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## The Seattle Scuttlebutt

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## Fleet Week 2023

### August 1-6



Ships from the **US Coast Guard**, **US Navy** 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**.

**Pier 62** will be the center of action on August 1 with the parade of ships entering Elliott Bay and a Coast Guard search and rescue demonstration, as well as music and displays.

The hub of Fleet Week activity shifts to **Terminal 46** August 2-6, featuring tours of US Navy and US Coast Guard ships, along with music, displays, and information booths.

There will also be public tours of US Coast Guard ships at **Pier 66** (August 2-3) and Royal Canadian Navy ships at **Pier 69** (August 2-6).





And of course, the Blue Angels will be in the skies over Seattle during the week!

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

## ***Navy League Seattle Fleet Week Reception August 1***

Our marquee event for Fleet Week will be the Navy League Seattle reception to welcome visiting and local sea service members to Seattle.



It will take place at Bell Harbor Conference Center the first evening of Fleet Week, after the visiting ships have paraded into Elliott Bay, and will feature recognition of outstanding service members.

More details to follow as they are finalized.

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## ***Other events of interest***



**JBLM Air Show  
info**

### ***JBLM Air Show 15-16 July***

Returning after a seven-year hiatus, the 2023 JBLM Airshow & Warrior Expo is **Joint Base Lewis-McChord's** way of saying "Thank you for your support" to the greater South Puget Sound community.

This all-day, weekend event features the U.S. Air Force Thunderbirds as its marquee act, and has compiled an all-star lineup of capabilities which present the full scope and breadth of our nation's air and ground forces, past and present.

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## ***Seattle Council news***

### ***Annual Meeting***

Our annual meeting featured

two great speakers, officer reports and plans for the year, and election and installation of officers.

See the meeting on our YouTube channel

## NAVY LEAGUE SEATTLE ANNUAL MEETING 2023

Thursday, February 23rd, 7pm  
via Zoom or YouTube



Featuring two guest speakers



Tremain Holloway  
Principal  
Maritime High School



Catherine Simons  
Director, Pacific Northwest & Alaska  
Gateway Office  
Maritime Administration

## Council officers for 2023

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 Alsterk

Secretary: Heather Raiti



BM1 Soriano and MK2 Dinjian at T-Mobile Park

## Batting practice with the Coast Guard

Last week **BM1 Soriano** and **MK2 Dinjian** from **Coast Guard Station Seattle** participated in batting practice with the Seattle Mariners at T-Mobile Park. Although BM1 and MK2 weren't called up to the majors after practice, they both had a great time!

Navy League Seattle members **Sanu Chacko** and **Heather Raiti** were part of the event recognizing servicemembers who call the Puget Sound home.

[Information and advocacy](#)

# Hill Surge 2023

The Seattle Council is taking part in **Hill Surge 2023**, briefing members of Congress about issues important to the sea services and advocating for legislation and budgets to support their missions. We briefed Sen. Murray's staff this week.

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.

If you are interested in taking part in the Hill Surge briefings, please contact us at [communications@navyleagueseattle.org](mailto:communications@navyleagueseattle.org).



## Navy League 2023-2024 Maritime Policy Statement

### "From the helm"

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

*Welcome to the latest edition of the Scuttlebutt. I am honored to be able to lead the Seattle Council of the Navy League. I would like to take this opportunity to thank CAPT Stephen Keith, USN (Ret.) for ably leading the Council through the tough COVID years and for assisting me in getting my feet wet with the operations of the Council. I would also like to thank Past President Jeff Davis and the rest of the Council's Board of Directors for their trust in me.*



*As you have read so far in this issue, we are in the throes of planning for Seattle Fleet Week 2023. This year, all the visiting ships will be on the main Seattle Waterfront split between Terminal 46, Pier 66 and Pier 69. We hope that you will join us and publicize Fleet Week so that we can show the US Navy, the US Coast Guard, and the Royal Canadian Navy how much we appreciate all that they do for us and our community.*

*Thank you, and best regards,  
Sanu*

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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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