang, the panel discussion will include Kevin Cronin, the city's Community Development director; Michelle Lewis, of NorthWest Senior & Disability Services; Brian Mahoney, Clatsop County's

Event revisits Tillamook burn

The Daily Astorian

Eighty-two years ago Friday, a steel cable dragging a Douglas fir rubbed against a snag and sparked a fire in Gales Creek Canyon. Thus began the Tillamook Burn, a series of wildfires that destroyed more than 350,000 acres of old-growth timber.

The Tillamook Forest Center steps back in history Friday, Saturday and Sunday with "Return from the Burn," an interactive look into how the Tillamook

Burn affected what is now Tillamook State Forest before, during and after the fires.

Each day runs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., with recurring activities:

- Get a hug from Smokey Bear and receive a free goody bag from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Meet forest firefighters, if available during fire season, and spray a fire hose from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- Create arts and crafts.
- See a 1930 Ford Model AA pumper truck.

Complete in the Tillamook Forest Center treasure hunt or Wheel of Forest game and win prizes.

At 1 p.m. Saturday, nature educator Bruce Rottink offers a glimpse into logging before the chainsaw and the tools used to bring down giants, like oil bottles, falling wedges, cat chokers and a "Tillamook Diving Board."

At 1 p.m. Sunday, historian Ed Kamholz provides a pictorial overview of the railroad development of Oregon, including main line

carriers, branch lines, trolleys, interurban lines and private railroads, primarily for logging.

Kamholz also tells people about the Oregon Historical Railroads Project, which will map all of Oregon's historical railroads, from the state's first wooden tramway in 1846 to the present, and provide the information online.

The Tillamook Forest Center is located at 45500 Wilson River Highway, at milepost 22 on Oregon Highway 6.

Army Corps seeks comment on dredge spoils

The Daily Astorian

PORTLAND — The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers seeks public comments on the handling of dredge spoils in the Columbia River near Astoria.

The request concerns a draft environmental assessment of continued maintenance of the Columbia River federal navigation channel. The proposed maintenance includes putting dredge spoils on the eastern shoreline of Rice Island and re-handling material at an in-water

site near Howard Island.

The public comment period ends Sept. 7.

Shoreline placement at Rice Island, located near river mile 22 next to the Lewis and Clark National Wildlife Refuge, would rebuild and protect the existing upland placement site. It would also allow development of a forage area for streaked horned larks, which were listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act in 2013.

In-water re-handling of

dredged material is required near Howard Island, near where the Cowlitz and Columbia rivers meet, because shoaling is consistently forming too far away from the island for a dredge to directly pump that material to the existing upland placement site.

Find the Corps' draft environmental assessment at <http://tinyurl.com/p8rz45q>

Comments and questions regarding the draft document should be directed to Kate Michie at 503-808-4664 or

Kathleen.Michie@usace.army.mil. Mailed comments to Michie must be postmarked by Sept. 7 and sent to: District Engineer, U.S. Army Corps of Engineer District, Portland, Attn: CENWP-PM-E/ Kate Michie, P.O. Box 2946, Portland, Oregon 97208-2946.

In responses, refer to the public notice number (CENWP-PM-E-15-05), title and date. If no response is received and postmarked by the closing date, a "no comment" response will be assumed.

Several fishermen take dips in Columbia

By **EDWARD STRATTON**
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The U.S. Coast Guard and other authorities on the Columbia River had a busy weekend with the Buoy 10 salmon fishery, along with the Oregon Tuna Classic tournament.

The Coast Guard handled 19 cases over the weekend, most minor and none resulting in any injuries.

"Probably the most notable one was the capsized vessel out by the North Jetty that put five people in the water," Coast Guard watch stander John Dodd said about a capsizing Saturday afternoon near Buoy 3 off of Peacock Spit.

All the fishermen had on life jackets, he said, and several had personal locator beacons activate when they hit the water, pinging their location as far away

as Seattle. The fishermen were pulled out of the water by the charter boat Katy Marie before the Coast Guard arrived, and no injuries were reported.

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife pulled another fisherman out of the water after a vessel capsized near Chinook, Wash., Saturday.

The Coast Guard reported that several other boats were reported sinking or disabled in dangerous conditions.

The wind picked up above 10 mph between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Saturday, according to the National Weather Service. The weather gets cloudier today, with a 40 percent chance of showers.

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