



The Bugle



The 5 Star Award Winning newsletter for the members and friends of Olympia Area Chapter (WA 04) of the Military Officers Association of America, a 501(c)(3) organization,
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Greetings Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Members,

Well, I was thrilled to get out of COVID isolation after 3 weeks of testing positive and now I feel like I am back in it because the 90 plus degree heat has me staying mostly inside my air-conditioned house for the past week. I look forward to the return of 70's in the forecast.

My thanks to those who attended our July meeting. We gathered at the Red Lion/Olympia Hotel again. They provided spacious room, decent food and lots of it. The staff was friendly and seemed eager to make us comfortable. We were a relatively small group what with members traveling, entertaining out of town guests, or dealing with COVID. Hopefully our numbers will increase as we beat back COVID and move from summer into fall. For the first time in at least four years, we had representatives from JBLM Fisher House come and tell us about their facilities and programs. It was a pleasure to hear from them. We also presented a small token of our appreciation to Chuck Peterson, long time chapter member who will be moving to the Midwest next month. Read more about Chuck a little later in the newsletter.

I do hope I will see many of you at our August meeting. We will meet at the Red Lion/Olympia Hotel again on 17 August. This month's menu theme is Italian, one of my favorites! Slots has scheduled an update from the Northwest Director of USO. Come on out for some good food, the USO update, and mostly for the chance to visit with your fellow MOAA chapter members!

A big thank you to the brave few who joined me in the 95-degree heat to present gold bars to the newest National Guard OCS soon-to-be graduates on 28 July at 1700 on JBLM North. Thankfully we were set up in the shade, and it was a more casual event than in past years. We were able to shake hands and briefly chat with the young officer candidates as they gathered for a casual BBQ dinner. It was a good opportunity to congratulate them on joining the officer corps and introduce them to our organization.

There are a couple of events for your consideration in August in addition to our meeting. The Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee is holding a Townhall in Yelm on 10 August, which should be a very informative event. Details on the last page of this newsletter. The Gold Star Memorial Foundation is holding a Wreath Laying Ceremony and a fundraising event on 20 August. Details later in this newsletter.

Stay safe and stay well.

Carrie Nielson, Chapter President

04 August – Happy Coast Guard Day! – The United States Coast Guard was founded August 04, 1790, by Treasury Secretary Alexander Hamilton. It was known back then as the Revenue Marine. Hamilton originally authorized the construction of ten vessels known as Revenue Service cutters, which were intended to enforce the earliest United States tariff laws.



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

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***Board meets at 5:30 p.m. in the**
Tacoma Room of the Quinault Building
(Panorama main bldg) 2nd Wednesday.
All members are welcome to attend
these meetings. **Board will meet via
Zoom until further notice.

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Time to Donate to Fisher House

For 30 years, the Fisher House program has provided “a home away from home” for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers. These homes offer free, temporary lodging to military and veterans’ families, allowing them to be close to their loved one during a medical crisis and focus on what’s important – the healing process. There are 91 Fisher Houses located in the US, Germany and United Kingdom. We are fortunate to have two on JBLM. Fisher House Foundation receives 4 out of 4 stars from Charity Navigator and an A+ grade from Charity Watch. JBLM Fisher Houses have a total of nineteen guest suites plus living room, dining room, pantry, kitchen and laundry facilities and an onsite playground. They served 93 families in FY21.

Fisher House depends on donations from individuals and organizations, such as Olympia Area MOAA, for the bulk of its funding. They also rely on the support of volunteers to help keep their houses feeling like homes, to assist in fundraising efforts, and to explore donation options. If you have questions regarding Madigan’s Fisher Houses, the acting director is Vattana Garcia at (253)967-5198, or vattana.garcia.naf@mail.mil To ask about visiting/touring JBLM Fisher House or volunteering, call Ashley Stowers at 253-967-8362.

We ask that you show your support for our active duty and veterans and their families in times of distress by generously donating to Fisher House this quarter. Our contributions to Madigan’s Fisher Houses go a long way in providing residents with food, toiletries, household items, computers, phone cards and much more.

From the Treasurer’s Report

Bank Balance as of 31 Jul 2022:

Checking	\$12,884.43
Prime Shares	\$ 3,624.36
Total	\$16,508.79

Charitable Donations Update:

NWYLC	*\$ 150.00
USO	**\$ 147.00
Fisher House	\$2,922.00
Santa’s Castle	\$ 575.00
Scholarship	***\$1,566.00

*Have paid for NWYLC 2022.
**Have paid \$1,300 to USO for 2022.
**We have paid out 4 of 5 scholarships for 2022.
(goals: NWYLC \$1,350, USO \$1,400, FH \$1,000, Santa’s Castle \$1,200, Scholarship \$2,000)

Treasurer’s Comments

Thanks to your annual dues and ongoing donations to our charitable programs, our chapter remains financially sound. Our expenses to date are well within the budget approved at our last annual meeting. For this quarter, we target donations to Fisher House, which relies primarily on donations for its operations, so your generosity is appreciated. We continue to support our Scholarship Program with donations throughout the year. This year, we were able to grant \$5000 in scholarships to local high school students. We have awarded \$4000 to date with one award pending school enrollment confirmation. With both of these programs, we are enhancing the MOAA brand within our community!

Barb Nichols to Turn 100!!

On August 19, 2022, our very own Barbara Nichols, retired Army Nurse extraordinaire, will turn 100 years old! Send cards to her at 1600 Sleater Kinney Rd SW, Lacey, WA 98503.



Thank You for Your Service Chuck!

At the July chapter meeting, Chapter President, Carrie Nielson, presented member Chuck Peterson with a small token of appreciation for his sustained superior service to the Olympia Area MOAA Chapter, and to the greater community. During his years with the chapter, Chuck has consistently gone above and beyond – serving on the board, filling the role of Legislative Liaison, serving as the primary liaison to Fisher House and to the Shelton NJROTC unit. He volunteered with the veterans home Bingo program, with Fisher House, and volunteered at Madigan. He was instrumental in saving the Shelton NJROTC unit when it was in danger of dissolving. He went to bat with the Navy Training Command, with Representative Denny Heck and several other politicians to plead the case for the program, working with the instructors, school and booster club. He even motivated Denny Heck to make a speech on the floor of the House about it. Chuck is not particularly into technology, he still uses a flip phone and does not have a computer, but during the COVID times he still consistently used that flip phone to dial in for Zoom meetings of the board and the chapter to make his contributions. Chuck will be sorely missed here in Olympia, but some lucky chapter out east will be gaining a valuable asset! Fair winds and following seas, Chuck!



Mark Foutch, Allen Acosta, Carrie Nielson, and Dave Slotwinski talk MOAA and hand out gold bars while Jeff Battle talks USAA and hands out silver dollars to National Guard officer candidates at their July 28 BBQ on JBLM. A big thank you to Jeff Battle and USAA for supplying the gold bars that we then handed out to the officer candidates.

Special Memorial Salute



GOLD STAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION
&
CITY OF LACEY PRESENTS

FINAL SALUTE TO HERSHEL "WOODY" WILLIAMS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR A WREATH-LAYING CEREMONY TO
HONOR THE LATE HERSHEL WOODY WILLIAMS MEDAL OF
HONOR RECIPIENT & CREATOR OF THE GOLD STAR
FAMILIES MEMORIAL MONUMENT

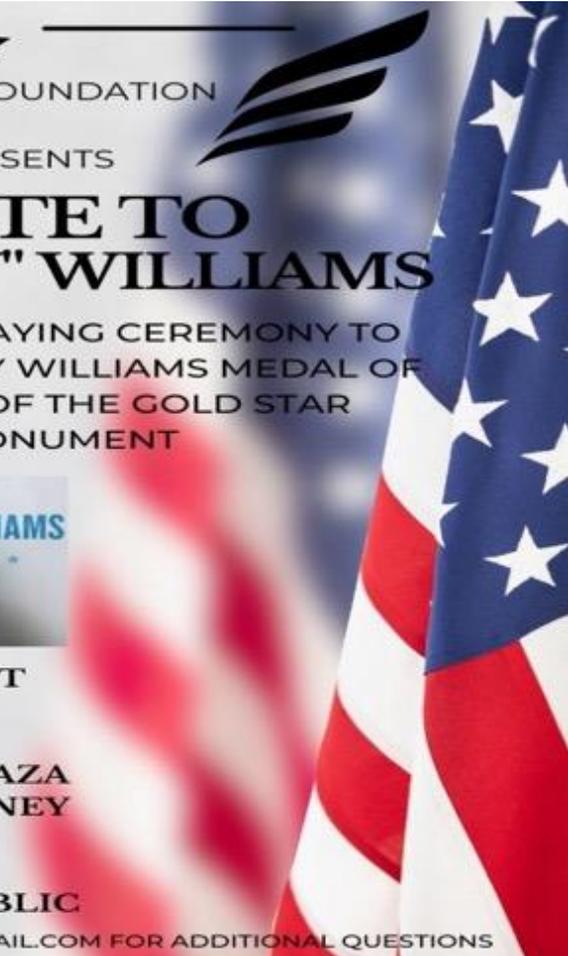


WOODY WILLIAMS
- FOUNDATION -

**WHEN: AUGUST
20TH, 2022
9 - 10 AM**

**WHERE: CIVIC PLAZA
521 SLEATER KINNEY
ROAD
LACEY, WA
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**

PLEASE CONTACT GOLDSTARMEMORIALLACEY@GMAIL.COM FOR ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS



Fun Fundraiser:



GOLD STAR MEMORIAL FOUNDATION OF
LACEY PRESENTS:



BIKES, CARS & BEER

CRUISE-IN



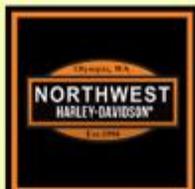
SAT. AUG. 20, 2022

12PM - 6PM

**CATERED BY
THE CIDER BARREL**



**LIVE MUSIC BY
HOQUE & MOORE**



TICKETS: WWW.OLYSHOWS.COM

**NW Harley-Davidson
8000 Freedom Ln NE
Lacey, WA 98516**

PLEASE DRINK RESPONSIBLY

Gold Star Memorial Foundation of Lacey and Woody Williams Foundation were set to unveil the Gold Star Families Monument in October, one of the handful of projects Woody was overseeing before his passing: <https://goldstarmemorialfoundationlacey.com>

17 August 2022 Dinner Meeting RSVP and Chapter Payment/Donation Form

Please fill out/check the appropriate items:

Name: _____

Contact Information: _____

(please provide if there has been any change)

****Please RSVP NLT 15 August.**

1. I ___do___ do not intend to attend the dinner meeting. My dinner entrée choice is ___chicken parmesan with fettuccini alfredo, ___lasagna with meat sauce, or ___portobello mushroom ravioli with garlic cream sauce. Cost \$28.
2. If you live at Panorama and would like to ride the bus, DeFrance Clarke is in charge of procuring bus transportation. He needs names to pass to the staff. Your account will be charged \$3 for the ride. ___Yes, I want to ride the bus from Panorama. Please email DeFrance Clarke NLT 12 August to confirm at defrance@usa.net.
3. I wish to pay my 2022 Chapter Dues of _____ (\$20 for members and spouses, \$10 for surviving spouses, which were due as of 01 January 2022). **** At this time, 58 members have not paid for their 2022 dues. If you are unsure of your dues payment status, give Jim Richards a call, or send him an email, to confirm (360-459-2217, slimrjc@aol.com).**
4. I wish to donate \$ _____ toward our Fisher House fundraiser.
5. I wish to donate \$ _____ toward our scholarship fund.
6. My check, in the amount of \$ _____, is enclosed to cover the above indicated items.

You can mail this form with check to Olympia Area Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 5957, Lacey, WA 98509-5957.

ALTERNATE PAYMENT OPTION: Members can pay dues and make charitable donations online. Dues can be paid for one, two or three years. This tool also allows for a maximum donation of \$100. It will only allow one charitable category at a time. So, it is set up to go to our quarterly charity. Here's the link: <https://chapterdues.moaa.org/Membership.aspx> No login information is needed. Once you select the state and chapter, the payment made will go to that chapter. You only need to pay your dues once a year, but you can use this system to make charitable donations any time of year and as many times as you want.

**At this time, you cannot pay for the dinner online. You can either mail in a check to pay for dinner, or pay upon arrival at the Red Lion/Olympia Hotel on the night of the dinner meeting. On the night of, we can accept checks or exact change cash, \$28 for dinner plus any desired donation amount. Thank you.

July Chapter Meeting

We met at the Red Lion/Olympia Hotel, again in July. The room was spacious for our group. The BBQ themed food was good and plentiful for the price and the wait staff eager to please. We had a fully stocked and manned bar at our disposal throughout our meeting. It was a real pleasure to be joined by two members of the staff at the Fisher Houses of JBLM, Vattana Garcia and Ashley Stowers, who gave us a brief on their facilities and services. It had been over four years since Fisher House staff had joined us for a meeting. We'll be sure to invite them back sooner than that. We also took a few minutes to honor and thank Chuck Peterson for the years of extraordinary service he has provided to the chapter and community, as he is preparing to move to the Midwest next month. He filled so many positions for this chapter, we are still looking for volunteers to fill his shoes!

August Chapter Meeting

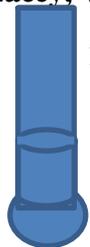
We will meet at the Red Lion/Olympia Hotel, 2300 Evergreen Park Dr, Olympia, WA, on **Wednesday, 17 August**. We **gather at 5:30** for social, with dinner served at 6:00. We ask that everyone RSVP and place their orders ahead of time. The cost for the dinner will be **\$28 per person**. The fee will include pre-set water/iced tea, coffee service, starter salad, garlic bread, chef's choice dessert, choice of one of three entrees: chicken parmesan with fettuccini alfredo, lasagna with meat sauce, or portobello mushroom ravioli with garlic cream sauce, all of which are served with roasted seasonal vegetables. The price includes tax and tip.

I have modified our usual dues/charity contribution form to include a dinner RSVP/order line. You can print/cut it out and mail it to the chapter mailbox with your RSVP/dinner order. Or you can call or email the chapter president or treasurer to RSVP and place your order. You can send your check, to include payment for the dinner as well as any charitable contribution, in with the order form, or you can pay at the door when you come to the dinner, BUT you **must RSVP NLT morning of 15 August for dinner**. We have to give numbers to the restaurant beforehand. If you pay at the door, we can accept check or exact change cash.

For Panorama residents, DeFrance Clarke has reserved a bus for transportation. He will need to provide names of those wishing to ride the bus to and from dinner, so the right size bus can be provided and residents' accounts can be properly charged for the ride (\$3 each). Please RSVP to DeFrance at defrance@usa.net to let him know if you plan to ride the Panorama bus. ****Please RSVP no later than 12 August for bus transport.**

Our guest speaker will be a representative from USO Northwest to provide an update on their services.

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Fisher House Fundraiser
\$1000 2022 goal

\$2922.00 raised



Surviving Spouse Corner – Military Retirees and Dependents with ID Cards that Don't Expire Need to Get Replacements within 4 Years

Retirees and military family members who have identification cards with no expiration date can choose to upgrade to the new Next Generation Uniform Services Identification, or USID, cards whenever it's convenient – as long as it's done within the next four years, according to the Defense Department. There is no looming deadline for use of those old non-active duty cards without expiration dates, but the department expects to completely phase out and replace them with the next-generation IDs, which are more durable and have enhanced security features, by 2026.

DoD plans to phase out and cancel the existing card forms in 2026 when all existing cards with an actual expiration date will have expired. After then, only the USID card will be accepted for installation and benefits access. Social distancing and other pandemic safety precautions at DoD ID card sites worldwide delayed the progress of existing card replacement for a time, but generally most of those cardholders who needed to replace an expired card have done so at this point.

The department recommends that those with old ID cards with no expiration date replace these cards at their convenience by going to "ID Card Office Online" (type that into your internet search engine without the quotation marks, or click on <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>) and make an appointment at your nearest convenient ID card issuing office.

Veterans Town Hall

On Wednesday, **10 August**, from **10:00am to 12:30pm**, the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee will hold a Veterans Town Hall at Yelm Community Center, 301 2nd Street, Yelm, WA. It will feature representatives from WDVA, VA, VFW, JBLM Survivor Outreach, and Veterans Hub. Should be informative with a chance to ask questions and make suggestions. Save the date now.

National Guard OCS BBQ and Gold Bar Distribution

A very big thank you to Dave Slotwinski, Allen Acosta, Mark Foutch and his son Paul for joining me at the BBQ to welcome these newest members into our officer corps. It was blasted hot, but the day was a great opportunity to congratulate these new officers on completing OCS and talk to them about MOAA. Paul was kind enough to take some pictures for us for the Bugle. I am also very grateful to Jeff Battle and USAA for providing the gold bars we distributed to these brand new officers.

Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Has An AmazonSmile Account!

The Olympia Area Chapter of MOAA now has an AmazonSmile account, so when you shop on Amazon, go to smile.amazon.com and shop as usual, then select Olympia Area Chapter MOAA as your charitable organization, and we will receive quarterly donations from the AmazonSmile Foundation. Let's take advantage of this benefit.

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