



The Seattle Scuttlebutt May 2020

WELCOME TO SEATTLE NAVY LEAGUE!

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More details of all our events and volunteer opportunities are featured on our [webpage](#) and our [Facebook](#) page.

2020 FLEET WEEK UPDATE

As you may have seen in the news this week, due to the ongoing public health emergency, Seafair has announced that it is rescheduling its signature events to next year (see more details at <https://www.seafair.org/p/about/seafair-2020>).

The status of Fleet Week 2020 was not included in the Seafair announcement because it is co-sponsored with Navy League and the Port of Seattle, and is dependent upon the Navy's decisions about ship visits. The Navy is reviewing its plans for ship scheduling and we expect an announcement regarding Seattle Fleet Week soon.

If Fleet Week does not take place in its usual form this year, the Fleet Week organizing committees will be looking at ways to keep our summer traditions alive as we plan for better times ahead. TV specials, public displays, and virtual experiences may be among the offerings we can share with the public.

A virtual Fleet Week presents many volunteer and sponsorship opportunities to show our support for the Sea Services, and we will be looking for your help as we figure out the way ahead.



VIRTUAL MONTHLY SOCIALS!

As we keep ourselves and our community safe during the current public health emergency, we have cancelled or postponed Navy League Seattle in-person events planned for this month and next.

While we wait to resume gathering together in a physical location, we can still meet up on line, and we are planning our first virtual monthly social for next **Thursday, 28 May**.

Join us on line between 5 and 7pm via Zoom at [May social](#) (meeting ID 718 7833 9662 and meeting password 2QEV6u) with your favorite beverage in hand!



In the meantime, please take care of yourselves and stay healthy!

"FROM THE HELM"

Greetings, members and friends of Seattle Navy League!

As they were yesterday and will be tomorrow, our Sea Services are busy serving the nation near home and far away. Maintaining readiness is now even more of a challenge now as they contend with the dangerous viral threat.

Our mission to support them continues as well, despite limitations imposed by the public health emergency. Even if we can't do things in person, we can nevertheless make a positive difference.



I was honored to hear recently from RADM Vogt, Commander Coast Guard District Thirteen, noting that "despite the challenges of these unique times, your Coast Guard remains Semper Paratus. We are mission ready and continue to conduct lifesaving, defense, security, and environmental protection operations here in the beautiful Pacific Northwest." He also noted that "now more than ever, [Navy League's] dedication to supporting our Sea Services and especially the incredible women and men in your United States Coast Guard is truly appreciated. ... Please know that it is impactful and very much appreciated."

Even if our regular Fleet Week does not take place this year - more about that in the weeks to come - we

can still honor and support members of the Sea Services, as well as educate the public and advocate for strong maritime policies.

In the meantime, please stay healthy and keep yourselves safe! And please join us next Thursday for our first virtual monthly social!

regards, Steve Keith
Navy League Seattle Council 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. Email us with your interest 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!!**

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.

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

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