



Olympia Area Chapter

In this month's Bugle



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING INFO
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President's Note

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

Great June meeting! I want to thank our members who joined us for a fascinating look into the history of the "Buffalo Soldiers." Geordan Newbill and Lenny Howze from the Buffalo Soldiers of Seattle were our moderators for a journey into the under-reported role of the Buffalo Soldiers in America's Westward expansion. Before the social, Geordan and Lenny set-up an interactive display with memorabilia and placards that outlined the untold history and then after dinner, they took questions from our members as they delved into the history and current activities of the local Seattle troop. Of interest, the Seattle Buffalo Soldiers operate a 15-acre ranch outside of Roy where they house approximately 50 horses, train cavalry riders, and offer community programs to youth groups and others. In addition, the documentary- "The Buffalo Soldiers, Fighting on Two Fronts" was mostly filmed at their ranch and both Geordan and Lenny are featured actors. In honor of their service to the community, your board approved a \$250 donation to their organization. For further information, contact Geordan Newbill, seattle10thcav@gmail.com and their website is buffalosoldiersofseattle.com.

Also at our meeting was Maria Aurelio, one of our scholarship winners from Olympia High School and her parents, Manuel and Evangline. And, in case you missed it, Maria was featured on the front-page of the June 26 edition of the Olympian for winning a global video competition. Our scholarship winners are truly gifted students and leave me confident in a great future.

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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For July our program is a presentation by David Puente, Director, Washington Department of Veterans Affairs (WDVA). This should be another outstanding program and I hope to see you there. Our August speaker is LTG Brunson, Commander I Corps and JBLM. Overall, 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, and the camaraderie has been outstanding, so why not come out and join us?

Next, we sold “Nolan Ryans” at the USO’s Annual Fund Raiser Golf Tournament. We sold 70, raised \$1400; split the proceeds with the USO, earning \$700 for the chapter. Not bad for our first go at this and I am anticipating this will become an annual event. Many thanks to Bill Moseley, DeFrance Clarke, Chaplain Doug White and Ro Marcus for being there to sell the Nolans and for the USO who not only allowed our participation but promoted our participation.

Our next board meeting is via Zoom at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, July 12 and our next dinner meeting is on Wednesday, July 19 at Panorama’s seventeen 51 restaurant and bistro; social at 5:30 PM, meeting called to order at 6:00 PM. Our guest speaker is David Puente, Director, WDVA.

I am looking forward to seeing you on July 19. And remember, we’re all recruiters- bring a guest to the July meeting.

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

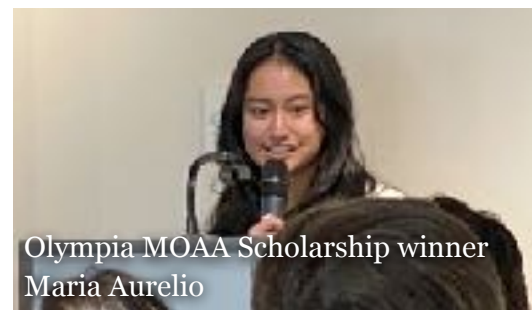
Bill Moseley, Col, USAF, Ret. - Treasurer

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

Charitable Donations	as of 6/30/23	Amount Given YTD	2023 Goal
USO	\$0	\$1,200	\$1,400
Fisher House	\$690		\$1,000
Santa's Castle	\$175		\$1,200
Scholarship	\$3,889	\$2,000	\$2,000
NJROTC Booster Club	\$0	\$500	
Total Amount	\$4,754	\$6700	

Scholarship Program Recipient In the News

Congratulations to Maria Aurelio (Olympia High School). Maria has won a global video competition with a short on pay inequality. The contest called "World of 8 Billion" Student Video Contest was hosted by Population Connection. She intends to put the prize money towards her college education at Cornell this fall with hopes of being a psychiatrist.



Olympia MOAA Scholarship winner Maria Aurelio

Community Support - 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.

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.

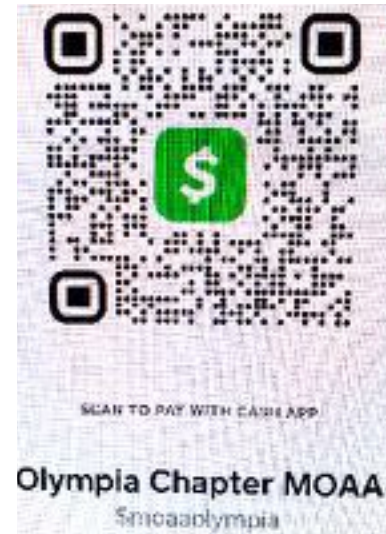


This QR code will take you directly to our webpage: olympiamoaa.org

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

If you haven't already done so, be sure to sign up at the MOAA Legislative Action Center. You can track and learn about your legislative representatives and send them emails in support of key MOAA advocacy issues. You can read about bills MOAA is tracking/ supporting and about MOAA's critical advocacy issues. This is a terrific source of information, coordination and support.

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

Welcome Our Newest Members

Extending a warm welcome to our newest members this month: **Mary Jean Hrbacek, Ray and Frankie Rasmussen and Dick Sparks.**

Mary Jean is a retired Navy Reserve Commander who lives in Lacey. Raymond (Ray) Rasmussen is a retired Army Colonel and Francelia (Frankie) is a retired Army Major and they are currently living at Panorama.

Dick (Richard Allen) Sparks was born Valentine's Day 1933, in the now closed hospital in Evanston, IL, once used as the setting for the TV series ER. The important stuff: his first game at Ebbets Field with the Brooklyn Dodgers was in 1938 with his father at the age of 5 and then on April 15, 1947 in a seat as Jackie Robinson integrated Major League Baseball.

High school in Baldwin, NY, led to a BBA at Hofstra University, which led to a Masters degree at Columbia University in Traffic Management/Transportation, which led to a 38 year aviation career with the Army (5 years active, 33 with various State guard units), which also led to a 39 year aerospace career, which then led (at the age of 65) to a 23 year career as a substitute teacher, K-12.

Dick reports he is 0 for 2 with wives as he lost them both to medical issues. He has been compensated by having three wonderful kids and four likewise wonderful grandkids. So now he is 90 and sort of retired but not really as he has an application in process to be a civilian volunteer with Lacey PD! Dick recently moved to Panorama to be near his brother, Larry, who is also a member. He has been a life member of MOAA for ages and is thrilled to finally find a local chapter. And we are very glad he found us!!



USO Red, White and Blue Golf Classic.

Member of the Month

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

Carrie Nielson is currently the Vice President for Membership. Last year she was the chapter president. Prior to that she served as a board member for a couple of years. She has served as the Newsletter Editor or Assistant Editor for about five years now.



Carrie is originally from Poulsbo, WA. Graduated from North Kitsap High School, then from Cornell University on a Navy ROTC scholarship. She spent seven years in the Integrated Undersea Surveillance System, which got a shout out in Hunt for Red October. As the technology kept improving, that community consolidated, and she moved on to Human Resource jobs, in personnel management, recruiting and training. She went from General Unrestricted Line Officer to Fleet Support Officer to Human Resources Officer. She was the Commanding Officer of a Navy Recruiting District and the Military Training Director of Navy Recruit Training Command. Ultimately she retired after thirty years in the Navy as a Navy Captain and the Director of the Human Resource Center of Excellence in Monterey, CA.

Favorite duty Station? I had fourteen duty stations, enjoyed most of them. I would say my favorites are a toss-up between Monterey, CA, and Brawdy, Wales.

Family? Husband, Ron and daughters, Emily (27) and Isabella (25).

What are you doing now? I am happily retired after 30 years on active duty. I spend my time on family, travel and lots of different volunteer activity including Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Military Order of World Wars (MOWW), United Service Organization (USO), South Sound Reading Foundation (SSRF), Olympia Elks Lodge, and Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network (CAAAN).

Olympia MOAA Community Support

USO Northwest Red White and Blue Golf Classic

On June 22 the USO Northwest Red White and Blue Golf Classic was held at The Golf Club at Newcastle. This is an annual fundraiser for USO Northwest and Olympia MOAA was represented by David Slotwinski, Bill Moseley, Doug White, DeFrance Clarke and Ro Marcus.



Events and Links

July Ladies Lunch Club

The July MOAA Ladies Luncheon will be at Fatso's Bar and Grill on Olympia's Eastside, July 10th at 1200, noon. The address is 3205 Martin Way E Olympia, WA 98506. The menu is available at: <https://www.fatsosbarandgrill.com/menu> For questions or to RSVP: Christine.mcmanus@gmail.com.

July Board Meeting

July 12, 2023, 5:30 pm. Via Zoom. Contact DSlotwin@outlook.com for a Zoom invite.

JBLM Airshow & Warrior Expo

July 15, 16. Gates open 9 am, close 4:30 pm. General admission is free. Seating is not provided. Premium seating is available at a variable rate. www.jblewis-mchordairshow.com

OCS Graduation - WA Army National Guard

Our chapter will be supporting this graduation again this year. We will present these brand new officers with their first set of gold bars and welcoming them to the officer community on 3 August. Estimated time for the event is 1700-1900. We will be participating in a pre-graduation BBQ gathering, which gives us more time to interact with the new officers. There will be approximately 105 graduates to congratulate. The location is behind Building 13436, North Fort Lewis, JBLM. We like to have a group of at least 6 chapter members at this event to pass out the bars and chat with the young officers about MOAA. If you would like to participate, please contact Dave Slotwinski (Slots), at dslotwin@outlook.com



Geordan Newbill and Lenny Howze from the Buffalo Soldiers of Seattle Presentation at June Meeting.

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 morning of 17 July, 2023 to willimosel@aol.com. Please include menu entree selection in CashApp payment description.

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 19, gather at 5:30, dinner at 6 pm.

May Dinner Menu Options:

BBQ Spare Ribs	\$24.00	x		= \$
Vegetable Lasagna	\$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 Cucumber Melon Salad, Potato Salad and Sautéed Vegetables as sides. Dessert is Lemon Meringue Pie. Coffee, tea and water are provided). Gluten Free items are available from the menu on request.

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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. Please include menu entree selection in CashApp payment description. Payment at door must be check, CashApp or exact change in 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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June Meeting Guest Speakers
Geordan Newbill and Lenny
Howze, Buffalo Soldiers of Seattle

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