



# 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

Happy New Year to all of you and I hope you had a wonderful holiday season!

Well, here we are again; another year ahead of us to do great things together! I look forward to our chapter's continued fellowship and having fun as an organization. I also look forward to our continued engagement with our friends at JBLM and service to our community. I encourage all of you to find the time to stay connected with our chapter; whether that is by attending our monthly meetings, volunteering time to help with projects, or simply providing your words of encouragement to one another, it all helps to strengthen our chapter. Please don't hesitate to contact me or any of the officers if you have any questions or concerns.

I believe we will have a great year in 2019 and with your support we will accomplish the following Chapter goals:

- Increase chapter membership by 10% (e.g. ~ 16 new members)
- Increase service and support to the local community (e.g. Christmas Sports Ball drive, etc.)
- Plan an off-site activity for both spouses and families promoting fellowship among members (e.g. dinner theater, family picnic, Officer-call, etc.)
- Leverage non-profit status to obtain no-cost technology support (e.g. web page, network communications and storage, etc.)

With every new year comes greater challenges and obstacles in life. I wish you courage, hope and faith to overcome all of the hurdles you may face. May you have a great year and a wonderful time ahead. It is again my privilege and honor to serve you as the Chapter President for 2019. I hope you come out to our next meeting and look forward to seeing all of you.

Respectfully,  
COL (Ret) Howard Lim  
Chapter President

"Each one of us can make a difference. Together we make change."--- Barbara Mikulski



After the installation of our 2019 officers, we were entertained by a phenomenal performance of the Rainier Ringers bell ringing group at our December meeting.



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**\*Board meets at 5:30 p.m. in the Seattle Room of the Quinault Building (Panorama main building) 2nd Tuesday. All members are welcome to attend the meeting.**

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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 first month, we are right on track to reach our goal!

**From the Treasurer's Report**

Bank Balance 30 Dec 18:

Checking	\$ 6,001.41
Prime Shares	\$ 4,617.32
Total	\$10,618.73

Dec 2018 Charitable Donations:

NWYLC	\$ 402.00
(towards goal of \$1200)	
USO	\$ 125.00
Fisher House	\$ 125.00
Santa's Castle	\$ 125.00

**3D OD BN (EOD) Upcoming Events**

On 15 January, at 1430, at 110 CHEM BN Bay on North Fort JBLM (right next to 3D OD BN building #11898), the HHD Change of Command Ceremony (between CPT Heap and 1LT Brenay) will take place.

On 17 January, at 1400, in the same location on JBLM, the 3D OD BN Guidon Uncasing Ceremony (signifying the unit has returned from deployment) will take place.

Our chapter members are welcome to attend both of these events to show our support for the unit. Appropriate guest attire is business casual.

**Welcome Aboard!**

A heartfelt welcome to our newest members! Peter and Karen Schultz recently rejoined the chapter and Chris McManus just joined us in December.

## **January 16, 2019 Lunch Meeting RSVP**

Please check the appropriate items:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for the Wednesday, **January 16 Lunch** at the **Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama for:** \_\_\_\_\_ (name and address).

The meal will be Tamale Pie with Green Salad [ ], or Philly Cheese Steak with Fries [ ], Kale and Butternut Squash Salad and Eclairs for Dessert. Price: \$15.

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

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:

**Olympia Area Chapter, MOAA  
P.O. Box 5957, Lacey, WA 98509-5957**

**Reservations must be received by Fri, January 11.**

*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, **January 16**, a **Lunch** upstairs at the **Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama.** The meal will be Tamale Pie with Green Salad [ ], or Philly Cheese Steak with Fries [ ], Kale and Butternut Squash Salad and Eclairs for Dessert. Price: \$15.**

**The program for our January meeting will include a representative of the military recruiting force in Washington; either CPT Mike Clark, Commander, US Army Recruiting Company Olympia, or his boss, Commander of the Seattle Battalion, to discuss the state of the youth market and recruiting.**

**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, January 11.**

# **2019 DUES ARE DUE EFFECTIVE 01 JANUARY 2019**



## **Welcome Home**

Olympia MOAA Chapter Member Chris Bartos and his team were welcomed back at a redeployment ceremony on JBLM 05 December. At that same ceremony, Chris' wife, Angie, was recognized for all her hard work sustaining the vital lines of communication between family members, deployed soldiers and support organizations. Way to go Angie!

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## Action Required!

Sign-up period for the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) has been extended for three months. Open Season ended Dec. 10, however OPM has granted a "belated enrollment phase" for potential beneficiaries who missed the first deadline. Sign-ups should be granted until about mid-March. The Military Officers Association of America influenced OPM to grant more time for beneficiaries. "We kept the spotlight on this by tracking enrollment and communicating whenever our members had feedback or an issue," said Capt. Kathy Beasely, USN (Ret), MOAA's director of health affairs.

Enrollees in the TRICARE Retiree Dental Program are required to sign up for FEDVIP if they wish to maintain dental insurance. FEDVIP provides 10 choices for dental coverage. As of early Dec. 13, about 639,000 beneficiaries had signed up for dental coverage. The target goal is at least 800,000 signups. Vision coverage is also offered, through four carriers. FEDVIP vision plans help pay for routine vision appointments and frames, lens and contacts. As of Dec. 13, about 300,000 people had signed up for vision.

To enroll online visit [BENEFEDS.com](http://BENEFEDS.com) or call, Monday through Friday, 0800-2100 Eastern, at 1-877-888-3337.

For those who have signed up: You will not see premiums taken out of your account until February. FEDVIP bills beneficiaries after each month of coverage.

## Congressman Heck's new DC Address

If anyone is hoping to visit Denny Heck in DC, he will be in a new office now. He is moving to 2452 Rayburn House Office Building. In his newsletter, he shares that Representative Kilmer will be nearby in 1410 Longworth House Office Building. Constituents welcome!

## MOAA 2019 Legislative Goals

(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.)