



Olympia Area Chapter

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THE BUGLE

Presidents Note

Greetings and Happy 4th of July! We had an excellent turnout for our June luncheon to hear COL (ret) Stu Harrington recount the final hours at the US Embassy, Saigon, on April 30, 1975. Stu was one of my US Army War College Seminar mentors and, although we managed to overload the local WIFI/ internet connection, our Zoom session was well received. In attendance were two of our scholarship winners and their guests, who were fascinated by COL Harrington's presentation and expressed a desire to learn more about the history of US involvement in Vietnam.

Scholarship recipients and their guests in attendance included Kevin Shin, a senior at Olympia H.S., headed to MIT, and Katherin Sethjinda, also a senior at Olympia H.S., headed to UW, her mother Preeda, and her friend, Ruby.

The day after our luncheon, we "worked" the USO Red, White, and Blue Golf Tournament at the Newcastle Golf and Country Club. Thanks to the great salesmanship of Bill Moseley, Carrie Nielson, Christine McManus, Ro Marcus and myself, we sold over 170 "pitch-a-balls." When we split the earnings between the USO and our chapter, we earned just over \$1700 for our chapter. Not bad for a half-day's work and many thanks to Bill, Carrie, Chris and Ro for volunteering their time. Hooah!

Our next big event is the ARNG OCS graduation event scheduled for August 7 @ 5:30 PM. This year the class is smaller than normal and the staff anticipates approximately 50 graduates. A slight difference between this year and previous years, the graduation will occur that Thursday afternoon and our presentation of the gold bars will be the last act before their celebratory end of course BBQ. As we get closer to the event, we will publish more details.

Following the ARNG OCS graduation, the next event to watch for is the Thurston County United Way Day of Caring on September 26. Ro is working



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with the United Way to find us an appropriate charity to work with. If you have a charity that you think would be great for us to work with on the Day of Caring, please email the details to either Ro or myself as we want to actively select the organization we support.

Our July speaker will be Wesley Wuco, Armed Services YMCA Pacific Northwest. Unlike June, our July meeting will return to its regular cadence with lunch served around 12:05 PM. As for future dinner meetings, we are working it and it is taking longer than I thought to find the “right” venue at the “right” price. If you have any thoughts or suggestions, please let me know. More to follow.

Our next board meeting is Wednesday, July 9, 5:30 PM via Teams. Next Chapter meeting is Wednesday, July 16, social @ 11:30 AM, meeting called to order at 12:00. The location is Panorama’s seventeen51 restaurant. Our guest speaker is Wesley Wuco, Armed Services YMCA Pacific Northwest, who will inform us of his organization’s work on JBLM.

See you on the 16th.

Dave “Slots” Slotwinski

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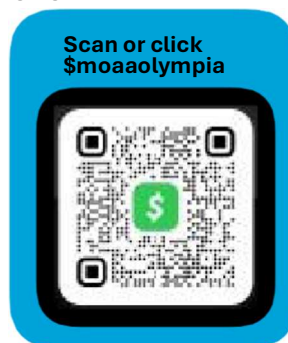
Allen Acosta, Maj, USA, Ret

Treasurer's Report

CASH APP:

Checking account balance:	\$10,019.70
Savings account balance:	\$ 3,654.98
Total:	\$13,674.52

Note from the Treasurer: Nothing to report for this month.



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 06/30/25	Disbursed YTD	2025 Goal
USO	\$1,344.00	\$0.00	\$1400
Fisher House	\$748.00	\$0.00	\$1200
Santa's Castle	\$495.00	\$0.00	\$2000
Scholarships	\$3,149.00	\$2000.00	\$3000
JROTC Booster Club	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500
Sports Balls	\$3.86	0	1000 balls
TOTALS	\$5,739.86	\$2500.00	\$8100 and 1000 balls

2025 OLYMPIA MOAA SCHOLARSHIP

By Bill Moseley



In June chapter leaders had the pleasure of attending Timberline High School Awards Ceremony, River Ridge High School Awards Night, and Olympia High School Awards Assembly and presenting certificates to our scholarship recipients. Bill Moseley attended Timberline High School to present our certificate to Khushi Agrawal. Carrie Nielson attended River Ridge High School to present our certificate to Celine Joseph and attended Olympia High School to present certificates to Kevin Shin and Katherin Sethjinda. In each instance our chapter representative was impressed with the number of additional honors our scholarship recipients received during the awards ceremonies. These young people are all very high achievers! We were also pleased to welcome Kevin and Katherin to our June chapter meeting, along with Katherin's mother and friend to get to know them and learn a little about their plans for the future. Katherin plans to attend UW and Kevin plans to attend MIT.

Excellent June Meeting

The June meeting presentation was powerful, as we heard from Stu Harrington, recounting the final hours of the US Embassy in Saigon. What a harrowing experience! We had the added pleasure of greeting two of our very impressive scholarship recipients, Katherin Sethjinda, who is graduating from Olympia High School and plans to attend University of Washington in the Fall, and Kevin Shin, who is also graduating from Olympia High School and plans to attend MIT in the Fall. It is always a pleasure to hear from our scholarship recipients before they take off for college to embark on their next great adventure.



Above: June meeting speaker Stu Harrington joins us via Zoom. Photo by Allen Acosta



Above: VP Carrie Nielson presents scholarship check to Celine Joseph at River Ridge High School Awards Ceremony. Photo courtesy of Carrie Nielson



Above: Scholarship students Kevin Shin and Katherin Sethjinda at June meeting. Photo by Allen Acosta

USO Golf Tournament

On the morning of June 19, at The Golf Club at Newcastle, Dave (Slots) Slotwinski, Ro Marcus, Carrie Nielson, Bill Moseley and Chris McManus worked the Olympia Area MOAA Chapter's booth at the USO NW Red, White, and Blue Golf Tournament fundraiser. Our chapter sold \$20 pitch-a-ball chances. We split the proceeds 50-50 with the USO for the third year in a row. It was a gorgeous day, a fun event and an easy way for us to earn some money we can spend on our charitable causes. The word seems to have spread, and participants were feeling generous, so we broke our previous sales record selling over 170 pitch-a-balls and earning over \$1,700 for our chapter charities.



Above: Slots, Carrie, DeFrance and Bill working the 2024 USO Red, White and Blue Golf Tournament. Photo by Ro Marcus

Fisher House Submitted by: Bill Moseley



Left: Big smiles from Emily Bonilla of Fisher House, who was on hand to receive our quarterly donation of food and

miscellaneous items from their wish list dropped off by Treasurer Bill Moseley. Photo by Fisher House staff.

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 their two facilities and other eligible families at off-site locations completely free of cost. Fisher House worldwide has housed over 500,000 families, saving military families over \$610 million in lodging, food and transportation costs. This is what your donations this quarter will support! Our goal for this year is \$1200. We are more than halfway there, so let's see if we can't exceed that goal! Don't forget that your donations are tax-deductible.

Welcome Our Newest Chapter Member

Submitted by CAPT Carrie Nielson

I am very excited to report that we have a new member to welcome this month. Air Force Captain Chuck Fowler is a long-time friend of Sam Cagle and Mark Foutch who recently ran into them. They invited him to attend our June meeting, and he filled out the membership application form before the meeting was over. Now we have three former Air Force Public Affairs officers in our midst!

When you see our new member at future meetings, be sure to give him a warm MOAA welcome.

Legislative Action Center's New Look (from June 20, 2025 email)

We're excited to announce that MOAA's Legislative Action Center has a new look—redesigned to improve your experience and make it easier to engage on the issues that matter most.

With a streamlined layout and updated navigation, the Action Center now features:

- **Featured Advocacy Campaigns:** Spotlights MOAA's top priorities, and will change depending on what is gaining traction.
- **Advocacy by Issue Area:** A refreshed layout, allowing you to browse topics such as Currently Serving, DoD Health Care, and Retirees & Veterans.
- **Latest Advocacy News:** A new section combining videos, timely analysis, and links to MOAA's most recent advocacy updates.

These enhancements are part of our broader goal to make the Action Center your one-stop-shop for legislative engagement, news, and other important tools.

[Join MOAA's Advocacy!](#)

Thank you for standing with us to protect the service-earned pay and benefits of our nation's servicemembers, veterans, their families, and survivors.

Sincerely,

MOAA Government Relations

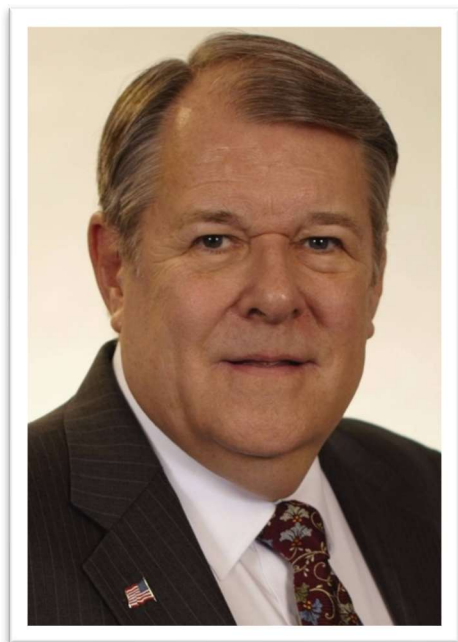
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Alexandria, VA 22314
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Surviving Spouse/WA State Council Update

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.

Member of the Month: Retired Army Lieutenant Colonel Robert C. Jones

Submitted by CAPT Carrie Nielson



Retired Army LTC Bob Jones is a lifetime member of MOAA, and a long-time member of the Olympia Area MOAA chapter, who lives with his wife of 49 years, Carol, in Olympia.

Embodying the motto to never stop serving, Bob keeps very busy with volunteer organizations, like Thurston County Veterans Services and Puget Sound Veterans Services. He served for several years on our MOAA Olympia Board, the Washington State Governors Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee (VAAC), the Thurston County Treatment Sales Tax Advisory Committee, and the Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) chapter of the Association of the US Army, and the Goldcrest Homeowners Association, among others over the past 30 plus years.

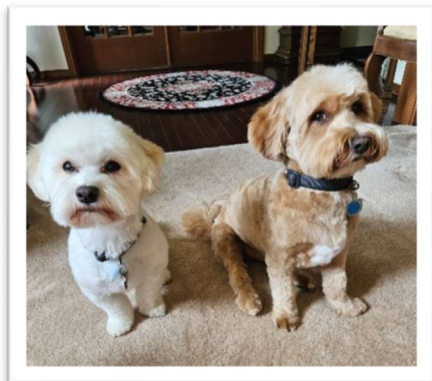
Background: Bob is a Hoosier from Indiana, having entered the US Army Quartermaster Corps after ROTC at Indiana University. He also represented the Quartermaster Corps at the Military

Personnel Center, and Agency of the Pentagon G-1 types.

Family: Carol and Bob were married in London, Carol's hometown, June 25, 1976, while Bob commanded the Supply and Service Company of the 1st Armored Division. They wrapped up their career right here at JBLM, commanding the Main Support Battalion of the 9th Infantry Division and a tour as the I Corps G-4. They stayed here after Bob retired and started his own logistics consulting company and Carol found herself working as a Paralegal, retiring from the Thurston County Prosecuting Attorney's Office.



Above: Bob and Carol together in London in 1976.



Above: Cody and Scout.

All photos courtesy Bob Jones.

Hobbies: They stay busy with a garden and two Havanese pups.

Chapter Activity

Recommendations: Helping homeless and disadvantaged Veterans and their Families seems to be a worthy cause. Let's all do more.

MOAA President's Message: (from June 24, 2025 email)

This Independence Day, Support MOAA's Day of Giving

As we come together with friends and family to celebrate our nation's birthday, we also want to take a moment to remember the key role played by our uniformed services community in our country's founding, and over the 249 years of maintaining our ideals and freedoms since 1776!

Having a strong national defense starts with, and is carried out by, strong people – our uniformed service members and families. It's our currently serving members, retirees, veterans, spouses, families, and survivors who have kept our country strong and preserved the liberties every American enjoys.

All of us at MOAA support this community through our advocacy work each day, and through our MOAA charities. The MOAA Foundation and MOAA Scholarship Fund provide a direct avenue for us to give back, help when needed, and show our appreciation for those who sacrificed and continue to sacrifice for our country, regardless of rank or branch.

Since The MOAA Foundation introduced our Crisis Relief Program in 2022, we have provided nearly \$1 million to hundreds of families when they needed it most – many in the enlisted ranks, and most often in response to natural disasters.

For over 75 years, the MOAA Scholarship Fund has been a cornerstone of MOAA, adapting to meet the evolving needs of our community and providing over \$165 million in financial assistance to more than 26,000 students. As we have heard from so many families, our scholarships and interest-free loans open doors for military kids and keep them on course for a bright future.

This Independence Day, let's honor our nation's uniformed servicemembers and families – and let's celebrate the spirit of generosity and patriotism that binds us as a community – by donating to The MOAA Foundation and/or MOAA Scholarship Fund.

Every contribution, regardless of size, will have a significant impact.

I extend my heartfelt thanks to those who have already donated. For those who haven't, here are three simple ways to support our charities:

1. [Make a secure online donation.](#)
2. [Purchase a Limited Edition MOAA 2025 Charitee.](#) These shirts are available for a limited time, with 100% of proceeds supporting MOAA Charities.
3. Encourage your friends, family, and others who wish to support the uniformed services to donate.

I wish you a wonderful and safe holiday. Thank you for supporting our mission to **Never Stop Serving**.

DONATE TODAY

With gratitude,



Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret)
President and CEO

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 their 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 1-800-234-6622 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
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<https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/contact/email>

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<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 July Dates**

- 07/04 – Independence Day
- 07/09 – 1730, Staff Meeting, via TEAMS
- 07/14 – 1200, Ladies Lunch, The Brick on Trosper
- 07/16 – 1200, Chapter Lunch Meeting, gather 1130, eat 1200, Panorama's seventeen51 restaurant
- 07/25 – Hire a Veteran Day
- 07/27 – Korean War Veterans Armistice Day

Ladies Lunch Club

When: July 14 at 1200, noon

Where: The Brick on Trosper
707 Trosper Road SW, Tumwater

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

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

Next Board Meeting Join Link (MS Teams)

Contact Dave Slotwinski or Chris McManus for a Teams invite.

Travel Note

MOAA Vacations is offering a Highlights of Eastern Europe River Cruise, July 12-21, 2026 - Budapest to Bucharest. This will be an exclusive MOAA-only journey through the heart of Eastern Europe aboard the S.S. Beatrice, one of Uniworld's most elegant Super Ships. Highlights include: dramatic Danube scenery, cultural and historical immersion, authentic regional experiences, luxury onboard living, and exclusive MOAA benefits. For more information, contact MOAA Vacations at 1-800-211-5107, or mail@moaavac.com

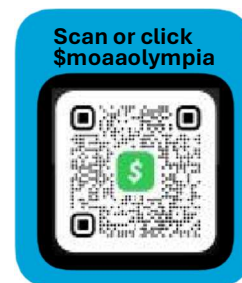
Donation/ Lunch Options

Venue: seventeen51 restaurant - Panorama, 1751 Circle Ln. SE, Lacey, WA 98503. Please RSVP no later than the morning of Friday, July 11, 2025 to Doug White, xxxx@olympiamoaa.org. Please include menu entree selection in CashApp payment description.

Date and Time: Wednesday, July 16, gather at 11:30 am and call to order 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. Meal selections may be confirmed at the door.

	Smoked Salmon Caesar	\$21.00	X		= \$
	Reuben Grill ☐ Fries ☐ Salad ☐ Fruit	\$21.00	X		= \$
	Caprese Pasta with Garlic Bread	\$21.00	X		= \$
	Soup and Salad combo	\$21.00	X		= \$
	Total Lunch				= \$



The lunch cost is \$21.00 and includes tax, gratuity, and coffee, tea, and water service.
Gluten Free items are available from the menu on request.

Fisher House	= \$
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@olympiamoaa.org

OR

Mail payment and confirmation to:
Olympia MOAA
PO Box 5957
Lacey, WA 98509-5957

Summer Reading

From National MOAA Newsletter:

Looking for something good to read this Summer? National MOAA recommends the following contemporary military reads for your summer reading list:

- The Wide, Wide Sea: Imperial Ambition, First Contact, and the Fateful Final Voyage of Captain James Cook, by Hampton Sides
- The Soldiers Fell Like Autumn Leaves: The Battle of the Wabash, the United States' Greatest Defeat in the Wars Against Indigenous Peoples, by Rick Schoenfield
- General Naval Tactics, Theory and Practice, by Milan Vego
- Endgame 1944: How Stalin Won the War, by Jonathan Dimbleby
- Adopting Mission Command: Developing Leaders for a Superior Command Culture, by Donald Vandergriff

From Carrie Nielson: I have recently been captivated by the amazing true story detailed in A Woman of No Importance: The Untold Story of the American Spy Who Helped Win World War II, by Sonia Purnell. The talent, persistence and heroism this woman demonstrated while so many around her faltered and failed is absolutely incredible.