



The Bugle



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Olympia Area Chapter (WA 04) of the
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From the President's Desk

Greetings Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the great spring weather and had a peaceful Memorial Day weekend. I had the privilege to attend the special dedication and grand opening for "Project Welcome Home", a memorial at the Museum of Flight in Tukwila to honor all Vietnam Veterans. The former Secretary of Defense and retired General James Mattis was the keynote speaker and I had the opportunity to chat with my former boss. I worked for him when he was the Commander of US Central Command. I took a moment to tell him about this great chapter of ours and he seemed pleased.



Bill Moseley and I were at the Shelton High School JROTC award ceremony on 29 May and we had the great honor of presenting awards to two terrific high school students (thanks also to Carrie Nielson, Sam and Barb Cagle for attending). Since we provide substantial financial support to this JROTC program, I want to take a moment to highlight the accomplishments of these students. We started the evening by awarding Cadet Ensign Emma Gordham with the Military Officers Association JROTC Medal. Emma is going into her senior year next year and has a reputation of not letting any obstacle stand in her way. She has consistently demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership and continues to go the extra mile for the cadets, the school and the community. Her instructor told me that she will be an integral part of the NJROTC program next year as the recruiting officer.

Next, we presented the chapter's first ever \$1,000 scholarship to Cadet LCDR Benjamin Pierce. Benjamin is the former Commanding Officer of the high school JROTC unit; he has served as the face of the company at all events around the county and has shown the younger cadets how to become leaders themselves. Benjamin has elected to attend Northwest University in Kirkland, Washington. Both of these cadets are finest examples of how influential these JROTC programs are in producing future leaders for our communities and our nation.

There were many other awards presented by other organizations to these students and it was so fun and refreshing to see these cadets cheer each other on as each one received an award; they had so much positive energy! There was an amazing amount of talent in this group of kids, from academic achievement to athleticism. I have to also recognize the instructors for enabling these kids to do such an outstanding job: LCDR Darrell Hood and Sgt. Major Daniel Hernandez. Additionally, LCDR Hood said he will join our chapter! I am so glad we, as a chapter, support this tremendous program. It was a great pleasure to present the JROTC Booster Club with \$500 to continue this support. These JROTC students will be future leaders in their community and our nation.

Respectfully,
COL (Ret) Howard Lim
Chapter President



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Be sure to add the chapter web page, moaaolympia.org, and its Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/MOAAOlympiaAreaChapter/> to your favorite sites.

JBLM Fisher House Can Use Our Support

JBLM now has two houses (Fisher House II is fully operational and Fisher House I is undergoing renovation). JBLM Fisher Houses function as “a home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at Madigan Army Medical Center (MAMC). Support from the Olympia Area MOAA Chapter in Time, Talent and Treasure has never been more appreciated and needed. JBLM Fisher House I and II are part of a network of 70 comfort homes where families can stay while an active military member or veteran and/or their dependent is receiving medical treatment.

Every year during the months of June through August, our chapter generously provides financial contributions to JBLM Fisher House. This support goes a long way in providing residents with food, toiletries, household items, computers, phone cards and much more. In addition, the time and talent of some of our members in helping maintain the home-like atmosphere for the families who reside there while caring for their loved ones in MAMC has been invaluable to Fisher House.

If you can make the time, please volunteer at the Fisher House with your time and talent. Contact www.fisherhouse-jblm.org or call JBLM Fisher House at (253) 442-6807. Better yet, visit Fisher House office at Fisher House II near MAMC at 90700 Gardner Loop Road. The Fisher House staff would be very glad to show you the facilities. However, if you do plan to visit, for security reasons, it would be advantageous to call ahead to schedule a mutually convenient time.

From the Treasurer’s Report

Bank Balance 31 May 19:
 Checking \$ 7,912.03
 Prime Shares \$ 4,618.29
 Total \$12,530.32
 Charitable Donations Update:
 NWYLC total \$ 1200.00
 USO total \$ 1634.00
 Fisher House so far \$ 125.00
 (goals: NWYLC \$1200, USO \$1400, FH \$1000)

Charitable Contributions Update

Thanks to your generosity, we have met or exceeded our goals so far this year. Your collective contribution of \$1,200 met the goal for the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference and will allow MOAA to sponsor 3 youths again this summer. Total contributions of \$1,640 exceeded our goal of \$1,400 for USO! For the next 3 months, we will focus our donations on Fisher House. Our goal is \$1,000. Thanks for helping us give back to our community!

75th Anniversary of D Day

On June 6, 1944, Allied forces crossed the English Channel and landed on the beaches of Normandy, France, in a massive offensive to liberate Western Europe from the occupation of Nazi Germany. With 176,000 troops arriving by landing craft and ships, as well as nearly 14,000 aircraft, the Allied forces were able to secure Northern France within three months despite a vicious effort by Nazi forces.

Thousands of American and Allied lives were lost but not in vain as this Invasion of German occupied France led to Victory and restored Liberty.

See the June edition of “Military Officer” magazine for more about 1944.



Dave Slotwinski and Howard Lim receive Marvin Harris Communications Awards for website and newsletter on behalf of the Olympia Area MOAA Chapter at the PNW MOAA Conference. From left to right: Lt Gen (Ret) Dana Atkins, Gerald Jackson, Slots, Howard, Jim Owsley, Evelyn Brady, Dave Melges, and Dave Casteel.



Chapter members and USO volunteers Ron and Carrie Nielson pictured with May guest speakers and USO Northwest leaders Don Leingang and Tim Bogle.



HHD, 3d Ordnance Battalion (EOD), Change of Command, 17 May 2019. Outgoing Commander, Captain Kyle Brenay passes the guidon to Battalion Commander, Lieutenant Colonel Christopher Bartos, who will then pass the guidon to Incoming HHD Commander, Captain Kyle Douglas. Congratulations on a job well done, Captain Brenay! Welcome to Command, Captain Douglas!

Over the Memorial Day weekend, the Thurston County Veterans Council conducted two ceremonies to honor our fellow veterans. Three members of the chapter are active on the Council and helped organize these events: Jose Vargas, Karen Schultz, and Gary Walker.

The first event, the Waterside Ceremony, was held Sunday afternoon, 26 May at 1:00 pm at Percival Landing in Olympia. The purpose of the ceremony was to honor those veterans lost or buried at sea. The highlight of the ceremony was the calling of organizations and individuals forward to toss a flower on to the water in remembrance of those veterans. It was a very moving and solemn occasion with approximately 100 people in attendance. The Chapter contributed funds to pay for the rental of the Percival Landing shelter for the ceremony.

The second event, the Memorial Day Ceremony, was conducted in the Capital Rotunda on Monday morning, 27 May. CPT Matt Granahan, 3D OD BN Chaplain and Olympia Area MOAA Chapter member, served as the ceremony chaplain. The highlights of the ceremony included keynote addresses by U.S. Representative Heck, Olympia Mayor Selby, and LTG Volesky, Commanding General I Corps and JBLM. Additionally, a poem about the unknown soldier was read by U.S. Representative Heck and Mayor Selby read the poem about a mother's response to the unknown soldier. Special U.S. flags were presented to a Vietnam war veteran and a Korean war veteran. Music was provided by the I Corps Jazz Quintet. (byline: Gary Walker)



Presentation of flag to veteran by Representative Heck and LTG Volesky assisted by our very own Gary Walker. – Job well done to Gary and the rest of the Thurston County Veterans Council for the Memorial Weekend Ceremonies!



Treasurer Bill Moseley and President Howard Lim pictured with Shelton NJROTC Cadets Benjamin Pierce, recipient of our first Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Scholarship, and Emma Gordham, recipient of the MOAA JROTC MOAA Medal.

June 19, 2019 Dinner Meeting RSVP

Please check the appropriate items:

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the Wednesday, **June 19 Dinner** at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama for:*
_____ (name and address).

The meal will be Beef Brisket [], or Stuffed Pork Chop [], accompanied by Cloverleaf Rolls, Garden Salad, Sautéed Vegetables, Roasted Red Potatoes and Lemon Crème Mousse 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 Fisher House towards our goal of \$1000.

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:

Olympia Area Chapter, MOAA
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Reservations must be received by **Fri, June 14.**

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, **June 19**, a **Dinner** upstairs at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama.*

The meal will be Beef Brisket [], or Stuffed Pork Chop [], accompanied by Cloverleaf Rolls, Garden Salad, Sautéed Vegetables, Roasted Red Potatoes and Lemon Crème Mousse for Dessert. Price: \$23.

Our June speaker will be Dave Minton, CDR, USN (ret) author of **From Opposite Sides of the Periscope**. Dave, a submarine commander, co-authored this book with a Russian submarine captain about their parallel careers that converged when one tracked the other for several weeks in 1972. He will bring along copies of his book for those interested in purchasing one.

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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Washington Military Resource Media

There is a detailed new resource book available for free to military in Pierce and Thurston counties. You can access it on line at ourmilitary.com, or obtain a hard copy on JBLM at a handful of locations. The document has sections on Madigan Medical Center, JBLM and on Veterans organizations and resources in our area. It gives locations, hours, description/mission and lots of useful phone numbers. This is an excellent resource for those new to the area, or anyone looking for assistance and not sure of available resources. It is impressive to see the range of assistance available to active, reserve, veterans, retirees and family members in our area.

Stay Connected and Give Back

If you have a little spare time and are looking for a way to give back to the community, there are plenty of great volunteer opportunities. Many of those opportunities will even keep you connected to our military community. Throughout the year, our Olympia Area MOAA Chapter raises funds from members to contribute to five organizations that we are very happy to support financially, but it is worth noting that those organizations are also in need of volunteer time and talent. The USO has volunteer-run facilities on Fort Lewis and on McChord next to the airfield. Along with providing basic food, drink, relaxation, and computer facilities for military personnel and their families there, the USO also sponsors special events and activities whenever they are able. The Fisher House provides a comfortable home away from home for family members while they are caring for loved ones receiving care at Madigan. They can use assistance with cleaning, cooking, public relations, etc. Santa's Castle makes Christmas magic for military families who are struggling financially. Volunteering as an elf can be an incredibly rewarding experience. Northwest Youth Leadership Conference and Shelton NJROTC are engaged in developing tomorrow's leaders and could use volunteer mentors. If you are intrigued by any of these opportunities, email candrnielson@comcast.net for more info.

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Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Received Two Marvin Harris Communications Awards – One for our newsletter and one for our website.

The newsletter is published at the beginning of each month. The editor welcomes any articles or ideas from members, just submit by the end of the month to make it into the newsletter (candrnielson@comcast.net).

Upcoming 3D OD BN (EOD) Events

1. 787 Ordnance Company (EOD) CoC, 13 Jun 19, at 1100, JBLM North Fort, BLDG 12931 8th and D St (next to large bomb, under overhang), dressy casual for attendees
2. 3D Ordnance Battalion (EOD) CoC, 11 Jul 19, at 1000, JBLM Parade Field (Watkins Field), on Bitar Ave, dressy casual
3. Also on 11 July, from 1700-2200, the Battalion is hosting the Pacific Northwest Bomb Squad Banquet at American Lake Conference Center. LTC Bartos will share more about this at the June MOAA dinner.

Freedom Fest: Celebrate the 4th of July on JBLM

Wondering where to celebrate the 4th of July? This year JBLM is hosting Freedom Fest from 1100 to 2230 on 4 July at Cowan and Memorial Stadiums. This event is free and open to the public. It will feature food, rides, games, entertainment, and a Classy Chassis Car Show. Montgomery Gentry Band will be playing 1830-2000 on the main stage and the fireworks will start at 2000.

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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