



Olympia Area Chapter

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**THIS MONTH'S
MEETING INFO**
MEAL ORDER

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President's Note

David "Slots" Slotwinski, Col, USA, Ret. President

Excellent April meeting. I want to thank our members who joined us for an update on the USO from Commander (ret) Don Leingang, Executive Director, USO Northwest. After listening to Don speak, you can not help feel good about the impact our donations to the USO Northwest have on those who use the USO facilities and services. Thank you for your generosity; we're making a difference.

For our future meetings, we have been able to line-up some impressive speakers. For our May meeting, our guest speaker is LtCol Harwell, Shelton NJROTC (potential new member). For June- Buffalo Soldier display and Q&A; for July- Director Puente, new Director, WDVA; for August- LTG Brunson, Commander I Corps and JBLM; for September- working on Commander, Madigan AMC, for October- Col (ret) Dave Casteel, President, WSCOC.

For us to continue to attract quality speakers, we need to up our attendance. We're probably the only MOAA Chapter in Washington and perhaps the only VSO in Washington to have Director Puente and LTG Brunson address the organization in the span of 6-months. We're out of Covid; the bistro restaurant is working hard to serve us quality food and drink; we have negotiated "best" value pricing for cocktails and meals; we have added Cash App payment and reservations- so why not come out and join us?

As mentioned above, we have added a Cash App payment option for paying dues, making donations, paying for meals and making reservations. Instructions for setting up your account and using the system are include in this issue of the Bugle. If you have questions, please contact either our Treasurer, Bill Moseley or any Board member. And, as a reminder, our next meeting is Wednesday, May 17, social at 5:30 PM, followed by dinner at 6:00 PM. In addition to vegetarian meals, those wishing a gluten-free meal, may order off the menu.

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This year's Advocacy-In-Action focused on restoring BAH to 100%, Reversing Tricare Pharmacy Network Cuts, and increasing support for the All-Volunteer Force. During the April 26 session, our state council President was able to secure 8 appointments and met with 4 representatives. Among those he met with were Representative Strickland who was the introducer of HR2537 which would restore BAH to 100% and Representative Kilmer who is always supportive of military and veteran's issues.

Our five scholarship awardees are: from Olympia HS- Maria Aurelio, Connor Johnson, Sax Matson and from Pope John Paul HS- Isabella Kondrat and Moriah Steinbrecher. Many thanks to you for your generosity; to provide you with an opportunity to meet each, we will be inviting each and their families to join us at a future meeting. And, as a reminder- for May, our charity is the USO and we have a goal to collect \$1400. Please note that to ensure your donation goes to the Local NW USO, make your donation through the chapter.

Next, I am looking for volunteers who would like to work with the Board to develop a sponsorship program and welcome packet. This is important to attracting and retaining new members and besides, what a great way to contribute to the chapter's future. Don't be shy, step forward!

Our next board meeting is via Zoom at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, May 10 and our next dinner meeting is on Wednesday, May 17 at Panorama's seventeen51 bistro; social at 5:30 PM, meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. Our guest speaker- LtCol Harwell, Shelton NJROTC.

I am looking forward to seeing you on May 17. And remember, we're all recruiters- bring a guest to the May meeting and your drinks are on me.

Dave "Slots" Slotwinski

Dues and Donations

Annual Dues are \$20.00. \$10.00 for Surviving Spouses. Due 1 Jan 2023.

While we continue to collect for our scholarship fund throughout the year, this quarter (Mar, Apr, May) donations are being collected for USO Northwest.

Payment for dues (for one, two or three years) and/or donations can be done through the MOAA national web site:

<https://chapterdues.moaa.org>

or by mail to: Olympia MOAA, PO Box 5957, Lacey, WA 98509-5957.

If you are unsure if you owe dues, contact VP Carrie Nielson or Treasurer Bill Moseley: candrnielson@comcast.net OR willimose@aol.com

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Treasurer's Report

Bill Moseley, Col, USAF, Ret. - Treasurer

A complete monthly Treasurer's Report is available on request.

Charitable Donations	as of 4/30/23	2023 Goal
USO	\$807	\$1,400
Fisher House	\$25	\$1,000
Santa's Castle	\$75	\$1,200
Scholarship	\$5,134	\$2,000
Total Fundraising Amount	\$6,041	



Scholarship Program

Submitted by Bill Moseley, Col, USAF, Ret., Scholarship Committee Chair

Our scholarship program has again achieved outstanding success this year. Through your generous contributions, we have enough funds to award 5 scholarships of \$1000 each. We received 11 applications with 10 meeting our criteria. Thanks to David Slotwinski and Mark Wiseman for judging the applications from a group of very high achievers. Our scholarship recipients are:

- Maria Aurelio- Olympia High School*
- Bella Kondrat- Pope John Paul High School*
- Connor Johnson- Olympia High School*
- Sax Matson- Olympia High School*
- Moriah Steinbrecher- Pope John Paul High School*

USO

For this month, our donation focus is the USO. Our goal for this charity is \$1400. To date we have collected \$807. Keep in mind that our chapter's donation goes to the USO Northwest and funds stay in this area to support all the programs in the Pacific Northwest to include the Shali USO Center, the Camp Lewis USO at JBLM, the Sea-Tac USO Center, Portland USO Center, the Mobile USO Program, and the USO Transition Center at JBLM. Last year, USO Northwest touched the lives of over 118,000 service members and their families. Your donations help make this possible. Thanks for your continual support to our USO fund.



New CashApp Account

In an effort to give our membership more options to transact business, we created a CashApp account. We are officially launching CashApp this month. This new application will give you another way to pay dues, make meal registrations and to make donations. It does not replace our other methods like mail or the MOAA online payment system. CashApp requires a download to your mobile device. Instructions were sent out last month in preparation for this month's launch. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Moseley at willimosel@aol.com.



MOAA Legislative Action

Sign up for MOAA's Legislative Action Center. By signing up you can send a message to your legislator to support key MOAA advocacy issues. https://moaa.quorum.us/sign_in/

The Richard Star Act H.R. 1282/S. 344 has cleared the Consensus Calendar but support was too late in the 2022 session. The co-sponsor count now includes Rep. Derek Kilmer, D-WA-6, Dan Newhouse, R-WA-4, Marilyn Strickland, D-WA-10, Marie Gluesenkamp Perez, D-WA-3, Suzan DelBene, D-WA-1, Cathy McMorris Rodgers, R-WA-5, Rick Larsen, D-WA-2, Kim Schrier, D-WA-8. Both WA Senators, Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell have cosponsored the Senate bill 344.

MOAA Legislative Action Center Link: <https://moaa.quorum.us>

MOAA Exclusive Member Discounts

Who doesn't like a discount? Check the latest exclusive member discounts and more at: <https://www.moaa.org/content/benefits-and-discounts/MOAA-exclusive-discounts/>



Fort Lewis Memorial Park

Member of the Month

Submitted by: Carrie Nielson, CAPT, USN, Ret. - Membership

DeFrance Clarke is an active member of the Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Board, shaping the direction of the chapter and representing it at community events.

Where are you from? DeFrance grew up in Greenwich, Connecticut.

Branch of Service? He served in the US Air Force.

Specialty/What did you/your spouse do in the military? He was a Rated Navigator with Electronic Warfare Specialty.

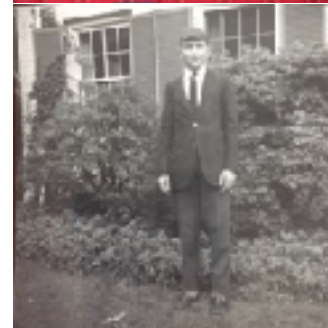
Favorite duty station/assignment? Rhein Main Airbase Germany

Family? Wife, 5 Kids, 11 Grandchildren

How did you end up here? Wife born here

What do you enjoy doing now? Retirement lifestyle at Panorama

What would you like to see the chapter do next? Recruit more members, encourage them to attend meetings.



Events and Links

Surviving Spouse - Nisqually Widows

Ruth Brigden, Surviving Spouse Liaison

Nisqually Widows will be meeting May 16th at 11AM in the Panorama Restaurant BoardRoom. The speaker will be Erin Dorn, Panorama Aquatic & Fitness Center Coordinator. For reservations or information, contact Linda Shaudis at 360-438-5095.



Fort Lewis Memorial Park

May Ladies Lunch Club

The May MOAA Ladies Luncheon will be at Bud Bay Cafe, May 8th, in Olympia at noon. The address is 525 Columbia St NW Olympia, WA 98501. The menu is available at: [Bud Bay Cafe Lunch Menu](#)

For June, Ranch House BBQ & Steakhouse in southwest Olympia is under consideration. This is the BBQ joint out on Route 8 - the address is 10841 Kennedy Creek Rd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512. An early dinner meeting (1700) to allow folks who cannot make lunch meetings is also under consideration. June should maximize daylight hours for anyone cautious about driving at night and carpooling is an option.

Please RSVP if interested, or if you have any questions or suggestions to Chris McManus at christine.mcmanus@gmail.com

May Board Meeting

May 10, 2023, 5:30 pm. Via Zoom. Contact DSlotwin@outlook.com for a Zoom invite.

Need a new ID Card?

Note: If you plan on visiting the Customer Service Mall for a new ID card or to update DEERS, please make an appointment. To make an ID card appointment reservation go to the Rapids site at <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/> and select, ID Card Office Locator and Appointment button and follow the prompts to make an appointment.

Fort Lewis Memorial Park

Fort Lewis Memorial Park is 4.2 acres on the Army post dedicated to honor soldiers who have died since 9/11. Visitors can stop at the Fort Lewis visitor's center at the main gate and request a pass to enter the post. The park is located near S. Division St. and Stryker Ave. near the AAFES Stryker Express convenience store.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day Ceremony

[Washington State Capitol Dome Rotunda](#), 416 Sid Snyder Ave, SW, Olympia, WA 98501. 12:20 pm Vietnam Veterans Memorial Day Event held by Vietnam Vets/Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club. Cookies and coffee provided.

Memorial Day Wreath Laying- Dupont, WA

Monday, May 29, 2023 1 pm. Annual wreath laying event in Ross Plaza, 1500 Ross Plaza Loop, Dupont, WA.

Olympia Thunder Run

May 29, 2023, Memorial Day at the Olympia Capitol Rotunda, Olympia, WA 98502. Sponsored by the Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs. <https://dva.wa.gov/calendar/event/2023-05/olympia-thunder-run-come-honor-those-who-did-so-much-us>

Be sure to add our new chapter web page: <https://olympiamoaa.org> and the new Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2391199391028076> to your favorite sites.



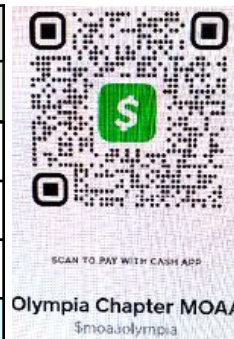
Meeting Information and Meal Request

Venue: *seventeen51 restaurant and bistro* - Panorama, 1751 Circle Ln. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. 360-438-6623 Please RSVP no later than the afternoon of 15 May, 2023 to willimosel@aol.com. Please include menu entree selection in CashApp payment description.

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 17, gather at 5:30, dinner at 6 pm.

May Dinner Menu Options:

Classic Meatloaf	\$24.00	x		= \$
Stuffed Portobello Mushroom	\$24.00	x		= \$
Scholarship Fund Donation				= \$
USO Northwest Donation				= \$
Annual Dues \$20.00 Member, \$10.00 Surviving Spouse				= \$
Total Amount Mailed				= \$



The cost is **\$24.00** (Includes Wedge Salad, sides mashed potatoes and sautéed vegetables. Dessert is Strawberry Cream Cake. Coffee, tea and water included). Gluten Free items are available from the menu on request. The treasurer encourages members to send in payment for meals along with any dues or donations by mail or via CashApp beforehand to ensure menu item entree selection and RSVP count. This simplifies matters on meeting day. Payment at door must be check, CashApp or exact change cash. Please send a confirmation email to: willimosel@aol.com OR mail payment and confirmation to: Olympia MOAA, PO Box 5957, Lacey, WA 98509-5957

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