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Remembering Admiral Thomas Hayward



We report the sad news of the recent passing of Admiral Thomas Hayward, former Chief of Naval Operations and longtime Seattle Council member. He was an active member of our advisory board for many years and a generous donor of his time and money.

Born in Glendale, California, in 1924, he joined the Navy in 1943 as an aviation cadet in training as a fighter pilot to support World War II in the Pacific. He later accepted an opportunity to attend the United States Naval Academy, from which he graduated in 1947.

His Navy career included extensive combat as a carrier aviator in Korea and Vietnam. He was a Navy test pilot for three years in the 1950s and commanded aviation squadrons and air groups. He also commanded the carrier USS America during the Vietnam War. He subsequently became Commander of the US

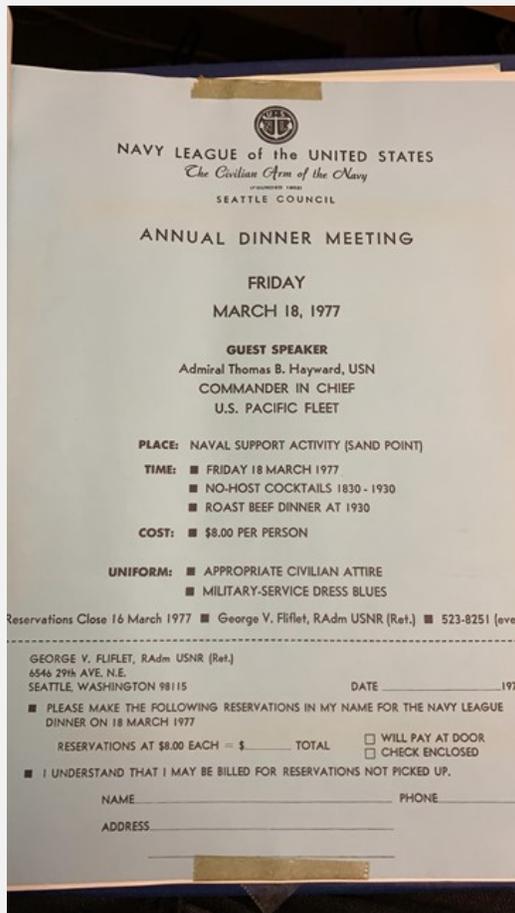
Admiral Thomas Hayward 1924-2022

21st Chief of Naval Operations

Read more about Admiral Hayward's life and legacy in these two articles from NHHC and USNI:

Naval History and Heritage
Command article

US Naval Institute
article



Seventh Fleet and then the Commander-in-Chief of the US Pacific Fleet.

Along the way, Admiral Hayward attended the Naval and National War Colleges and obtained a Master's Degree in International Affairs from George Washington University. He received the Annual Achievement Award from GWU in 1982 and the Distinguished Graduate Award from the U.S. Naval Academy in 2007.

Admiral Hayward capped his career of 39 years as the 21st Chief of Naval Operations from 1978 to 1982.

He retired from the Navy in 1982 and subsequently became committed to seeking solutions to the education problems facing the nation; co-founding four education companies.

Admiral Hayward was married for 69 years to the love of his life, Peggy Hayward, who passed away in 2017. He is survived by his two daughters, a grandson, and two great-grandchildren.



Admiral Hayward with our Blue Angels Squadron Sea Cadets, the newest sea service generation, from our last in-person event in 2020

Admiral Hayward was Seattle Council's guest speaker for the 1977 Annual Meeting, held at the Naval Support Activity (Sand Point) officers club (now Magnusen Park)

Seattle Council news

Annual Meeting and new council officers

Our **Annual Meeting** of the council membership, including

council updates and elections for new officers, took place on February 10. The meeting featured Rear Admiral Gaucher, Commander of Submarine Group 9 in Bangor as our guest speaker, with a question-and-answer period.

Here are the new council officers for 2022:

President: Steve Keith

President Elect: Sanu Chacko

Vice President, Military Affairs: Joe Kuzmick

Vice President, Legislative Affairs: Rich Berkowitz

Vice President, Communications: Whitney Moore

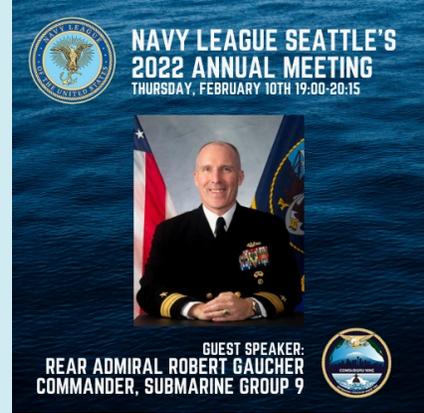
Vice President, Resource Development / Outreach: Mark Haller

Vice President, Finance and Budget: Jeff Davis

Judge Advocate: Hunter Abell

Treasurer: Sky Deming

Secretary (acting): Jeff Davis



You can see the video recording of the meeting at our [Seattle Council YouTube channel](#).

Fleet Week 2022 update

Fleet Week is back!

With our partners [Seafair](#) and the [Port of Seattle](#), we are planning with the Navy and Coast Guard for Fleet Week to return to the Seattle waterfront August 1-7.



The Navy has committed to sending several ships and the Blue Angels are already scheduled for August 5-7 as part of the Seafair Weekend Festival air show. We are working on dates and details for the visiting ships now, and we expect that will include public tours while they are here.

Fleet Week is one of our top priorities as we carry out our mission in 2022, providing a wide array of opportunities to connect the public and the Sea Services. There will be a number of events and we will need lots of help to pull them off. Schedules and calls for volunteers will be announced as details are developed.



Information and Advocacy

Hill Surge 2022

The National Navy League Legislative Affairs Staff is planning this year's "Hill Surge" to engage members of Congress with the Navy



League's legislative priorities. Hill Surge 2022 will take place in mid-April, after Navy League's global maritime exposition [Sea-Air-Space](#) and after the President's draft budget is submitted to Congress.

Hill Surge is one of Navy League's primary advocacy efforts each year and involves members from every region. Our Northwest Region is assigned to brief 6 Senators and 9

Representatives in 30-minute virtual presentations. These members are chairpersons or members of committees with important influence over maritime policy or budgets.

Seattle Council has several members participating on the briefing teams. Members of Congress appreciate hearing from constituents, and the presentations are open to other council members besides the briefing team. As we develop the schedule of meetings, we will email council members with the details so that you can join if you are available.



Submarine Birthday Ball

April 9

The Annual Pacific Northwest Officers' Submarine Birthday Ball will take place on April 9 at the Naval Base Kitsap Bangor Trident Ballroom from 5pm to 11pm. All current and former submarine officers are invited to join the festivities in honor of the 122nd anniversary of the submarine force.

Visit their Facebook page [@Pacnorwest Officers Submarine Birthday Ball](#) for more information. You can also contact LCDR Danny Slover (dgslover@gmail.com) if you have questions.

For reservations, call Realty Station at 360-377-5699 or email laura@realtystationinc.com.

Dress: Formal

Cost: \$85 per person.

Please make your reservation by March 31.

Coast Guard Base tour

April 14



The Bremerton-Olympic Peninsula Council has arranged a tour of the US Coast Guard Base in Seattle on Thursday, April 14. Seattle Council members are invited to come along.

The tour will begin at 10:30 at the Vessel Traffic Center, which monitors all maritime shipping traffic in Puget Sound, followed by lunch and then a 1 pm tour of the icebreaking cutter USCGC HEALY (WAGB-20).

Interested participants need to sign-up beforehand in order to secure base access. Anyone wanting to go should contact Dean Smith (wdsmith@hotmail.com or 808-343-1704) not later than April 7 to reserve a spot on the tour.

Data required for signup:

- First and last name*
- Date of birth*
- Citizenship (limited to US citizens only at this point)*
- Driver's license number and state of issue*

Attendees will need to bring proof of COVID vaccination or proof of negative COVID test within last 72 hours.

"From the Helm"

Greetings, members and friends of Navy League Seattle!

I was a junior naval officer when Admiral Hayward was Chief of Naval Operations, at a critical time for the Navy as we left the Vietnam era and began to confront an emerging Soviet naval threat. The [Naval Institute article](#) highlighted above briefly outlines the significance of his tenure as CNO. The Navy benefited greatly from his leadership, both at the time and in the following decades. And all of us here at the Seattle Council who had a chance to interact with him after he retired here came away better from the experience.



Numerous volunteer opportunities await as we plan for Fleet Week to return to the waterfront, and as we also work to reinvigorate our adopted units program. You can make a difference, so please consider how you can contribute to our mission in support of the Sea Services! Please feel free to join us in our Hill Surge briefings to members of Congress as well.

In the meantime, please stay healthy and get vaccinated!

regards, Steve Keith
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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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