



# The Bugle



The newsletter for the members and friends of  
Olympia Area Chapter (WA 04) of the  
Military Officers Association of America  
P.O. Box 5957, Lacey, Washington 98509-5957  
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## From the President's Desk

Greetings Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Members,

I want to welcome Lenora Borley and Linda Francis to our chapter. Please take the time to introduce yourself to them when you see them at the next meeting.

Every year, MOAA's affiliates compete to receive a four- or five-star Level of Excellence Award. The very best councils and chapters receive five-star awards. The latest award is based on the 2018 calendar year programs and events and once again, your Olympia chapter received the five-star award! I am so proud of the teammates that support this chapter and it is such a privilege to be part of its success.

The board members and myself will be conducting a strategic review for 2019 on October 5 to prepare the Chapter's Strategic Plan for 2020. I wanted to let you know that we will address several key focus areas for our chapter. We will also plan the next slating of officers and board members to serve the chapter next year. We will establish some chapter goals for 2020. I am confident that with your continued outstanding support, our chapter can achieve anything. Goals I will propose are: increase membership by at least 10%; participate in a community support activity to assist our military families, expand on our student scholarship initiatives, and increase engagements with active duty officers at JBLM.

If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to let me or anyone on the board know. I hope you are enjoying the rest of our Summer weather and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Respectfully,  
COL (Ret) Howard Lim  
Chapter President



Sam Cagle, Chuck Peterson, Howard Lim, Mark Foutch, Jim Richards Molly O'Donnell, Dave (Slots) Slotwinski and Doug White at the National Guard OCS Graduation Gold Bar Ceremony 03 August 2019.



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

**It is Time to Start Preparing for Santa’s Castle**

Santa’s Castle has provided Christmas since 1994 to the children of Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve families (primarily E-4 and below) experiencing financial difficulty. In 2018, 2075 children from 921 families were served by Santa’s Castle. A grand total of \$210,000.00 in toys, books, games, bikes, and stocking stuffers were given out.

Santa’s Castle is operated entirely by volunteers. Their donors and volunteers are dedicated to ensuring the children of our military heroes receive Christmas gifts, making their holidays brighter.

Each year from September through November our MOAA chapter collects monetary contributions to be donated to Santa’s Castle. The contributions are critical to making Santa’s Castle successful in achieving its mission.

We also encourage any chapter members interested in volunteering to consider serving as elves at Santa’s Castle, helping service members and spouses shop for their children at the castle. This year, toy distribution will occur 2-6 and 9-13 December. If you can spare the time, consider volunteering as an elf. It only requires a brief training session and then at least one 2-4 hour shift at the castle. Santa’s Castle anticipates holding an open house in September and training sessions in November. Volunteers need only attend one training session. Our chapter Point of Contact for this effort is Barb Cagle (360-456-8509).

Meanwhile, please consider including a little something extra in your monthly meeting check to be donated to this worthy cause.

**From the Treasurer’s Report**

Bank Balance 31 Aug 19:

Checking	\$ 5,458.68
Prime Shares	\$ 4,618.88
Total	\$10,077.56

Charitable Donations Update:

NWYLC total	\$ 1200.00
USO total	\$ 1650.00
Fisher House total	\$ 1147.00

(goals: NWYLC \$1200, USO \$1400, FH \$1000)

**Welcome to New Members**

A hearty MOAA welcome to our newest members:  
Lenora Borley and Linda Francis.

**Reminder about Meetings**

In September and October our monthly meetings will be dinner meetings, gathering at 1700 and eating at 1800. In November we will switch to lunch meetings for the winter months, gathering at 1100 at eating at 1200.

**Charitable Contributions Update**

Over the years, we have donated to several charitable organizations that support our active duty and retired families. To date, thanks to your generosity, we have exceeded our 2019 goals for our designated organizations. For the next quarter (Sep-Nov), our focus will be on Santa’s Castle. The goal is \$1200. Thanks for helping us give back to our community!

## September 18, 2019 Dinner Meeting RSVP

Please check the appropriate items:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for the Wednesday, **September 18 Dinner** at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama for: \_\_\_\_\_* (name and please include address, if it has changed).

The meal will be Stuffed Sole [ ], or Chicken Roulade [ ], accompanied by Cheese Biscuits, Kale and Butternut Squash Salad, Asparagus, Twice Baked Potato and Tiramisu 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 Santa's Castle 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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P.O. Box 5957, Lacey, WA 98509-5957

Reservations must be received by **Fri. September 13.**

*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](mailto: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, **September 18**, a **Dinner** upstairs at the **Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama.** The meal will be Stuffed Sole [ ], or Chicken Roulade [ ], accompanied by Cheese Biscuits, Kale and Butternut Squash Salad, Asparagus, Twice Baked Potato and Tiramisu for Dessert. Price: \$23.

For our September program, LCDR Darrell Hood, Senior Instructor for the Shelton NJROTC program will attend to tell us about his award-winning program.

The Time: Socializing at 5:00 PM, and dinner/meeting at 6:00 PM at Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama. Reservations must be received by Friday, September 13.

## **Olympia MOAA Chapter to Participate in United Way of Thurston County Day of Caring**

In 2018, over 500 volunteers consisting of 35 teams from local businesses and clubs participated in Day of Caring. Together with project leaders, individual volunteers, and United Way of Thurston County board members and staff, Day of Caring completed 30 projects to support 19 organizations!

On **September 27**, 2019, Thurston County residents can expect to see hundreds of volunteers wearing LIVE UNITED t-shirts working at dozens of project sites pulling weeds, painting buildings and cleaning sidewalks. This year, our Chapter has registered to participate in this exciting day of volunteerism and giving back to the community.

Ro Marcus worked with Thurston County United Way to pair our chapter with an organization that we can help, **Nature Nurtures Farm**. It is an organization that brings together young people and animals to build empathy, teach responsibility, and inspire hope. On a beautiful, 23-acre farm on Delphi Road (west Olympia), they provide supportive, educational, and recreational programs for at-risk and under-resourced youth in our community. Their programs help children build healthy emotional and social lives while taking care of the farm's many rehabilitated animals.

Nature Nurtures Farm needs help packing up the farm from the summer season and preparing it for the wet weather. Volunteers will help move camp supplies, break down camp tents, add wood chips to paths and mud zones, put the garden to bed, clear blackberries or paint - whichever fits your skills. You may bring your own equipment, but don't need to, as supplies will be provided.

**If you are interested, call Ro (phone # upper left corner of page 2)** for more information. She needs a full count, who may want to carpool, and sizes, as all volunteers can receive a free T-shirt. Come join your fellow chapter members **between 9 and 2** and let's make a difference for Thurston County children.

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Treasurer Bill Moseley presents check to Dan Lochner, USO NW Mobile Manager for \$1600 from the Olympia Area MOAA Chapter to support all USO NW programs.

### **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. Happily, HASC Chairman Smith's summary of the 2020 NDAA does include the full 3.1% active duty pay raise – thank you Representative Smith!
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
4. Halting the DoD proposal to cut 18,000 medical billets.

Send cards attached to MOAA magazines or go to MOAA website to send emails to your public officials!

**Right now is Summer Storm season! Call or write your Senators and Congressional Representatives at the phone numbers and addresses listed on page 2 of this newsletter. Urge them to support eliminating the widow's tax. Voice your concern regarding the proposed cut in medical billets. Let your voice be heard!**

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

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