

The Dispatch



PUGET SOUND CHAPTER, MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS

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The Association for all Military Officers February 2021

NEXT PUGET SOUND CHAPTER EVENT

14 FEBRUARY 2021

The PLA in the South China Sea COL Tulak

**Join us on 14 February
at 1200 by tuning in to**



Link will be sent prior to our
meeting

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Commander's Corner: *February input by LTC Haskins*

Companions, we are coming up on one full year of COVID virus but we are still going strong on Zoom. Still having good speakers and get to see and hear each other through technology. Our chapter will get together in person when it is safe, so get those vaccine shots as soon as you can.

I would like to thank Lt Col John Apostolides and cadets of Bethel High School for an outstanding presentation for our January Zoom meeting.

Our 14 February meeting will be a Zoom meeting with COL Tulak (MOWW Hawaii) presenting a timely topic on current China issues. Also, February as you know, is our month for our annual Washington State Patriotic Day celebration/presentation. This year it will be virtual, and companion Maj Keith Warren is in the final planning stages for the program to be presented later in the month.

On 14 March we will be presenting the Bronze Patrick Henry awards to young people who have done good patriotic service in their communities. You can nominate a candidate by looking at the application attached.

I am also the MOWW representative to the Washington Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC). The legislatures 1st day for 2021 was January 11th, their meetings are also virtual for the time being, but they are active and filing bills as normal.

The VLC meets every Friday during the Legislative session and will be following veteran related bills. There is a web site where you can find any of the bills that may be of interest to you: www.leg.wa.gov .

I am also the Veteran Affairs committee chair. There are many updates in the VA world, too many to list here. The biggest item I am aware of is the modernization of the VA health record. In short, the new system makes it easier than ever for health professionals to access the veteran's medical history. No longer will Vietnam Vets like me have boxes of records to carry around. VA now does quarterly webinars that are helpful for VA followers. On YouTube Channel: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P6JOq4cgviw> See you Next month, Heinz

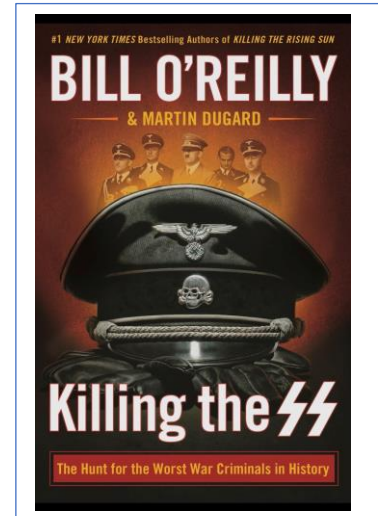
Thanks Bethel High School AFJROTC cadets for providing a great Patriotic Program to the Puget Sound Chapter, on 10 January. At the right is the Cadet Samson, Squadron Commander, who received the MOWW Medal of Merit for her excellent leadership.



Book Reader

Killing the SS. The hunt for the worst war criminals in history started the day after victory in Europe during WW II. The true horrors of the Third Reich were exposed and the Nazi war criminals were on the run. A few were swiftly caught, including the notorious SS leader Heinrich Himmler. Others evaded capture through sophisticated Nazi cells designed to hide them and get them to Argentina—officers like Adolf Eichmann, Martin Bormann, Klaus Barbie, and Josef Mengele. In the fast-paced style of the *Killing* series, this book will stun and educate every reader.

[Killing the SS: Bill O'Reilly and Martin Dugard](#)



Chapter Chaplain's Notes—February, Chaplain Bill Johnson

Chaplains Corner- Four Chaplains Day

I was totally amazed at the list of important events that are remembered during the month of February each year. The list seems endless, but I would like to share some thoughts about the USS Dorchester which sank on Feb. 3, 1943. The vessel was a civilian passenger ship which had been converted to military service during WW II. The vessel was able to carry over 900 military personnel and crew.

The ship left New York Jan. 23, 1943 bound for Greenland escorted by three Coast Guard Cutters. During the morning of Feb. 3, the vessel was torpedoed in the north Atlantic by a German submarine. The torpedo knocked out the ship's electrical system. Panic set up among the men and some were trapped below decks. The chaplains tried to calm the men and help organize an orderly evacuation of the ship. The chaplains helped soldiers get into life boats and gave their own life jackets to other soldiers when the supply was depleted. Then the four chaplains, according to reports, joined arms, said prayers, sang hymns and went down with the ship.

There have been a very large number of memorials dedicated to the Four Chaplains all across the United States. One of these is located on JBLM between Fort Lewis Main and Madigan Army Medical Center. I was present when the Four Chaplains Memorial Chapel was dedicated on Feb. 14, 1993. It was a blessed ceremony attended by a large number of military and civilian people. The Four Chaplains who went down on the USS Dorchester have been an inspiration for many of us.

COMING EVENTS

14 February	National Security--China	Zoom
20 February	WA State Patriotic Day	TBD
14 March	Bronze Patrick Henry Award	Zoom

Adjutant Angle: We are enjoying seeing friendly faces each month and look forward to meeting in person. I am missing the nice Sunday brunch and good table conversation. Companions to remember this month: **Ron Kirkland**, we all will miss **Ginny; Cheryl Brady** recovering from COVID and husband Donald just passed away after a long battle with COVID; **Muri family** as they mourn the loss of Mary's mother Kay. **Carrie Nielson** lost her Mother and **Jerry Hutchins** lost his wife **Mary**.

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Pershing Quiz

What complicated breaching
the Hindenburg Line for
Pershing's 1st Army?

Email me at
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**Do You have a young person that you would recommend
For the BPH?**

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW)

The Puget Sound Chapter

“2021 BRONZE PATRICK HENRY (BPH) MEDALLION”

For outstanding youth patriotic activities in the community.

NOMINATION FORM

Qualifying activities include, but are not limited to: patriotic education, community service, scouting service, writing or musical contributions of a patriotic nature. (just ask if unsure)

Criteria:

1. This is a **Youth Award**. The nominated youth **must be 18 years of age or younger**.
2. The nominated youth & nominator are invited (**but not required**) to attend the MOWW BPH Presentation via ZOOM at 12:00pm, on Sunday, March 14th 2021.

Nominator Action:

1. **Email CDR Mandigo with the below information by Friday, 12 February 2021.**
2. **Nominators must prepare the award citation**, similar to the attached examples and email it in a Word document **to CDR Mandigo by Friday, 19 February 2021**. **Be very specific by adding the activities and the dates when they were performed. The writeup must be “exactly” what you want transferred to the formal BPH Citation Certificate.**
3. The BPH Award packages (BPH Miniature Medal & Citation) will be mailed to the Nominator or Youth as directed by the Nominator. For the ZOOM if attending.

Youth's Name: _____

DOB: _____

Youth's School Name: _____ School Year: _____

Youth's Email: _____

Cell Phone (for talk or text)

Youth Address: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

Parent / Guardian Name Email: _____

Cell Phone (for talk or text)

Nominator's Name: _____

Nominator's Address: _____

Nominator's Email: _____

Cell Phone (for talk or text)

MOWW Puget Sound Bronze Patrick Henry (BPH) Committee Chair:

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Email: mowwrotc@outlook.com (texting & email assures correct spelling)

**PLEASE PROVIDE VERY SPECIFIC PATRIOTIC SERVICE
EXAMPLES (THESE ARE ONLY EXAMPLES, BE EXACT
AND CREATIVE)**

MALE CITATION EXAMPLE

XXXX's patriotic dedication to the community is outstanding. As a Boy Scout, he has earned the rank of Star, was elected to the Order of the Arrow by his scouting peers who recognize him as an individual who exemplifies the Scout Oath and Law in his daily life and served as Patrol Leader for two, six months, terms organizing and mentoring the Scouts in his care. As an instrumental part of his Troop, he earned the Gold Journey to Excellence award in 2016. First completed over 62 hours of community service in Steilacoom and Du Pont since 2014 participating in "Scouting for Food", environmental restoration projects, camp improvement projects and Steilacoom City Clean Up.

XXXX is also a youth leader at Club Beyond on JBLM helping bring the gospel to military dependents and has served on staff for Young Life Club Malibu in B.C. Canada for Military week the past two years.

For outstanding patriotic activities in his community, he is awarded the Bronze
Patrick Henry Medallion.

FEMALE CITATION EXAMPLE

XXXX visibly demonstrates the key values of a strong and solid American citizen and is recognized for her total commitment and dedication to **XXXX's** High School and the supporting community. Through her making-a-difference volunteer service accomplishments she exemplifies a high quality of citizenship, patriotic leadership, endless perseverance and effective fellow student mentorship. In service totaling more than 115 hours, she has been in charge of five food drives, 25 color guard details for school and patriotic military events and volunteered an additional 35 hours of detailed preparations for special student, family, and school activities conducted in her local community. Her patriotic and community service achievements together with her superb student leadership skills demonstrated as Company Commander of the **XXXX** Junior ROTC makes her a standout among her peers.

For outstanding patriotic activities in her community, she is awarded the Bronze
Patrick Henry Medallion.

