



Olympia Area Chapter

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THE BUGLE

Presidents Note

Happy Easter! We had an excellent turnout for our April luncheon to hear an update on USAF recruiting presented by LtCol Cherne and SMSgt Ignacio of the 361st Recruiting Squadron (USAF) stationed on JBLM. Their area of operations includes Washington, Oregon and Alaska and they assured us that they were meeting their quotas. In addition to discussing enlisted recruiting, they also discussed the 348th RCS which is responsible for officer accessions throughout our region.

Home on leave and in attendance was MAJ Alexander Nuxoll, spouse of Danielle Nuxoll. Alexander is finishing up his Naval Command and Staff schooling and upon his graduation will return to JBLM and be assigned within the Special Operations Group. We look forward to Alexander joining Danielle as active members of our chapter. Welcome.

And speaking of "Welcomes," many thanks to Ro Marcus and Bill Moseley for the great job they did putting together a welcome packet for the chapter. Just needs a couple finishing touches and we are ready to start handing the packet to our new members. Also near completion is the transfer and archiving of our chapter records within TEAMS. Kudos to Ro and Chris McManus for taking this on. To date have reviewed all available historical files, photos and have archived about 7 years of records. Next up- archiving our past Chapter of Excellence and other award submissions. And... it has been announced that our chapter is once again a MOAA 5-star Chapter of Excellence awardee and our newsletter and website have also received 5-star recognition. Hooah and many thanks to everyone who contributed to the good work of the chapter.

Last week, MOAA Council and other volunteers took to Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., for Advocacy in Action 2025, meeting with over 330 congressional offices. The message delivered- Congress must do all that it can to protect service-earned pay and benefits. Our task is to reinforce the



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work done by our leaders who visited the “hill.” Consequently, I urge you to take action in support of MOAA’s top legislative priorities: Incentivize Military Spouse Hiring, Unaccompanied Housing Improvements Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans, and Support Veteran Caregivers. Remember, every message makes a difference. If you are not signed up to receive the MOAA legislative updates, I encourage you to do so. It’s a simple, easy, and great way for us to voice our concerns.

As for the scholarship program, to date 35 students applied and of the 35, 23 submitted complete applications. Given available funding, we should be able to award 3 or 4 scholarships. Judges have made award recommendations to the board for action.

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, May 14, 5:30 PM via Teams; Next Chapter meeting is Wednesday, May 21, social at 11:30 AM, meeting called to order at 12:00. The location is Panorama’s seventeen51 restaurant. Our guest speaker is Lauri Leirdahl, President, Quilts of Valor Foundation. And we are exploring possible options to move one or more of our summer luncheons to dinner meetings. More to follow...

See you on the 21st.

Dave “Slots” Slotwinski

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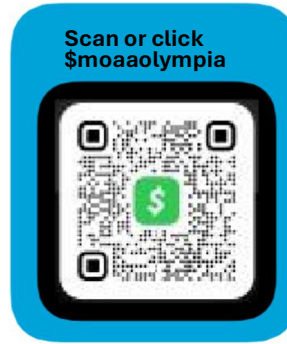
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Treasurer's Report

Checking account balance:	\$10,767.88
Savings account balance:	\$3,654.66
Total:	\$14,422.54
Note from the Treasurer: Nothing to report for this month.	

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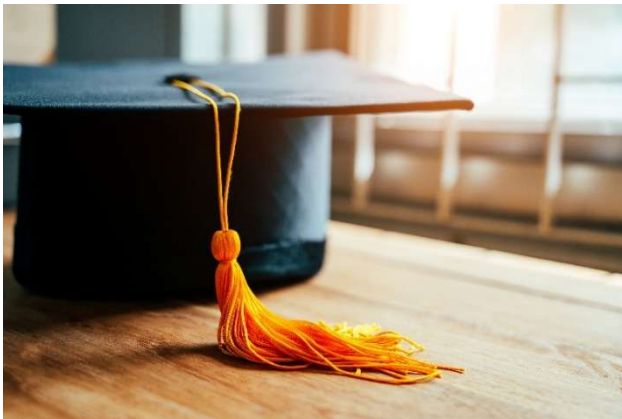


Treasurer Bill Moseley presents MOAA Olympia Chapter donation of \$1535 to Santa's Castle for 2024. Photo by Santa's Castle Staff

Charity	Balance as Of 04/30/25	Disbursed YTD	2025 Goal
USO	\$1,115.00	\$0.00	\$1400
Fisher House	\$375.00	\$0.00	\$1200
Santa's Castle	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$2000
Scholarships	\$4,000.00	\$1000.00	\$3000
JROTC Booster Club	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500
Sports Balls	\$3.86	0	1000 balls
TOTALS	\$5,988.86	\$1000.00	\$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. We received 35 applications. Our plan is to award as many \$1000 scholarships as funds allow. We have a balance of \$4000 in donations towards our scholarship program, and we will continue to collect donations for the scholarship fund throughout the year. Judges have submitted selection and action recommendations to board for action. We hope to see scholarship recipients at the May/June

meetings and encourage members to "treat a student/guest to lunch" when they do visit by simply paying for an extra lunch.

APRIL CHAPTER MEETING

Our April speakers were Lt. Col. Natassia Cherne and SMSgt Ignacio of the 361st Recruiting Squadron (USAF). They gave a great overview of recruiting challenges and successes in the extensive area that they cover, including special forces, officer recruiting and Space Force. The 361st RCS is located at McChord Field, Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Washington, and covers a 728,000 square-mile area that includes Washington, Oregon, and Alaska.



Above: Slots introduces Lt. Col. Natassia Cherne and SMSgt Ignacio of the 361st Recruiting Squadron (USAF). Photo by Chris McManus.



Above: Lt. Col. Cherne briefs the audience on recruiting challenges and accomplishments. Photo by Chris McManus.

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.

Fisher House Support Project

By Bill Moseley

The Joint Base Lewis McChord Fisher House is a “home away from home” for military families faced with a medical tragedy. Families stay at the house so they can stay close to their loved ones that are receiving treatment at Madigan Army Medical Center or other medical treatment facilities in the area. The house is equipped with most of the amenities except food, hygiene items and cleaning supplies for their rooms. Each year, our chapter makes a monetary donation to Fisher House to help sustain its operations. However, there is an ongoing need for food and miscellaneous items that are reflected on the below list. **If you can donate any of the items, please bring them to our May luncheon meeting** where you will see some donation boxes in the room. Thanks for supporting our Fisher House military families.

Fisher House Wish List:

Food Items

- ** K-Cup Coffee Pods
- ** Bottled Water & Soft Drinks
- ** Juice (single serve)
- ** Individual Coffee Creamer (shelf stable)
- Cereal (single serve)
- Oatmeal (single serve packets)
- Grits (single serve packets)
- Fruits (fruit cups/cans single serve)
- Crackers & Chips (single serve)
- Snack foods (single serve)

Misc. Items

- ** Disposable utensils (forks, spoons, knives)
- ** Bleach
- ** Paper plates, paper bowls, hot drink cups
- **Trash Bags (13 gallon and 4 gallon)
- **Laundry Supplies (pods, dryer sheets, liquid detergent)
- **Cleaning Supplies (Magic Erasers, dish detergent, dishwasher gel packs, Swiffer Wet Pads, Lysol Disinfectant Spray, Lysol wipes, Pledge Furniture Spray, Carpet Spray Cleaner, Liquid floor cleaner)
- Deodorant (men and women travel size)
- Toothpaste (travel size)
- Hand Soap (multiple 7.5 oz)
- Disposable razors (men's & women's)
- Shaving cream (travel size)
- Shampoo & Conditioner (travel size)

** most needed items

State Legislative Update

Chapter member Allen Acosta reports the following: Senate Bill 5200, granting exemption from state licensure requirements to veteran medical foster homes providing care to three or fewer veterans under the oversight of the VA has been signed by the governor and House Bill 1371, granting special parking privileges to veterans who have received a qualifying disability rating and use a service animal has been sent to the governor for signature.

2025 ADVOCACY IN ACTION ISSUES - From the MOAA website

Greetings from MOAA!

Last week, MOAA and more than 150 volunteers took to Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., for Advocacy in Action 2025, meeting with over 330 congressional offices. Together, we delivered a unified message: ***Congress must do all that it can to protect service-earned pay and benefits.***

However, the fight isn't over.

The 119th Congress is just getting started, and lawmakers need to keep hearing from constituents like you. The work we did on Capitol Hill last week must be reinforced by MOAA advocates from across the country.

We urge you to take action on MOAA's top legislative priorities:

- **Incentivize Military Spouse Hiring:** 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.
- **Unaccompanied Housing Improvements:** 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.
- **Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans:** Pass legislation to shorten how long millions of veterans must wait before receiving service-earned care and benefits.
- **Support Veteran Caregivers:** Champion/cosponsor the passage of the Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act.

And don't forget — every message does make a difference. The pressures on service-earned pay and benefits aren't going away — but neither is MOAA.

We need every voice and every advocate to help us keep fighting, and to remind Congress that the greatest asset to our nation's security and prosperity is not a weapon system — ***it's the men and women in uniform and their families.***

Visit MOAA's [Legislative Action Center](#) and take action today.

Sincerely,

MOAA Government Relations

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Surviving Spouse/WA State Council Update

Washington State Council of Chapters has a facebook group: [\(2\) MOAA--Washington State Council of Chapters \(WSCOC\) | Facebook](#) Our state council Surviving Spouse Liaison, Cheryl Toland, regularly posts many different events & actions there, so if you are a Facebook user, it would be very beneficial to you to read and be aware of these things. The last several things she posted were Advocacy in Action & MOAA National videos. CHECK IT OUT!!!!!! You can request to join & be more informed regularly.

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

CONTACT YOUR MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Want to get in contact with your State or Federal Congressional Delegation? Here's the contact information of the Olympia Area representatives:

Senator Maria Cantwell (253)572-2281 950 Pacific Ave Suite 615 Tacoma, WA 98402 https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/contact/email	Senator Patty Murray (360)205-2878 771 Capitol Way S, Suite 502 Olympia, WA 98501 https://www.murray.senate.gov/write-to-patty/
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To find other Federal Members of Congress by location you can go to:

<https://www.congress.gov/members/find-your-member>

To find other Washington State Members of Legislature by location you can go to:

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

Connect!**Notable May Dates**

May – Asian American, Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May – Military Appreciation Month

- 05/01 – Silver Star Banner Day, Day to recognize those who have been awarded the Silver Star
- 05/05 – Cinco de Mayo
- 05/09 – Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 05/11 – Mother's Day
- 05/12 – 1200, Ladies Lunch, Don Juan's Mexican Kitchen, 639 Lincoln Ave E, Tenino, WA
- 05/13 – Children of Fallen Patriots Day
- 05/14 – 1730, Board Meeting, via TEAMS
- 05/17 – Armed Forces Day – dedicated to paying tribute to those currently serving
- 05/21 – 1200, Chapter Lunch Meeting, gather 1130, eat 1200, Panorama's seventeen51 restaurant
- 05/26 – Memorial Day
- 05/31 – 3-6pm, Memorial Service for Barbara Lind, Olympia Country Club

Ladies Lunch Club

When: May 12 at 1200, noon

Where: Don Juan's Mexican Kitchen
639 Lincoln Ave E, Tenino, 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

May 14, 2025, 5:30 pm. Via Teams.

Next Board Meeting Join Link (MS Teams)

Contact Dave Slotwinski or Chris McManus for a Teams invite.

Memorial Service for Barbara Eskridge Lind

Note from VP for Membership, Carrie Nielson

We lost our dear friend and fellow MOAA Chapter member, Barbara Lind in February. This is a reminder that 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@xxx.net or call me at NLT 15 May if you plan to attend, so I can give Carl an estimated attendance number.

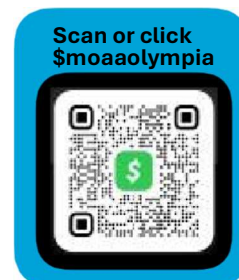
Donation/ Lunch Options

Venue: seventeen51 restaurant and bistro - Panorama, 1751 Circle Ln. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Please RSVP no later than the morning of Friday, May 16, 2025 to Bill Moseley, xxxx@olympiamoaa.org. Please include menu entree selection in CashApp payment description.

Date and Time: Wednesday, May 21, 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.

	Mandarin Salad with poached shrimp	\$21.00	X		= \$
	B.L.A.S.T. Sandwich ☐ Fries ☐ Salad ☐ Fruit	\$21.00	X		= \$
	Macaroni and 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:

Bill Moseley

xxxx@olympiamoaa.org

OR

Mail payment and confirmation to:

Olympia MOAA

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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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