



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,

November was a fun month. I attended Elf training at Santa's Castle. Spending time volunteering as a shopping elf is a highlight of my year and I look forward to doing so again this year. I particularly enjoyed the day at Northwest Harley Davidson with my fellow MOAA Chapter members for our Sports Ball Drop for Santa's Castle. We collected and blew up a lot of balls on that bright, chilly day. A big thanks to those who stopped by to drop off balls, those who came to help inflate balls and drive them up to the castle, to our hosts, Harley Davidson, to Olympic Peninsula MOAA Chapter, Puget Sound MOWW Chapter, Olympia Elks Lodge and the Veterans Students and sports teams at Saint Martin's University who very generously supported our Sports Ball Drive this year, helping us collect approximately 500 balls!! It was also a distinct pleasure to represent the chapter with treasurer Bill Moseley in presenting a check for \$1,800 to Santa's Castle to help purchase additional toys to make Christmas bright for military families this year. So proud of our generous chapter members!

For November's meeting, we switched to lunch meetings and we returned to Panorama. It sure felt like a pleasant homecoming to be back in our comfortable private dining room. We took the time at the start of the meeting to hold the two-bell ceremony to honor those members who passed this year and whose absence is felt so keenly. I presented a summary of the chapter's accomplishments for the past year and priorities for the coming year. We voted in our slate of officers and board members for 2023, approved the budget for 2023 and approved maintaining dues at their current level: \$20/year for regular member, \$10/year for surviving spouse members. Your 2023 dues are due on 01 January 2023.

This quarter we will focus on collecting funds for our scholarship. We are currently soliciting scholarship applications for this year, which will be due 15 January. The application is available on our website.

Stay safe and stay well.

Carrie Nielson, Chapter President



President Carrie Nielson accepting 5 Star Level of Excellence Award from General Dana Atkins and General Walter Sharp at annual national MOAA meeting.



Be sure to add the new chapter web page, <https://olympiamoaa.org> and its new Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2391199391028076> 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. Contact
President for Zoom link.

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This Quarter is All About Scholarship

Our scholarship program has evolved from a \$1000 award to a single student from the Shelton High School NJROTC unit to several scholarships to students across our service area, which includes Thurston, Mason, Pacific, Lewis and Grays Harbor counties. Expanding our program to all area high schools has greatly enhanced the MOAA brand and awareness within our surrounding communities. We have had very positive conversations with school counselors, parents and students at schools throughout Thurston County and enjoyed attending awards ceremonies at four schools this past year once COVID restrictions lifted and made these ceremonies possible again. Over the past 2 years, we were successful in raising \$5000 each year, allowing us to award five \$1000 scholarships. Last year, we received 22 applications from 9 high schools. The ten \$1000 scholarships that we awarded so far included two students from military families. We were able to raise \$5000 in each of the past 2 years because we did not have to raise funds for NWYLC while they had a two-year hiatus for COVID. After much discussion, the board recommended and the chapter agreed to stop our chapter level support of NWYLC this year in order to focus on sustaining the fundraising success for our scholarship program that we have achieved for the past two years. Our fundraising effort for the next quarter (Dec-Feb) will focus on our scholarship program. To date, we have \$1,065 in the scholarship fund. The success of this program depends on your generous donations. Thanks for your support!

From the Treasurer's Report

Bank Balance as of 30 Nov 2022:

Checking	\$ 6,436.23
Prime Shares	\$ 3,625.00
Total	\$10,061.23

Charitable Donations Update:

NWYLC	*\$ 150.00
USO	**\$ 247.00
Fisher House	****\$ 0.00
Santa's Castle	\$1,800.00
Scholarship	***\$1,065.00

*Have paid for NWYLC 2022.
**Have paid \$1,300 to USO for 2022.
***We paid 5 \$1000 scholarships for 2022.
****Paid Fisher House \$3,273.
(goals: NWYLC \$1,350, USO \$1,400, FH \$1,000, Santa's Castle \$1,200, Scholarship \$2,000)

Olympia Sustains 5 Star Level of Excellence!!

***** Olympia Area Chapter was recognized as a Five Star Level of Excellence Chapter for the 12th straight year! *****

Treasurer's Comments

During the annual meeting, we approved our 2023 budget. It is a balanced budget that includes \$27,588 in income and \$19,848 in expenses with a net balance of \$6,368. All of the income comes from dues and your donations toward our charities and scholarship programs. Last quarter you donated \$1800 to Santa's Castle, a 22% increase from last year. Thanks! This quarter we'll focus on our scholarship program. As we approach tax season, I want to remind you that our chapter is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This means that your donations are tax deductible. If you would like a receipt of your donations for your tax records, please let me know by contacting me at: willimosel@aol.com.



Annual meeting at Panorama's Seventeen 51 Bistro – we're back!



Teresa and Bryon Burgess, Ro Marcus and Dave Slotwinski deliver sports balls to Santa's Castle – approximately 500 collected this year!



Bill Moseley and Carrie Nielson present check for \$1,800 to Santa's Castle Volunteer Coordinator on behalf of Olympia Area MOAA Chapter.

Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Elected Officers and Board Members for Calendar Year 2023

Position	Incumbent 2022	Elected Officers 2023, 1 year term
President	Carrie Nielson	Dave Slotwinski
1st VP (Programs)	Dave Slotwinski	Dave Slotwinski
2nd VP (Membership)	Jim Richards	Carrie Nielson
Treasurer	William Moseley	William Moseley
Secretary	Roselyn Marcus	Roselyn Marcus
<i>Past President (not elected)</i>	Empty (Slots)	Carrie Nielson
<i>Bugle Editor - >Communications Director (not elected)</i>	Shared by Carrie and Sam	Chris Dearing
Board members Elected/re-elected for 3 year term		
Term expires 2022 Next term 23-25	Chaplain Doug White	Chaplain Doug White
Vacant New Term: 23- 25	Vacant	Allen Acosta
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Board members not up for re-election		
Term expires 2023	Steve Edwards **	Next term: 24- 26
Term expires 2023	Bryon Burgess	Next term: 24- 26
Term expires 2023	Sam Cagle	Next term: 24- 26
Term expires 2024	DeFrance Clarke	Next Term 25- 27
Term expires 2024	Ruth Brigden	Next Term 25- 27
Term expires 2024	Chris Dearing	Next Term 25- 27

Camp Lewis Wreaths Across America

On December 17, 2022, at 0900, Wreaths Across America will be at Camp Lewis Cemetery to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance Wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes and through saying the names of each and every veteran aloud. Everyone is welcome to help lay wreaths at as many graves as possible. Go to their website to sponsor a wreath or to volunteer to participate in the wreath laying ceremony:

<https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/20762/overview> .

21 December 2022 Lunch 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 16 December.**

1. I ___do___ do not intend to attend the lunch meeting. My lunch entrée choice is ___Herb-Roasted Sirloin or ___Slow-Roasted Turkey both served with Caesar Salad, Roasted Red Potatoes, Buttered Broccoli and Pumpkin Pie with Chantilly Cream. Cost \$21.50. _____ I am vegan/vegetarian and will order off the Bistro Menu.
2. In December we will be meeting at Panorama's Seventeen 51 Bistro for lunch.
3. I wish to pay my 2023 Chapter Dues of _____ (\$20 for members and spouses, \$10 for surviving spouses, which are due as of 01 January 2023). **** If you are unsure of your dues payment status, give Bill Moseley a call, or send him an email, to confirm (360-688-7626, willimosel@aol.com).**
4. I wish to donate \$ _____ toward our scholarship fund.
5. 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 lunch online. You can either mail in a check to pay for lunch or pay upon arrival at Panorama on the day of the lunch meeting. On the day of, we can accept checks or exact change cash, \$19.50 for lunch plus any desired donation amount. Thank you.

November Chapter Meeting

We met for lunch at Panorama's Seventeen 51 Bistro in November for the first time since before COVID and it sure felt nice to be back! After socializing and settling in, we took time at the beginning of our meeting to hold the 2-bell ceremony, remembering those we lost this past year. After that moving tribute, we reviewed our accomplishments of 2022 and our priorities for 2023. We voted on our officers and board members for 2023, as well as our budget and dues for 2023. A copy of the presentation slides is available, upon request, from the president.

December Chapter Meeting

We will meet at Panorama, on **Wednesday, 21 December**. We **gather starting between 11:00 and 11:30** for social hour, with lunch served at 12:00. We ask that everyone RSVP and place their orders ahead of time. The cost for the lunch will be **\$21.50 per person**, which includes pre-set water/coffee service, choice of Turkey or Sirloin accompanied by Caesar Salad, Roast Potatoes, Broccoli and Pumpkin Pie. The price includes tax and tip. Vegan/Vegetarian guests will be able to order off of the Bistro menu.

I have modified our usual dues/charity contribution form above to include a lunch RSVP/order line. You can print/cut it out and mail it to the chapter mailbox with your RSVP/lunch 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 lunch as well as any charitable contribution, in with the order form, or you can pay at the door when you come to the lunch, **BUT you must RSVP NLT 16 December for lunch**. We have to give numbers to the restaurant beforehand. If you pay at the door, we can accept check or exact change cash for the lunch plus any charitable donation you are making.

At the December meeting we will swear in our new officers and board members. We are searching for entertainment for this holiday/social gathering. Everyone is encouraged to wear a holiday sweater and/or special holiday attire to keep things festive. At the very least, we will play holiday background music.

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Santa's Castle Fundraiser
\$1,800 2022 raised
\$1,200 2022 goal



Ladies' Lunch Club is Back!

Our Ladies Lunch group has restarted and will meet at Season's Teriyaki and Sushi, 1401 Marvin Rd NE suite 304, Lacey, on 12 December at 1200. This networking group is open to members, spouses and guests. The group meets once a month at a different restaurant. Primarily a social group, there are no dues. Discussions range from dentist recommendations to favorite sites to see in Hawaii to the merits of RV camping. A great, casual networking group. Contact chapter member Chris McManus at christine.mcmanus@gmail.com if you would like to join.

TRICARE, FEDVIP Open Season

Open season is 14 Nov – 13 Dec. This is a time when you can enroll in or change your health care coverage for the next year without the need for a qualifying life event. Any changes you make during open season will be effective for the 2023 calendar year. Visit the TRICARE Open Season page to learn how open season affects you and how to take action at: <https://tricare.mil/openseason> .

Olympia Chapter in National MOAA Press

Our Olympia Area Chapter has seen some national MOAA coverage recently. First up: if you were reading your November edition of the Military Officer magazine closely, you might have noticed a familiar name on page six, the Letters to the Editor, where they published a letter from none other than our very own chapter member, Frank Hensley. Yes, those letters really do come from real people, like you and me! Shortly after that, their website featured a photo and story about our Sports Ball Drop for Santa's Castle:

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2022-news-articles/olympia-area-chapter-collects-hundreds-of-sports-balls-for-military-children/>

Scholarships

Information about our chapter scholarship and the application form can be found on the chapter website at: <https://olympiamoaa.org/scholarships> .

MOAA's new Legislative Action Center can be found here: <https://moaa.quorum.us> **Be sure to register here if you haven't, to receive legislative updates and send emails to your Congressional Representatives on key issues.

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