



# Olympia Area Chapter

**In this month's Bugle**



**ADVOCACY FOCUS**  
MEMBER OF MONTH



**DONATE - PAY DUES**  
SCHOLARSHIP



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

# THE BUGLE

## President's Note

February's meeting was a little different. Our guest speakers were the St Martins University Computer Science students working on developing an app for us. Because they had class until 12:30, they arrived as dessert was being served. We also had Terry Sparks, the WSCOC President join us via Zoom, along with Victoria and others from MOAA's Council and Chapter Affairs. The team, consisting of Austin Anderson, Nathan Lee, and Arturo Avila (absent was Isaiah Simpson), provided a review of the project, as well as a live demonstration. It was an interesting, informative meeting with lots of excellent questions. Bottom line: it is looking good for the chapter to have a functioning app available this summer.

As you recall, last month's speakers were Colleen Carmichael and Tamra Ingwaldson. Colleen is the Executive Director of Quixote Communities, an agency that provides permanent supportive housing in Thurston, Mason and Pierce counties for people and specifically veterans experiencing homelessness. At this month's board meeting, we had a discussion about how we can best support the Shelton veteran's village. Board member Dan Stalling will be taking the lead as we begin to explore our options for supporting the village. I anticipate one or more tours being arranged for us to see the village and I suspect we will seek out partners to help us with any sponsorship project.

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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Also, our February Board meeting was our first use of Microsoft Teams for hosting our meeting. Things went well, and we will soon start to archive the Chapter's historical documents in Teams folders. If in the past, you served as either a board member or officer and have any chapter records, please contact either a board member or officer so we can obtain the records. The records I have on my computer go back to around 2010.

And, once again it is scholarship time. Looks like we have over 20 applications and, thanks to your generosity, it looks like we can once again award five \$1000 scholarships. Hooah!

As a reminder, if you are not signed-up for MOAA's legislative alerts, please do so. April's Advocacy In Action isn't that far off!

Our next board meeting is via Teams at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, March 13 and our next meeting will be on Wednesday, March 20 at Panorama's *seventeen 51 restaurant and bistro*.

Our social will begin at 11:30 AM with the meeting called to order at approximately 12:00 PM followed by lunch and the presentation. Our guest speakers are Daniel Pailthorp from Senator Murray's Office and Michael Snodgrass from Senator Cantwell's Office.

Lots going on and we look forward to seeing you at our March meeting. Remember, we're all recruiters, so bring a potential new member to the March meeting.

*Dave "Slots" Slotwinski*

## Note from National MOAA

### **Dena Kilgore, Program Director, Council and Chapter Affairs**

Please be advised that the scheduled transition of our chapter dues payment portal is delayed. We had anticipated this transition would take place at midnight on March 1; however, we are still completing the testing of the updated solution. Please know that we are working diligently with our vendor to have this process up and running as soon as possible. We apologize for any inconvenience. We are working to update the site with an indication to members that the solution is not operational at this time. We will keep you updated on the timeline for the system to be fully operational. Again, we apologize that this service will be temporarily unavailable and appreciate your understanding as we work to ensure a positive member experience when joining or renewing a chapter.

## 2024 Officers and Board Members

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# Dues and Donations

**Annual Dues are \$20.00, \$10.00 for Surviving Spouses. 2024 Dues were due 1 Jan 2024.**

Thanks to your incredibly generous donations, we did collect enough to award 5 \$1,000 scholarships again this year. While we continue to collect for our scholarship fund throughout the year, this quarter (Mar, Apr, May) donations are being collected for USO Northwest. Our goal for USO is \$1,400.

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](mailto:candrnielson@comcast.net) or Treasurer Bill Moseley, [willimosel@aol.com](mailto: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.

During the Fall, the board of directors establishes the annual budget, including goals for each of our charities. These charities are supported solely by donations. This quarter, while we still encourage donations to our scholarship fund, our focus is on USO Northwest with a goal of \$1,400. Thanks for your support!

Charity	Balance as Of 01/31/24	Amount Given YTD	2024 Goal
USO	\$400.00	\$0	\$1400
Fisher House	\$125.00	\$0	\$1000
Santa's Castle	\$0	\$0	\$1200
Scholarships	\$5004.50	\$0	\$3000
JROTC Booster Club			\$500
Sports Balls			1000 balls
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$5529.50</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$7100 and 1000 balls</b>

### From the Desk of the Treasurer

As we Approach tax filing season, I want to remind you that our chapter is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. As such, all of your donations in 2023 are tax deductible. If you would like an official letter from me capturing all of your donations, just contact me at [willimosel@aol.com](mailto:willimosel@aol.com).

## 2024 Olympia MOAA Scholarship

We have received a record number of applications this year for our scholarship program, and thanks to your generosity we will be able to award 5 \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarship committee will be deliberating this month to determine which worthy students will be selected as recipients for this year's awards to be announced later this Spring – stay tuned!

## MOAA State Legislative Advocacy Summary



**Jerry Fugich, Chairman of the Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC), provided the following State Legislative update:**

After starting the session actively tracking over 30 bills before the House and Senate during the current Washington State Legislative session, the Veterans Legislative Coalition is currently tracking 13. Jerry Fugich estimates they may see 8 bills become law this session. They attend hearings, provide testimony, speak to representatives or staffers, and track status as appropriate for each bill as it moves through the process. We try to keep lines of communication open to inform chapter members of critical issues and stand ready for calls to action as needed.

 [Click Here to Download the Latest WA State Legislative Update](#)

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

## Support Your USO

**Submitted by: Bill Moseley, Col, USAF, Ret. - Treasurer**

Since 1966, the USO Northwest has served over 4 million active duty service members, veterans, and their families with centers at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, Joint Base Lewis McChord (at the Shali Center on McChord and at a center located in the America's Credit Union building on Fort Lewis), Portland Airport USO Center, plus with the use of the mobile units. Last year, USO Incorporation merged USO Northwest under their umbrella, however; the mission, services, and programs of USO Northwest remain basically unchanged. The USO Northwest is a 501(c) (3) non-profit organization that relies solely on the generosity of individuals and organizations like the Olympia Area Chapter of MOAA. With over 300 volunteers in the Northwest region, the USO guarantees that your donations go directly to the services and programs benefiting service members and their families. This is one of the four organizations that your MOAA chapter supports annually through your kind and generous donations. So; during the next three months, we ask that you consider expressing your gratitude toward the world's finest military, its veterans and their families by generously donating to USO Northwest. They have guaranteed that 100 percent of your donation will remain in the USO Northwest service area. Our goal this year is \$1400.

## Member of the Month – Ralph Chappell

Submitted by: Carrie Nielson, CAPT, USN, Ret. – VP for Membership

Ralph has been an active member of the Olympia Area MOAA Chapter, serving on the board for a number of years after retiring from active duty. He lives in Olympia, and regularly attends our monthly meetings.

### Where are you from?

◆ I was raised in Lyons, Kansas.

### Branch of Service?

◆ I graduated in Engineering Physics from the University of Kansas and was commissioned in the Supply Corps in the Navy through the Naval ROTC program. Mid-career I graduated from the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California, with a MS in Weapons Systems Acquisition Management.

### Specialty/What did you do in the military?

◆ I was the Supply Officer on USS Robert H. McCard (DD-822). Later I was the commissioning Supply Officer on USS Roanoke (AOR-7). The last half of my military career was served in various procurement and contract administration assignments. I served overseas in Iran and, in country in Vietnam during the war. My last assignment was in command as the Officer-in-Charge, Defense Contract Administration Management Area St. Louis.

### Family?

◆ My wife, Sue, and I have three children and six grandchildren, ages 10 to 26. Two of our three children and their families reside nearby and, the third will be moving to this area soon. We are fortunate to be able to spend a lot of time with family.

### How did you end up here?

◆ I retired here in June 1987 after 27 years active duty service. After the Navy, I obtained a teaching certificate and taught mathematics in Junior High for 13 years.

### What do you enjoy doing now?

◆ I've been active in Democratic Party politics, serving as a Precinct Committee Officer for many years. We enjoy attending the opera, symphony and movies and lunch/dinner with friends.



Ralph Chapel



# Events and Links

## 📌 March Nisqually Widows

The Nisqually Military Widows will meet March 19th in the Boardroom of Panorama's Seventeen51 restaurant. We gather at 11AM for socializing and ordering lunch off the menu. Lunch is served at 11:30.

**For reservations contact:** By Friday March 15th

📞 Linda Shaudis at 360-438-5095 or email – [mosserson@icloud.com](mailto:mosserson@icloud.com).

**For additional information contact:**

📞 Ruth Brigden at 360-438-5786 or email [rmbrigden@gmail.com](mailto:rmbrigden@gmail.com).

## Resource Links

📄 [WDVA Fast Facts - Veterans Services Programs](#)

📄 [WDVA 2023 Year in Review](#)

🔗 [AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Thurston County, WA](#)

## 📌 March Ladies Lunch Club

The March MOAA Ladies Luncheon will be at Main Chinese Buffet in Lacey, March 11 at 1200, noon. The address is 5580 Martin Way E, Lacey, WA. You can see photos of menu items at:

[https://main-chinese-buffet.business.site/?utm\\_source=gmb&utm\\_medium=referral](https://main-chinese-buffet.business.site/?utm_source=gmb&utm_medium=referral).

Please RSVP to:

✉ [christine.mcmanus@gmail.com](mailto:christine.mcmanus@gmail.com).

If anyone would like a ride or wants to carpool, mention that when you RSVP and something can be arranged.



Our brick paver at the Gold Star Families Memorial Monument in Lacey

## 📌 March Board Meeting

March 13, 2024, 5:30 pm. Via Teams.

[Next Board Meeting Join Link \(MS Teams\)](#)

## 📌 Washington State Patriotic Day

The 2024 Washington State Patriotic Day will take place 09 March from 2-4 at the Pioneer Middle School in DuPont, WA. This is a free event, hosted by the Puget Sound Military Order of World Wars. Come on out and see Old Glory on parade, listen to the I Corps Band play patriotic music, hear a chosen guest speaker and support our flag unit. Our MOAA Chapter will be represented by two members marching in the Massing of the Colors. There is typically plenty of free parking for this fun, inspiring event.

# Connect With Us!

Website



Facebook Group



## Events and Links - continued

### Volunteer Opportunity - Air & Space Forces Association - 100th Anniversary - Round the World Flight



After almost six months en route, two Douglas World Cruiser Aircraft completed the first Around the World Flight landing at Sand Point Airfield near Seattle on September 28, 1924. The fliers were supported by 36 ships while flying with pontoons when crossing the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. This flight is considered the second most important aviation achievement, exceeded only by the Wright Brothers first controlled flight at Kitty Hawk.

In commemoration of this historic event, planning has started on a **100th Anniversary** of the First Aerial Circumnavigation of the World, to be held on **Saturday, September 28, 2024**.

Volunteers are needed to be team leaders, or oversee an activity to make sure it is on track. If you are interested, please contact General (Retired) Frank Goodell at [goodellwf@comcast.net](mailto:goodellwf@comcast.net).

### Lakewood Mourns the Loss of Retired Army Lieutenant General (LTG) William “Bill” Harrison

from The Suburban Times

The City of Lakewood lost a great leader this weekend with the passing of retired Army LTG William “Bill” Harrison. Harrison was a driving force behind the City of Lakewood’s incorporation and served as first mayor from 1995 through 2003, completing his service on the City Council in 2005. Those who knew him credit Harrison for the success of Lakewood’s fourth and final incorporation effort. Some referred to him as the “Father of Lakewood,” although it was a nickname Harrison wouldn’t accept. He credited the “people who made it a community” as the early framers of the city.

Harrison was the 53<sup>rd</sup> commander at Fort Lewis. He served 37 years in the Army. It was a job that took his family around the world with assignments in Korea, Italy, Vietnam, Germany and Iran. He earned the Distinguished Service Medal, the Bronze Star, and a combat infantryman badge. LTG Harrison was the commanding general for I Corps and Fort Lewis from 1987 to 1989 and commanded the Sixth United States Army from 1989 to 1991.

He and his family returned to Lakewood when he retired in 1993 and two years later he became the face of Lakewood when the newly formed City Council unanimously elected him as the fledgling city’s first mayor. “LTG Harrison leaves behind a legacy of unparalleled service and dedication,” said City Manager John Caulfield.

### Combat-Injured Veterans Need Our Help NOW – Here’s How to Join the Fight

from Mark Belinsky’s article, [MOAA.org](http://MOAA.org)

Bipartisan legislation designed to end an unfair pay offset for tens of thousands of combat-injured veterans has earned overwhelming support in the last two sessions of Congress. But for the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress to include the Major Richard Star Act (HR 1282/S 344) in the next National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) – a move which would send a clear message of support to the all- volunteer force – advocates must overcome cost concerns.

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The Major Richard Star Act will allow combat-injured veterans to receive their earned retirement pay and their disability compensation without offset. DoD is responsible for retired pay, and VA is responsible for disability compensation. These are two different payments for two different purposes. Reducing DoD retirement pay due to a combat injury is an injustice. Congress acknowledged this as an injustice in the 2004 NDAA and partially fixed it (but not for combat-injured veterans who did not reach 20 years of service – arguably the group that need the fix the most).

MOAA urges members to contact their representatives and senators and urge them to support the Major Richard Star Act and get it across the finish line this year. According to the website, it appears our senators and representatives have signed on to cosponsor the bill, so we should be thanking them for their support and urging them to keep up the press to get it included in the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

[Click Here for Entire Article](#)

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 To send emails to your government officials, register for  
 and use [MOAA's Legislative Action Center](#).  
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## Membership Notes

If you are serving or have served as an officer in any branch of U.S. service, and are not yet a member of the Olympia Area MOAA Chapter and would like to join, and/or if you are not currently a member of national MOAA and would like to join, just go to our chapter website (<https://olympiamoaa.org/join-us/>) and fill out the convenient online Application form and you will be contacted by our membership chairperson. The first year of membership is free, so what are you waiting for?

Have you been thinking about upgrading your national MOAA membership from basic to premium, or even life membership? This would really help support MOAA's mission and give you access to many more MOAA resources and services from transition support to financial counseling, travel discounts to resource webinars. If you call 1-800-234-6622 and mention the code "grassroots", you can receive a 10% discount.

If you are not currently on and wish to be added to the distribution list for this newsletter, contact the Communications Director or his Assistant (listed on the Officers and Board Members banner) and they will happily add you to their list. Distribution is primarily via email with a small number of members still receiving newsletters via snail mail.

## Remembering Edward Brady

It is with heavy heart that we must bid fair winds and following seas to our colleague Edward Brady. Retired Army Colonel Edward Brady, 87, passed away January 25, 2024. He grew up in Victor, NY, and after graduating from Niagara University in 1958 joined the Army. He had tours of duty in Germany, Vietnam, and several locations around the US before retiring at Fort Lewis. He lived in Olympia for more than 30 years. His civilian career involved working for both the State of Washington and the State University of New York. He is survived by his wife, Liselotte, daughters Susanne, Erika, and Brigitte. A graveside service with military honors will take place later in the Spring at Bath National Cemetery (in New York). Bangs Funeral Home is assisting.



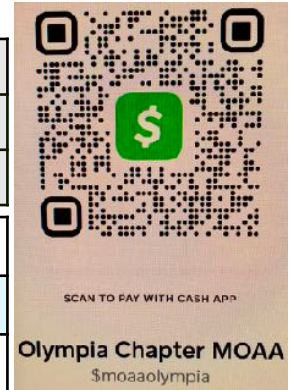
# Meeting Information and Meal Request

**Venue:** *seventeen51 restaurant and bistro* - Panorama, 1751 Circle Ln. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Please RSVP no later than the morning of Monday, March 18, 2024 to [willimosel@aol.com](mailto:willimosel@aol.com). Please include menu entree selection in CashApp payment description.

**Date and Time:** Wednesday, March 20 gather at 11:30 am, App presentation at 12:00 & **lunch at 12:30 pm.**

## February Menu and Donation Options

Rueben Sandwich w/ Fries	\$19.50	x		= \$
Crispy Chicken Sandwich with Green Salad	\$19.50	x		= \$
Irish Pub Salad (Vegetarian)	\$19.50	x		= \$
<b>Scholarship Fund Donation</b>				= \$
<b>USO Northwest</b>				= \$
<b>Annual Dues \$20.00 Member, \$10.00 Surviving Spouse</b>				= \$
Total Amount Mailed				= \$



The lunch cost is **\$19.50** - Dessert is Lemon Crème Cake. (Coffee, tea and water are provided).  
Gluten Free items are available from the menu on request.

*- Tear line for mail in payments -*

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](mailto:willimosel@aol.com) OR mail payment and confirmation to: Olympia MOAA, PO Box 5957, Lacey, WA 98509-5957



St. Martin's University students present their MOAA app project to us at February's meeting.

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