



The Bugle



The newsletter for the members and friends of
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From the President's Desk

Hello Olympia Chapter members and friends:

Wow, what a month! This month's snowstorm really had an impact on so many of us; we even had to cancel February's chapter board meeting because it was too dangerous to drive! I hope you and your family are finally thawing out from this winter storm and I know we are all so looking forward to Spring!

I want to welcome our newest members:

- Devin Robinson, 2nd LT, and his wife Erin
- Keith Kimdugan, CPT, and his wife Agnes
- Matthew Granahan, CPT, and his wife Darci
- Lawrence Gooch, COL, Ret, and his wife Penny
- Cameron Clark, 2nd LT, and his wife Melissa

It is so exciting to have so many new members to our chapter!

Last month, Brigadier-General Michel-Henri St-Louis (Canada), Deputy Commanding General for Operations of First Corps at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, provided an outstanding brief to the Olympia MOAA Chapter. BG St-Louis gave us an overview of Canadian support both at I Corps and in the Pacific region and really opened our eyes to the importance of our partnership with the Canadian Armed Forces.



President Howard Lim thanks
Brigadier General St-Louis for his
outstanding brief at the February
chapter meeting.

Our effort to secure a community grant of \$5,000 from National MOAA is in progress. I submitted a packet and if we are selected, our project will provide children from military families that are experiencing financial difficulties (veterans or active duty) with a new backpack full of every grade-specific school supply they need in time for their first day of school. This way, they start the year looking and feeling more like their classmates and less like a child in need. I learned in the process of developing this proposal, we have over 700 homeless children in the North Thurston School District and by some account, 10% of these are children have some connection to the military. I was shocked but hopeful that we can help in some way to make life better for these kids.

As we begin new projects for our chapter, I hope you consider joining us in doing great things for our community. I hope you come out to our next meeting and look forward to seeing all of you.

Respectfully,
COL (Ret) Howard Lim
Chapter President

“We rise by lifting others.” Robert Ingersoll



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USO Northwest Collection Underway

Each year in March through May, our Olympia MOAA Chapter collects funds to support USO Northwest.

Since 1966, the USO Northwest has served over 4 million active duty service members, veterans, and their families at a center at the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, a center at the Portland International Airport and two centers on Joint Base Lewis McChord. This is one of the four organizations that your MOAA chapter supports annually through your kind and generous donations. The USO Northwest is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that relies solely on the generosity of individuals and organizations like the Olympia Area Chapter of MOAA. With over 600 volunteers, the USO guarantees that your donations go directly to the services and programs benefiting service members and their families. Last year, the Shali Center at McChord was recognized as serving more food than any other USO center in the world. Three of our chapter members are volunteers at the two JBLM centers.

During the next three months, we ask that you consider expressing your gratitude toward the world’s finest military, its veterans and their families through your generous donation to USO Northwest. You can use the lunch attendance and contribution form on the next page to submit your donation. Our 2019 goal is \$1400.

From the Treasurer’s Report

Bank Balance 28 Feb 19:	
Checking	\$ 6,631.28
Prime Shares	\$ 4,612.72
Total	\$11,244.00

Charitable Donations Update:
NWYLC \$ 1136.00
(just missed goal of \$1200)

Welcome Aboard!

A heartfelt welcome to our newest members! Retired COL Lawrence Gooch and wife Penny, 2nd LT Devin Robinson and wife Erin, CPT Keith Kimdugan and wife Agnes, CPT Matthew Granahan and wife Darci, 2nd LT Cameron Clark and wife Melissa all joined us in February.

Shelton High School NJROTC Upcoming Events

Unfortunately, the Shelton High School NJROTC Unit had to postpone their Annual Military Inspection and Change of Command Ceremony due to the weather. A new date has yet to be promulgated.

Meanwhile, the NJROTC unit will hold their annual Awards Night on Wednesday, May 8th, at 5 p.m. at the P.U.D. building, located at 2621 E. John Prairie Road, Shelton. Representatives of our chapter will attend the Awards Night to present the MOAA JROTC Medal and Citation for exceptional military leadership potential.

March 20, 2019 Lunch Meeting RSVP

Please check the appropriate items:

Please reserve _____ place(s) for the Wednesday, **March 20 Lunch** at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama for:*
_____ (name and address).

The meal will be Bacon Mac & Cheese with Green Salad [], or Asian Chicken Salad with Garlic Bread [], or Tempura Fish Sandwich with French Fries [], and Triple Chocolate Cake for Dessert. Price: \$16.

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 USO Northwest towards our goal of \$1400.

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, March 15.**

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, **March 20**, a **Lunch** upstairs at the *Seventeen 51 restaurant & bistro, at Panorama*. The meal will be Bacon Mac & Cheese with Green Salad [], or Asian Chicken Salad with Garlic Bread [], or Tempura Fish Sandwich with French Fries [], and Triple Chocolate Cake for Dessert. Price: \$16.
Our March program will be an update on Santa's Castle from one of their board members.
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, March 15.

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Beware of Scams This Tax Season (from February 2019 MOAA Magazine)

Common scams to avoid during tax season:

Telephone impersonators claiming to be IRS employees. You are told you owe money and must pay immediately. You might be threatened with arrest or suspension of license, and callers can be hostile. They might leave an urgent callback message. Do not give out any personal information!

Email phishing schemes. The real IRS does not send emails. Beware of fake websites that look real. Never go to a website by clicking a link off an email. Always go directly to a website using your own web browser and address.

Fake charities. The name of a charity might sound familiar, but don't assume it's real. Instead, call the charity or visit its website; don't accept phone calls or email requests.

False claims of being able to get you a bigger refund. Be careful of tax preparers who expect you to sign a blank return, charge a fee based on the amount of the refund, or promise an incredible refund before even knowing your tax situation.

The IRS provides loads of information to educate you about scams and how to report a scam or identity theft. Visit www.irs.gov for more information. Report scam calls to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at (800)366-4484.

If you receive a call or email from the IRS saying you're in trouble, do nothing. The IRS doesn't call or email citizens!

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National Guard Industry Day

Our local National Guard organization will be holding their next Industry Day on Thursday, 21 March, 0900-1400 at Building 80 on Camp Murray, with an optional light breakfast and lunch available.

Our chapter will have a table set up at Industry Day, as this will be a great networking and recruiting opportunity. If you are interested in participating, meeting and talking about MOAA with National Guard members, contact Slots at dslotwin@outlook.com, or 360-456-0660. We will need some assistance at the table and Slots will need names for the meals.

JBLM Retiree Appreciation Day

The next Retiree Appreciation Day will be held at the American Lake Conference Center on May 17th from 0730-1300 followed by installation and museum tours.

Called to Serve Again

Nineteen of the new members of Congress elected in November 2018 are veterans – the largest class of freshmen veteran lawmakers in a decade. The 116th Congress has a total of 97 lawmakers, both new and seasoned, who have military experience.

Exploring Your VA Benefits

Are you interested in finding out which VA benefits you may qualify for (or helping someone else to do the same)? Start with the VA Benefits Navigator tool. By answering a series of questions related to your service, you'll learn which VA benefits you may be eligible to receive. It takes less than 20 minutes and all information you enter is secure. VA benefits may help you buy a home, earn a degree, start a career, stay healthy and do so much more. Visit Explore.VA.gov and click the red "Get Started" button to begin.

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

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