



The Bugle



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From the President's Desk

Greetings Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Members,

I would like us to welcome our newest members: 1LT Laudy Choum, CPT James Kelly, CPT Jeremy Catob and his wife Erin, CPT (Ch) Monty Webb, CPT Dave Grun, and CPT Santiago Real and his wife Maria. Let's be sure to welcome this awesome group of young officers and their wives when you see them.

On March 21, Bill, Sam, Slots, and I were at Camp Murray during the Washington Army National Guard Industry Day to man our MOAA booth. It was a successful recruiting day! We signed up 15 members to National MOAA and signed 6 new members to our local chapter as mentioned in the beginning of my letter. We had such a fun time talking to the young officers and we are so proud of their commitment and professionalism. I want to thank Bill, Sam and Slots for their outstanding support.

I would like you to pay attention to this month's issue of the MOAA magazine (April edition). It features cards to mail our senators and representatives asking them to oppose proposals to make retirees pay more for their health care benefits. As you and I know, we already paid for that coverage with our personal and family sacrifices made during our careers. Every cost increase is a direct erosion of the retirement benefits we earned. So, mail in those cards!

I was outside mowing my lawn yesterday and enjoying the fresh smell of Spring and the amazing sunshine. It reminded me of how each year, a fresh start in life begins and I, as your chapter president, see 2019 as a banner year for us to bring in new members to our great organization and make our local community better. I hope you share in my enthusiasm and help us take advantage of all opportunities to recruit new members so we can grow our awesome chapter. We will be planning recruiting events in the near future and will let you know how you can assist and be a part of one of our most important task as a chapter. Also, please be free to offer any suggestions on how we can improve.

I look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Respectfully,
COL (Ret) Howard Lim
Chapter President



1st Vice President Dave Slotwinski thanks Dr. Mary Lambie and Leslie Helton from Santa's Castle for their outstanding brief at the March chapter meeting. In 2018 they provided \$210,000 in toys to 2,075 children in 921 military families. 2019 will be the 25th Anniversary of Santa's Castle.
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*Board meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Tacoma Room of the Quinault Building (Panorama main bldg) 2nd Tuesday. All members are welcome to attend these meetings.

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USO Northwest Collection Underway

Each year in March through May, our Olympia Area MOAA Chapter collects funds to support USO Northwest.

Since 1966, the USO Northwest has served over 4 million active duty service members, veterans, and their families at centers at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, the Portland International Airport and two centers on Joint Base Lewis McChord. This is one of the four organizations that your MOAA chapter supports annually through your kind and generous donations. The USO Northwest is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that relies solely on the generosity of individuals and organizations like the Olympia Area Chapter of MOAA. With over 600 volunteers, the USO guarantees that your donations go directly to the services and programs benefiting service members and their families. Last year, the Shali Center at McChord was recognized as serving more food than any other USO center in the world. Three of our chapter members are volunteers at the two JBLM centers.

During the next two months, we ask that you consider expressing your gratitude toward the world's finest military, its veterans and their families through your generous donation to USO Northwest. You can use the dinner attendance and contribution form on the next page to submit your donation. Our 2019 goal is \$1400. So far, we have collected \$646.00.

From the Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance 31 Mar 19:

Checking	\$ 7,148.07
Prime Shares	\$ 4,617.90
Total	\$11,765.97

Charitable Donations Update:

NWYLC total	\$ 1200.00
USO so far	\$ 646.00
(NWYLC goal \$1200, USO goal \$1400)	

Welcome Aboard!

A heartfelt welcome to our newest members! 1LT Laudy Choum, CPT James Kelly, CPT Jeremy Catob and his wife Erin, CPT (Ch) Monty Webb, CPT Dave Grun, and CPT Santiago Real and his wife Maria all joined us in March.

Shelton High School NJROTC Upcoming Events

Unfortunately, the Shelton High School NJROTC Unit had to postpone their Annual Military Inspection and Change of Command Ceremony due to the weather. A new date has yet to be announced.

Meanwhile, the NJROTC unit will hold their annual Awards Night on Wednesday, May 8th, at 5 p.m. at the P.U.D. building, located at 2621 E. John Prairie Road, Shelton. Representatives of our chapter will attend the Awards Night to present the MOAA JROTC Medal and Citation for exceptional military leadership potential.

April 17, 2019 Dinner Meeting RSVP

Please check the appropriate items:

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the Wednesday, **April 17 Dinner** at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama for:*
_____ (name and address).

The meal will be Roasted Rosemary Pork Loin [], or Salmon with Herb Butter [], accompanied by Golden Rolls, Green Salad, Asparagus, Roasted Red Potatoes and Cheesecake with Raspberry Coulis for Dessert. Price: \$23.

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 USO Northwest towards our goal of \$1400.

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, April 12.**

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, **April 17**, a **Dinner** upstairs at the **Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama.**

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Our April speaker will be Mary Forbes, COL, USA (ret), Assistant Director of Veteran Services and Counseling & Wellness, WA State Department of Veterans Affairs.

The Time: Socializing at 5:00 PM, and dinner/meeting at 6:00 PM at Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama.

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Veterans Memorial Events in May

Thurston County Veterans Council will be hosting the following events in May:

Sunday, 26 May 2019 – 1:00 PM - Waterside Ceremony, Percival Landing, Olympia, WA

Monday, 27 May 2019 – 11:00 AM – Memorial Day Ceremony, Capitol State Building

For additional information on these events, you can contact Jose Vargas at jlvargascdm@aol.com.



President Howard Lim and Treasurer Bill Moseley chat with a National Guardsman at Industry Day on March 21 at Camp Murray. VP Dave Slotwinski and Board Member Sam Cagle also worked the event. The National Guard put on an impressive event! It was a great opportunity to network and to recruit new national and local MOAA members.

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JBLM Retiree Appreciation Day

The next Retiree Appreciation Day will be held at the American Lake Conference Center on May 17th from 0730-1600. The event features representatives from various veterans' organizations and military staff agencies, and Madigan Army Medical Center to answer questions and provide supportive and informative on-site services. Registration is 0730-0900, Retiree Health Fair begins at 0930, and a tour of JBLM and the Army Museum runs from 1300-1600. The event is free, no preregistration required and there is plenty of free parking available. Services offered range from ID card services to blood pressure screening.

Exploring Your VA Benefits

Are you interested in finding out which VA benefits you may qualify for (or helping someone else to do the same)? Start with the VA Benefits Navigator tool. By answering a series of questions related to your service, you'll learn which VA benefits you may be eligible to receive. It takes less than 20 minutes and all information you enter is secure. VA benefits may help you buy a home, earn a degree, start a career, stay healthy and do so much more. Visit Explore.VA.gov and click the red "Get Started" button to begin.

Storming the Hill: MOAA's Top Legislative Issues

1. Maintaining military pay and benefits necessary to recruit and retain an all-volunteer force – supporting the proposed 3.1 percent pay raise for FY2020.
 2. Eliminating the widow's tax – supporting HR 553 and S 622 to end the offset of DoD survivor's annuity versus VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).
 3. Stabilizing Tricare fees and copayments
- Send cards attached to MOAA magazines or go to MOAA website to send emails to your public officials!

MOAA Legislative Updates can be found here: <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>

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