



The Bugle



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Greetings Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Members,

It is just starting to feel like Summer as we enter June. It is absolutely beautiful outside now that the rhododendrons and other flowering trees and shrubs are in full bloom, so I am savoring that and not in any hurry for the heat to arrive.

It was my distinct pleasure to attend Shelton NJROTC's End of Year Award Ceremony. The cadets really ran the show and did an impressive job. Their instructor had clearly provided them with inspired guidance during the year and they took charge and carried out the plan. Sam and Barb Cagle and I were on hand to present the MOAA JROTC medal with certificate to Cadet Lieutenant Wesson Warmuth, who assumed command of the unit at the end of the evening. We also presented a \$500 check to the booster club in his name to be used in support of the unit.

My thanks to those who attended our May meeting. We were back at River's Edge Restaurant for a second time and a good time was had by all. We were joined by one of our scholarship recipients, Miss Molly Corak, and her father. Molly will be graduating from Yelm High School in June and plans to attend Grand Canyon University in the Fall. It is always fun to have young people join our meetings! We were also joined by a prospective member, Dick Hergert, who recently moved to Olympia from Woodinville and wanted to check us out. I think we convinced him to join, so come to the next meeting and you can welcome him to the chapter.

Just to shake things up, we are going to be meeting at the Red Lion in Olympia next month. We will still meet on the third Wednesday, 15 June, starting at 5:30pm, with dinner served at 6:00pm. Slots has lined up Thurston County Sheriff Snaza as our guest speaker. We are expecting as many as three of our scholarship recipients to join us as guests this month as well. We will be pausing our charity raffling for this month while we check on licensing requirements, so just plan to make your charitable contribution the old fashioned way. For this venue you will need to RSVP and place your dinner order ahead of time.

Three more action notes for you. Be sure to donate generously to Fisher House this quarter. MOAA still needs us all to go online to the Legislative Action Center and send in emails to our legislators about their hot action items – see the link at the end of the newsletter. Mark your calendars for the OCS graduation scheduled for 28 July this year, anticipating 135 new LTs.

Remember MOAA's commitment to "Never Stop Serving," I encourage everyone to pick a way to be of service. And... don't forget, we're all recruiters; let's find some new members. Invite them to our next social, then invite them to join the chapter. Also, I am still looking for a new Bugle editor.

Stay safe and stay well.

Carrie Nielson, Chapter President

06 June	D Day	14 June	Army Birthday
14 June	Flag Day	19 June	Father's Day



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**
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(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. Along with providing free lodging, their Hero Programs allow donated frequent flyer miles and hotel points to be used to bring family members to the bedside of injured or ill service members, and the Foundation offers scholarships for military spouses and children

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)964-9283, or vattana.garcia.naf@mail.mil

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 goal this quarter is \$1,000. 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 May 2022:

Checking	\$13,935.54
Prime Shares	\$ 3,624.05
Total	\$17,559.59

Charitable Donations Update:

NWYLC	*\$ 150.00
USO	\$1,235.00
Fisher House	\$2,300.00
Santa’s Castle	\$ 450.00
Scholarship	**\$3,326.00

*Paid for NWYLC 2022 this month.

**We have paid out 2 of 5 scholarships so far in 2022.

(goals: NWYLC \$1,350, USO \$1,400, FH \$1,000, Santa’s Castle \$1,200, Scholarship \$2,000)

Scholarship Program Update

Thanks to the generosity of the members of Olympia Area MOAA Chapter we were able to award five \$1,000 scholarships this year, which will be paid out over the next few months.

This program is a year-round effort, so we are already collecting money towards next year’s scholarships. You can choose to put a small amount each month toward the scholarship fund, or a larger amount at fewer designated times throughout the year. If you have suggestions for other ways we might raise money for our scholarship fund, please share them with Bill Moseley, our Scholarship Committee Chairperson. Thank you for your support.

National Guard OCS Graduation event – 28 July

This year we will participate in their pre-graduation barbeque, where we will have the opportunity to pass out gold bars and talk to the 135 new LTs about MOAA more extensively.



Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Legislative Liaison, Jerry Fugich, speaking at the Memorial Day Ceremony at the state capitol rotunda in Olympia. Jerry is also in the VFW, chairs the Veteran Legislative Coalition and serves on the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee.



Chapter President Carrie Nielson presented scholarship certificate and \$1,000 “check” to Clare Vivi Kondrat at Pope John Paul II High School Light and Truth ceremony 01 June 2022.



MOAA Crisis Relief Fund

MOAA has approved a \$50K budget and rolled out a new Crisis Relief Fund modeled on the recently ended COVID relief fund. This new program is under the MOAA Foundation and offers those experiencing financial hardship due to a catastrophic event or crisis grants of up to \$500. Service members, spouses, veterans, caregivers and survivors are eligible, with preference given to those not eligible for support from the service relief societies or other organizations (an estimated 12+ million veterans). Should MOAA chapter members become aware of a catastrophic event or crisis in their area, and of impacted individuals who may be eligible for grants from this relief fund, they can serve as the intermediary to assist individuals to apply and to seek other resources identified by MOAA. Application available at: <https://www.moaa.org/CrisisReliefApp> Additional resource information available at <https://www.moaa.org/OtherRelief> Chapter members will be asked to assist in verifying the applicant’s eligibility. For more information on the program: <https://www.moaa.org/relief-verification> MOAA will be conducting fundraising to build an endowment with a goal of \$1M to sustain a \$50K annual budget.

Based on MOAA Leadership Roundtable Brief by Rebecca Culhone



Fisher House has a Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/JBLM-Fisher-House-104306097964824/>

If you would like to volunteer at Fisher House, email their Operations Assistant, Ashley Stowers at Ashley.n.stowers2.naf@mail.mil for current volunteer opportunities.

If anyone is interested in touring JBLM Fisher House, please schedule a date and time with one of the staff and confirm how many will be in your party. Their office hours are M-F 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at 253-967-5198.

ACT NOW for Advocacy in Action (AiA) Campaign

Dan Merry, MOAA Government Relations, recently addressed the need for MOAA chapter members to continue to go to the Legislative Action Center, if they have not already, to ask their Members of Congress to cosponsor/vote yes on the following:

- Stop CoPay Over Pay Act (HR 4824) in order to help get it added to NDAA as an amendment. This bill is about obtaining affordable mental health care for TRICARE beneficiaries.
- Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act of 2021 HR 475 (TRICARE Young Adult Parity) -cosponsored by Rep Kilmer, Strickland and Schrier so far.
- Toxic Exposure Reform (Honoring our PACT Act of 2021 bill) HR 3967 with 100 cosponsors and only Rep Kilmer, Larsen and Strickland in WA cosponsoring (as HASV Chair, Rep Smith does not cosponsor bills that might end up in the NDAA, but needs support from other Representatives to include in NDAA). ****Senate will be voting on this one next week and we need to tell them to VOTE YES!**
- The Richard Star Act (S 344/HR 1282)—This bill is about concurrent receipt for combat-injured service members. Rep DelBene, Newhouse and McMorris Rodgers have NOT cosponsored in the House, and Sen Cantwell has NOT cosponsored in the Senate.
- Urge Your Legislators to Ensure the 4.6% Military Pay Raise as a Minimum.
- Expect NDAA markups to start first two weeks of June. **Action now is important. MOAA's new Legislative Action Center** can be found here: <https://moaa.quorum.us>

June 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 13 June.**

1. My dinner entrée choice is ____ roasted chicken with a tequila-lime marinade, ____ slow roasted beef with red wine sauce, or ____ wild rice stuffed pepper. Price is \$28. Dinner meeting is 5:30pm, 15 June 2022.
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 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, 65 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. (Helpful Hint: It may ask for your MOAA Member #, which is listed on our chapter roster.)

**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 on the night of the dinner meeting. On the night of, we can accept checks or exact change cash, \$28. Thank you.

May Chapter Meeting

We had so much fun in April, we decided to do it all again in May! We returned to River's Edge Restaurant in Tumwater for a lovely dinner meeting and social. We had a handful of people donate raffle items, including bottles of wine, a book and a basket with jams, which made lovely prizes. We raised \$160 for the USO! We were joined by Molly Corak, one of our scholarship students from Yelm High School, and her father. Molly shared her plan to attend Grand Canyon University in the Fall. We had a few new faces in the crowd and a few folks returning after long absences, so we all enjoyed an evening devoted to socializing with a plan to return to the regular guest speaker format next month.

June Chapter Meeting

We will meet at Red Lion Hotel, 2300 Evergreen Park Dr, Olympia, WA, on Wednesday, 15 June. We gather at 5:30 for social, with dinner served at 6:00. This month we will be asking everyone to 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, roll, chef's choice dessert, choice of one of three entrees: roasted chicken with a tequila-lime marinade, slow roasted beef with red wine sauce, or wild rice stuffed pepper, all of which are served with garlic mashed potatoes and grilled 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 13 June**. 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 10 June.**

We will be pausing our charity raffle while we check on licensing requirements. Our guest speaker this month will be Thurston County Sheriff Snaza speaking on crime trends and crime prevention measures.

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USO Fundraiser
\$1400 2022 goal
\$1235.00 raised



Surviving Spouse Corner

MOAA's website has a section with this title that features some interesting articles. The most recent discusses resources for older adults, like Elder Law Attorneys and Senior Real Estate Specialists. This is just the tip of the iceberg, as there are many other articles of potential interest for spouses archived from this location.

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2022-news-articles/surviving-spouse-corner-4-resources-for-older-adults/>

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.

NJROTC Award Ceremony

The Shelton NJROTC Unit held its annual awards ceremony on 26 May, at 1700, in the Shelton High School gymnasium. Chapter President Carrie Nielson attended to present the MOAA JROTC medal to Cadet Lieutenant Wesson Warmuth, who assumed command of the unit at the end of the evening, and to present a support check for \$500 to their booster club to help fund the many activities that benefit the cadets. The young cadets really ran the show that evening and they did an impressive job. These events are truly inspiring to attend!

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.

MOAA's new Legislative Action Center can be found here: <https://moaa.quorum.us>

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