

# NAVY LEAGUE

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"Citizens in Support of the Sea Services"



## The Seattle Scuttlebutt

### May 2021

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## Seattle Council Events



### **Port of Seattle Update: recording posted**

If you missed our recent council meeting (May 4), featuring a dynamic Port of Seattle update with Stephen Metruck and other maritime leaders, you can view the recording on our [Seattle Council YouTube Channel](#).

### **Monthly Social** **May 27 at 7pm**

Join us at 7pm via Zoom on **Thursday May**

27 at [Navy League Seattle May Social](#) with your

favorite beverage in hand!

We'll trade stories and talk about upcoming events and Fleet Week plans!



## US Coast Guard Update

**June 8 at 7pm**



The US Coast Guard is a vital component of our maritime safety and national security. Operating near shore and on the high seas, from home waters to the Arctic, the tropics, and the Indian Ocean, the Coast Guard fulfills its expanding mission set with great skill and limited resources.

Join us (virtually) at 7pm on **Tuesday June 8** to hear from

**Rear Admiral Jack Vogt**, Commander, 13th Coast Guard District, on how the Coast Guard is doing today and how the service is preparing for the future.

Email invitations for this event went out May 20 and should be in your inbox. If you do not receive an invitation, please contact us at [communications@navyleagueSeattle.org](mailto:communications@navyleagueSeattle.org).

## Fleet Week 2021 virtualization

Although the pandemic situation is slowly improving, the public health situation prevents holding any large-scale in-person festival events for this year's annual Seafair celebration, including Fleet Week ship visits.

Navy League Seattle and our Fleet Week partners, Seafair and Port of Seattle, are preparing to host a **virtual Fleet Week 2021**. [Virtual Fleet Week 2020](#) was a great success, with millions of online views and interactions, and we plan to build on that formula for this year's edition.



More information and volunteer opportunities to follow as our plans develop!



## Information and advocacy

### Minority Veterans of America

The team at Minority Vets ([www.minorityvets.org](http://www.minorityvets.org)) is traveling across the country to provide minority veterans in six cities with essential supplies including non-perishables, fresh fruits and vegetables, pastas, breads, hygiene kits, and pet food. Their third stop will be in Seattle on **May 22**.

To learn more about the Supply Drop Tour and how you can help, visit <https://lnkd.in/gm2cZq5#MinorityVets#EvenTheStrongestNeedSupport#SEA>.

**6 MONTHS** **6 CITIES!**

**SUPPLY DROP TOUR**

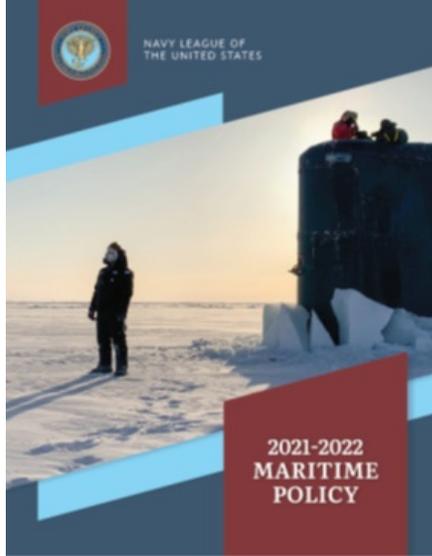
**SATURDAY SEATTLE WA**  
May 22, 2021 | 10am - 1pm | Lumen Field  
**DEADLINE TO APPLY: MAY 17, 2021**

**TAKE FORCE 12** **minorityvets**

### Navy League Fly-in 2021

Every other year, Navy League makes recommendations for our members and legislators to use in advocating on behalf of the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine.

This policy statement forms the playbook for the biannual "Fly-in" briefings for members of Congress and their staffs, which is taking place this month. Laura Mathers, Mark Haller, and Steve Keith are participating in this year's Fly-in.



You can download the Navy League policy statement for 2021-2022 at:

[https://www.navyleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Maritime-Policy\\_2021\\_Final.pdf](https://www.navyleague.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Maritime-Policy_2021_Final.pdf).

## Advocacy opportunity - Parks Commission appointment

Earlier this year, thanks in part to your advocacy, the Washington



Parks and Recreation Commission awarded a permit for Navy Special Warfare to continue training in a limited number of State Parks - the cold waters of Puget Sound and diverse terrain are critical for safety and mission success and cannot be replicated elsewhere. The vote to approve was 4-3.

Governor Jay Inslee is considering nominees to replace a departing Washington State Parks and Recreation Commissioner. This Commissioner was one of four who voted in January 2021 to allow continued use of Washington State Parks for training by Naval Special Warfare. If the Governor appoints a replacement who objects to Navy SEAL use of the parks, a new vote could end this important training initiative.

The Whidbey Island-based anti-Navy group "[Not in our Parks](#)" has mounted a letter writing campaign to urge Governor Inslee to appoint a new Commissioner who will end the Navy's limited use of State Parks for training, and they have already sent almost 400 letters to the Governor's office.

**You can help support the Navy by sending your own letter and asking your network to also send letters.**

### Write Governor Inslee!

Send a message like this to Governor Inslee via the link <https://www.governor.wa.gov/contact/contact/send-gov-inslee-e-message>:

*Dear Governor Inslee,  
Continued use of a limited number of Washington State Parks by Naval Special Warfare is vitally important to the defense of our great Nation. In their long history in Washington State Parks, Navy Special Warfare operators have shown that they conduct this important and unique training without impact on the parks or the citizens who visit these properties. Please appoint a new Washington State Parks and Recreation Commissioner who recognizes the important role that Naval Special Warfare plays in the defense of our country and the unique contribution Washington State Parks can play in training and protecting these heroic Americans.  
Thank you.*

### 5 Reasons to Support Naval Special Warfare Training in Washington State Parks

1. The Navy identified Puget Sound waters and shoreline property, including unique Washington State Park terrain, as critical to training Naval Special Warfare personnel.

2. Use of Washington State Parks for training by Naval Special Warfare personnel has taken place, under permit granted by the Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission, for many years without environmental harm, incident, or adverse interaction with the public.
3. Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission staff personnel have certified that previous Naval Special Warfare training activities in Washington State Parks resulted in no adverse impact on Washington State Parks environments and no complaints from public park users.
4. The Navy has agreed to all additional Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission-imposed limitations on Naval Special Warfare training activities within designated Washington State Parks based on environmental and public interaction concerns.
5. The Washington State Parks and Recreation Commission will consider a staff report on Naval Special Warfare training in approved Washington State Parks at the end of 2021 to review environmental impact or public interaction.

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## **"From the helm"**

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

*It looks like we will finally get to meet together later this year as the public health situation continues to improve.*

*In the meantime we are continuing with virtual events like our successful Port of Seattle Update in early May and the upcoming US Coast Guard Update in June, featuring Rear Admiral Jack Vogt.*



*Fleet Week 2021 will be virtual, too, as reported above. We are looking for volunteers and fresh content ideas to make this year's Fleet Week even better than last year's very successful edition, so let us know if you'd like to help.*

*In the meantime, feel free to drop in at our next Zoom social on the 27th!*

*Please stay healthy, get vaccinated, and keep yourselves safe.*

*regards, Steve Keith*

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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](mailto: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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