



The Seattle Scuttlebutt January 2021

WELCOME TO SEATTLE NAVY LEAGUE!

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Advocacy for the Sea Services: Special Operations training in Western Washington



As part of our mission to support the Sea Services, we periodically inform our members about issues affecting the Sea Services and opportunities to advocate for them. We sent you an email on December 30 about the opportunity to comment on the Navy's long-standing request to expand Naval Special Warfare (SEAL) cold water training locations within the Puget Sound area to a total of 28 Washington State Parks.

The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission Bulletin, including information regarding this request and an electronic form to use for comment, can be found at: <http://bit.ly/ParksSEPA>. **The deadline for comments has been extended to January 22, 2021.**

We need as many people as possible to submit a statement supporting this important Navy training, which has less impact on the parks than that of regular visitors. The following points can also be mentioned in your comments:

- Specialized training for Naval Special Warfare Operators is vital to their safety and our national security.
- The Puget Sound area provides a unique cold-water environment for this training, including extreme tides and shifting currents.
- This training has been taking place without incident for decades in five Washington state parks per agreement with the Parks and Recreation Commission.
- The purpose of the training is to approach land from the water, hide, and remain undetected, leaving no trace of their presence. This proposed expansion to additional state parks will increase the variety of water conditions and terrain available for the trainees and reduce the use of individual parks.
- The Navy will continue to abide by all environmental and safety regulations, and will continue to exercise strict training policies to limit unintentional interaction with the public.



Thank you for your support!



Drop in for our first monthly social of the year on **Thursday January 28** anytime between 7 and 8pm via Zoom at [Navy League Seattle January Social](#) with your favorite beverage in hand! Share stories and talk about plans for the holidays and our winter events.



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

Seattle Council (virtual) Annual Meeting February 24, 2021

The Seattle Council's **Annual Meeting of the Membership** will be held virtually on **February 24th at 7pm**. This will be an evening gathering of council members and guests to hear from a distinguished guest speaker in an enjoyable online format. The agenda includes:

- Fleet operations presentation from Rear Admiral James Aiken,

- Commander of Carrier Strike Group 3, followed by Q&A
- Overview of the Seattle Council's plans for 2021, including Fleet Week
- Election of 2021 Officers

This annual meeting is a wonderful opportunity to invite colleagues and friends to learn more about Navy League Seattle and its work to support our Sea Services. If you know others who have an interest in our mission and may be interested in joining the Seattle Council, please invite them to join us and learn more.



A detailed email invitation will be sent out soon.



Membership outreach

Seattle Council members should soon receive a letter from Council President Steve Keith on behalf of the Board of Directors thanking you for your continued support of our Sea Services and your membership in the Seattle Council. Recognizing that our membership is diverse, with many communication preferences, board members will be reaching out over the next several weeks to each of you to learn your preferences and how the Seattle Council can best serve you in 2021 and beyond.

Nominations for Council officers

At our Annual Meeting on February 24, we will elect new Council officers for 2021. Our nominating committee has produced the following slate of nominations, which was endorsed by the Council's Board of Directors at their meeting on January 13:

President - *Steve Keith*
President Elect - *TBA (nomination still pending for this position)*
Treasurer - *Sky Deming*
Secretary - *Jeff Davis (acting)*
Judge Advocate - *Hunter Abell*
Vice President for Membership - *Bill Bulis*
Vice President for Resource Development / Outreach - *Mark Haller*
Vice President for Legislative Affairs - *Laura Mathers*
Vice President for Military Affairs - *Joe Kuzmick*
Vice President for Communication - *Whitney Moore*
Vice President for Finance - *Jeff Davis*



"FROM THE HELM"

Greetings, members and friends of Seattle Navy League, and happy new year!

As you know, during 2020 the ongoing pandemic and its unique challenges cancelled our customary council dinner meetings and the Seafair Fleet Week ship visits to Seattle. As an alternative, we produced our own "virtual" Fleet Week 2020; it continues to be accessible at <https://www.seafair.org/p/events/virtual-fleet-week> should you wish to view again or share with friends and family.



Our first big event for 2021 will be the (virtual) Annual Meeting on February 24. This will be an opportunity to enjoy each other's company, hear an update from the Commander of Carrier Strike Group 3, and look ahead to the rest of the year and the eventual return of in-person council gatherings and events. Mark your calendars - I look forward to seeing you there!

And please join us Thursday January 28 between 7 and 8pm for our next virtual monthly social.

In the meantime, please stay healthy and keep yourselves safe!

regards, Steve Keith
Navy League Seattle Council President
President@navyleagueseattle.org

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You can also keep up with Navy League National and our neighbor councils online.

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. Now is your chance to get involved - **don't miss out on the fun!!**

Hope to see you soon!

The Seattle Navy League Board of Directors

*Bill Bulis
Jeff Davis
Mark Haller
David Gudgel
Diane Jaffa
Matt Kaslik
Steve Keith
Joe Kuzmick
Laura Mathers
Matt Miller
Whitney Moore (newly elected to the board January 13, 2021 - congratulations!)
Dan Nielsen
Don Root
Perry Yaw*

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Seattle Navy League Officers for 2020

President - Steve Keith
Secretary - Mark Lunde
Treasurer - Sky Deming
JAG - Hunter Abell
Vice Presidents:

Mark Haller (Outreach)
Bill Bulis (Membership)
Jeff Davis (Finance)
Laura Mathers (Legislative Affairs)
Joe Kuzmick (Military Affairs)

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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