

Olympia Area MOAA Chapter

Annual Meeting

November 19, 2025



2025 Annual Review Agenda

- Accomplishments – Slots
- Charities and Activities - Slots
- Membership - Carrie
- Communications and Social Media – Carrie
- Legislative Advocacy-
- Surviving Spouse Activities
- Speakers and Programs - Slots
- Budget – Bill
- Officer Slate – Slots
- By-Law Changes- Slots
- Voting and Good of the Order – Slots
- Adjournment - Slots

2025 Accomplishments

- 5-star Chapter of Excellence (for 2024)
- 5-star Communications Awards (for 2024)
 - Newsletter
 - Website

2025 Charities and Activities

- Santa's Castle – 2025 Goal: \$2,000. 2024-donated \$1,200 and 847 sports balls valued at \$15,520; projected 2025- \$1,200 donation, 800+ balls
- Fisher House – Goal: \$1,000: donated \$1,150
- USO – Goal: \$1,500, donated \$1,394
- Scholarships: Awarded 4-\$1,000 Scholarships
- Sold “Pitch-A-Ball” at USO Golf Tournament, raised \$1200

2025 Charities and Activities

- Presented MOAA Medal and \$500 check for Booster Club at Shelton HS NJROTC Awards Ceremony
- Presented MOAA Medal at NewMarket NJROTC Award Ceremony
- Presented 78 sets of Gold Bars at National Guard OCS Graduation
- Participated:
 - Washington State Patriotic Day
 - Legislative Town Hall Events
 - Shelton Veterans Village
 - Thurston County United Way Day Of Caring

2025 Membership

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-90 members on active roster

19 recently removed to inactive file for lack of dues and contact since 2022

32 have not paid dues for 2025; 10 of those have not paid dues since 2023

Losses:

-2023: 6 passed on, 1 dropped, 7 moved

-2024: 5 passed on, 1 moved

-2025: 3 passed, 2 moved.

Gains:

-2023 gained: 13

-2024 gained: 6

-2025 gained: 10

2025 Membership

Recruiting

- Instituted “welcome” program
- From National: encourage members to “trade up” to premium and life memberships
- To increase chapter membership::
 - approach commands on base, work with 3rd EOD and SF Group
 - approach Thurston County Readiness Center
 - work with National Guard Training Unit
 - Phone-a-thon using lapsed members and past NRTR data

Meetings

- Attendance at monthly meetings fluctuating between 20 and 25; goal 30-35 regular attendance
- Return to dinner meeting Spring-Summer
- Keep price down; seek quality speakers

2025 Communications and Social Media

- Modernized Newsletter
- Modernized Website, Facebook
- CashApp for payment option
- Transitioned to Microsoft TEAMS
- Archived historical docs on TEAMS
- Development of Chapter App on-hold

2025 Legislative Advocacy

- National Emphasis on using Leg Action Center
- Legislative Action Center – link on website and in newsletter
- Segment in newsletter
- Supported WDVA and VLC State Legislative priorities
- Supported MOAA Advocacy in Action
- VLC Chaired by Chapter Member Jerry Fugich

2025 Legislative Advocacy

Washington MOAA Legislative Action Center Engagement
Registrants and Activity

January 1 - September 30, 2025 for Washington

-Total Registered Advocates: 1087 (279/26% from Chapter or Council Members)

-Total Actions Taken: 2267 (887/39% from Chapter or Council Members)

Chapter	Number of Registrants	Number of Actions Taken
Olympia Area Chapter MOAA	33	77
*Whidbey Island	60	305

- Top in WA

2025 Surviving Spouse/Spouse Activities

- Weak area
- Recruit new chapter Surviving Spouse Liaison
- Continue monthly Lady Lunch Group meetings
- Distribute MOAA and WSCOC Surviving Spouse information via Newsletter and website

2025 Guest Speakers

Nov- Annual Meeting

Dec- Officer/ Board Installation; holiday entertainment by Entertainment Explosion

Jan- Ro Marcus/ Scott Merriman-WA State Leg Bill tracking and leg communications

Feb- Art Dolan- History of US Flag

Mar- Shelly Hinzman, Admin Dir, Santa's Castle

Apr- LtCol Cherne, 361 Recruiting Squadron (USAF)

May-Cindy Hoover and Lauri Leirdahl, Quilts of Honor Foundation

2025 Guest Speakers

Jun-COL (ret) Stu Harrington- Fall of Saigon

Jul- Wes Wuco, Ex Dir, ASYMCA

Aug- Dinner Social, no speaker

Sep- Dinner: LtCol Brian Harwell, Senior Naval Science Instructor for Shelton HS NROTC

Oct- Erin Doran, Panorama's Aquatic and Fitness Coordinator

Nov- Annual Meeting

Dec- Officer and Board Installation, holiday entertainment- Latitude 47

2026 Speakers and Programs

- Commander, Madigan AMC
- MOAA National Board Member
- History of US Flag- Arthur Dolan, WSSAR
- Broken Mirror of Memory- Joesph Soel
- Charity Updates
- Tumwater USAR Center Update
- TAG, WA

2026 Budget

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	REVENUE		
	-	-	
Revenue	Revenue	Revenue	Revenue
SAVINGS	\$ 3,672.21	\$ 3,653.41	
GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,871.00	\$ 2,251.95	\$ (1,619.05)
RECRUITING	\$ 2,062.11	\$ 2,012.11	\$ (50.00)
SOCIAL FUND	\$ 6,508.31	\$ 5,162.00	\$ (1,346.31)
COMMUNITY FUND	\$ 11,800.00	\$ 10,778.54	\$ (1,021.46)

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 27,913.63	\$ 23,858.01	\$ (4,055.62)
	EXPENDITURES		
	-	-	
Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures	Expenditures
SAVINGS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
GENERAL FUND	\$ 3,871.00	\$ 1,810.48	\$ 2,060.52
RECRUITING	\$ 650.00	\$ 169.86	\$ 480.14
SOCIAL FUND	\$ 6,270.00	\$ 4,740.00	\$ 1,530.00
COMMUNITY FUND	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 8,884.65	\$ 3,815.35
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 23,491.00	\$ 15,604.99	\$ 7,886.01
NET SURPLUS / (LOSS)	\$ 4,422.63	\$ 8,253.02	\$ 11,941.63

2026 Budget

COMMUNITY FUND				
	BUDGET		ACTUAL	VARIANCE
Revenue	Revenue		Revenue	Revenue
USO	\$ 1,500.00		\$ -	\$ 1,500.00
Fisher House	\$ 1,000.00		\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Santa's Castle	\$ 1,200.00		\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
Scholarship Program	\$ 5,000.00		\$ -	\$ 5,000.00
Special Vet Home Project Support (Transfer from General Fund Account)	\$ 500.00		\$ -	
Shelton JROTC Unit Support (Transfer From General Fund Account)	\$ 500.00		\$ -	\$ 500.00
Sports Ball Project	\$ 1,500.00			
Total Fundraising Revenue	\$ 11,200.00		\$ -	\$ 11,200.00
	BUDGET			VARIANCE
Expenditures	Expenditures			Expenditures
USO	\$ 1,400.00			\$ 1,400.00
Fisher House	\$ 1,000.00			\$ 1,000.00
Santa's Castle	\$ 1,200.00			\$ 1,200.00
Scholarship Program	\$ 3,000.00		\$ -	\$ 3,000.00
Special Vet Home Project Support	\$ 500.00		\$ -	\$ 500.00
Sports Ball Project	\$ 1,500.00			
Shelton JROTC	\$ 500.00			
Misc Community Support	\$ 1,000.00			
Total Fundraising Expenditures	\$ 10,100.00			\$ 10,100.00
Fundraising Net Balance / (Loss)	\$ 1,100.00		\$ -	\$ (1,100.00)

2025 Officer and BOD Slate

2026 Olympia Area Chapter MOAA Officers and Board Slate		
Position	Incumbent 2025	Officers 2026, 1 year term
President	Dave Slotwinski	Carrie Nielson
1st VP	Dave Slotwinski	Dave Slotwinski
2nd VP	Carrie Nielson	DeFrance Clarke
Treasurer	William Moseley	William Moseley
Secretary	Roselyn Marcus	Roselyn Marcus
<i>Past President</i>	Carrie Nielson	Dave Slotwinski
Vacant or BOD members up for re-election for Term 26- 28		
Term expires 2025	Chaplain Doug White	Next term 26-28
Term expires 2025	Allen Acosta	Next term 26-28
Term expires 2025	Danielle Nuxoll	Next term 26-28
Vacant (Term expires 2026)	Marc Cote	Next term 27-29
Vacant (Term expires 2026)	Ray Rasmussen	Next term 27-29
Board members not up for re-election and vacant postions		
Term expires 2026	Sam Cagle	Next term 27-29
Term expires 2027	Chris McManus	Next term 28-29
Term expires 2027	Vacant	
Term expires 2027	Vacant	
	<i>Bugle Editor/ Web site</i>	
	Christine McManus	Not elected

2025 By-Law Changes

The Olympia Area Chapter Board of Directors are recommending changes to the current chapter bylaws. In addition to grammatical, clarification and updating language, and other non-substantive changes, the following substantive changes are recommended.

- Article III, Section 6. Records Management. Changes the current requirement that all documents be maintained for 6 years to a requirement that records shall be maintained in accordance with the chapter's records management policy, which is currently being finalized. This policy will require all financial records to be maintained for 7 years, will maintain historical records permanently, and allow transient records to be destroyed in 6 years or less. The policy will be provided to all chapter members once approved by the board.

2025 By-Law Changes

- Article IV, Membership.
 - Section 1.(a). - Added Space Force to list of services.
 - Section 4.(A) d. - removed confusing language related to verification of membership applications.
 - Section 4.(B) - clarified that recommendations for honorary membership can be submitted by the board directors and officers, as well as chapter members.

2025 By-Law Changes

- Article VIII, Board of Directors
 - Section 2(a). Changed when directors take office from next regular board meeting to the first board meeting in January, establishing the term as a one calendar year term.
 - Section 2(b). Added the ability for a vacant position on the board to be filled by election of a member at the next annual meeting, to serve to the remaining period of the term. This is in addition to the current ability of the board to appoint a member to a vacant position.
 - Section 5. Made it clear that board meetings can be held in person, by electronic means or a combination of both.
 - Section 9. Made it clear that voting by the board may occur by email, in accordance with chapter policy. The board will develop and approve a voting policy that provides the process for voting by email.

2025 By-Law Changes

- Article IX, Officers
 - Section 2. Changed when officers take office from next regular board meeting to the first board meeting in January. Establishing calendar year terms.
 - Section 7. Clarified the Secretary's duties to include the maintenance of records in accordance with the records management policy.

2025 By-Law Changes

- Article X, Committees.
 - Section 2. Simplified the committee structure to conform with current practice to provide greater flexibility by removing all the named committees with their attendant duties and replacing with the board establishing the process for creating committees by establishing a committee policy and listing some requirements that must be in the policy.
 - Section 4. Clarified the appointment of liaisons and removed the list of organizations for which liaisons are currently appointed, to provide greater flexibility and remove the need to amend the bylaws when organizations change.

2025 Annual Meeting Actions

- By-Laws: Approve recommended changes
- Approve 2026 Officer and Board Member Slate
- Approve 2026 Budget
- Approve retaining Annual dues at \$20/\$10
- Any business for the Good of the Order
- Announcements
- Adjourn