



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 12 of our newest members:

LTC (R) Judy Bourgault, CPT (Former) Geoffrey Hulsey and his wife Flavia, COL Greg Smith, COL (R) Keith Solveson and his wife Denise, CAPT (R) Louis Nick and his wife Alyson, LTC (R) Henry Norquist and his wife Cindy, LTC (R) Rex Barfuss, COL (R) Van Smiley, LT (R) David Sharpes, LTC (R) Gary Pettit, MAJ (R) Norman Winter, and LT (R) Lorn Green.

As you can see, the telephone-bank recruiting party that was held on 24 July at SLOTS and Ro's house was a tremendous success! We had a bunch of lists with over 400 names and over a period of two hours, with the generous help of volunteers, we finished calling these lists. Each time we netted a new member, we rang the "gong" to let everyone know. This was so much fun that we will make it a regular recruiting event and hope you would consider joining us next time. Many thanks to our volunteers for making this so successful.

On 2 August, we will recognize nearly 200 National Guard candidates finishing their summer camp at Joint Base Lewis McChord. A number of volunteers from the chapter, most in uniform, will present 2LT rank insignia and silver dollars (courtesy of USAA) to these very deserving candidates and SLOTS will read an excellent narrative to the audience while we are presenting. Additionally, we will also set up our chapter table at Camp Murray the following day to talk to the new second lieutenants and hopefully get some more new members!

The board members and I will be conducting a strategic review of 2019 in September and preparing the Chapter's Strategic Plan for 2020. Our main areas of focus for the review will be recruiting, community volunteerism, fund raising, and scholarships. If you have any suggestions, please don't hesitate to let me or anyone on the board know.

I hope you are enjoying the wonderful summer weather and look forward to seeing you at the next meeting.

Respectfully,
COL (Ret) Howard Lim
Chapter President

3rd Ordnance Battalion (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Change of Command

Outgoing Battalion
Commander, LTC
Christopher Bartos, passing
the unit colors to COL
David Green, Training and
Doctrine Command. Green
will then pass the colors to
the Incoming Battalion
Commander, LTC
Christopher Bailey.

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Angie Bartos and her two  
daughters Lexie and Lanie.





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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.

**JBLM Fisher House Can Use Our Support**

JBLM now has two houses (Fisher House II is fully operational and Fisher House I is about to undergo 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 31 July 19:  
 Checking \$ 6,851.54  
 Prime Shares \$ 4,618.68  
 Total \$11,470.22  
 Charitable Donations Update:  
 NWYLC total \$ 1200.00  
 USO total \$ 1650.00  
 Fisher House so far \$ 931.00  
 (goals: NWYLC \$1200, USO \$1400, FH \$1000)

**Charitable Contributions Update**

Thanks to your generosity, we have met or exceeded all goals so far this year. Your contributions of \$1,200 met the goal for the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference and allowed MOAA to sponsor three youths this summer. Contributions of \$1,650 exceeded our goal of \$1,400 for USO Northwest! With one month to go, we have already raised \$931 towards our goal of \$1,000 for Fisher House.

**Welcome to New Members**

A hearty MOAA welcome to our newest members:  
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## **August 21, 2019 Dinner Meeting RSVP**

Please check the appropriate items:

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ place(s) for the Wednesday, **August 21 Dinner** at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama for:*  
\_\_\_\_\_ (name and please include address, if it has changed).

The meal will be Teriyaki Salmon [ ], or Chicken Stir Fry [ ], accompanied by Breadsticks, Asian Salad, Broccolini, Jasmine Rice and Chocolate Layer Cake 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  
P.O. Box 5957, Lacey, WA 98509-5957**

**Reservations must be received by Fri, August 16.**

*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, **August 21**, a Dinner upstairs at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama.*  
The meal will be Teriyaki Salmon [ ], or Chicken Stir Fry [ ], accompanied by Breadsticks, Asian Salad, Broccolini, Jasmine Rice and Chocolate Layer Cake for Dessert. Price: \$23.**

**Our Program Director is working on lining up a legislative guest speaker in keeping with MOAA's Summer Storm legislative campaign to repeal the Widow's Tax and to combat the DoD proposed cut of 18,000 medical billets.**

**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, August 16.**

## **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, let Ro know and she can provide you with additional 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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### **Upcoming 3D OD BN (EOD) Event**

707<sup>TH</sup> OD CO (EOD) Change of Command ceremony, 12 August 2019, at 1100, JBLM North Base, at 8<sup>th</sup> and D Streets (next to the large bomb), casual attire for civilian guests. CPT Mark Wiseman will relinquish command to CPT Daniel Roy. RSVP by 08 Aug to 360-551-0181.

### **Upcoming Veteran-Related Events at the Capitol**

\*August 17, 1300-1400, the American Legion Post 3 will host a ceremony at the Tivoli Fountain celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Legion. The American Legion Band will be performing.

\*August 25, 1300-1430, Veterans 1<sup>st</sup>, Motorcycle Ride honoring Veterans, American Traditions and the U.S. Flag. Final leg of the ride is from VFW post 318 to the Capitol Campus. Public is invited to attend.

\*Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs (WADVA) events calendar:  
<https://www.dva.wa.gov/calendar>.

### **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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