



# The Bugle



The newsletter for the members and friends of  
Olympia Area Chapter (WA 04) of the  
Military Officers Association of America  
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## From the President's Desk

Greetings Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Members,

I want to welcome our newest members, CAPT Dave Minton (USN, Ret.) and his wife Kay. Dave, for those who were at last month's dinner, gave us an outstanding talk about his time commanding the USS GUARDFISH (submarine) and close encounters with his Soviet counterparts (ask him about his book documenting this experience)!

Also during last month's dinner, we bid farewell to Chris and Angie Bartos as they embark on the next phase of their Army journey. Chris will change command on 11 July at JBLM and I encourage all of you to witness a great battalion commander relinquish his command to the new commander. Chris and Angie are a wonderful command team and have been significant partners in our chapter; we will surely miss them!

Our membership numbers are growing and our membership chief, Jim Richards, continues to work very hard on renewing our delinquent members and recruiting new members. We continue to try many avenues with varying degrees of success. We need all of us to help get the word out to all members who have not renewed and to solicit new members. Please help tell our story – please help to get potential members in touch with Jim, me or any of our BOD members. We need membership growth to continue as a viable organization. To this end, we are conducting a telephone bank party at SLOTS and Ro's house on 24 July to contact prospective members residing in our area. Thank you to the volunteers that have promised their time to support this major recruiting drive.

Summer has arrived and some of you have shared with me some wonderful plans for summer vacations. I wish you all a wonderful and safe summer but do make time to participate in our monthly MOAA dinner on 17 July. Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Respectfully,  
COL (Ret) Howard Lim  
Chapter President

President Howard Lim and Speaker Retired Navy Captain Dave Minton.



President Howard Lim bids farewell to LTC Chris and Mrs. Angie Bartos.





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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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**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](http://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 30 June 19:  
 Checking \$ 6,532.48  
 Prime Shares \$ 4,618.49  
 Total \$11,150.97  
 Charitable Donations Update:  
 NWYLC total \$ 1200.00  
 USO total \$ 1650.00  
 Fisher House so far \$ 656.00  
 (goals: NWYLC \$1200, USO \$1400, FH \$1000)

**Charitable Contributions Update**

Thanks to your generosity, we have met or exceeded all of our goals so far this year. Your collective contribution of \$1,200 met the goal for the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference and allowed MOAA to sponsor three youths again this summer. Total contributions of \$1,650 exceeded our goal of \$1,400 for USO Northwest! With two months to go, we are making great progress towards our goal of \$1,000 for Fisher House. Thanks for helping us give back to our community!

**Welcome to New Members**

A hearty MOAA welcome to our newest perspective members: Retired Navy Captain Dave Minton and his wife Kay, 2LT Taylor Yarbrough and her husband Tyler Shirley. The Minton’s are from Olympia, and Dave served as our guest speaker at our June meeting. 2LT’s Yarbrough and Shirley are assigned to JBLM and reside in Tumwater.

## **July 17, 2019 Dinner Meeting RSVP**

Please check the appropriate items:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for the Wednesday, **July 17 Dinner** at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama for:*  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name and please include address, if it has changed).

The meal will be BBQ Ribs [ ], or Country Style Chicken [ ], accompanied by Cornbread, Watermelon Salad with Mint, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad and Blueberry Cobbler with Whipped Cream 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:

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Reservations must be received by **Fri, July 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](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, **July 17**, a **Dinner** upstairs at the **Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama.**

The meal will be BBQ Ribs [ ], or Country Style Chicken [ ], accompanied by Cornbread, Watermelon Salad with Mint, Corn on the Cob, Potato Salad and Blueberry Cobbler and Whipped Cream for Dessert. Price: \$23.

Our July speaker will be Elena G. Huizar, the Outreach Services Supervisor in the Consumer Protection Division of the Washington State Office of the Attorney General. She will address Identity Theft and Credit Monitoring Services.

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, July 12.

## **Join the Recruiting Telethon Party!**

Come one, come all! Slots and Ro will be hosting a blow-out party at their house from 4-7 on 24 July. There will be food, drink, laughter and visiting. Oh, and we will make some phone calls to national MOAA members in the local area to see if we can't convince them to join in the fun. See Slots' and Ro's numbers on previous page if you have any questions.

## **Farewell Lunch**



The MOAA Ladies Who Lunch bid farewell to Angie Bartos as she and her spouse prepare to transfer to their next duty station. They will be missed! The Ladies meet for lunch and friendship once a month. If you are interested, contact Barb Cagle for the date, time and place of next lunch.

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

1. 3D Ordnance Battalion (EOD) CoC, 11 Jul 19, at 1000, JBLM Parade Field (Watkins Field), on Bitar Ave, business casual. LTC Christopher Bartos will be turning over command to LTC Christopher Bailey.
2. Also on 11 July, from 1700-2200, the Battalion is hosting the Pacific Northwest Bomb Squad Banquet at American Lake Conference Center. The invitation for this event went out via email last month. While RSVP deadline is past, POC is 1LT Elizabeth Robben at [elizabeth.d.robben.mil@mail.mil](mailto:elizabeth.d.robben.mil@mail.mil)

### **Now Hiring Certified Nursing Assistants**

Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) is actively recruiting to fill vacancies for Certified Nursing Assistants in our Veterans Homes in Port Orchard and throughout the state. If you or someone you know is qualified and looking for work in this field, they will be holding an On-The-Spot Hiring Fair on July 9 from 9am to 4pm in Building 10 at the Veteran's Home and they have set up an application kiosk and assistance in that location. For more information: 1-800-562-2308, [www.dva.wa.gov](http://www.dva.wa.gov), [www.facebook.com/WSDVA](https://www.facebook.com/WSDVA), [www.twitter.com/WDVA](https://www.twitter.com/WDVA)

### **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
- 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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