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## **NAVFAC NORTHWEST Announces MOAA Jr. Officer Selectee**

SILVERDALE, Wash. – Naval Facilities Engineering Command Northwest announces Lt. Cmdr. Brent Uyehara's selection to receive the prestigious Military Officers Association of America Junior Officer Recognition Award, Bremerton Chapter, at an awards ceremony in May 2014.

"Lt. Cmdr. Brent Uyehara is a highly motivated Officer who has distinguished himself from his counterparts and is more than deserving of the recognition by MOAA," stated Cmdr. Steve Mauro, public works officer for Naval Base Kitsap.

In carrying out his primary duties as assistant public works officer for Naval Base Kitsap, Uyehara serves an installation that stretches from the 2,716-acres of Naval Magazine Indian Island to the southern portion of the Navy's largest west coast underground fuel storage facility at Manchester Fuel Depot. Serving in Bremerton at the heart of Naval Base Kitsap he is charged with the management of the public works department for Puget Sound Naval Shipyard & Intermediate Maintenance Facility. This shipyard is the only one of its kind on the West Coast that performs critical dry-dock overhauls and maintenance for the U.S. Navy's Pacific Fleet complement of Nimitz-class aircraft carriers and Submarine Fleet.

Uyehara personally coordinated a groundbreaking effort to use funding from Washington State in cooperation with the City of Bremerton and Department of Navy to resolve a critical \$1.3M Tunnel Upgrade project. This project will repair a vital pedestrian gate entering into PSNS&IMF and contribute to the local community's beautification and modernization efforts.

Uyehara's efforts to repair Burwell tunnel are part of a larger critical traffic improvement plan to address the significant civilian and contractor population growth at PSNS&IMF. This plan involves upgrades to traffic intersections, improved pedestrian and vehicle flow through the City of Bremerton, and new signage and traffic light installations that will be instrumental in helping NBK Bremerton and PSNS&IMF to absorb the planned population growth coming in the next few years.

Uyehara has also been a key contributor to NBK's successful implementation of innovative energy management practices. He promotes energy usage awareness while also incorporating

energy efficiency measures in construction and maintenance projects. His efforts helped lead to NBK's selection for the 2013 Secretary of the Navy's Energy and Water Management Award. Through his outstanding dedication and selfless service, Uyehara exemplifies the U.S. Navy core values of Honor, Courage and Commitment making him the ideal recipient for this award.

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