



The Seattle Scuttlebutt January - February 2023

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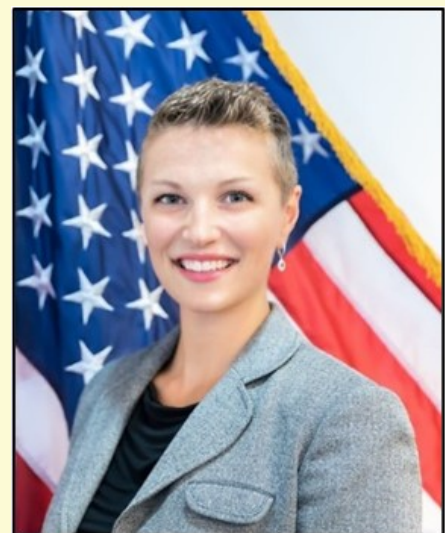
Seattle Council news

Annual Meeting February 23

Join us for our Annual Meeting via Zoom at 7pm on February 23!

We'll have two great speakers, hear reports of our activities and plans for the year, and elect and install our new officers.

Catherine Simons is the Director of the Pacific Northwest & Alaska Gateway Office for the **Maritime Administration** in Seattle. The Maritime Administration is the agency responsible for America's waterborne transportation system, and her area of responsibility includes Alaska, Oregon, and Washington, featuring over one hundred ports, the largest and longest ferry systems in the United States, and the largest fishing fleet in the



Catherine Simons

nation.

Tremain Holloway is the Principal of **Maritime High School** in Des Moines. Maritime High School is a new, small high school that opened in September 2021 with its first 9th-grade class. Maritime is a collaborative project of Highline Public Schools, **Northwest Maritime Center, Port of Seattle**, and the **Duwamish River Community Coalition**, with many community and industry partners engaged to support its students.

Look for the meeting invitation in your email!



Tremain Holloway

Nominations for council offices



Elections will be held as part of the Annual Meeting on February 23. The board of directors has endorsed the following slate for our 2023 council officers:

President: Sanu Chacko

Vice President, Military Affairs: Joe Kuzmick

Vice President, Legislative Affairs: Rich Berkowitz

Vice President, Resource Development / Outreach: Mark Haller

Vice President, Finance and Budget: Heather Raiti

Judge Advocate: Hunter Abell

Treasurer: Jeff Wagner

Secretary: Heather Raiti

Continuing board members are Laura Mathers, Matt Kaslik, Jeff Davis, and Steve Keith. New to the board is Dilshika Wijesekara, who was voted in at the board meeting on January 5.

Coming Seattle Council events

Here's what we're looking at in the months ahead:

- Monthly **socials** highlighting our adopted units.
- A return to our traditional in-person evening functions with a **spring dinner event**, hosting sea service members and featuring guest speakers.
- **Fleet Week 2023!** Planning has already begun - see the notes below



Other events: Sea Chanters

Catch the **Sea Chanters**, the US Navy Band's official chorus, in concert in Everett on March 10 and in Shelton on March 11.

The ensemble performs a variety of music including traditional choral music, sea chanteys, patriotic fare, opera, Broadway and contemporary music.

Tickets are free and can be ordered for Everett [here](#) and for Shelton [here](#).

Plans for Fleet Week 2023



Ships from the **US Coast Guard** and **Royal Canadian Navy** will be on the Seattle waterfront August 1-7 for Fleet Week 2023, co-hosted by **Navy League Seattle** with **Seafair** and the **Port of Seattle**. **US Navy** units will participate in Fleet Week events and the Blue Angels will be flying overhead, but unfortunately there will be no ships visiting this year.

Once again, Pier 62 will be a hub of Fleet Week activity, including bands, displays, and US Coast Guard vessels.

There will be plenty of volunteer opportunities to help make the week a success. More to follow as plans come together!

Information and advocacy

2023-2024 Maritime Policy Statement

Navy League has just published its updated **Maritime Policy Statement**, which brings together in one reference our legislative advocacy objectives for the year. It forms the basis for our briefings to members of Congress and other elected officials.

The rollout event, with commentary from the authors, can be viewed [here](#), and the statement itself can be accessed on the Navy League website at the link below.

[Navy League 2023-2024 Maritime Policy Statement](#)



"From the helm"

Greetings, members and friends of Navy League Seattle!

Please join us Feb 23 for our annual meeting, featuring two great speakers and elections for new officers.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as council president these last few years. It has been great fun and we have made great contributions to the mission during that time, in spite of the pandemic. The council is in good hands with our incoming team of officers, so please give them your support. I'll still be around to help with Fleet Week and other events and look forward to seeing you there.

*As national president Dave Reilly reminds us, we are here to **educate, advocate, and support!***

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



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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