

SILVERDALE, Wash. (Aug. 27, 2020) The Navy League of the United States Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council presented memorabilia from the University of Maine to Sailors assigned to the Ohio-class ballistic-missile submarine USS Maine (SSBN 741), Aug. 27.

David Ellingson, UMaine Class of '70, B.S. Mechanical Engineering retired as Chief Engineer from USN Strategic Weapons Facility Pacific, coordinated this presentation.

David Ellingson '70 is President of the Navy League of the United States, Bremerton - Olympic Peninsula Council. Joining David Ellingson for the presentation were Navy League Board members Tom Zwolfer (Who was the Engineer on the USS Maine from 1995 – 1998), Alan Beam (Past President of the Navy League Council), and Patty Lent (Former Mayor of the city of Bremerton). The UMaine memorabilia were accepted by the USS Maine's Commanding Officer, CDR Rob Garis. David, Dana and I were joined by SKC Joel DiMarzo, the Supply Chief of the USS Maine on Zoom meeting following the presentation. SKC DiMarzo shared how meaningful it is for the crew to feel community support from their namesake state and connect with its heritage. He said they were "super excited" to receive the swag. The USS Maine is a 560 ft long by 42-foot beam, nuclear submarine displacing 18,750 metric tons submerged. The USS Maine carries 20 Trident 2 ballistic missiles. The USS Maine just completed a "refueling overhaul" at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard in Bremerton, Washington. The USS Maine has two crews, rotating between 70-day patrols and in port training and certification. Their mission is strategic nuclear deterrence. The current crew has 9 enlisted females and 6 women officers aboard. SKC DiMarzo enjoyed discussing UMaine Engineering and Navy ROTC with Dana. We also talked about the ASCC's world largest 3-D printer and boat, and the AMC's 3-D metal printer, a technology that is being adopted by the Navy for shipboard use.