



The Seattle Scuttlebutt April 2022

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Seattle Council news

Fleet Week 2022 update

Planning is moving along for Fleet Week to return to the Seattle waterfront!

The US Navy and Coast Guard and the Royal Canadian Navy are sending several ships, scheduled to arrive in

Seattle on August 1 and depart August 7. Details for public tours are being worked out now. The Blue Angels will be here August 5-7 as part of the Seafair Weekend Festival air show.



Navy League Seattle is working on several events to take place during the week:

- **"Eagles and Anchors"** - our first-night event for visiting ships' officers and chiefs to welcome them to the waterfront
- **Fleet Week Welcome Dinner** - where we host visiting commanders to Seattle
- **"Ask the Admirals"** - the popular new event from the pandemic years, this year in person with a live audience
- **Sea Services Luncheon** - our signature annual event, where we recognize outstanding

performance by sea service members, also in person this year after two years of virtual events

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

Our "road show" presentation

Our next priority is outreach via a Navy League Seattle "road show" presentation to give to community organizations like Rotary and chambers of commerce. It is designed to highlight the importance of the Sea Services to our region and the Navy League's role in supporting them. The idea is to promote the Sea Services to a wider audience than we have been reaching with our regular calendar of events, with the potential additional benefit of attracting new members and corporate partners.

With the help of our board of directors we are planning our first engagements now. If you have a suggestion for a good forum for our message, please email communications@navyleagueseattle.org.



Revitalizing our adopted units program



Above: MK2 Tester is recognized as Enlisted Person of the Quarter at adopted unit Coast Guard Station Seattle

Right: Council members on the water in Elliott Bay when we visited with Station Seattle in August 2018

The Seattle Council has long had a program of adopting local sea service units and supporting their members in any way we can.

Our third priority for this year is to revitalize our adopted units program to make it more meaningful and useful for those we are supporting.

We are looking for volunteers to serve as liaisons with our adopted units, helping to establish an enduring relationship with each unit. If you are interested in helping out, please contact Joe Kuzmick at joekuzmick@gmail.com.



Information and Advocacy

Admiral Fagan nominated to be next Commandant of the Coast Guard

Admiral Linda Fagan, nominated by President Biden to lead the Coast Guard, began her career as a deck watch officer on the Seattle-based icebreaker Polar Star. If confirmed by the Senate, she would be the first woman to lead any branch of the U.S. Armed Forces.

Admiral Fagan graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1985, and obtained a Master of Science in Marine Affairs degree from the University of Washington in 2000. She currently serves as Vice Commandant of the Coast Guard.

Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas commented, “Within the Coast Guard and across the Department of Homeland Security, Admiral Fagan is admired as a role model of the utmost integrity, and her historic nomination is sure to inspire the next generation of women who are considering careers in military service.”



Admiral Fagan was our keynote speaker at the 2018 Fleet Week Sea Services Luncheon, when she was serving as Commander, Coast Guard Pacific Area

[Read more about Admiral Fagan](#)

Agenda



- About the Navy League of the United States
- Our Purpose: America is a Maritime Nation
- The Needs of the Sea Services
- Building the Armada of Democracy: U.S. Navy/USMC
- Energy Logistics: Fuel Dispersment and Tanker Capacity
- Resupply: Jones Act/Cargo Preference/Maritime Transportation Strategy
- Enforcement/Future Sailors: U.S. Coast Guard/ Sea Cadets and Young Marines
- Opportunities to work with us
- Closing

Citizens in Support of Sea Services (CISS) 2022

Hill Surge 2022

Now underway, Hill Surge is one of Navy League's primary advocacy efforts each year and involves members from every region coordinated by the national legislative affairs team to engage members of Congress with the Navy League's legislative priorities.

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. If you are interested in listening in to a presentation, please contact Steve Keith at swkeith14@gmail.com. You can see the presentation itself at the Navy League's [Voice to Congress webpage](#).

Update: SEAL training in Washington state parks



Over the past year we have reported on and advocated for continuing Navy Special Warfare (SEAL) training in Washington State parks. A judge has recently ruled that the Navy SEALs won't be able to use Washington State Parks as training grounds. The Navy has not yet decided whether to appeal this ruling.

We will keep you posted on further developments and opportunities for advocacy.

[Read more here...](#)

[...and here](#)

"From the Helm"

Greetings, members and friends of Navy League Seattle!

Fleet Week is back on the waterfront this year! We are very excited to host visiting ships and their crews this summer with a range of activities, along with our co-hosts [Seafair](#) and the [Port of Seattle](#).

Numerous volunteer and sponsorship opportunities await in order to make Fleet Week a reality. Meanwhile, we are also working to reinvigorate our adopted units program and take our message to the community via our "road show" presentation. You can make a difference, so please consider how you can contribute to our mission in support of the Sea Services!

In the meantime, please stay healthy and get vaccinated and boosted!

*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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