



## The Seattle Scuttlebutt February 2021

### 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](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) pages.

 SEATTLE NAVY LEAGUE'S 2021 ANNUAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24TH | 19:00 - 20:15

*Navy Operations Northwest*  
**"FOXTROT CORPEN"**

 GUEST SPEAKER:  
REAR ADMIRAL JAMES AIKEN,  
COMMANDER OF CARRIER  
STRIKE GROUP 3 

**Seattle Council (virtual) Annual Meeting  
February 24, 2021**

We are excited to invite you to join the Seattle Council's **Annual Meeting of the Membership** to be held virtually on **February 24th at 7pm**. This will be a gathering of council members and guests to hear from a distinguished guest speaker, Rear Admiral James Aiken, Commander of Carrier Strike Group 3, in an enjoyable online format.

The agenda includes:

- Fleet operations presentation from Rear Admiral James Aiken, 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.

Click on the links below to get for information or register for this *free* event:

[Get more information](#)

[Register](#)

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## ***Next Monthly Social on March 25***

Because of the Annual Meeting taking place the last week of February, our next (virtual) monthly social of the year will be on on **Thursday March 25**. Join us at 7pm via Zoom at [Navy League Seattle March Social](#) with your favorite beverage in hand!



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## ***Update on 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.

Recently, we informed you 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.

Following substantial public input, the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission voted to approve an amended request by the Navy to use 16 to 18 Washington State Parks for training, as described in this news article:

<https://www.nwnewsnetwork.org/post/washington-approves-more-seal-training-state-parks-not-much-navy-requested>.



Public input from Navy League members helped make this positive result

possible. **Thank you for your support!**

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## **Membership outreach**

Seattle Council members should have received a letter recently 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.

We will be following up with members to learn your communications preferences and how the Seattle Council can best serve you in 2021 and beyond. If you did not receive our letter, we may not have you listed properly in our membership roster. Please contact the Council at [communications@navyleagueseattle.org](mailto:communications@navyleagueseattle.org) to be sure we have the correct information for you.

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## **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*



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## **"FROM THE HELM"**

*Greetings, members and friends of Seattle Navy League !*

*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!*

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

*regards, Steve Keith*

Navy League Seattle Council President

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

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## 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!!**

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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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