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Subject: GROUND ZERO CENTER FOR NONVIOLENT
ACTION
FOIPA No. 1014163- 000

Dear Mr. Caplan:

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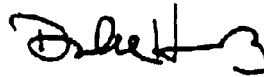
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 - ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
 - ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

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□ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", followed by a stylized flourish.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)(2)

EXPLANATION OF EXEMPTIONS

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- (k) (2) investigatory material compiled for law enforcement purposes, other than criminal, which did not result in loss of a right, benefit or privilege under Federal programs, or which would identify a source who furnished information pursuant to a promise that his/her identity would be held in confidence;
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Date 3/14/88

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, SEATTLE (105C-12539)(C)

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SEATTLE PEACE CHORUS

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OO: SEATTLE

All markings, notations and items of information contained in this communication are classified SECRET.

Preliminary inquiry initiated October 21, 1987, expires May 17, 1988.

Inquiry into this matter was originally predicated upon the receipt of information from [redacted] (PROTECT), [redacted] of the SEATTLE PEACE CHORUS (SPC). b6

[redacted] originally contacted the FBI to relate his concerns that the SPC and many of its membership, under the guise of "World Peace", are actually "Marxist and even Communist". b7C b7D

[redacted] He soon learned that the majority of the SPC members are very active in the various "World Peace" groups and movements that are active in the Seattle area. Some of these groups are cited below:

- 1) ~~TARGET SEATTLE~~
- 2) ~~BEYOND WAR~~
- 3) ~~FELLOWSHIP OF RECONCILIATION~~

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- 4) ~~PEOPLES COALITION FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE~~
- 5) ~~EPISCOPAL PEACE FELLOWSHIP~~
- 6) ~~GROUND ZERO~~
- 7) ~~MOTHERS OF THE DISAPPEARED (OF EL SALVADOR)~~
- 8) ~~WASHINGTON PHYSICIANS FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY~~
- 9) ~~SANE~~
- 10) ~~COALITION AGAINST APARTIDE~~
- 11) ~~SIXTH SENSE~~
- 12) ~~LUTHERN PEACE FELLOWSHIP~~
- 13) ~~CREATIVE INITIATIVE~~
- 14) ~~WITNESS FOR PEACE~~
- 15) ~~PEACE ACADEMY~~

The often stated goal of the SPC is "to sing and celebrate the vision of peace" through citizen diplomacy, peaceful co-existence, non-violent conflict resolution, and nuclear disarmament.

The SPC was founded in 1983 by the a group of Seattlites who shared a common interest in choir and music and were also active in nuclear disarmament and the various World Peace Movements. Most of the SPC membership have a keen interest in the USSR, as well as Central American non-intervention by the U.S. Recently, SPC members have hosted several Soviet physicians and musicians who visited Washington State. Also, many SPC members have traveled extensively through Eastern Europe, USSR, and Central America, including Nicaragua.

In 1985, the SPC visited the USSR for some type of choir cultural exchange and is now scheduled to again visit the USSR April 28 through May 15, 1988. They will visit such cities as Moscow, Leningrad, Vladimar and Tashkent (the Seattle sister city).

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[] he has heard SPC members refer to some of their own membership as "being Communist"; however, he has no specific information that any member of the SPC is actually involved in such things as technology transfer, espionage, or providing critical services or assistance to a hostile foreign power.

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[] it was apparent that he did not possess any specific and articulable facts regarding the SPC that would give reason to believe that any of its membership is engaged in activities directed by a foreign power or knowingly furnishing aid and support to a person in the conduct of those activities.

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Based upon the above, Seattle does not contemplate any further inquiries into this matter and will close the case.

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Date 1/5/83

TO: SAC, SEATTLE
 FROM: SAC, ALBUQUERQUE (117-0)
 SUBJECT: ~~GROUND ZERO~~;
 ATOMIC ENERGY ACT

For information of Seattle, [redacted] Department of Energy (DOE), Security and Safeguards, Kirtland Air Force Base (KAFB), Albuquerque, New Mexico, contacted the Albuquerque Division of the FBI, requesting information concerning an anti-nuclear organization known as Ground Zero. According to [redacted] the organization is based out of Bangor, Washington in the Seattle area. A spokesperson for the group was identified as [redacted] no other information available. [redacted] that his couriers were concerned about Ground Zero due to the anticipated number of convoys that they will be driving to the Seattle area in the future. Mr. [redacted] emphasized that he had no actual information of any threat to any shipment of nuclear material.

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LEADSEATTLE DIVISION

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 Will check local indices on anti-nuclear group, Ground Zero, and [redacted] and furnish information to DOE area office in Seattle, Washington.

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From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Date: Thu, Jul 31, 2003 2:17 PM
Subject: Re: Seafair

Thanks for the info. Also, should you not be aware, SA [REDACTED] has a Special Events investigation (300 matter) opened on this matter. Just a thought but could this, Special Events, be a matter better maintained off NWJAC rather than the DT Squad. This is probably a matter to be considered when we have our next discussion re NWJAC.

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>>> [REDACTED] 07/31 1:54 PM >>>

This is to bring you up to date in regard to the arrival of the fleet for Seafair.

The Maritime Working Group (consisting of the maritime members of the NWJAC and JTTF) have been developing information for past three weeks regarding this event. Two weeks ago they gathered information that the four identified groups: 1. GROUND ZERO, 2. SNOW, 3. NOT IN MY NAME (NION), and 4. PEACE ACTION OF SNOHOMISH COUNTY, were planning some sort of demonstration when the navy ships came into Elliot Bay on July 30th. The majority of the information was developed from the websites of these groups.

Last week a [REDACTED] GLEN MILNER of Ground Zero, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The groups had been in contact with both the USCG and the USN, advising them of their intentions to launch a "peace navy" to meet the fleet when it entered Elliot Bay. The information gathered indicated that they were organizing four boats and possibly ten individuals to protest.

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Yesterday [REDACTED] conducted surveillance at the boat launch on Alakai Beach. Two 16-18 foot boats launched at approximately 11:00 AM. Each boat had three individuals aboard, and each boat was flying a blue flag with "NO WAR IN IRAQ" displayed. [REDACTED] was unable to obtain any identifying information regarding the participants.

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At approximately 2:00 PM the fleet entered Elliot bay and was met by the two boats and three others, two 18 ft runabouts and a 22 ft fishing boat. All of the boats remained outside the security zone and conducted a peaceful protest in accordance with their stated intent. There were no incidents reported.

The group NION intends to create a "Pink Platoon." They intend to create a peace presence at any or all of the Seafair events by wearing pink military garb. Their actions may be equal parts theater and direct action. The Pink Platoon will march in formation, hand out literature, and generally attempt to undermine the militaristic ethos of Seafair.

Uncorroborated information indicates that one of the groups is planning to conduct a sit-in or some other form of physical demonstration during the public tours on one of the navy ships. Additionally, there is information that the groups may attempt to secure themselves to the outside of vessels to prevent them from leaving their moorings at the end of Seafair. Likewise, they may attempt to secure themselves (via handcuffs or other means) inside of the vessels.

NCIS has advised the ships of this and are taking steps to handle these situations should the occur.

CC: [REDACTED]

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Precedence: ROUTINE

Date: 08/04/2003

To: Seattle

From: Seattle

Squad 07

Contact: SA [REDACTED]

Approved By: [REDACTED]

Drafted By: [REDACTED]

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Case ID #:

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Title:

[REDACTED]

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Synopsis: Submission of email by source.

Details: Source stated the group GROUND ZERO, an anti-nuclear activist group, would protest the U.S. Navy Fleet Week in Seattle. Source also stated that NOT IN OUR NAME (NION) another activist group was also calling for direct actions against the Navy. The SOUND NON-VIOLENT OPPONENTS OF WAR (SNOW) has also endorsed the protest activities.

Source also stated that he/she has received communications from individual members of the activist groups indicating that they are really wanting to make this a significant protest event with a fairly large public support base. The direct actions endorsed by NION and GROUND ZERO have publicly been limited to a flotilla that will attempt to impede the progress of U.S. Navy Vessels and U.S. Coast Guard vessels as they enter into Elliot Bay. This will be attempted with small private vessels holding banners. Current intelligence places approximately four participating vessels. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Source also stated the other direct actions that are being talked about by the groups include marches and other banner hangs at public venues during the open tours of the vessels.

A copy of the e-mail from NION is maintained in the Source file in a 1A envelope. Source stated that the email was authored by some of the same organizers of the LEIU protests as well as some of the WTO organizers in Seattle.

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[REDACTED]

Dear Friends,

On Sunday July 13, Not In Our Name (Seattle) agreed to give the U. S. military a big raspberry of a welcome at Seafair this year. With the ongoing occupation of Iraq (about 7,000 Iraqi civilian deaths so far and counting), it's imperative that we let the military know they're not welcome here in Seattle. Obliginglly, they're providing us with ample opportunities over the next couple weeks to get this message out.

We've adopted two strategies.

First, we want to create a maritime presence on the water, a "Peace Navy," to meet the fleet's arrival on Wednesday, July 30. What we need are boats. Please contact any friends you may have with seaworthy vessels who would be willing to join our flotilla for peace. This action has been called by the Ground Zero community and is endorsed by SNOW and others. Please have your skippers contact the NION office, or Jess at 206-789-5377.

Second, we agreed to create a NION-based "Pink Platoon." We intend to create a peace presence at any or all of the events listed below, wearing pink military garb ("urban camouflage" dyed pink). Equal parts theater and direct action, the Pink Platoon will march in formation, hand out literature, and generally undermine the militaristic ethos of Seafair with a sense of humor and good information. Affinity groups are also encouraged to develop their own strategies for Seafair.

What we need are uniforms. "You buy 'em, we'll dye 'em." Please donate light gray camouflage (various sizes) to NION in the next two weeks by bringing it to Sunday's general meeting or calling Jess at 206-789-5377. This costume collection will then be dyed by our skilled team of textile toners and made available to volunteers at the various events. The costumes will also be a valuable resource for NION in the future.

Here's the schedule of Seafair events that have military tie-ins. Start blocking in your calendars now! Updates will follow about exact meeting times and p

laces. Text below is excerpted
from the Seafair website.

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Southwest Airlines Torchlight Parade at SEAFAIR
Begins at Seattle Center, Continues south down Fourth Avenue to Se
cond Avenue and King Street
July 26, 7:30 p.m.

More than 300,000 spectators make their way to downtown Seattle's
Fourth Avenue for an evening of
civic celebration. Some of the highlights for this year's Torchlig
ht Parade include: military
representatives and the Seattle Police Department's Motorcycle Dri
ll team.

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A Musical Salute to the Fleet
Mural Stage, Seattle Center
August 1, 11:00 a.m.

Navy Band Northwest proudly presents "A Musical Salute to the Flee
t."
Please come and enjoy a FREE patriotic musical performance at one
of Seattle's best-known
landmarks.

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SEAFAIR US Navy & Coast Guard Fleet Arrival
Presented by the Port of Seattle
Seattle Waterfront
July 30, Time TBA (probably 3:00 p.m.ish)

As a maritime festival, SEAFAIR has always maintained a strong
connection with the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard. This summe
r, a parade of ships and
thousands of sailors will join in the celebration. For the first t
ime in years the Navy will
bring a Mercy-Class (AH) hospital ship in the flotilla. Also expec
ted is an Arleigh Burke-Class
(DDG) destroyer. Completing the expected vessels list is a Oliver
Hazard Perry-class (FFG)
frigate and a Reliance Class (WMEC) medium endurance cutter. Compl
ete details regarding SEAFAIR
Fleet Arrival and Tours will
be available one week prior to the scheduled arrival (July 30).

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SNOW Event Listings

for All Areas

Note: This event list was recently reorganized to make events easier to find. The basic list now includes only "All Areas" events. To see neighborhood events, either select your neighborhood from the dropdown below, or click the "see full event list" link to see all events in all neighborhoods.

See events in:

If your area is not listed, please go to the [contacts page](#) and add yourself as a contact person for your area.

All Areas Update

Next SNOW Coalition meeting:

Monday, July 21 @ 7pm.

In Shoreline: in the Ballinger Room of the Shoreline Center, at 18560 1st Ave. NE at the intersection of 185 N and 1st Ave. NE. For directions see <http://www.shorelinecenter.com/directions.php>

NOTE: during the summer SNOW will have general meetings just once per month.

Next SNOW Coordinating Committee meeting:

Monday, July 28 @ 7pm (back to the regular time).

At the SNOW / WWFOR office, 225 N. 70th St. in the Woodland Park Presbyterian Church building. For directions see <http://www.snowcoalition.org/site/about/directions>

[\[edit this update\]](#)

[\[see full event list\]](#) [\[add an event\]](#)

Call at SEAFair for Nuclear-Free Port

On July 30th, local activists will stage a water-based non-violent protest against the glorification of weapons of war at the Seattle SEAFair festival and the deployment of radioactive depleted uranium munitions on US Navy vessels. Peace activists will meet

the Navy fleet in Puget sound and enter Elliott Bay with the fleet. The fleet arrival at SEAFair is a public relations and recruiting event for the US Navy. The fleet is on display in downtown Seattle at tremendous cost to taxpayers at a time when crucial social services in education, health care and transportation are being cut for lack of funds.

Glen Milner gkaajm@juno.com 206-365-7865 <http://www.gzcenter.org>

[edit this event](#)

Wed Jul 30, , Elliott Bay

From News to Entertainment: Television Coverage of 9/11 and The War in Iraq

UW Linguist Sandra Silberstein, author of "War of Words: Language, Politics, and 9/11" argues persuasively that 9/11 was not just about events but also about the words that shaped our understanding of and response to them. In the past 18 months she has carefully dissected America's renderings of the terrorist attacks in presidential speeches, media texts, and eyewitness accounts. Dr. Silberstein's studies suggest that times of national crisis make us vulnerable to verbal posturing (our killings are "collateral damage" and theirs are "mass murder") and how we suffer a loss of liberties in the name of "fighting for democracy".

Wed Jul 30, 7:00 PM, St. Joseph's Church Parish Hall, 18th and E Aloha, Capitol Hill, Seattle

Working Toward A Multiracial Peace Movement

(Note changed date (again)!) This "workshop for white folks" will focus on ways to enrich the peace movement.

Sat Aug 2, 10 AM - 4 PM, University Friends Meeting Social Hall, 4001 9th Ave. NE (U District)

From Hiroshima to Hope

Annual Commemoration and Lantern Floating Ceremony in memory of the victims of the atomic bombs and Hiroshima and Nagasaki and other victims of violence

Wed Aug 6, 6:30 to dusk, Green Lake - Seattle, northwest shore, just south of the Bathhouse Theatre

[\[see full event list\]](#) [\[see past events too\]](#) [\[add an event\]](#)



Westbound I-90 banner on Mercer Island, Bellevue police officer badge 99 (photo courtesy Peacemaker Press)

[\[Image Archive\]](#)

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Sound Nonviolent Opponents of War

SOUND NONVIOLENT OPPONENTS OF WAR

c/o Western Washington Fellowship of Reconciliation

225 N 70th St, Seattle, WA, 98103 [directions](#)

Contact: info@snowcoalition.org or (206) 789 2684

Join one of the [SNOW email listservs](#) or [discussion forum](#).

Site maintained by [Spencer Sundell](#)

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Tuesday, July 22, 2003 4:43 PM

To: [REDACTED]

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Cc: [REDACTED] Sergeants

Subject: Peace Group

The Snohomish County Peace Action of Edmonds (<http://www.peaceaction.cib.net/>) is a merge between the Lynnwood SNOW and Peace Action of Snohomish County. They support the anti-war, anti-Bush, anti-nuclear, anti-weapons movements. One of their main goals is to recruit young people and support other organizations with similar interests. This would include Not In Our Name, SNOW, and a host of other groups in the Puget Sound area. Their new website is considerably larger than their old one, and seems to be updated regularly. They have links from everything between Aljazeera.net and the Ground Zero Center for Non-Violent Action.

Meetings are held the third Friday of every month at the Edmonds Christian Church, 23010 84th Avenue West, Edmonds, at 7:00 pm. The Raging Grannies came to a recent potluck, and Glen Milner (Ground Zero) was the speaker at the May meeting. Milner's group (<http://www.gzcenter.org/>) is hosting training for people who plan to get arrested at the August 9-10 action at the Bangor Sub Base gates, and it reasonable to infer from the linking that some of the Edmonds group may plan to participate in the Bangor action.

Nothing in the website indicates any plans to participate in the planned action against the US Navy's Fleet Week at Sea Fair, however I do not have any information to negate that idea either. The next meeting is planned for September.

Here's a blurb from the website:

Lynnwood SNOW has merged with Peace Action of Snohomish County, so now we're ready to get organized. Come revitalize your vision for a better world. Bring your ideas (we'll brainstorm, discuss and plan). Bring food to share to sustain us through what promises to be an exciting, invigorating evening.

Here are just a few of the topics up for discussion and planning for taking action on:

Patriot Act I and Patriot Act II
Elections/Election Reform
Economy
War Tax Resistance
Civil Rights
Foreign Policy/Endless Wars
Veterans' Rights/Depleted Uranium
Media Censorship
Corporations/WTO
Our Crumbling Infrastructure: Basic Services
Politics: How To Get Involved

07/23/2003

Organizing: Become a more efficient, effective activist

Sign up for our Talent Pool: Are you a computer nerd? Good at organizing? Writing letters? Schmoozing with the neighbors? Fundraising? Teaching? Facilitating discussions? Love to talk on the phone? Have lots of time on your hands? Or money? **WE NEED YOU!!!**

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE THIS WORLD A BETTER PLACE. PLEASE COME JOIN US.

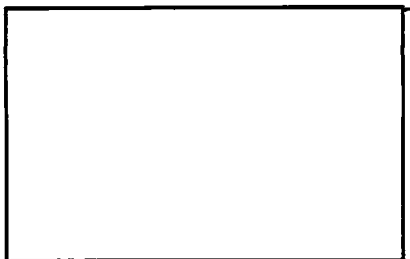
Questions? Contact:
Marsha Morgan

Peace Action of Snohomish County presents:

FRIDAY MAY 30 7:30 P.M.
Edmonds Community College
Mountlake Terrace Bldg. Room 207

WAR TAX RESISTANCE

Carolyn Stevens of Nonviolent Action Community of Cascadia (NACC.INFO) will speak about how ordinary citizens can turn swords into plowshares and stop paying for an increasingly bloated military budget.



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Next Ground Zero gathering and action will be on Nagasaki Day, August 8-9, 2003.

Nagasaki Day flyer

Local Peace Activists to meet the U.S. Navy Fleet arrival at SEAFair on July 30 in Elliott Bay

Contact: Glen Milner (206) 365-7865 or Mary Gleysteen (360) 297-3894

Peace activists call for a Nuclear-free Port of Seattle. No nuclear warships. No nuclear or depleted uranium munitions.

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Recommendation: The activist groups are planning on a large public response from the Coast Guard, U.S. Navy and Law Enforcement agencies to bring attention to their cause. With the past actions it may be advisable to allow the activist groups to conduct as much exercise of their 1st Amendment rights as possible and avoid confrontation, only becoming involved in issues of safety and national security.

I will provide more information that is not being published to a public medium as it becomes available, as I am likely to continue receiving direct information from the organizers of the events. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me via e-mail or give me a call at the number below.

Dear Friends,

On Sunday July 13, Not In Our Name (Seattle) agreed to give the U.S. military a big raspberry of a welcome at Seafair this year. With the ongoing occupation of Iraq (about 7,000 Iraqi civilian deaths so far and counting), it's imperative that we let the military know they're not welcome here in Seattle. Obliginglly, they're providing us with ample opportunities over the next couple weeks to get this message out.

We've adopted two strategies.

First, we want to create a maritime presence on the water, a "Peace Navy," to meet the fleet's arrival on Wednesday, July 30. What we need are boats. Please contact any friends you may have with seaworthy vessels who would be willing to join our flotilla for peace. This action has been called by the Ground Zero community and is endorsed by SNOW and others. Please have your skippers contact the NION office, or Jess at 206-789-5377.

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What we need are uniforms. "You buy 'em, we'll dye 'em." Please donate light gray camouflage (various sizes) to NION in the next two weeks by bringing it to Sunday's general meeting or calling Jess at 206-789-5377. This costume collection will then be dyed by our skilled team of textile toners and made available to volunteers at the various events. The costumes will also be a valuable resource for NION in the future.

Here's the schedule of Seafair events that have military tie-ins. Start blocking in your calendars now! Updates will follow about exact meeting times and places. Text below is excerpted from the Seafair website.

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Southwest Airlines Torchlight Parade at SEAFAIR

Begins at Seattle Center, Continues south down Fourth Avenue to Second Avenue and King Street
July 26, 7:30 p.m.

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More than 300,000 spectators make their way to downtown Seattle's Fourth Avenue for an evening of civic celebration. Some of the highlights for this year's Torchlight Parade include: military representatives and the Seattle Police Department's Motorcycle Drill team.

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A Musical Salute to the Fleet
Mural Stage, Seattle Center
August 1, 11:00 a.m.

Navy Band Northwest proudly presents "A Musical Salute to the Fleet."
Please come and enjoy a FREE patriotic musical performance at one of Seattle's best-known landmarks.

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SEAFAIR US Navy & Coast Guard Fleet Arrival
Presented by the Port of Seattle
Seattle Waterfront
July 30, Time TBA (probably 3:00 p.m.ish)

As a maritime festival, SEAFAIR has always maintained a strong connection with the U.S. Navy and the U.S. Coast Guard. This summer, a parade of ships and thousands of sailors will join in the celebration. For the first time in years the Navy will bring a Mercy-Class (AH) hospital ship in the flotilla. Also expected is an Arleigh Burke-Class (DDG) destroyer. Completing the expected vessels list is a Oliver Hazard Perry-class (FFG) frigate and a Reliance Class (WMEC) medium endurance cutter. Complete details regarding SEAFAIR Fleet Arrival and Tours will be available one week prior to the scheduled arrival (July 30).

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Key Bank Air Show at SEAFAIR
Presented by Boeing
Southwest Lake Washington, near Genesee Park
August 1 - August 3
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
The Blue Angels perform from noon-12:45 p.m. each day
The Key Bank Air Show at SEAFAIR takes place at the General Motors Cup
unlimited hydroplane races. Friday is free! Sat. general admission \$17, Sun. general admission \$25.

For many in the Puget Sound, summer officially reaches its zenith when the U.S. Navy's Blue Angels roar into Seattle's skies. The U.S. Navy Leap Frogs parachute team, an elite group of Navy SEALs (Sea, Air, and Land commandos), promises to be another crowd favorite with their precision parachute formations. Military performances include the high-flying maneuvers of the Air Force's West Coast F-15 Eagle demonstration team as well as fly-bys by the radar-jamming EA-6B Prowler, an EP-3E Aries II, and the Boeing C-17 Globemaster cargo plane.

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