



Olympia Area Chapter

In this month's Bugle



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THE BUGLE

Presidents Note

May has passed in a whirlwind of travel and events and deadlines and changing seasons. It has been pleasant to watch the blossoms and greenery exploding as the weather warms up. I was also grateful to make it back from my overseas adventure in time for our monthly MOAA meeting.

What a terrific May meeting! It was so entertaining to have Art Dolan back to regale us with his presentation about the Declaration of Independence, or “The World’s Greatest Break Up Letter.” I believe his presentation about American flags last year garnered more positive comments than any other speaker we have had. This time he involved chapter members by having a handful of them participate in reading the declaration. It was quite moving - and so timely. We were also graced this month with the presence of our two scholarship recipients: Logan McCaslin with his mother, and Josie Grager with her stepfather.

We are in the midst of award season. I was honored to attend the NNDCC award ceremony at New Market Skills Center last week and I am looking forward to attending the High School Senior Awards Night at Shelton next week to honor our scholarship recipients. Meanwhile, Slots attended the Shelton NJROTC awards night last week and will attend the Rainier High School Awards Night next week. I look forward each year to this chance to celebrate the achievements of our selected young future leaders.

On June 18 we will be manning a tent at the USO Charity Golf Tournament at the Golf Club at Newcastle selling Pitch-a-Balls as a fundraiser. This will be our third year at the tournament and the past two years we made \$1,000 each for our chapter and for the USO. Not a bad deal for half a day’s commitment from 4 or 5 of our chapter



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officers. The weather is likely to be lovely, the course is gorgeous and the players are inclined to give generously to a good cause. If you would like to help at this year's event, just contact Slots.

On May 28-29, I attended a MOAA Regional Leaders Workshop in San Diego where I heard updates from national on some systems and processes and we workshopped new member outreach and chapter management processes. I was also pleased to accept recognition on behalf of our chapter for our Five Star Level of Excellence, Five Star Communications Newsletter and Website Awards Selections for this past year. Our continued hard work does not go unrecognized.

Our next board meeting is June 10 at 5:30 PM via TEAMS and our next chapter meeting is Wednesday, June 17, social @ 5:30 PM, meeting called to order at 6:00PM. The location is Indian Summer Golf and Country Club. For our guest speaker, Frank Michael, Senior Director, Affiliated Councils and Chapters, MOAA, will be joining us all the way from DC, so don't miss it.

Now I ask you all to please tell your family and friends and especially other officers about all the wonderful things we are doing, then invite them to come to a meeting, by which I mean get out there and recruit – the more the merrier!

Carrie Nielson
Chapter President

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Treasurer’s Report

Checking account balance:	\$8,909.71
Savings account balance:	\$3,656.73
Total:	\$12,566.44

Note from the Treasurer: The Treasurer worked with national MOAA to establish a Cheddar Up account to accommodate electronic payments. It has features that include paying dues, making donations, and making meal reservations. It is linked from the website at the Dues and Donations page. The QR code for our Cheddar Up account is:



Above: President Carrie Nielson presents \$500 MOAA support check to New Market NNDCC instructor Roy Calica.

Charity	Balance as of 05/31/26	Disbursed YTD	2026 Goal
USO	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$1400
Fisher House	\$1,356.00	\$0.00	\$1200
Santa’s Castle	\$275.00	\$0.00	\$2000
Scholarships	\$2,290.50	\$0.00	\$3000
JROTC Booster Club	\$0.00	\$1000.00	\$500
Sports Balls	\$5.42	\$0.00	1000 balls
TOTALS	\$4,201.92	\$1,000.00	\$8100 and 1000 balls

Note from Treasurer: Thanks to the tremendous generosity of our chapter members, we were able to collect \$1,000 for the two JROTC units we support in just over one month. In May, chapter representatives attended their end of year awards ceremonies to present \$500 checks to each program to assist in developing leaders of good character for our country’s future.

OLYMPIA MOAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND

We were very pleased to host both of our scholarship recipients at our May meeting. Logan McCaslin will be graduating from Shelton High School this year and is pursuing a vocational certification in welding. He has been a stand-out cadet in the Shelton JROTC program. Josie Grager will be graduating from Rainier High School this year and attending University of Washington, Tacoma campus. She is interested in pursuing a career in the medical field. She has been a star in the New Market Skills Center NNDCC program. Chapter representatives attended the JROTC awards events for Shelton and New Market on May 21 at 1700 and 1730 and will attend the senior award nights at Rainier High School on June 02 at 1800 and Shelton High School on June 03 at 1800 to properly recognize these outstanding students and increase community visibility for our chapter. We also presented \$500 to each unit or their booster club during their awards ceremonies, thanks to chapter members’ generous donations.



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Left: President Carrie Nielson with scholarship recipient Josie Grager and MOAA JROTC Medal recipient Megan Peppers.

Olympia MOAA Supports Fisher House

Fisher House provides service members and their families a comfortable, nurturing and secure home away from home while 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 can be served at off-site locations completely free of charge. Based on your generous donations in past years, we set

a goal of \$1,200 for this year. In just two months this chapter continued to demonstrate tremendous generosity, donating over \$1300 towards Fisher House. **If you would like to know more about Fisher House and how it operates, they offer tours. Call Vattana Garcia at .



Fisher House is a 501(c)(3) organization, and all your donations are tax-deductible.

Photo: Bill Moseley, Fisher House Liaison, donates supplies to Melissa Cady, Operations Assistant at JBLM Fisher House. Photo by Fisher House Staff.

Support Your USO

By Bill Moseley

Since 1966, the 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), Boise USO MEPS Center, Portland USO MEPS Center, plus military installations throughout Oregon and Idaho with the use of mobile units. 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 400 volunteers, the USO guarantees that your donations go directly to the services and programs benefiting service members and their families. USO Northwest serves over 150,000 military and their families annually. 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.



USO Charity Golf Tournament

On 18 June, our chapter will man a tent selling Pitch-a-Balls at the USO charity golf tournament at The Golf Club at New Castle. This will be our third year conducting this fundraiser. For a half day commitment of the time of three-five of our members, we have earned over \$1,000 each for our chapter and the USO the past two years. The weather is typically lovely, the course gorgeous and the players seem happy to spend money for a good cause. If you are interested in helping this year, contact Slots at .

Surviving Spouse Corner

In addition to state council and local chapter surviving spouse liaisons, MOAA provides the following resources for surviving spouses:

- National MOAA Surviving Spouse Webpage, www.moaa.org/survivors
- Surviving Spouse Advisory Council, www.moaa.org/ssac
- Monthly Surviving Spouse Corner, www.moaa.org/survivingspousecorner
- Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter, mssvc02@gmail.com
- MOAA Surviving Spouses & Friends Facebook group, www.facebook.com/groups/581427115240904
- MOAA Surviving Spouse Publications: www.moaa.org/publications

WHEREAS, throughout the history of Washington state and the United States, women have dedicated themselves to securing and preserving the freedoms and liberties cherished by all Americans and our allies; and

WHEREAS, women serve in the United States Uniformed Services with exceptional valor, resilience and integrity during both conflict and peace, safeguarding the security and prosperity of our nation;

WHEREAS, women veterans represent one of the fastest-growing demographics within the veteran community, projected to constitute nearly 20 percent of the total veteran population by 2045; and

WHEREAS, Washington state is home to more than 60,000 women veterans whose dedication, sacrifices and achievements deserve recognition, respect and gratitude; and

WHEREAS, 2026 marks the 78th anniversary of the groundbreaking Women's Armed Services Integration Act, which was signed into law by President Harry S. Truman on June 12, 1948, enabling women to serve as permanent, regular members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, and Air Force; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting to honor the courage and dignity with which women have served and continue to serve in defense of our nation and our great state;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Ferguson, governor of the state of Washington, do hereby **proclaim June 12, 2026, as Women Veterans Day in Washington**, and I encourage all Washingtonians to join me in celebrating the contributions of women veterans, acknowledging their strength, service and commitment to the progress of our country and state.

Signed this 20th day of May, 2026
Governor Bob Ferguson

MOAA's Legislative Action Center

Every month we encourage you to go online and register to use this – are you unsure what it is? MOAA's Legislative Action Center (LAC) is an online tool with four sections. One section addresses MOAA's key advocacy issues, letting you know what topics MOAA is focusing its primary lobbying efforts on for the year. Another section allows you to engage with lawmakers, making it easy for you to send emails to your elected officials about key legislative matters and to report your interactions to MOAA. A third section provides a comprehensive list of MOAA supported legislation. MOAA regularly updates this list so our members can know what legislation MOAA has endorsed. The fourth section is the "find your elected official" section. If you are not sure who your two national senators are or your district's representative is, this tool will tell you. When you register with the LAC, you provide address information that enables the LAC to determine your senators and representatives.

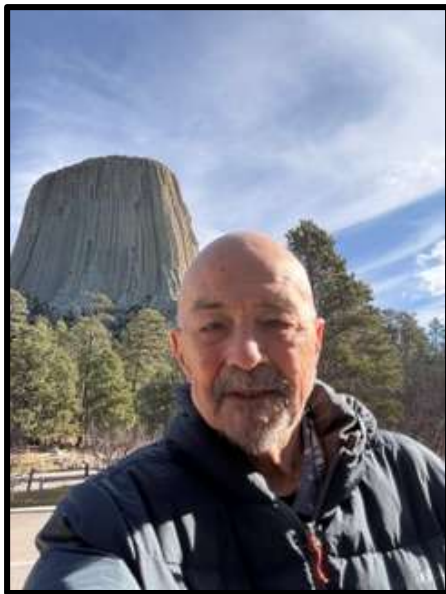
You can always use the [Legislative Action Center](#) to learn more about MOAA priorities, and to send messages directly to your elected officials. Act now!

Excellent May Meeting

We had a great turnout for our May meeting. As usual, we enjoyed an excellent meal and the members had a good time visiting with each other at their tables before and during the meal. Our guest speaker for the meeting, Art Dolan, gave a wonderfully entertaining presentation about the Declaration of Independence that he titled "The World's Greatest Breakup Letter". He enlisted chapter members to read the Declaration, which was very moving. It was also a pleasant extra to have our scholarship recipients join us and share a few details about themselves and visit with chapter members during the meeting.

Members of the Month / New Member Intro– CW5 Barry Lindeke, USA RET

Submitted by CW5 Barry Lindeke, USA RET



At the recommendation of Danielle Nuxoll and after receiving a warm Olympia Area welcome, CW5 Barry Lindeke, USA RET became our newest chapter member. Barry provided the following bio by way of introduction: Barry was born in West Chester, PA, and moved to Queens, NY at the end of WWII. The family moved back to PA where he completed high school and spent a year in college, completing his degree later. When draft came calling, Barry explored various options, finally going with the Army who offered Barry a 3-year enlistment with an intelligence assignment in civilian clothes.

After basic training in 1965, Barry arrived at Fort Holabird, Baltimore, MD, where he attended a course as an intelligence support operator. Funny, civilian clothes positions were all filled - so much for recruiter promises! After a 19-month tour in South Korea supporting intelligence collection operations, Barry returned to Fort Holabird for training as a counterintelligence special agent with follow on tour in Norfolk, VA. Barry received training in Japanese at the Defense Language Institute, Monterey, CA, in 1969, where he met and married his wife Judy who came with her 3 wonderful daughters. Judy's husband was KIA years earlier in the Vietnam

war. With Vietnam supposedly in the rear-view mirror Barry settled into a stable tour in Japan with family. But after only 14 months, an emergency requisition came in assigning Barry to Vietnam as a Phung Huang/Phoenix Advisor in Quang Ngai Province. Upon return from Vietnam, Barry held various Army and joint assignments as a counterintelligence agent in OK and MA. During a follow-on assignment in Japan, Barry's duties moved away from counterintelligence and started focusing in positive intelligence collection operations. In 1982, while on a subsequent tour at Army Intelligence HQ at Fort Meade, MD, Barry was accepted into a special program and received extensive training with other intelligence agencies in the art of being a Case Officer, responsible for the development and handling of human assets. Barry thoroughly enjoyed the remainder of his career working mainly as a Case Officer, with a brief tour on the headquarters staff in Fort Meade and finishing up his final 5 years as the Commander of a joint intelligence collection unit.

Having retired from the Army as a CW5 in 2000 after 35 plus years active duty and expecting a quiet retirement, things got disrupted a short 11 months later when 9/11 happened. Barry volunteered to return to active duty, but when the Army could not locate his service records, he was unable to return to active duty. Instead, Barry joined a company providing worldwide direct counter terrorism support to the Department of Defense. In 2008, Barry rejoined the Army as a civilian counterintelligence agent serving as the Army's agent assigned to the FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force in Tacoma before finally retiring in 2018. At 75, it was just time to turn the watch over to the next generation. Not to mention that the body said it was getting too hard to carry all the equipment required for the job!

Barry lives in Puyallup where he is currently in the process of moving to a senior co-op. Barry's favorite duty station, without a doubt, was Japan. Since both he and his wife spoke Japanese, the 20 plus years spent in Japan were personally and professionally rewarding and cultivated many friendships. Barry enjoys traveling throughout the United States and overseas, especially Japan where he recently spent 9 weeks just roaming around the country. Road trips in the United States are also a favorite to visit various national parks and annual trips to visit 2 daughters living on Cape Cod, MA. His third daughter lives locally in Bellevue, so Barry sees her weekly. Barry's interests run the gamut from photography to computers. And he keeps very involved in the running of the senior co-op where he recently moved.



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/>

This site can also be used to look up information about bills under consideration in WA State.

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- 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 (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.	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!

Monthly Chapter Meeting

The Chapter Meeting will be 17 June, gather at 1730, call to order at 1800. Our speaker will be Frank Michael, Senior Director, Affiliated Councils and Chapters, MOAA. He will be coming all the way from DC to join us, so be sure to attend this meeting and have your MOAA questions ready for him. We will be meeting at Indian Summer Golf and Country Club, 5900 Troon Ln SE, Olympia, WA. **RSVP No Later Than Wednesday, 10 June.** Meal options will be:

Meatloaf Platter with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and either House or Caesar Salad, or Asian Chicken Salad, or Pasta Alfredo with Garlic Bread

Price will be \$33 and include tax and gratuity. Coffee, tea and chef's choice dessert are included.

Connect!



Next Board Meeting

June 10, 2026, 5:30 pm. Via Teams.
Contact Ro Marcus or Chris McManus for a Teams invite.

Ladies Lunch Club

When: June 8 at 1200, noon
Where: Fire Creek Grill and Ale House
5225 Yelm Highway SE, Olympia, WA 98513
Please RSVP to: Christine McManus

Notable June Dates

- 06/06 – D-Day – Anniversary of the 1944 Normandy Allied Invasion
- **06/08 – 1200, Ladies Lunch, Fire Creek Grill and Ale House, 5225 Yelm Highway SE, Olympia, WA 98513**
- **06/10 – 1730, Staff Meeting, via TEAMS**
- 06/12 – Women Veterans Day
- 06/14 – Flag Day
- 06/14 – U.S. Army Birthday (established in 1775)
- **06/17 – 1200, Chapter Dinner Meeting, gather 1730, eat 1800, Indian Summer Golf and Country Club, 5900 Troon Ln SE, Olympia, WA**
- 06/19 – Juneteenth National Independence Day (Federal Holiday)
- 06/22 – Anniversary of the Victory at the Battle of Okinawa
- 06/23 – U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Birthday
- 06/25 – Anniversary of the start of the Korean War
- 06/27 – National PTSD Awareness Day
- 06/28 – Operation Red Wings Observance

Donation/ Lunch Options

Venue: Indian Summer Golf and Country Club, 5900 Troon Ln SE, Olympia, WA.

Please RSVP no later than Wednesday, June 10, 2026, to Doug White.

Please include menu entree selection in your email or snail mail RSVP.

Date and Time: Wednesday, June 17, gather at 5:30 pm and call to order and dinner at 6pm.

	Asian Chicken Salad	\$33.00	X		= \$
	Meatloaf Platter with Mashed Potatoes, Gravy and either House or Caesar Salad	\$33.00	X		= \$
	Pasta Alfredo with Garlic Bread	\$33.00	X		= \$
	Total Lunch				= \$

USO	= \$
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 beforehand to ensure menu item entree selection and RSVP count.

QR code for CheddarUP app option to pay:		
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Payment at door must be check or exact change in cash.

Please send a confirmation to:

Doug White

OR

Mail payment and confirmation to:

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JBLM Retiree Appreciation Day

Friday, June 26, 0900 – 1500, Waller Hall

This is a day devoted to providing valuable services, information, and resources for Military Retirees and their families from all branches and ages. They will be providing such services as:

- ID Card Renewal
- Medical Screenings
- Legal Services
- Vehicle Passes
- Veterans Services Organizations

And more!