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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 May meeting. I want to thank our members who joined us for an update on the Shelton HS Navy Junior ROTC program from LtCol Brian Harwell (USMC, Ret). After listening to LtCol Harwell's remarks, it is time for us to re-engage with the unit. I will be getting with Brian to discuss "things" we can do, and volunteer opportunities to help the unit. If anyone has marksmanship training skills, your skills are needed as the unit is starting-up a marksmanship team.

Also, at our meeting were 4 of our 5 scholarship winners and their parents. Present were Bella Kondrat and her father- Robert, Sax Matson and his father- Trent and mother- Laura, Moriah Steinbrecher and her mother- Diane, Conner Johnson and his mother- Johanna and father- Ryan.

For June, our program will be presented by the Buffalo Soldiers, for July our speaker is WDVA Director, David Puente, and our August speaker is LTG Brunson, Commander I Corps and JBLM. For us to continue to attract quality speakers, we need to up our attendance. The restaurant and bistro staff are working hard to support us, we have negotiated excellent meal and drink prices, we have added Cash App on-line payment for reservations- so why not come out and join us? The camaraderie has been outstanding!

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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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. And.... We're going to be selling "Nolan Ryans" at the USO's Annual Fund Raiser Golf Tournament. Don't know how much we'll collect but any amount is better than 0; we'll be splitting the proceeds 50/50 with the USO. If all goes well, this could become an annual event for us.

Our next board meeting is via Zoom at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, June 14 and our next dinner meeting is on Wednesday, June 21 at Panorama's *seventeen 51 restaurant and bistro*; social at 5:30 PM, meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. Our guest speaker(s) are representatives of the local "Buffalo Soldier" Chapter. They plan on setting-up a display for viewing before our meeting, so come early, introduce yourself to a new member and enjoy the display.

I am looking forward to seeing you on June 21. And remember, we're all recruiters- bring a guest to the June meeting.

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 (Jun, Jul, Aug) donations are being collected for **Fisher House**.

Payment for dues (for one, two or three years) and/or donations can be done through **CashApp** or 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 willimosel@aol.com



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Treasurer's Report

Bill Moseley, Col, USAF, Ret. - Treasurer

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

Charitable Donations	as of 5/31/23	2023 Goal
USO	\$1,126.50	\$1,400
Fisher House	\$125	\$1,000
Santa's Castle	\$175	\$1,200
Scholarship	\$5,134	\$2,000
NJROTC Booster Club	\$500	
Total Fundraising Amount	\$7,060.50	



Scholarship Program

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

We just concluded another successful scholarship program. Thanks to your generous donations, we raised over \$5000 which enabled the chapter to award five \$1000 scholarships. This year, we received 11 applications of which 10 met our criteria. The packages were judged on academic excellence, community service, extracurricular activities, letters of recommendation, and an essay. Congratulations to our awardees-- Maria Aurelio (Olympia High School), Bella Kondrat (Pope John Paul High School), Connor Johnson (Olympia High School), Sax Matson (Olympia High School), Mariah Steinbrecher (Pope John Paul High School). Several of the students attended our May membership meeting and thanked the chapter for the scholarship.

Community Support

May marks the end of the quarter where we focused our donations on USO. Our goal was \$1400. To date, we collected \$1126.50. The next quarter (Jun-Aug) will focus on Fisher House. The goal is \$1000.

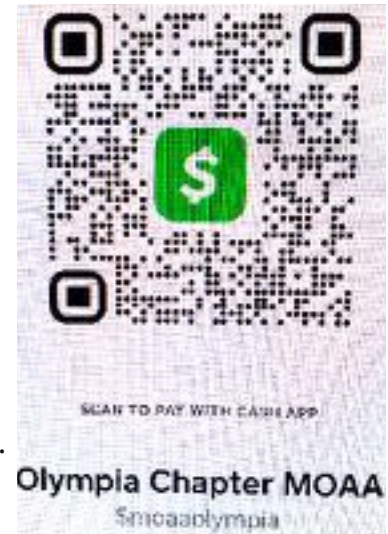
Fisher House

Fisher House provides service members and their families a comfortable, nurturing and secure home away from home when they receive medical care at Madigan Army Medical Center. The JBLM Fisher House can serve 18 families in house with the two facilities and other eligible families at off site locations completely free of cost. Fisher House worldwide has housed over 250,000 families, saving military families over \$282 million in lodging, food and transportation costs. This is what your donations support! Our goal this year is \$1000. Don't forget that your donations are tax-deductible.



New CashApp Account

In an effort to give our membership more options to transact business, we created a **CashApp** account. This application will give you another way to pay dues, make meal registrations and to make donations in addition to our current methods of paying by mail or the MOAA online payment system. If you have any questions, please contact Bill Moseley at willimosel@aol.com. Instructions for obtaining and using CashApp can be found at: <https://olympiamoaa.org/member-resources/>



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

Welcome Our Newest Members

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest chapter members; **Robert Littrell and Barrie Wilcox.**

Robert Littrell is a retired Air Force Lieutenant Colonel who lives in Tumwater with his wife, Mara. They are loving the area and actually live in the same neighborhood as VP Carrie Nielson.

Barrie Wilcox grew up on his family's farm started by his grandfather and grandmother in 1909 and carried on by his parents. Located 8 miles East of Yelm, WA, he attended the Yelm Schools, graduating in 1958. Next he attended the Univ. of Puget Sound, graduating in 1962, along with his sweetheart the same day. At that time, all male students had to take 2 years of AFROTC and in his 3rd year he decided to take advanced ROTC. His goal was to be a pilot but his eyesight was not good enough to qualify so he decided to do the three year commitment. Barrie was commissioned at graduation and 3 weeks later got married to his sweetheart and 3 weeks later went on active duty.

He picked Air Transportation and was assigned as a Transportation Duty Officer at Dover AFB, DE. After about 9 months he had Orders to go to Turkey but about a month before leaving they were changed to Vietnam. Arriving in Vietnam he was assigned to the Detachment at Nha Trang. This was in November of 1963 with only about 10,000 US military in the country and they were supposedly advisors. They handled all the in-country passengers and freight and since the Army Special Forces was headquartered on the base they handled all their freight and passengers. When he got there, a Captain was in charge and they had 15 enlisted. After about 6 months the Captain rotated and for the rest of Barrie's tour he was a 23 year old kid in charge of the detachment. This turned out to be a great management experience for him in all his future work in the Family Egg Business. His last year in the Air force was at McChord AFB as the passenger service officer.

Barrie immediately went into the Family Farm Business and with his brother they greatly expanded it to supply quality eggs in the West Coast. Through the years the Air Force experience greatly helped him handle the many issues with running a business. In the last 15 years Barrie and his brother still work in the business as advisors helping his two sons and nephew run the business.

Barrie and his wife celebrated their 60th Anniversary last summer and they have three children and 10 grandchildren. They have been avid bicyclists through the years, riding across the US from LA to Boston in 2006, and other trips all over the world. In 2010 they did a bike ride in Vietnam, starting in Nha Trang and ending in Saigon.

Belonging to MOAA, he would like to help out as best as he can to support the organization in their very good work.

Member of the Month

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

Sam Cagle is a current and long-serving member of our board, has served as our Public Affairs Officer and Newsletter Editor over the past several years. His wife, Barb, has served on the board as well, and served as chapter treasurer. Barb also initiated our Ladies Lunch group with Leigh Ruff. They have both enjoyed volunteering with Santa's Castle, assisting with the North Thurston school supply backpack project and OCS Commissioning.

Lylburn S.(Sam) Cagle. Jr., Col, USAFR, joined MOAA and the Olympia Area Chapter in April 2003.

He was raised on a small farm outside the small town of Bunker Hill, Illinois. He graduated from Southern Illinois University, receiving his Bachelor's Degree in English and his Air Force Commission in 1963. He immediately went on active duty for the next twelve years as a Public Affairs Officer (PAO) in Kansas; southern Spain; Germany; southern Thailand; Maxwell AFB, Alabama; and as a Research Historian at Pacific Air Command, Hickam AFB, HI. With the end of the Vietnam War in 1975, he returned to Illinois.

Two years later, he joined the Air Force Reserve as a Major, Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) as a historian with HQ MAC, then with HQ SAC. After four years, an IMA Major position became available in Public Affairs at MAC Headquarters. He stayed in MAC until he was promoted to Colonel, and transferred to Air Force Communications Command as the PAO IMA until he retired in 2002.

As a civilian, he worked for the Corps of Engineers, then with Army Recruiting in the Midwest for 11 years, when he, and his first wife, Sandy, moved to Washington in 1990 where he became the Deputy PAO for I Corps and Fort Lewis and she worked in the ROTC Region Budget Office.

After four years with I Corps, he shifted to the Defense Commissary Agency Northwest Pacific Region HQ as the PAO for five more years. When the Region moved to California, he chose to retire, but was subsequently rehired to his former position with I Corps for his final four years. Sandy continued working for I Corps as a Budget Analyst until 2002. She passed away in 2013. He married Barbara in 2014.

Favorite duty Station? Hard to tell. Spain, Germany, Thailand, Hawaii, and Washington all rank at the top.

Family? Sandy (1962 – 2013, chapter Treasurer), Barbara (2014 – , Chapter Treasurer), 3 sons, 3 grandchildren, 1 stepdaughter, 2 stepsons, 3 step granddaughters.

What are you doing now? Rehab, travel, wrap up 14?! Years on the Board.

What would you like to see the chapter do next? Increase member recruitment and participation, support key activities and organizations, have fun doing it.

Events and Links

Surviving Spouse - Nisqually Widows. No meetings for the summer.

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.



June Ladies Lunch Club

The June MOAA Ladies Lunch is going to be a Ladies Dinner at Hops on the Hill, 1870 Barnes Boulevard SW, Tumwater. It will take place at 5pm on 12 June. For questions or to RSVP: Christine.mcmanus@gmail.com.

June Board Meeting

June 14, 2023, 5:30 pm. Via Zoom. Contact Dslotwin@outlook.com for a Zoom invite.

NJROTC Awards Ceremony

Slots and Treasurer Bill Moseley present \$500 check to NJROTC Booster Club at the Annual Awards Ceremony at Shelton High School on 25 May.



President Dave Slotwinski presents MOAA medal and certificate to top cadet.

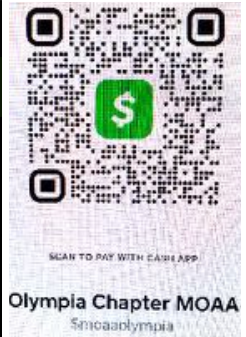
Meeting Information and Meal Request

Venue: *seventeen51 restaurant and bistro* - Panorama, 1751 Circle Ln. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. 360-438-6623 Please RSVP no later than the afternoon of 19 June, 2023 to willimosel@aol.com. Please include menu entree selection in CashApp payment description.

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 21, gather at 5:30, dinner at 6 pm.

May Dinner Menu Options:

BBQ Brisket	\$24.00	x		= \$
Summer Vegetable Pasta	\$24.00	x		= \$
Scholarship Fund Donation				= \$
Fisher House Donation				= \$
Annual Dues \$20.00 Member, \$10.00 Surviving Spouse				= \$
Total Amount Mailed				= \$



The cost is **\$24.00** (Includes Strawberry Spinach Salad, sides grilled corn and roasted red potatoes. Dessert is Carrot 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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Photos



May Meeting Guest Speaker
 LtCol Brian Harwell, USMC,
 Ret., ROTC Senior Naval
 Science Instructor, Shelton HS



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