



The Bugle



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From the President's Desk

Greetings Olympia MOAA Chapter Members,

I would like us to welcome our newest members: CAPT (Ret) Wayne Olsen, his wife Betsy, and CPT Daniel Frederick to our Olympia Chapter. Please take the time to welcome them at our next meeting.

We have an exciting opportunity this year to serve our community in a significant way. Our chapter is currently coordinating with the Lacey Veterans Hub to submit a proposal to the MOAA Foundation to receive as much as five thousand dollars to support our local community. The MOAA Foundation offers grants to MOAA chapters to provide services to local military and veteran families—either directly or through partnerships with other community organizations. I will keep you informed of the progress of this grant request and hopefully it will be awarded to our chapter.

Your officers and board continue to work hard in support of our chapter and all of its members. Please consider joining us at a board meeting, volunteer event, recruiting event, luncheon, or all of the above. We'd love to have you! Remember, we are strong together and our voice grows commensurate with our membership. Please bring a friend or two to one of our events and help us grow our awesome chapter.

Finally, I want to ask for some help in our future recruiting efforts. We will need help in contacting prospective members in the near future and if you would like to participate, let me or any of the officers know.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting.

Respectfully,
COL (Ret) Howard Lim
Chapter President



Our January speakers, LTC Mark Davis, US Army Seattle Recruiting Battalion Commander and CPT Michael Clark, Olympia Recruiting Company Commander provided an update on military recruiting and the state of the youth market.



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Northwest Youth Leadership Conference (NWYLC) Collection Underway

Each year in December through February our Olympia MOAA Chapter collects funds to sponsor students from local high schools to attend NWYLC.

The Leadership Conference, conducted in June by the Puget Sound Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars at Pacific Lutheran University, provides communication and leadership training to local high school students. The objectives of the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference are to develop among the students a better understanding of the basic principles of a free society and of our nation’s history, the elements of leadership required for maintaining a free society, those special aspects of leadership applicable to our political, legal, business and military organizations and the leadership skills that will enable them to successfully assume leadership positions in their schools and communities.

Last year we donated \$1200 to the NWYLC, enough to send three students to the conference. Two of the three were able to join us at our October meeting and share with us how much they enjoyed and learned from the experience. Chapter member John McConnel is also a member of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars and is very involved with the NWYLC if you would like to know more (360-606-6196).

This year our goal is once again to raise \$1200 to sponsor three students. You can use the lunch attendance and contribution form on the next page to submit your donation. After our second month, we are still on track to reach our goal!

From the Treasurer’s Report

Bank Balance 31 Jan 19:

Checking	\$ 5,970.28
Prime Shares	\$ 4,617.52
Total	\$10,587.80

Charitable Donations Update:

NWYLC	\$ 842.00
(towards goal of \$1200)	

Welcome Aboard!

A heartfelt welcome to our newest members! Retired Navy Captain Wayne Olsen and his wife Betsy and Army Captain Daniel Frederick joined the chapter in January.

Shelton High School NJROTC Change of Command

On Wednesday, 13 February, at 1800, at the Shelton High School Minidome, the NJROTC Unit will hold their Annual Military Inspection and a Change of Command Ceremony.

Following the inspection, the unit will highlight its drill teams and hold a change of command and a military style parade or pass in review. The ceremony will include drill team performances, cadet recognition, and pass in review. All community members are cordially invited to attend. Please come out and show your support.

February 20, 2019 Lunch Meeting RSVP

Please check the appropriate items:

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the Wednesday, **February 20 Lunch** at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama* for: _____ (name and address).

The meal will be Cheeseburger with French Fries [], or French Dip with Fries [], or Filled Veggie w/ Fries [], or Chicken Caesar w/ Garlic Bread [] and Apple Pie a la Mode for Dessert. Price: \$16.

I wish to pay my 2019 Chapter Dues of _____ (\$20 for members and spouses, \$10 for surviving spouses, due as of 01 January 2019)

I wish to donate \$ _____ for Northwest Youth Leadership Conference towards our goal of \$1200.

My check, in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed to cover the above indicated items.

To register using this form from the e-mail Bugle, print the page, add your name and address, then mail with your check.

If you are attending the meeting, have an address change, a correction, dues payment or a contribution, please use this form and mail it to:

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Reservations must be received by **Fri, February 15.**

If you have mailed your reservations, you may confirm receipt by calling Marilyn Willcox at 360-915-8922 or by email to joyblue@comcast.net If we do not have your name on our reservation roster, a meal may not be available for you. If a meal is not available, you will be given the option to order off the menu in the restaurant. If paying at the door, we can accept checks or exact change.

Next meeting: Wednesday, **February 20**, a **Lunch** upstairs at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama.*

The meal will be Cheeseburger with French Fries [], or French Dip with Fries [], or Filled Veggie w/ Fries [], or Chicken Caesar w/ Garlic Bread [] and Apple Pie a la Mode for Dessert. Price: \$16.

Our February guest speaker is Brigadier General Michel-Henri St Louis, Deputy Commander I Corps. He is a Canadian exchange officer and his program will focus on the roles of the Canadian contingent at JBLM and he will be discussing the Canadian Armed Forces.

The Time: Socializing at 11:30 AM, and lunch/meeting at 12:00 PM at Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama.
Reservations must be received by Friday, February 15.

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Washington State Patriotic Day and Massing of the Colors

The Washington State Patriotic Day is a ceremony held to rededicate our faith in the United States and to present our support to the National Colors and the Servicemen and Servicewomen those Colors represent. It combines the colors and color guards of Active, Reserve, and National Guard military units along with veteran, civic, and patriotic organizations.

Each year, the Puget Sound Chapter of the Military Order of the World Wars hosts a Massing of the Colors, which is a processional celebration of active military personnel and veterans in Washington State and the birth of our nation's first patriot, George Washington.

This patriotic ceremony honors those who have served and are currently serving in the U.S. military and honors all those who carry on this tradition such as first responders.

This ceremony was named "Washington State Patriotic Day" to identify that the event is intended to highlight individuals who deserve recognition in addition to Active Duty, Reserve and National Guard personnel.

Organizations taking part in the procession include active military personnel, veterans, military fraternal organizations, and civilian organizations such as the Boy, Girl and Cub Scouts.

See footage of previous years' ceremonies at: **YouTube:** <https://youtu.be/FpO0rYa52xw>

Our Olympia MOAA Chapter will have two flag bearers in the ceremony. All other chapter members are encouraged to attend as spectators. This year's event will be Saturday, February 23rd, 1400, at the Stadium High School gymnasium, 111 North E Street, Tacoma.

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National Guard Industry Day

Our local National Guard organization will be holding their next Industry Day on Thursday, 21 March, 0900-1400 at Building 80 on Camp Murray, with an optional light breakfast and lunch available.

Our chapter will have a table set up at Industry Day, as this will be a great networking and recruiting opportunity. If you are interested in participating, meeting and talking about MOAA with National Guard members, contact Slots at dslotwin@outlook.com, or 360-456-0660. We will need some assistance at the table and Slots will need names for the meals.

Congressman Heck's new DC Address

If anyone wishes to write or call Congressman Heck in DC, his new address and phone number are: 2452 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC, 20515, (202)225-9740.

MOAA 2019 Legislative Goals (More information here: <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>)

(1) Ensure any Tricare reform sustains access to top-quality care. (Say NO to new fees for Tricare for Life) (2) Prevent disproportional Tricare fee increases. (3) Sustain military pay comparability with the private sector. (4) Stop erosion of compensation and non-pay quality-of-life benefits. (5) End financial penalties for military survivors. (Act Now to End the Widow's Tax.) (6) End concurrent receipt penalties for military retirees. (Support Full Concurrent Receipt for Disabled Military Retirees.) (7) Achieve equity of benefits for Guard and Reserve Members with their Active Duty counter parts. (8) Strengthen DoD-VA collaboration and services to support wounded warriors and an expanding population of women veterans. (9) Ensure timely access to service-earned VA benefits. (10) Protect military and veteran family support programs and policies. (Be cautious with compensation reform.)