



## The Seattle Scuttlebutt February 2019

### WELCOME TO SEATTLE NAVY LEAGUE!

We have a busy schedule planned for 2019, starting with monthly socials and continuing with a series of quarterly functions, interspersed with tours and adopted unit visits.

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*More details of all our events and volunteer opportunities will be featured in coming editions of the SCUTTLEBUTT as well as on our [webpage](#) and our [Facebook](#) page.*

### **FEBRUARY MONTHLY SOCIAL**

#### **Our February monthly social is this coming Thursday, 28 February**

from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM, returning this month to **Paddy Coyne's** on Alaskan Way on the Seattle waterfront. Please join if you can!

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! Please come as you are and come and go as your schedule permits.

*We welcome volunteer individuals or businesses to sponsor a first round (up to \$100) at future events and we can put your logo on our announcement and event slide show.*

### **VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION RECEPTION**

On **Wednesday, 6 February**, we honored all those who help us fulfill our mission at our annual **Volunteer Appreciation Reception** at the Museum of

Flight. Surrounded by the exciting exhibits and history on display, the evening featured:

- o Volunteer appreciation
- o Sea Cadet Awards
- o USCG Leadership Speaker CAPT McPherson
- o USN Leadership Speaker RADM Gabrielson



It is all best described in the words of long-time Navy Leaguer Helen Miller:

*"If you have ever dreamed of flying like a bird or becoming a pilot, the Museum of Flight is the place to begin, to see if you want to follow your dreams. What a marvelous experience for the young Sea Cadets to receive their awards for excellence in the Old Red Barn at the end of Boeing Field, which many say was the birthplace of Commercial Aviation. William E Boeing's dream of building aeroplanes began here.*

*Navy League Seattle arranged for this privilege of celebrating the awards ceremony and recognizing the new Seattle Navy League Council leadership in the Museum of Flight. Military leaders past and present who believe in God, country, and American exceptionalism came together to celebrate in this historic building:*

- Retired Admiral Thomas Hayward, Naval Aviator, Test Pilot, Combat Veteran in two wars, Korea and Vietnam Chief of Naval Operations
- Rear Admiral Don Gabrielson, Commander of Strike Group 11, which includes USS Nimitz CVN-70
- Captain Brendan McPherson, Chief of Staff US Coast Guard 13th District
- Retired Rear Admiral Joe Kuzmick
- and a young Naval officer LCDR Laura Gallassero and her 6-year-old son, from Rear Admiral Scott Grey's staff at Naval Base Kitsap.

*Numerous other Navy and Coast Guard personnel, both active duty and retired, participated in the celebration.*

*It is no small wonder that so many young Americans voluntarily enlist in the United States Armed Services because the camaradery and sense of family is so evident.*

*respectfully submitted, Helen Miller*



## SEA CADETS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Our Sea Cadets recently volunteered to help with finish line crowd control and post-race distribution of water and bananas at the inaugural run through the new Highway 99 tunnel in Seattle. Here they are pictured with outgoing Seattle Council President Jeff Davis, who reports that he was certainly glad they were their to help him recover:



And here is an added shot of our Blue Angels Squadron looking good at their recent inspection:



Well done, Sea Cadets!

## **SALUTE TO ARMED FORCES NIGHT WITH THE MARINERS**



Join us for the Mariners **Salute to the Armed Forces** on 13 April! If you would like to be seated in the Seattle Navy League group, please reserve their tickets through [rsvp@navyleagueSeattle.org](mailto:rsvp@navyleagueSeattle.org).

## **THANKS FOR HELPING OUR SHIPMATES**

Many of you answered the call to help our Coast Guard shipmates during the government shutdown with donations to [Coast Guard Mutual Assistance](#) and other assistance fundraisers.

*"We also want to thank our councils for your amazing support for the Coast Guard and their families during the recent government shutdown. The one thing that will always set our organization apart is the dedication of our members to our mission. You are what drives our Navy League forward and makes our essential mission to serve the men and women of the sea services and their families possible."*

- Navy League National President Alan Kaplan



**This is what we do.  
Thank you!**

**"FROM THE HELM"**

*From Seattle Navy League Council President Bill Bulis:*

My many thanks to those that were able to join us and/or support our February 6<sup>th</sup> Membership Appreciation Dinner at the Museum of Flight. The Blue Angels Squadron Sea Cadets were as impressive as ever and we all learned more about our Sea Services (and servant leadership) from both RDML Gabrielson, USN and RDML (select) McPherson, USCG.

I would like to formally recognize the selfless leadership of Jeff Davis as our Council President these last two years. Jeff, your dedication to not just our Seattle Council members, but our area Sea Cadets, Coast Guardsmen, Sailors, Marines, NOAA Corps, and Merchant Marine have been tremendous. I cannot thank you enough for your mentorship, always calm demeanor, and devotion to creating a great experience for everyone around you. I know that I have tremendous shoes to fill and I'm grateful that will continue on with our board in your role as Immediate Past President.

Looking ahead to the rest of 2019, our next social is this Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> at Paddy Coyne's Irish Pub on Alaskan Way. This social will be a little different in that the sole agenda item is to brainstorm how to make our council events better and to leverage the incredible talents of all our membership. We plan to match volunteers to events and initiatives for the rest of the year. Opportunities to volunteer include everything from leadership of events to assisting those leaders to sponsoring a table of service members at an event. Upcoming council events include our annual USCG Maritime Dinner (tentatively May) and ALL the events of 2019 Seattle Fleet Week during Seafair. IF you cannot make the social on Thursday but are interested in contributing in some way to our council's efforts please email me at [bill@navyleagueSeattle.org](mailto:bill@navyleagueSeattle.org) and I'll ensure that you are included in the planning!

Very Respectfully,  
Bill Bulis, President

**Seattle Navy League**



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 **24 January** or email us at [communications@navyleagueSeattle.org](mailto: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!!**

Hope to see you soon!

The Seattle Navy League Board

For more information, please see our website and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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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.

The Seattle Navy League thanks you for your interest in the Sea Services and our council's activities.

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