



# 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,  
P.O. Box 5957, Lacey, Washington 98509-5957  
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Greetings Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Members,

I was most pleased in October to meet with Washington National Guard's newest Warrant Officers. Dave Slotwinski, Ro Marcus, Chris Dearing, Mark Foutch, Sam Cagle, and myself met with these five new officers to present them with a set of bars, congratulate them on this significant career milestone, tell them all about MOAA, and encourage them to join. We were very thankful to be given our own timeslot to meet with them on the morning of their pinning ceremony. I also circled back to attend the ceremony that afternoon, shook their hands and spoke to the unit commander about our chapter's desire to attend all future pinning ceremonies to welcome new officers.

October was our last dinner meeting for the year, as we will switch to lunch meetings in November. We also plan to return to Panorama in November after a very long absence. River's Edge and Red Lion/Olympia Inn both served us well, but a majority of our members have expressed a desire to return to the comfortable, familiar surroundings of Panorama, so we will be making that happen in November. We are also preparing for our annual meeting and 2 Bell Ceremony in November. If you know of a chapter member or spouse we have lost in the past year, please let Chaplain Doug White know, so we can make sure they are remembered during the 2 Bell Ceremony. I do hope to see many of you at the November lunch meeting where we will vote on our slate of officers, dues for the next year, review our strategic plan and budget and greet our visiting Washington State Council of Chapters President, Dave Casteel, and his wife.

We are well on our way to achieving our fundraising goal for Santa's Castle this quarter, keep those generous donations coming! Of course, we also continue to collect funds for our scholarship year-round. We have begun soliciting scholarship applications for this year, which will be due in January. Along with our usual fundraising efforts, we are planning to run our Santa's Castle sports ball drive. Hope to see you at the Sports Ball Drop event November 19.

Stay safe and stay well.

Carrie Nielson, Chapter President



Treasurer Bill Moseley presents check for \$3,273 to Fisher House on behalf of Olympia Area MOAA Chapter.



Be sure to add the new chapter web page, <https://olympiamoaa.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. Contact**  
**President for Zoom link.**

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**Time to Gear Up for Santa's Castle**

Santa's Castle has provided Christmas gifts since 1994 to the children of Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve families experiencing financial difficulty. In 2021, 2,633 children from 1,245 families were served by Santa's Castle. A grand total of \$219,981 in toys, books, games, bikes, and stocking stuffers were given out.

Santa's Castle is operated entirely by volunteers. Their donors and volunteers are dedicated to ensuring the children of our military heroes receive Christmas gifts, making their holidays brighter.

Each year from September through November our MOAA chapter collects monetary contributions to be donated to Santa's Castle. The contributions are critical to making Santa's Castle successful in achieving its mission.

We also encourage any chapter members interested in volunteering to consider serving as elves at Santa's Castle, helping service members and spouses shop for their children at the castle. This year, toy distribution will occur November 28-December 2 and December 5-9. If you can spare the time, consider volunteering as an elf. It only requires a brief training session and then at least one 2-4 hour shift at the castle. Santa's Castle anticipates holding training sessions in November. Volunteers need only attend one training session. Our chapter Point of Contact for this effort is Dave Slotwinski (360-292-3624).

Meanwhile, please consider including a little something extra in your monthly check to be donated to this worthy cause. Goal is \$1,200.

**From the Treasurer's Report**

Bank Balance as of 30 Sep 2022:  
Checking \$ 7,347.64  
Prime Shares \$ 3,624.84  
Total \$10,972.48

**Charitable Donations Update:**

NWYLC \*\$ 150.00  
USO \*\*\$ 172.00  
Fisher House \*\*\*\*\$ 0.00  
Santa's Castle \$1,101.00  
Scholarship \*\*\*\$ 965.00

\*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!!**

\*\*\*\*\* In August the results were published and Olympia Area Chapter was again recognized as a Five Star Level of Excellence Chapter. \*\*\*\*\*

**Treasurer's Comments**

We are in the last quarter of the fiscal year and the chapter remains financially sound. Although the pandemic affected our in-person meetings, it did not affect your generous donations to the charitable organizations we support. So far, we have met or exceeded the goal in each case. This quarter, focus is on Santa's Castle and our Scholarship Program. To date, we are tracking towards our goal of \$1200 for Santa's Castle and \$2000 for scholarships. Let me remind you that all of your donations towards a particular charity are presented to that organization. For example, we just donated \$3273 to Fisher House. Our goal was \$1000. So, please keep the donations coming. Lastly, I would like to remind you that we are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and all donations to our chapter are tax deductible.

**Olympia Area Chapter MOAA Officers and Board Slate for calendar year 2023 (as of 10/28/22)**

<b>Position</b>	<b>Incumbent 2022</b>	<b>Proposed Officers 2023, 1 year term</b>
<b>President</b>	Carrie Nielson	<b>Dave Slotwinski</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> VP</b>	Dave Slotwinski	<b>Dave Slotwinski</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> VP</b>	Jim Richards	<b>Carrie Nielson</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	William Moseley	William Moseley
<b>Secretary</b>	Roselyn Marcus	Roselyn Marcus
<b>Past President</b>	Empty ( Slots)	Carrie Nielson
<b>Bugle Editor - &gt;Communications Director</b>	Shared by Carrie and Sam	Chris Dearing
Vacant or BOD members up for re-election (3 year term)		
Term expires 2022 Next term 23-25	<b>Chaplain Doug White</b>	Chaplain Doug White
Vacant New Term: 23- 25	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Allen Acosta</b>
Vacant New Term: 23- 25	<b>Vacant</b>	<b>Mark Wiseman</b>
Board members not up for re-election		
Term expires 2023	<b>Steve Edwards **</b>	Next term: 24- 26
Term expires 2023	<b>Byron Burgess</b>	Next term: 24- 26
Term expires 2023	<b>Sam Cagle</b>	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

**Sports Ball Drive**

Along with collecting funds for Santa's Castle, we also like to gather new sports balls of every variety each year with a goal of collecting 1,000 balls so that every family served will receive a sports ball. So start ordering and buying balls, tell your friends and neighbors, get the other clubs you belong to involved. Let's collect a record number of balls this year to make sure every military family that comes to the castle leaves with a ball! We will have a final collection day 19 November at NW Harley Davidson -see flyer on the next page.

Follow me to the...



**Olympia Area MOAA Chapter and Northwest Harley -Davidson® Sports Ball Collection Site**

Drop Off: Saturday Nov 19  
between 10 AM - 2PM

Where: Northwest Harley -Davidson®  
8000 Freedom Ln. NE,  
Lacey, WA 98516

To coordinate for the drop off of Sports Balls before or after Nov 19, please contact Slots @ 360-292-3624



*Our goal: Collect 1000 new Sports Balls for Santa's Castle on JBLM!*



*Making Christmas brighter for military families experiencing financial hardships*

Once inflated, all balls will be taken to Santa's Castle, JBLM



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## 16 November 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 11 November.**

1. I \_\_\_do\_\_\_do not intend to attend the lunch meeting. My lunch choice is \_\_\_Macaroni and Cheese with Garlic Bread, \_\_\_Mandarin Salad with Soy Ginger Dressing, or \_\_\_BLAST Sandwich with Fries. Cost \$19.50.

2. In November we will be meeting at Panorama again for the first time since before the pandemic and switching to lunches for the winter season.

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). **\*\* 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 Santa's Castle 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 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.

### October Chapter Meeting

We met at the Red Lion/Olympia Hotel in October and enjoyed hosting our three NWYLC scholarship students and their parents. It was a pleasure to hear about their experiences at the leadership conferences and their plans for the future.

### November Chapter Meeting

We will meet at Panorama, on **Wednesday, 16 November**. 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 **\$19.50 per person**, which includes pre-set water/coffee service, choice of Macaroni and Cheese with Garlic Bread, or Mandarin Salad with Soy-Ginger Dressing, or BLAST Sandwich with Fries, all accompanied by Chocolate Zucchini Cake. The price includes tax and tip.

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 11 November 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.

The November meeting will be our annual meeting. We will conduct a two-bell ceremony honoring those we lost this past year. We will vote on the recommended slate of officers and board members included in this newsletter. The chapter president will present a summary of last year's accomplishments and the strategic plan for 2023. The treasurer will review the budget for 2023. The chapter will vote on dues for 2023 (the board is recommending no change from 2022). We will also welcome our visiting Washington State Council of Chapters President, Dave Casteel and his spouse.

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

\$1,101 2022 raised



### **Ladies' Lunch Club is Back!**

Our Ladies Lunch group has restarted and will meet at Tugboat Annie's, 2100 West Bay Dr, Olympia, on 14 November 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](mailto:christine.mcmanus@gmail.com) if you would like to join.

### **WA National Guard Warrant Officer Graduation/Commissioning**

On 16 October the WA National Guard graduated/pinned 5 new Warrant Officers and several Olympia MOAA chapter members attended. Specifically, at 1000 that day we presented these new Warrant Officers with rank insignia, congratulating them on this important career milestone and talking with them about MOAA and the benefits of membership.

### **Veterans Day Observances**

On Saturday, 5 November, Auburn will hold their 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Parade. It will take place at 11am on Main Street. For more information, see [www.auburnwa.gov/vets](http://www.auburnwa.gov/vets). Tacoma's Annual Veterans Day observance will take place 1100, 11 November at the Tacoma War Memorial Park, 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue and South MacArthur Street.

### **USO Update**

A recent article in Military.com discussed "mysterious" sudden closures of some USO locations around the country. Our chapter president spoke with the center manager at Fort Lewis recently. None of our Northwest USO locations are currently in danger of closing as they all have very high levels of foot traffic, but they are subject to "belt tightening" and greatly appreciate our support.

### **TRICARE, FEDVIP Open Season Webinar**

Open season for making any needed changes to your TRICARE or FEDVIP medical, dental or vision insurance plans runs from 14 Nov – 12 Dec. MOAA is offering a Webinar at 1100 Pacific time on 01 November titled "What You Need to Know about Medicare, TRICARE, and FEDVIP Open Season." MOAA Premium and Life members have access to all recorded MOAA webinars at any time via [MOAA's webinar archive](#).

### **Scholarships**

With schools back in session, we have begun advertising our scholarships to Thurston County high schools. Information about the scholarship and the application form can be found on our chapter website.

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

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