



**Naval Submarine League
Pacific Southwest Chapter
January 2021 Newsletter**

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**Our Zoom Program for January 12th, 2021 at 11:45am PST
"Your Submarines in Your Pacific Ocean"
With RADM Blake Converse, USN
Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet**



Rear Admiral Blake Converse is a native of Pennsylvania and graduated from Penn State University in 1987 with a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering. He also holds Master of Science degrees in Space Systems Engineering and Applied Physics from the Navy Post Graduate School. His career as a nuclear submarine warfare officer includes assignments aboard USS Lapon (SSN 661), USS Olympia (SSN 717), and USS Minneapolis-St.-Paul (SSN 708) as the executive officer. Command assignments include Commanding Officer, USS Louisiana (SSBN 743) from February 2006 to February 2009 and Commander, Submarine Squadron 6 from October 2012 to August 2014. Ashore, he served



as the Radiological Controls Officer on the staff of Commander, U.S. Pacific Fleet Submarine Force; as a Special Assistant to the Commander, U.S. Joint Forces Command; as a Deputy Commander of Submarine Squadron 17; as the Prospective Commanding Officer Course Instructor at Naval Reactors headquarters; and as Chief of Staff to Commander, U.S. Submarine Force. As a flag officer, he served as Director, Joint and Fleet Operations (N3), U.S. Fleet Forces Command and Commander, Submarine Group 9 in Silverdale, WA. Rear Admiral Converse is currently the Commander Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet. His personal decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit (four awards), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal (four awards), Joint Commendation Medal, Joint Achievement Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal (three awards) and various unit awards. In 2008, he was awarded the Rear Admiral Jack N. Darby award for Inspirational Leadership and Excellence of Command.

As we depart 2020, we clear baffles and note a great deal of turbulence in our wake. The seas have been confused and there are a fair number of waypoints that we don't want to visit again. But as we head out into 2021 we can sense a calmer sea and some brighter skies. So, Mind Your Depth and all will be better. We send you our Best Wishes for a
Healthy and Happy 2021

Zoom Meeting Details are Below

- Agenda
- 11:45—Zoom Link Open
- 12:00—Call the Meeting to Order
- 12:20—RADM Converse
- 12:50—Q and A's
- 1:15—Adjourn



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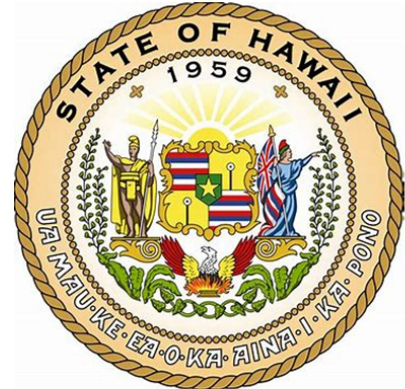
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RADM Converse: Some Waypoints



Born in Pennsylvania



Recommended New Year's Resolution

Be it resolved that you will visit the NSLPACSW Chapter Website more frequently. Through Jeff Fischbeck's efforts, the website contains pertinent information, both current and historical, that should interest you. Take some time and visit:

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