

" BENNINGTON WEEKEND "

We'll be leaving for Long Beach very soon, but before we pull out, we're going to show the people of Bremerton a slam-bang weekend they'll talk about for a long time to come.

"BENNINGTON WEEKEND" is the official title of what Bremerton's Mayor E. O. Domstad has termed the "largest single event ever presented by a naval ship in this area," and with events getting underway March 9, we have less than a week to get ready!

Visitors will be welcome from 1300 to 1600 on both Saturday and Sunday, and will be treated to interservice boxing matches, helicopter rescue demonstrations, band concerts, departmental displays, and an Open House Tour! Many local people will visit us, and there is a chance that Washington's Governor Rosellini will be on hand.

The boxing matches will be more than the usual "Smoker," because BENN along with PSNS, will be co-hosting the Northwest Interservice Boxing Tournament. Army, Navy, and Marine boxers will weigh-in Friday and Saturday March 8-9, and will provide a power packed program of boxing

entertainment at 2000 Saturday. An awards banquet following the bouts will climax the evening.

Exciting highlights of both Saturday and Sunday afternoon will be at-sea helicopter rescue demonstrations. BENNINGTON's Explosive Ordnance Disposal Officer, ENS Clinton, will swim 150 yards off shore, be picked up by a helicopter from Sand Point NAS, and returned to the ship's flight deck. In addition, a hand-to-hand combat demonstration by MARDET and (hopefully) a dead-load demonstration of the ship's catapult system will be offered.

During both visiting periods, guided tours will be offered and the 13th ND Band will be on hand for afternoon concerts at 1400. CAPT C. E. Healy will give a welcome speech prior to each of the concerts.

At 1430 Saturday, BENN will honor local people whose friendship and cooperation has made our stay so enjoyable. We are hoping to have these Bremerton Ceremonies covered via a remote radio broadcast by KBRO.

Sunday afternoon BENNINGTON's officers and men will sponsor a banquet in the ship's general mess for 125 underprivileged children of the Bremerton area and bring to a close the weekend's festivities.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday 9 March

1300-1600	Ship open to general visiting
1400	13th ND Band concert
1430	Bremerton ceremonies
1500	"Cat" launch demonstration
1510	Helicopter rescue demonstration
1540	MARDET demonstrations
2000-2130	Boxing program
2200	Boxing awards banquet

Sunday 10 March

1300-1600	Ship open to general visiting
1400	13th ND Band concert
1430	CO's address
1500	"Cat" launch demonstration
1510	Helicopter rescue demonstration
1540	MARDET demonstrations
1615	Dinner for Underprivileged Children