



Olympia Area Chapter

In this month's Bugle



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MEETING INFO
MEAL ORDER

THE BUGLE

President's Note

Greetings. First, let me begin by apologizing for the cancellation of our May meeting. May was kind of the culmination of a lot of little things that just didn't go right and as we got closer to the meeting date, these spun out of control leading to the decision to cancel the meeting. This month we're back on track and should have an excellent program presented by CAPT (ret) Paul Frost (USN). Paul is on the staff at MOAA National HQ and will be presenting on Health Care supplements and how they relate to TRICARE and TRICARE for Life.

At May's board meeting we continued our discussion of how best to support the Shelton Veterans Village. We moved to contact the USO to sell 'Pitch-a-Golf-Ball' at their upcoming golf tournament. We also confirmed our winners of our 2024 scholarships. This year, we had 33 students express interest in our scholarships. Eighteen completed full packets, and our five selectees are Cailyn Rosalin from Timberline HS, Abigail Asare from North Thurston HS, Ruby Jones from Montesano HS, and Samantha Cornfeld and Natalie Holder from Olympia HS. Plus, it looks like the Army National Guard OCS program will graduate about 100 cadets. We will be presenting each with a set of gold bars on August 1, at their end of camp barbecue. More to follow as we get closer to the dates of the USO Golf Tournament and the ANG OCS Graduation. In other news, our MOAA app is just about ready to go live!



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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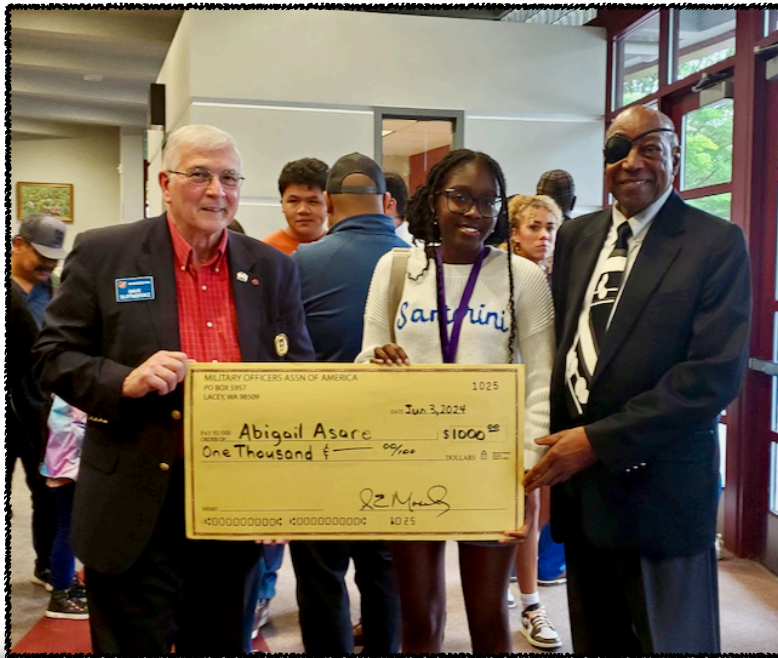
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Our next board meeting is via [Teams at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, June 12th](#) and our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 19th at Panorama’s seventeen 51 restaurant and bistro. Our social will begin at 11:30 AM with the meeting called to order at approximately 12:00 PM followed by lunch and the presentation. Our speaker, CAPT (ret) Paul Frost, USN will be joining us via Zoom and his presentation on Health Care Supplements should be excellent and very informative. Because Paul is joining us from our national HQ, we are sharing the Zoom link with the State Council and the other member chapters.

Lots going on and we look forward to not only seeing you at our June meeting but also hearing your ideas for making our chapter stronger and more appealing to new members. Remember, we’re all recruiters, so bring a potential new member to the meeting.

Dave “Slots” Slotwinski



Scholarship presentation to Abigail Asare at North Thurston HS by Dave Slotwinski and Bill Moseley

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National MOAA online dues payment system is back online.

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 (Jun, Jul, Aug) donations are being collected for Fisher House. Our goal for Fisher House is \$1,200.

Payment for dues 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, candnielson@comcast.net or Treasurer Bill Moseley, willimosel@aol.com

Treasurer's Report

Bill Moseley, Col, USAF, Ret. - Treasurer

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

The chapter remains financially solvent.

Our checking account balance is \$10,834.45

The savings account balance is \$3,644.21

The total is \$14,478.66



Scholarship presentation to Ruby Jones of Montesano HS by Dave Slotwinski

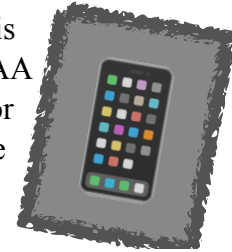
Charity	Balance as Of 05/31/24	Disbursed YTD	2024 Goal
USO	\$2043.50	\$0	\$1400
Fisher House	\$125.00	\$0	\$1200
Santa's Castle	\$0	\$0	\$2000
Scholarships	\$5059.50	\$0	\$3000
JROTC Booster Club	\$0	\$500.00	\$500
Sports Balls	\$0	\$0	1000 balls
TOTALS	\$7228.00	\$500.00	\$7100 and 1000 balls

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 for this year is \$1200. Don't forget that your donations are tax-deductible.

Mobile App Update

The team of app developers from St. Martins University is finishing up development of our very own Olympia MOAA mobile application. Keep an eye out in coming months for more updates. When available we will provide a QR code and instructions for downloading and initial features.



REMINDER

Next Generation ID Card

The DOD transitioned from its legacy retiree ID card to a more secure, next generation USID card with an updated design and more robust security features. Your card remains valid through the expiration date. If you have an INDEF expiration date, you need to get a replacement Next Generation USID card by 2026.

[Book an ID Card Appointment Online](#)

<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>

Waller Hall on JBLM is an excellent option/location for booking this appointment and meeting the rush in 2026.

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.

Member of the Month – Hal H. Miller

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

◆ **Early Days:** I was born in Tacoma, WA in 1944 as the first of four. Graduated from Curtis High School in University Place, WA, and married my childhood sweetheart in 1965. Graduated from the University of WA in 1968 and commissioned through Army ROTC. Assigned to the Transportation Corps.

◆ **Specialty/What did you do in the military?** Attended Officer Basic in VA in 1968 then Primary Helicopter Flight School at Fort Walters, TX, in 1970. Moved to Savannah, Georgia for the 2nd phase of flight school and Officer Rotary Wing Aviator Course in 1970. Returned to Fort Eustis to attend the Rotary Wing Maintenance and Test Pilot School. Received orders to Vietnam in September, and in transit was assigned to the 59th Aviation Detachment located in the Republic of South Korea flying as a copilot for General Rowney where I also served as the unit's Maintenance and Safety Officer. Assigned to the 593rd Support Group at Fort Lewis, WA in 1971 as the Aviation Officer. In 1974, declined a Regular Army commission and returned to civilian life and joined the WA Army National Guard as a CW2 in the 81st Infantry Brigade as a UH-1 and OH-58 pilot. In 1978, my officer commission was reinstated and I was appointed as the 81st Infantry Brigade Aviation Section Commander. In 1981, I reverted to a CW2 to keep flying in the Guard rather than give up flying to move up in rank as an Infantry Tank Commander. I retired in December, 1996 as a CW4 earning my Master Army Aviator Badge and an award of 3,000 hours of accident free flying.

My greatest achievement was evading a surface to air missile along the Korean DMZ.

On a subsequent mission, I did not realize that we took ground fire. Upon post flight inspection we found 7 bullet holes in the tail-boon of our HUEY! How lucky can we be!

◆ **How did you end up here?** My greatest memories are the many fun, beautiful, and awesome missions the WA Guard performed: picking up Sling Loads of litter and garbage nets that were filled by volunteers from the Sierra Club along the entire stretches the Washington Coastline; Sling loading the Quinalt Indian burial memorials to higher ground; doing rescue missions during Washington flood events; stocking high mountain lakes in the North Cascade range with the Fish and Game Department; flying personnel and equipment into Eastern Washington forest fire regions; and doing search, rescue, and research missions around and in the Mount St. Helens crater itself! **Over my flying career, Washington State is certainly one the most diverse and beautiful places to be in the United States.**

◆ **Family?** I've been married to Mary Alice for 58 years in August! We have 4 children and 8 grandchildren. Mary is a retired E-9 with 22 years in the Army Reserve and presently active in the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR). We are active, living in Panorama and still maintaining yards in Packwood and our beach house on Fox Island, enjoying boating, beach life and being on the Cowlitz River in Packwood.

In my private life I taught elementary school for 6 years and ended up working in a family owned business located in Yakima, WA, for a 36 year career selling that little plastic clip called a Kwik Lok and the bag closing machines to apply the Kwik Lok. The 'clip' became an international product with Production plants in Canada, Australia, Japan, Ireland, and two plants in the U.S.

I look forward to MOAA growing and continuing to serve our community!

Events and Links

📌 June Nisqually Widows

The Nisqually Military Widows will meet Tuesday June 18th 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:

Linda Shaudis at 360-438-5095
or email – mosserson@icloud.com
No later than - 11AM Friday June 14th



For additional information contact:

Ruth Brigden at 360-438-5786
or email rmbrigden@gmail.com.

Nisqually Military Widows is open to all military widows, both officer and enlisted, in this area.

📌 June Ladies Lunch Club

When: June 10th at 1200, noon

Where: Tugboat Annies

2100 W Bay Dr NW

Olympia, WA 98502

<https://tugboatannies.com/restaurnt/>

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.

Resource Links

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

[WDVA 2023 Year in Review](#)

Save The Date & TBD



- ◆ June 06 D Day
- ◆ June 14 Flag Day and Army Birthday
- ◆ June 15 74th Commemoration of the Korean War - Capitol Campus, Olympia, WA
- ◆ June 16 Fathers Day
- ◆ June 19 Juneteenth
- ◆ June 23 Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- ◆ June 27 National PTSD Awareness
- ◆ June 28 2024 Retiree Appreciation Day @ Waller Hall on JBLM 8am - 3pm
- ◆ 01 August NG OCS Pre-Commissioning BBQ

📌 June Board Meeting

June 12, 2024, 5:30 pm. Via Teams.

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

Contact DSlotwin@outlook.com for a TMs invite or follow link above.

Website



Connect With Us!

Facebook Group



Events and Links - continued

UPDATES

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.

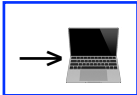
UPDATE

From Jerry Fugich

On September 28, 2024, there will be a celebration for the Centennial Celebration for the First Flight Around the World by the Army Air Services at Magnuson Park (the old Sand Point Naval Air Station) because of a Washington State House Resolution funding was made available for this very special celebration.

There will also be an MOAA recruiting offer available at this event to help the Seattle MOAA chapter.

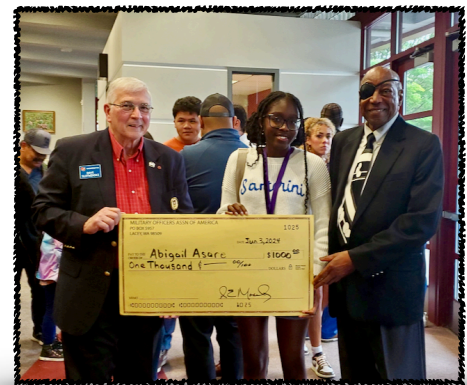
Get more information on this event and the history behind it here:



2024 Olympia MOAA Scholarship

We concluded another successful scholarship campaign by reaching students in most of the high schools in our service area. This year, we placed our scholarship application on our website, visited many of the schools in person, and received 29 applications. Of those, 18 submitted complete, qualifying packages.

Our five selectees are Cailyn Rosalin from Timberline HS, Abigail Asare from North Thurston HS, Ruby Jones from Montesano HS, and Samantha Cornfeld and Natalie Holder from Olympia HS.



Scholarship presentation to Abigail Asare at North Thurston HS by Dave Slotwinski and Bill Moseley

MOAA State Legislative Advocacy Summary

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

This year was again successful for veterans related bills considering this was a non-budget year. The Veterans Legislative Coalition was able to get 12 Veterans related bills passed that will help Active-duty military families, Retired Veterans and widows of veterans.

Legislatures from other states have noticed the things that the Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC) has been doing for veterans. A few months back US Senator Rounds of South Dakota ask the VLC for our support to establish a Native American Indian Veteran Service Organization. There was a US Congressional Charter passed by the US Senate that has established the Native American Indian Veterans Organization "NAVI".

Many of us belong to more than one Veterans Service Organization. The Disabled American Veterans continually request support for US Bills that will help our Disabled Veteran Comrades. In the last 5 months I have sent 8 letters to help our Comrades. If you get these letters/e-mails please take the time to respond.

2024 Advocacy in Action Issues From MOAA Website

[Support Combat-Injured Veterans](#)

The Ask: The Major Richard Star Act would end an unjust pay offset that prevents tens of thousands of retired service-members from receiving the compensation they deserve. [Ask Congress to include the bill in the upcoming National Defense Authorization Act.](#)

Learn More: [MOAA, Military Coalition Lead Star Act Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill](#)

MOAA Resources: [Star Act Issue Paper \(PDF Download\)](#) | [More on Concurrent Receipt](#) | [MOAA FAQs](#)

[Protect TRICARE For Life](#)

The Ask: This earned benefit is under threat -- unfair fees and cost shares now under consideration are misguided cost-saving options. Ask Congress to reject these ideas not just for current retirees, but to protect future generations of service-members. [Share your TRICARE For Life story with MOAA.](#)

Learn More: [How MOAA Works to Stop the Threat Before It Starts](#)

MOAA Resources: [TRICARE For Life Issue Paper \(PDF Download\)](#) | [Transitioning Into Medicare and TRICARE For Life \(Member-Exclusive Publication\)](#)

[Restore the Basic Allowance for Housing](#)

The Ask: Ever-growing housing costs are just one of the financial challenges faced by service members and their families, especially young enlisted personnel. [Ask Congress to ensure BAH again covers 100% of housing costs.](#)

Learn More: [Help MOAA Restore the Basic Allowance for Housing](#)

MOAA Resources: [BAH Issue Paper \(PDF Download\)](#) | VIDEO: [The Push to Restore BAH Continues](#)

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

MOAA Legislative Action Center:

 <https://moaa.quorum.us>

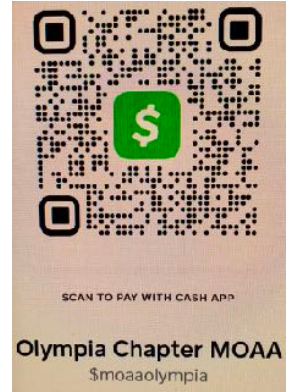
Donation Options

Venue: *seventeen51 restaurant and bistro* - Panorama, 1751 Circle Ln. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Please RSVP no later than the morning of Monday, June 17, 2024 to dougwhite1936@gmail.com. Please include menu entree selection in CashApp payment description.

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 19 gather at 11:30 am and lunch at noon.

June Menu and Donation Options

	Pulled Pork Sandwich with Potato Salad	\$19.50	X	= \$
	Mandarin Shrimp Salad	\$19.50	X	= \$
	Smoked Mozzarella Panini w/ Green Salad	\$19.50	X	= \$



Scholarship Fund Donation	= \$
Fisher House	= \$
Annual Dues \$20.00 Member, \$10.00 Surviving Spouse	= \$
Total Amount Mailed	= \$

The lunch cost is **\$19.50** - Dessert is Strawberry Cream 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 to: dougwhite1936@gmail.com

OR

✉ Mail payment and confirmation to:

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New member Michael Minson listens to Donna Handroe's presentation about Santa's Castle.

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