



## SNL Scuttlebutt - August 2018

The Seattle Navy League thanks you for your interest in the Sea Services and our council's activities. This month's news brings the reminder for our eighth social of the year, highlights of Fleet Week schedule, a call for volunteers, and announcements for tours...

**Our monthly social is this Thursday, August 30**, at **The Pyramid Brewing Co.** in Pioneer Square / SODO from 4:30 PM - 7:00 PM - Please join if you can!

This month we welcome  
**USCG Station Seattle and USCG Maritime Safety and Security Team (MSST)**  
as our Adopted Units in the Spotlight.

**and THE OPPORTUNITY TO TOUR both at 1PM!!**

The reason this month's social is at the Pyramid Brewing Co. this month, is because we'll be visiting our Coast Guard adopted units that afternoon at 1 PM. **This will include a tour of both units and their operations along with the official adoption of USCG Station Seattle and an award to one of their Enlisted.** Please email us if you are interested in joining this special tour and we will work to get you on this access list. Weather permitting, the tour includes a chance to get some people a **ride on one of their patrol boats!**

**US Coast Guard Station Seattle** supports and secures operations on the waterways of the Puget Sound Region, maintaining a 24/7 readiness for maritime search and rescue, law enforcement, and maritime environmental response.

MSSTs are domestic, mobile units that possess specialized training and capabilities to perform a broad spectrum of port safety and security operations. **US Coast Guard MSST 91101** was the first of these units created and supports the Puget Sound Region as an important force multiplier to enhances law enforcement and security posture during major marine events, contingencies, and other port level operations.

**PLEASE NOTE** this is a **change of the date** for this month's social to the 5th Thursday of the month **and is in a different venue** in support of meeting near the Coast Guard Base Seattle.  
We apologize for any confusion this may have caused.

Come meet Sea Service Supporters, Navy Leaguers, Members of the Business Community, and Current and Past Service Members! This is an open event for meet, greet, and conversation. Please join us as you can and come as you are, and come and go as your schedule permits.

At the social, we will also be sharing highlights of the 2018 successful Seattle Fleet Week!

Pyramid Brewing Co.  
1201 1st Ave South,  
Seattle, Washington 98134

We would like to recognize and thank the **Navy League Seattle Council Board of Directors** as the sponsor for the first \$100 of the beverage tab this month!



## We are excited to report a **Successful 2018 Fleet Week.**

The Seattle Navy League Council was proud to work with Seafair as the Fleet Week Co-Chair and as a member of the executive planning committee alongside the Port of Seattle, Navy Region Northwest, Commander Strike Group 11, USCG District 13, and Sector Puget Sound.

### **Highlights of the Week**

This year's visitors included the U.S. Navy amphibious transport dock ship USS SOMERSET (LPD-25) and her embarked Marines, the guided-missile destroyer USS MOMSEN (DDG-92), the two Canadian Navy coastal defence vessels HMCS YELLOWKNIFE (MM 706) and HMCS WHITEHORSE (MM 705), and the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter MELLON (WHEC 717).

Also taking part were the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels Flight Demonstration Team, the crowd favorite in the annual Boeing Seafair Air Show, and the Navy Region Northwest Band. U.S. Navy Vice Admiral John Alexander, Commander, U.S. Third Fleet, and U.S. Coast Guard Vice Admiral Linda Fagan, Commander, Pacific Area, were among the numerous sea service leaders from the United States and Canada who attended and took part in Seafair events.

The U.S. Coast Guard opened the action with a search-and-rescue demonstration with its helicopter team and rescue boat before the visiting ships paraded into the Port of Seattle on July 31. While in port, the visiting ships hosted tours for over 6,000 people, giving them the opportunity to walk passageways, tour the different decks, and get a taste of life at sea.

Our community engagement events included a ship ride on board USS SOMERSET and USS MOMSEN, the "Eagles and Anchors" reception at Safeco Field and Seattle Mariners baseball game, a welcome dinner for visiting ships' command teams, a VIP cruise on board Navy Region Northwest's classic yacht Old Man IV, and the annual Sea Services Luncheon. Visitors to Seattle reciprocated with the U.S. Coast Guard reception on board USCGC MELLON, the Third Fleet reception on board USS Somerset, and the Canadian reception on board HMCS YELLOWKNIFE and HMCS WHITEHORSE (featuring the Canadian Navy's famous "moose milk"). The Navy also organized 28 community relations projects, including work at homeless shelters, hospitals, senior centers, and youth programs, with 230 Sailors participating.

The Sea Services Luncheon is the Seattle Council's signature annual event and a highlight of the year. Three dozen outstanding U.S. Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen, plus visiting Canadian Sailors, were hosted and honored by the Seattle Council during the luncheon at the Bell Harbor Conference Center. Vice Admiral Fagan delivered an inspiring address and, along with other senior leaders from both countries, helped honor the award winners.

In addition to the series of Seattle Council events, the visiting ships experienced a very warm reception in the larger Seattle community, and the visitors also made an impressive impression with the public, all of which made Seattle Fleet Week 2018 a huge success and added to its luster as one of the premier port visits that ships look forward to each year. Please visit our website and Facebook page for pictures as we finishing posting over the next week.

It took lot of work and we want to say a sincere **THANK YOU to all the volunteers, community partners, and the Sea Services.** The Seattle Council is already planning for another great fleet experience at Fleet Week 2019

The Seattle Navy League is looking for **volunteers** to help continue our success connecting the Sea Services with the Seattle Community... roles range from event coordination and set up crews, to fundraising, to units and awards support. Come learn more at the Social Thursday **30 August** or email us at **communications@navyleagueSeattle.org**. You can also ask about other year around volunteer roles - now seeking person to help with Adopted Unit Liaison Support. Now is your chance to get involved - **don't miss out on the fun!!**

The following **2018 Tours** as are being set up by **Byron Faber** of the Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council and announced these are open invites to all Council members to participate in the tours. Here is what is worked out so far for the tour calendar for this year...

**Sept 20** - Naval Undersea Warfare Center, Keyport  
Sep/Oct - USS John C. Stennis (CVN 74) and USS Seawolf (SSN-21)  
**Oct 12**- SAFE Boats International, Bremerton, WA

The ones in **bold** lettering have confirmed dates. Please **email byfaber@centurytel.net** if you would like to join any. Addition tours are also in development, so stay tuned for more opportunities!

Hope to see you soon!

The Seattle Navy League Board

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The Navy League was founded in 1902 with a clear three-pronged mission: to support the members of the sea services and their families; to educate the American people and their elected leaders about the critical importance of sea power for their economic prosperity and national security; and to help build America's future through successful youth programs like the Naval Sea Cadet Corps.

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