



## The Seattle Scuttlebutt February 2020

### 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](#) page.*

### MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION AND SEA CADET AWARDS RECEPTION 20 February 2020

**Join us for our first event of the year Thursday, 20 February!**

Please join us at a reception to appreciate and congratulate the hard work of Seattle Navy League members and the award winners of our adopted unit the Blue Angels Sea Cadets. Registration for this event includes admission to the USCG Museum Northwest, open for browsing during the reception.

**USCG Base Seattle, Bear Room and USCG Museum**  
1519 Alaskan Way S  
Seattle

*Get directions and register for the event [here](#)*

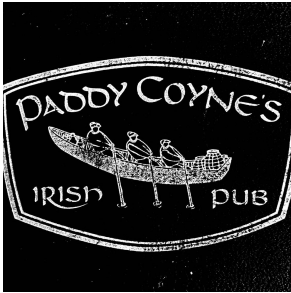


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## **MONTHLY SOCIALS RETURN IN MARCH**

### **First Monthly Social of 2020: 26 March at Paddy Coyne's**

Join us and meet members of one of our adopted units at our first monthly social of the year on Thursday, 26 March, starting at 4:30 and running until 7:00. Come as you are and drop in when you can. We're meeting at **Paddy Coyne's Irish Pub** on Alaskan Way, on the Seattle waterfront.



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## **MARINERS SALUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES**

### **16 May at T-Mobile Park - Mariners vs Tigers!**

Join the Mariners to salute those who serve and have served with a special night honoring the United States Armed Forces and service veterans. Get specially-priced tickets and a limited-edition Mariners military coin. Pregame on-field festivities begin at 5:30 p.m.

**Contact Dan Neilsen at [djn@djnlawoffice.com](mailto:djn@djnlawoffice.com) by 15 March** to order your tickets for SNL group seating at the special price of: \$32 main level, \$35 club level, and \$15 view level.



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### Seattle Navy League Officers for 2020

The Seattle Navy League Board is pleased to announce the election of the following slate of officers for 2020:

President - Steve Keith  
Secretary - Mark Lunde  
Treasurer - Sky Deming  
JAG - Hunter Abell  
Vice Presidents:  
Mark Haller  
Bill Bulis (Membership)  
Jeff Davis (Finance)  
Laura Mathers (Legislative Affairs)  
Joe Kuzmick (Military Affairs)

The new slate will be installed at our Volunteer Night event on 20 February 2020.

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### "FROM THE HELM"

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

*2019 was an exciting year for Seattle Navy League, and I am pleased to provide this excerpt from our annual report of our volunteer activity in the past year:*

*After the leadership transition of 2018, with the sudden retirement from active participation of long-time leader Tom Jaffa for medical reasons, we pressed on with new energy in 2019, bringing in several very capable new recruits to help us carry out our mission.*



*Our annual calendar began with our Volunteer Appreciation Reception, held this year at Seattle's Museum of Flight, featuring remarks by Captain McPherson, Chief of Staff 13th Coast Guard District, and Rear Admiral Gabrielson, Commander Strike Group 11, and awards for outstanding Sea Cadets from our Blue Angels Squadron as well as noteworthy Council volunteers.*

*The Seattle Navy League year continued with a series of monthly socials, held at various locations around Seattle. Each month highlighted a particular adopted unit in an open "come as you are" event for meeting, greeting, and conversation, with no RSVP or cover. This year's socials featured a couple of special locations*

meaningful to the Navy and its history in the region. In May we met at the historic ASUW Shell House on the University of Washington campus, built as a seaplane hangar by the Navy during World War I, when UW hosted a Navy training center, and later the home of UW rowing during the time the Boys in the Boat won Olympic gold in 1936. And in October, we travelled across Puget Sound to Bremerton, home of several of our adopted units.

Our formal dinners during the year included Coast Guard / Maritime night in the spring and Navy / Marine Corps night in the fall. The spring dinner featured Rear Admiral Throop, Commander 13th Coast Guard District, as our guest speaker, followed by awards to outstanding enlisted Coast Guard members. The traditional Marine Corps birthday celebration and a presentation by Captain Lockwood, Commanding Officer of the University of Washington NROTC Unit, highlighted the fall dinner, along with awards to outstanding enlisted Sailors and Marines.

The highlight of our year was Seattle Fleet Week, a premier element of Seattle SeaFair, celebrating its 70th year in 2019. Seattle Navy League co-chairs Fleet Week with SeaFair and the Port of Seattle. Months of planning culminate in a festive week on the waterfront with visiting US Navy, US Coast Guard, and Royal Canadian Navy ships, including ship rides, public tours, special events for the visiting crews, and receptions for local and visiting dignitaries, punctuated by Blue Angels airshows. Signature events were the Eagles and Anchors Reception for visiting officers and chiefs and the Sea Services Luncheon, featuring remarks by Rear Admiral Perry, Commander Submarine Group 9, and awards for outstanding visiting service members. Beyond public tours of the visiting ships, SeaFair included direct engagement with the Seattle civic and diplomatic community, with Rear Admiral Davids, Commander Strike Group 11, serving as speaker for Seattle Rotary, and including private ship tours for dignitaries and a luncheon and tour on board USS Mobile Bay CG-53 for local leaders and educators.

We are positioned to further grow our Council in 2020, with new volunteers and engagement with our adopted units, while maintaining our annual cycle of events to support the Fleet and advocate for the Sea Services, including especially the 2020 edition of Seattle SeaFair Fleet Week.

regards, Steve Keith  
Navy League Seattle Council President

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## Seattle Navy League

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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**. You can also ask about other year around volunteer roles - now seeking person to help with Adopted Unit Liaison Support. Now is your chance to get involved - **don't miss out on the fun!!**

Hope to see you soon!

The Seattle Navy League Board

For more information, please see our website and follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

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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.

The Seattle Navy League thanks you for your interest in the Sea Services and our council's activities.

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