



Olympia Area Chapter

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THE BUGLE

Presidents Note

Happy Spring! We had a great turnout for our March luncheon and an excellent show of members at the MOWW sponsored Washington State Patriotic Day. At the luncheon, Santa's Castle's Administrative Director, Shelly Hinzman, and her assistant, Laloni, provided an informative update on Santa's Castle's Operations. For the Castle, 2024, was its largest year ever as they provided Christmas cheer to 1913 military families with 4040 children at an estimated value of \$791,928. To all who donated and provided sports balls, thank you for your support and generosity.

Other exciting news from our meeting: possible new members! In attendance were two currently serving officers from the 3rd EOD Battalion- MAJ Patrick Mumper and CPT Kevin Thomas - Danielle Nuxell, spouse of an active- duty officer scheduled to return to JBLM upon graduation from the Naval War College, Susan Quigley, retired Army Nurse, and Margie Herring, surviving spouse, both Panorama residents. A hearty welcome to each!

As reported in the March Bugle, long-time chapter member Barbara Eskridge Lind passed away on Sunday, February 23, 2025. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to Wolf Haven International, Tenino, Washington, <https://wolfhaven.org/> or to a charity of your choice. Barbara's life will be celebrated on Saturday, May 31 at the Olympia Country Club between 3- 6 PM.

And at the Patriotic Day celebration, we had 8 members in attendance with several either working the event, two carrying our colors, and others enjoying the music and celebration. Also, the NJROTC Unit from New Market Skills Center participated, but we missed an opportunity to connect with them. Let's see if we can't double the participation for next year- could be an easy way for the chapter to earn \$500.

As the State Legislature meets bill cutoffs and budget bills are released, it is time to focus on MOAA's annual Advocacy in Action (AIA)



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coming up in April. If you are not signed up to receive the MOAA Newsletter and Legislative alerts, please do so. On our website, we have posted “how to instructions” for signing-up to receive the Legislative Action Center alerts and the prepared response letters for our Senators and Representative. The key issues selected by MOAA for this year’s AIA are:

1. Improving unaccompanied housing to support readiness and quality of Life.
2. Advancing the report Ending the Wait for Toxic Exposed Veterans to ensure timely delivery of benefits.
3. Passing the Military Spouse Hiring Act to expand employment opportunities.
4. Enhancing stability and accountability in the military health system.
5. Improving caregiving support for families of veterans.

As for the scholarship program, to date, 35 students have applied and of the 35, 23 have submitted complete applications. Given available funding, we should be able to award 3 or 4 scholarships. Also, we are looking for judges to score the applications and if you are interested, please contact either Bill Moseley, Carrie Nielson or myself.

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, April 9, 5:30 PM via Teams; Next Chapter meeting is Wednesday, April 16, social @ 11:30 AM, meeting called to order at 12:00. The location is Panorama’s seventeen51 restaurant and bistro. Guest speaker to be announced

See you on the 16th.

Dave “Slots” Slotwinski

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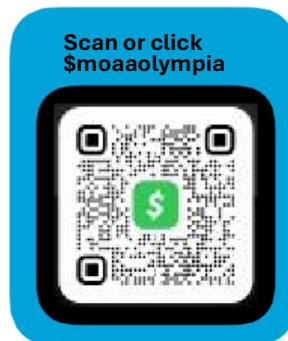
Treasurer's Report

Checking account balance:	\$ 8,165.15
Savings account balance:	\$ 3,654.35
Total:	\$ 11,819.50

Note from the Treasurer:

For anyone working on their taxes: as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, all of your contributions to our charitable causes throughout the year are tax deductible. If you would like a receipt for your records reflecting your total contribution this year, please let me know by sending your request to.

CASH APP:



Treasurer Bill Moseley present MOAA Olympia Chapter donation of \$1535 to Santa's Castle for 2024. Photo by Santa's Castle Staff

Charity	Balance as Of 02/28/25	Disbursed YTD	2025 Goal
USO	\$273.00	\$0.00	\$1400
Fisher House	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$1200
Santa's Castle	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$2000
Scholarships	\$3,542.50	\$0.00	\$3000
JROTC Booster Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500
Sports Balls	\$3.86	0	1000 balls
TOTALS	\$4,439.36	\$0.00	\$8100 and 1000 balls

2025 OLYMPIA MOAA SCHOLARSHIP

By Bill Moseley

Our scholarship program has definitely enhanced the MOAA brand in our surrounding



communities and is receiving great responses from high school students in our service area. To date, we have received 35 applications. Our plan is to award as many \$1000 scholarships as funds allow. Currently, we have collected \$3540 in donations towards our scholarship program, and we will continue to collect donations for the scholarship fund throughout the year. Our next step is to assemble a team of 3-4 judges to score the scholarship application packages and select our awardees. If you would like to serve as a judge this year, please contact Bill Moseley.

MARCH CHAPTER MEETING

What a fun meeting! This was our best attended meeting since pre-COVID with thirty-six people in attendance. The food was excellent, and it was great to get an update from our friends at Santa's Castle. They had their biggest year ever for their 30th anniversary and were very grateful for all of our support, in monetary donations, sports balls and time spent volunteering as Santa's Elves and Board Members.



Above: Shelly Hinzman addresses the rapt chapter meeting, our biggest group in years! Photo by Chris McManus.



Above: Slots introduces Santa's Castle's administrative director Shelly Hinzman and her assistant, Laloni. Photo by Allen Acosta.

Support Your USO Submitted by: Bill Moseley



Since 1966, 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), plus with the use of the mobile units. On March 18th the center on Fort Lewis actually celebrated its seventh anniversary serving military members and their families on JBLM. Last year, USO Inc. 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.

In Memory Of Barbara Eskridge Lind

May 29, 1930 – February 23, 2025

Barbara was born in New London, CT, on May 29, 1930, as the only child of Ira E. Eskridge and Emily E. Rowland Eskridge. Her father was in the Coast Guard spending forty years at sea and rising to the rank of Rear Admiral. Barbara and her future husband, Carl Bradley Lind, met at a regional high school forensics meet (when family lore says they somehow ended up washing dishes together). They dated throughout college – Carl B. was a military cadet, at Norwich University, while she was a student at Smith College in Northampton, MA. They fell in love and married at Smith College on October 22, 1951, after Carl was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the US Army. The next year Barbara graduated from Smith, and the couple reunited across the Atlantic where Brad was deployed at various Army posts in Germany. All their earthly belongings fit in two military footlockers.

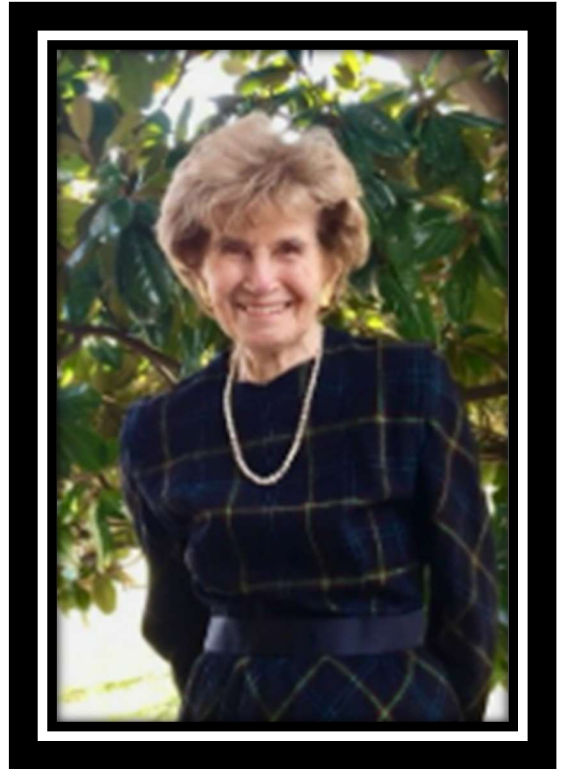
Barbara was the quintessential Army wife and the family soon grew with the births of Garry, Susan, and Craig. The new Army family served around the world before Barbara and Brad retired to Washington State in 1983. Always having a strong urge to travel and learn about the world, the couple lived, traveled, and experienced locations throughout the US as well as Europe, Mexico, Southeast Asia, China, Morocco, Peru, Australia, and many other fascinating destinations. Barbara was a tiny woman with a huge heart.

Barbara was preceded in death by her husband, Carl B. Lind, and her beloved grandson, Ira Daugherty. Barbara is survived by her three children: Carl G. Lind (Arnesa), Susan Daugherty (Brock), and Craig I. Lind; she was also serendipitously blessed with grandchildren and great-grandchildren: Jennifer Brown (Nolan), James Lind, Devon Emerson (Brian), their children Avery and Wyatt, Shannon Zahuranec (Baron), and their children Evan and Elin. She is also survived by Ira Daugherty's son Alec.

Her grandchildren and great-grandchildren were beloved by her, and Barbara had a lifelong curiosity and joy about the world in which we live, and encouraged those values of lifelong learning in her descendants throughout her life. If she was asked any question, if she didn't already know the answer (as usual), she would make it a personal quest to research the subject and find and relate the detailed answer. And – in all likelihood – send you newspaper and magazine articles about it for the next several years.

Interment will be at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date, when Barbara will rejoin her husband Carl B. Lind. She will be buried in the dress she wore at their first meeting, almost 75 years earlier. Their final resting place is near where their grandson Ira is interred.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggest donation to a favored charity, Wolf Haven International (wolflhaven.org). A Celebration of Life for Barbara will be held on Saturday, May 31st, at the Olympia Country Club, from 3pm to 6pm.



****Barbara's son, Carl, has asked that I provide a count of how many chapter members plan to attend the service, so please email xxxx@comcast.net if you plan to attend.**

Washington State Patriotic Day



Above: Dave Slotwinski and Allen Acosta participate in the massing of colors.

The 2025 Washington State Patriotic Day took place 22 March at the Pioneer Middle School in DuPont, WA. This event, hosted by the Puget Sound Military Order of World Wars honors active-duty military, veterans and first responders and celebrates patriotism. This year's guest speaker was Major General Gent Welsh, the Adjutant General of the Washington National Guard, who gave quite an inspiring speech, while the I Corps Band sent a 40-piece concert band, which wowed the crowd with a tremendous concert of rousing, patriotic music. The Olympia Area MOAA chapter was well-represented, with a flag unit in the massing of the colors, members assisting in the running of the event and audience members enjoying the day and singing along to their service song. The number of units and audience members was the largest the event has drawn in several years.



Above: Dave Slotwinski, Ro Marcus and Allen Acosta enjoying WSPD. Photo by Allen Acosta.

Welcome Our Newest Chapter Member

A big Olympia Area MOAA Chapter welcome to our newest chapter member: LTC Susan Quigley! Susan attended our April chapter meeting at the invitation of chapter member DeFrance Clarke where she promptly filled out an application and joined the chapter. She is a Panorama resident and a retired Army Nurse. If you see her around Panorama or at a future meeting be sure to give her a warm welcome.

State Legislative Update

House Bill 1102 passed the House and is working its way through the Senate. This bill is about providing enough Veterans Service Officers throughout the state, especially in rural areas, to ensure our veterans obtain the earned benefits they are entitled to. Jerry Fugich urges chapter members to use the website we learned about at January's chapter meeting to go online and let our representatives know we strongly support passage of this bill. Go to the state legislature website, <https://www.leg.wa.gov/bills-meetings-and-session/> to send your comments.

To check on status of veteran impacting bills, you can also check the WDVA website at: [the WDVA Legislative Updates page](#) for updated information throughout the week.

2025 ADVOCACY IN ACTION ISSUES - From the MOAA website

1. Incentivize Military Spouse Hiring

- **The Ask:** Actions to combat stagnant, high rates of unemployment among military spouses must include measures to incentivize their hiring. [Cosponsor the Military Spouse Hiring Act](#) to add a military spouse target group to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program.
- **Learn More:** [Military Spouses Can't Wait: Add Them to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit](#)
- **MOAA Resources:** Issue Paper ([PDF Download](#))

2. Continue Unaccompanied Housing Improvements

- **The Ask:** Transparency is key to supporting lawmaker oversight of this ongoing issue and addressing a \$137 billion maintenance backlog. [Ask Congress to require DoD to make reports on unaccompanied housing installation conditions publicly available.](#)
- **Learn More:** [Fighting for Better Unaccompanied Housing: Why It Matters, and How You Can Help](#)
- **MOAA Resources:** Issue Paper ([PDF Download](#))

3. Improve Access to Health Care for Military Families

- **The Ask:** Servicemembers and military families must have a better option for reporting and getting assistance with access-to-care problems within the Military Health System (MHS). MOAA is asking Congress to establish a Digital Access Assistance System for MHS patients.
- **Learn More:** [Have You Faced Access Barriers? Tell MOAA](#)
- **MOAA Resources:** Issue Paper ([PDF Download](#))

4. Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans

- **The Ask:** Pass legislation to [shorten how long millions of veterans must wait before receiving service-earned care and benefits.](#)
- **Learn More:** [The Push for a More Perfect PACT Act](#)
- **MOAA Resources:** Issue Paper ([PDF Download](#))

5. Support Veteran Caregivers

- **The Ask:** Champion/cosponsor the passage of the [Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act.](#)
- **Learn More:** [Caregivers Sacrifice for Our Veterans – Now Congress Must Support Them](#)
- **MOAA Resources:** Issue Paper ([PDF Download](#))

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?

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.

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- and mention the code "grassroots", you can receive a 10% discount.

Dual Military Couples - If both members of married couple are military officers and they would both like to be life members of MOAA, national MOAA says the second lifetime membership will only cost \$100 – what a great package deal

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<https://app.leg.wa.gov/DistrictFinder/>

Member of the Month – Frank Hensley

Submitted by Retired Navy Captain Frank Hensley



Retired Navy Captain Frank Hensley lives with his spouse, Marlyce, in Tumwater. These days he and Marlyce enjoy their backyard with its squirrels, fishpond and fruit trees, along with their pet cat, many friends, together with somewhat limited travel and visits from Frank's children and grandchildren.

Frank was born and raised in Seattle, attending James Monroe Junior High School, Lincoln High School and the University of Washington. He was a member of the Navy ROTC then left for his first duty station, Supply Corps school at Athens, Georgia. All Supply Corps Ensigns from schools all over the country were sent there for indoctrination. This was the school's first year at Athens, which was also the home of the University of Georgia. It was summertime and the summer term at the U of Georgia was almost devoid of female students. So here was a class of over one hundred handsome young men, just graduated from college, mostly single, with sparkling new uniforms and a few coins in their pocket and nary a coed in sight. A few Ensigns were actually dating high school girls. But word got around fast and the second summer

saw enrollment at the U of Georgia experience an astonishing increase in the number of coeds who signed up for summer quarter. Rumor has it that an unusually high proportion of Supply Corps wives have that delightful southern accent.

Frank's Naval Service included several shipboard assignments and land assignments in Japan, the Philippines and (of all places) Indiana. There he was assigned to the Inspector of Naval Material office where he negotiated contract changes with suppliers and was a trouble-shooter for all sorts of problems with suppliers of Naval material and weapons. But after 10 years of active duty and long separations from wife and children while ships were at sea, he had enough. He left the active duty Navy and went back to school for an MBA. This was followed by jobs at King County doing similar work, and finally in Olympia working for the state Legislature reviewing the accomplishments and problems of various programs and federal and state legislation. Frank retired in 1991 from both the State of Washington and the Naval Reserve, followed by extensive travel "just for fun".

He stays active with memberships in the Retired Public Employees state and national organizations and served 8 years on the state Medical Commission.

Frank has three children by a previous marriage, two of which are retired, and two grandchildren he is very proud of. His grandson is an engineer who designs material movement equipment, and his granddaughter is just finishing her training to manage various forms of pharmacies---in hospitals, major drug stores and other variations.

Frank would like to see MOAA provide visits to disabled former servicemen. Thinks this would be a good activity for aging members of MOAA who cannot participate in the garden or firewood projects. The VFW already has such a program so it would be necessary to avoid any conflict with their program.

Connect!**WEBSITE****FACEBOOK GROUP****Notable April Dates**

- 04/01 – April Fools Day
- 04/05 – Gold Star Spouses Day
- 04/09 – Chapter Board Meeting, on Teams
- 04/14 – Air Force Reserve Birthday
- 04/14 – 1200, Ladies Lunch, Hops and Drops
- 04/16 – 1130, Chapter Lunch Meeting, gather 1130, eat 1200, Panorama's seventeen51 restaurant
- 04/20 – Easter
- 04/22 – Earth Day
- 04/23 – Army Reserve Birthday
- 04/25 – Arbor Day

Ladies Lunch Club

When: April 14 at 1200, noon

Where: Hops and Drops
4739 Avery Lane SE, Lacey, WA

Please RSVP to:

Christine McManus

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

Next Board Meeting

April 09, 2025, 5:30 pm. Via Teams.

Next Board Meeting Join Link (MS Teams)

Contact Dave Slotwinski or Chris McManus for a Teams invite.

**Tax Assistance**

This tax season, AARP Foundation Tax-Aide volunteers will be available to assist taxpayers for free at seven sites in Thurston County from late January through April 15, 2025. For detailed information, including locations and how to get an appointment, check out the Thurston County Tax-Aide website at:

<https://taxaidewa20.org/>

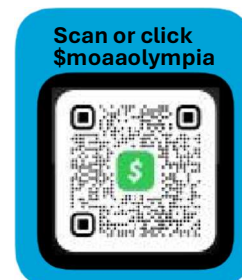
Donation/ Lunch Options

Venue: seventeen51 restaurant and bistro - Panorama, 1751 Circle Ln. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Please RSVP no later than the morning of Friday, April 11, 2025 to Doug White, xxx@gmail.com. Please include menu entree selection in CashApp payment description.

Date and Time: Wednesday, April 16, gather at 11:30 am and call to order and lunch at noon.

With our new menu arrangement, we do not suffer a penalty for attendees that may show up without prior notice, so do not let having forgotten to RSVP keep you from joining us. On the other hand, it is very beneficial for both the chapter and the restaurant to have a good head count ahead of time for planning purposes, so we do continue to request that you RSVP to let us know you are coming and which entrée you would like.

	Chamber's Salad with Grilled Chicken	\$21.00	X	= \$
	Slow-Roasted Turkey Sandwich ☐ Fries ☐ Salad ☐ Fruit	\$21.00	X	= \$
	McGandy Pasta (cavatappi noodles, veggies, pesto, and goat cheese)	\$21.00	X	= \$
	Total Lunch			= \$



The lunch cost is **\$21.00**

Coffee, tea and water are provided.

Gluten Free items are available from the menu on request.

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

-----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:

Doug White

xxxx@gmail.com

OR

Mail payment and confirmation to:

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National MOAA Charities

If you are looking for good causes to support in addition to our chapter's excellent regular charities, National MOAA can offer you a great option.

MOAA's Crisis Relief Program offers emergency financial assistance for service-connected households. Currently serving personnel and their spouses, veterans, surviving spouses, and military and veteran caregivers can apply for this aid, which is open to all ranks and branches of uniformed service. Aid can be used to cover housing and automobile costs, utilities, and other bills connected to financial emergencies.

"Uniformed servicemembers, veterans, and their families work hard everyday to protect our great nation, and we here at MOAA are dedicated to working hard to protect them," MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), said in a recent video supporting the Crisis Relief Program.

Learn More

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