



Olympia Area Chapter

In this month's Bugle



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING INFO
MEAL ORDER

THE BUGLE

President's Note

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

Great August meeting; best turn-out since pre-Covid! I want to thank our members who joined us for an outstanding presentation by LTG Xavier Brunson, Commanding General I Corps and JBLM. During his remarks and the Q & A period, he was candid, engaging, open, and by his tone, you could sense his authenticity, enthusiasm, and leadership acumen. Accompanying LTG Brunson was his son Josh. Many thanks to Bill Moseley for working with the General's office to make this happen.

We "worked" on him to join MOAA and the chapter as well as two other guests in attendance- Bob Anderson and Kathy Roberts. If you know either Bob or Kathy, please reach out to them and extend our invite to become chapter members.

Prior to our meeting, the challenge was attendance and one takeaway was to send reminders with only the meeting who, what, where, when information. Lots of great information in the Bugle; however, the meeting info is near the end where it can possibly be overlooked. So, since we had success last month sending out reminders, we'll try it again this month and see if it helps boost attendance. Let me know what you think.

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In previous columns, I have hinted at the strain we have been putting on Panorama's seventeen 51 restaurant and bistro. Being the restaurant's only recurring evening event, they have had staffing challenges and we have had attendance challenges. Consequently, starting with our September 20 meeting, we will return to luncheons. Our social will begin at 11:30 AM with the meeting called to order at 12:00 PM followed by lunch and then the presentation.

Our September 20 luncheon speaker is BG (USAF, Ret) Frank Goodell who will discuss the First Flight Around the World and the upcoming commemoration.

Finally, we're about to launch our recruitment for 2024 officers and board members. If you are interested in serving on either the board or as an officer, please share your wishes with any officer or board member.

Our next board meeting is via Zoom at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, September 13 and our next luncheon meeting is on Wednesday, September 20 at Panorama's *seventeen 51 restaurant and bistro*; social at 11:30 AM, meeting called to order at 12:00 PM. Our guest speaker is BG (USAF, Ret) Frank Goodell.

I am looking forward to seeing you on September 20. And remember, we're all recruiters- bring a guest to the September luncheon.

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 (Sep, Oct, Nov) donations are being collected for **Santa's Castle at JBLM**.

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 candrnielson@comcast.net or Treasurer Bill Moseley willimosel@aol.com

2023 Officers and Board Members

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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 8/31/23	Amount Given YTD	2023 Goal
USO	\$275	\$1,200	\$1,400
Fisher House	\$1081		\$1,000
Santa's Castle	\$275		\$1,200
Scholarship	\$4039	\$2,000	\$2,000
NJROTC Booster Club	\$0	\$500	
Total Amount	\$5670	\$3,700	



Santa's Castle - JBLM

For this year's quarter our donation focus is for Santa's Castle at JBLM. The mission of Santa's Castle is to ease holiday stress by providing new toys, board games and books to Active Military Families in Washington who are experiencing financial hardships. Santa's Castle Open House is Thursday, September 21st, 4-7 pm at 2094 Bitar Ave, Lewis Main, JBLM.



LTG Xavier Brunson, Commander I Corps, JBLM



Bill Moseley and LTG Xavier Brunson

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>

MOAA Hot Legislative Action

Please join us once again in providing a counterpoint to CBO's written testimony by reminding Congress that our nation has an obligation to provide the health care benefit service members and retirees have earned. You can read more about the proposals at this link: <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2023-news-articles/advocacy/tricare-for-life-benefit-targeted-by-congressional-budget-office-report/>

Proposed TRICARE For Life enrollment fees would cost Medicare-age beneficiaries \$575 a year for individual coverage or \$1,150 for family coverage.

Proposed cost-sharing measures would include an \$850 deductible, meaning TRICARE For Life would not cover any of the first \$850 of a beneficiary's Medicare cost-sharing.

After the deductible, the proposed cost-sharing plan allows TRICARE For Life to cover only 50% of the next \$7,650 in Medicare cost-sharing, meaning beneficiaries would pay up to \$4,675 in cost-sharing per year.

Member of the Month - Doug White

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

Doug White is an invaluable member of the Olympia Area MOAA Chapter Board. He serves as the Chapter Chaplain as well. He attends our monthly Board of Director meetings and provides input on the direction and activities of the chapter.

Where are you from? Doug was born in Montana, raised in Seattle, and graduated from University of Washington with ROTC commission in 1958.

Branch of Service? He served in the Air Force.

Specialty/What did you/your spouse do in the military? Doug spent 3 years as Supply Officer in California and France. After a 5 year break for seminary, he reentered Air Force as Protestant Chaplain for 17 years until retirement in 1983.

Favorite duty station/assignment? Eielson AFB, Alaska

Family? Doug has been married to wife, Patricia, for 65 years. They have 3 children, (first 2 born in France), 7 grandchildren, and 13 great grandchildren.

How did you end up here? They moved back to Seattle/Kent area to care for mother-in-law. Moved to Panorama to spare their kids the necessity of dealing with them in their aging years.

What do you enjoy doing now? Travelling in RV, hiking, volunteer activities to "give back".

What would you like to see the chapter do next? Develop our community outreach and service opportunities while continuing to reach out to military members and retirees in the area.

Welcome our newest member!

Mary Jean Hrbacek, one of our newest members, has certainly had an eventful life. She has experienced the military from every side – her father was a Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant, her husband was a Navy Chief Warrant Officer 3 and she served in the Navy, both on Active Duty and in the Reserves, retiring as a Commander. She was born in Bethlehem, PA, in 1951, and grew up on East Coast Marine bases. After graduating from St Francis College, magna cum laude in accounting she spent five years working for a Big Eight CPA firm in Baltimore. In 1977, she spent the summer living in a Chevy van and traveling all over the US before joining the Navy in 1978. Overseas duty stations included NAVFAC Grand Turk, and MSCFE Yokohama, Japan.

In 1979, she married CWO3 Bill Hrbacek and immediately gained one daughter, adding a second not long after. After spending a few years as a drilling Reservist at Harrisburg, PA, she returned to active duty in 1985 completing her career with tours in Cedar Rapids, IA, Washington, DC, Seattle, New Orleans, Los Angeles and retiring from Bangor in 2003. They retired to Shelton, WA, where Bill had hand-built their home. Mary Jean worked as the Finance Manager for the Mason County Sheriff's Office from 2007 to 2011.

After her husband, Bill, died in July 2018, Mary Jean relocated to Lacey. She is a member of St. Michael Parish. She has two grandchildren, both in college and keeps busy by planning and traveling around the world, having experienced many notable adventures. Welcome to our chapter, Mary Jean!



In Memoriam

They are gone but not forgotten. We have lost these chapter members so far in 2023. We miss their friendship and camaraderie and we are eternally grateful for their service to chapter, community and nation.

Raymond Hensel, LTC, Army, Retired
 Garth Holmes, COL, Army, Retired
 Kay Minton, Navy spouse
 Richard Mirkovich, LTC, Army, Retired
 Barbara Nichols, LTC, Army, Retired

February 6, 1924 – February 8, 2023
 November 14, 1936 – March 18, 2023
 October 17, 1944 – April 14, 2023
 January 24, 1936 – May 22, 2023
 August 19, 1922 – June 16, 2023

Events and Links

September Nisqually Widows

The Nisqually Military Widows will meet for lunch in the Boardroom of the Panorama Restaurant at 11 AM on Tuesday September 19th. Reservations are due to Linda Shaudis at 360-438-5095 or by e-mail at mossperson@icloud.com no later than 11 AM September 15th.

September Ladies Lunch Club

The September MOAA Ladies Luncheon will be at Casa Mia on Plum Street in Olympia, September 11th at 1200, noon. The address is 716 Plum Street, Olympia, WA 98501. The menu is available at: [menu](#)

Please RSVP to christine.mcmanus@gmail.com If anyone would like a ride or wants to carpool, mention that when you RSVP and something can be arranged.

September Board Meeting

September 13, 2023, 5:30 pm. Via Zoom. Contact DSlotwin@outlook.com for a Zoom invite.

United Way Day of Caring

Mark your calendars for September 29, 0900 to 1300, to participate as an Olympia Area MOAA team for United Way Day of Caring. Day of Caring was established 30 years ago as the single largest day of volunteerism in Thurston County to increase awareness of human service organizations and demonstrate how people working together for the common good helps accomplish great things. Details on where we will be volunteering and what we will be doing will be published via email closer to the event. If you are interested in participating, contact Ro Marcus at rms684@yahoo.com or 360-561-7451, as she will be organizing volunteers and ordering shirts.



LTG Xavier Brunson,
Commander I Corps, JBLM



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

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 18 September, 2023 to willimosel@aol.com. Please include menu entree selection in CashApp payment description.

Date and Time: Wednesday, September 20, gather at 11:30, lunch at 12:00 pm.

September Menu and Donation Options

Chambers House Cobb Salad	\$19.50	x		= \$
B.L.A.S.T. Sandwich	\$19.50	x		= \$
Four Cheese Macaroni	\$19.50	X		= \$
Scholarship Fund Donation				= \$
Santa's Castle Donation				= \$
Annual Dues \$20.00 Member, \$10.00 Surviving Spouse				= \$
Total Amount Mailed				= \$



The lunch cost is **\$19.50**. Chambers House Cobb salad: Grilled chicken, romaine lettuce, tomatoes, bacon, olives, avocado, egg & green goddess dressing. B.L.A.S.T. Sandwich: Bacon, lettuce, avocado, Swiss cheese, and tomato on country white bread with fries. Four Cheese Macaroni: Cheddar, provolone, Monterey Jack & Parmesan over cavatappi pasta with garlic bread. Vegetarians may order from the menu. There are five options to choose from. (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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