



# The Dispatch



MARCH 2022



## The Military Order Puget Sound Chapter

**Bronze Patrick Henry  
Awards**

**MONTHLY MEETING!**

**When:** 13 March

**Time:** 1230

**Where:** The Adriatic Grill at Oakbrook

**Dress:** Coat and tie or business casual

**Cost:** \$25 with option for raffle ticket

**RSVP:** Try our QR code with cell phone



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**Convenient Meeting Links**

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## February Puget Sound Chapter Report



LTG Keith Dayton delivered a stunning assessment of the Ukraine situation that was timely and interesting. <https://bit.ly/DaytonUkraine>

General Dayton presents the Order's Medal of Merit to an Army JROTC cadet for outstanding leadership.



Puget Sound Chapter Commander LTC Heinz Haskins presents a sizable check to the Sea Cadet Color Guard Commander from the Olympia unit for flag equipment.

Mrs. Dianna Harris receives her Perpetual Pin from father MAJ Don Campbell as she moves up from regular membership.



Valentine Day was celebrated at the 13 February Puget Sound Chapter meeting with Mimosas, flowers and prizes from the raffle table, thanks to generous donors.



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

Well, here we are March 2022. Two years ago, this month we were under severe COVID restrictions. Hopefully we will be out from under all restrictions. As of this writing, the Governor will remove all mask mandates on March 21<sup>st</sup>. Let's hope so.

I want to thank Dick Muri for inviting LTG Dayton to be guest speaker for our February meeting. The presentation was very timely. I'm sure we all learned allot about the current situation in Ukraine (<https://tinyurl.com/DaytonUkraine>)

March is a busy month and we need you at 2 events. The 5<sup>th</sup> will be our Washington State Patriotic Day event in DuPont, WA. Pioneer Middle school. Bring family and friends. On March 13<sup>th</sup> we will have our meeting at the Adriatic Grill, the program will be Bronze Patrick Henry Awards.

April 10<sup>th</sup> will be our First Responder Award presentation program.

As MOWW's representative to the Veterans Legislative Coalition there are several Bills that need mentioning and possibly your support. Call your representative to let them know your position.

Nationally: HR-6543 - Restore Veterans Compensation Act; HR-5944 – Veteran Administration Backlog Accountability Act; HR-303 – Retired Pay Restoration Act; S-1031 – Requires a study to look at Disparities in VA Claims;

If you have any of these issues with VA compensation, VBA is updating the way Sleep Apnea, Mental Health, & Tinnitus ratings were previously rated.

Help please, when we make a reservation for lunch the chapter pays for the lunch even if you cancel. Just let us know if you have to cancel as early as possible.

### **Heads-up for the Bronze Patrick Henry Award**

Friends and Companions, come and meet some great youth, 18 years and younger, and their parents or instructors as they receive the Bronze Patrick Henry Medal for patriotic achievement. Share their accomplishments and see their smiling faces as their medals are pinned on . This is our chance to motivate young people to higher achievement in our community. You are invited to sponsor a student to lunch for \$25 if you feel so inclined.

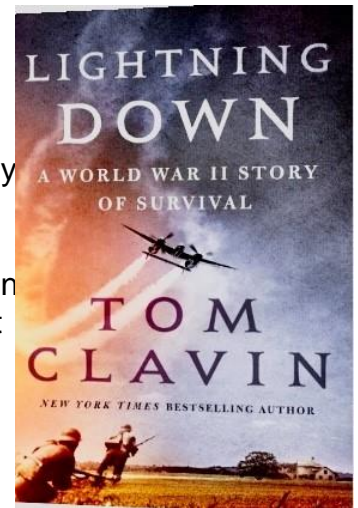
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- Alan Mandigo.

## Book Reader

The incredible, riveting, true story of an American P-38 Lightning fighter pilot doomed to die in Buchenwald concentration camp, but determined to survive. Joe Moser, from Ferndale, WA was shot down and captured immediately along with 170 other allied flyers who were sent to Buchenwald, one of the most notorious and deadly of Nazi camps. Why would Hitler send POWs to a death camp when most other flyers were sent to Stalag Luft sites, that was not supposed to happen? Find out how Joe survived and returned home after the war.

Lightning Down Tom Calvin



### Coming Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
5 March	WA State Patriotic Day	1400 Pioneer School
13 March	Bronze Patrick Henry Awards	1230 Oakbrook
10 April	First Responder Awards	1230 Oakbrook

**Adjutant Angle: Thank you all for great support of Raffle. Thank you, Mary Muri, for greeting companions. If you can be a “greeter” on March 13<sup>th</sup>, give me a call, 360-789-2598.**

**Thank you to Valentine Cupids for hosting the Mimosa table.**

**An excellent, and painless, way to support our youth. Select Northwest Youth Leadership Conference Foundation, Location: Tacoma, WA as the Smile recipient on your Amazon account. Easy to set up.**

## Chapter Chaplain's Notes—Chaplain Skip Stephan



Last month when I wrote my article on transitions, Chaplain Bill Johnson had not yet made the final transition from this life to the next. Fortunately, LTC Haskins was able to let you know of Bill's passing in his article. Many of you attended his memorial service at Christ Lutheran Church and read his obituary in the funeral bulletin.

In honor of Bill and for those of you who were not able to attend the service and read his obituary, I would like to include it here in his memory so that you may know of his long and productive life which included an illustrious 27-year career as a chaplain in the U.S. Army.

### Raymond William Johnson

"Raymond William Johnson was born on May 14, 1934 in Tacoma, Washington, to his mom Sylvia. She later married Harold Swanson who became Bill's step-father. Bill attended schools in Tacoma and was baptized and grew up at First Lutheran Church of Tacoma.

Bill attended and graduated from Pacific Lutheran University in Parkland and then went on to seminary. He started at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Missouri, and then moved to Berkeley, CA where he attended Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary. Bill graduated from PLTS with a Masters in Divinity degree.

Bill's first call was to become a mission developer of King of Kings Lutheran Church in Milwaukee, Oregon, a call he held until he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1969. Bill spent the next 27 years as a Lutheran Chaplain. During his time with the Army, he served his country in the Vietnam War.

Bill was married to Jo Ann Jackson and together they had two sons, Paul and Kirk. Later he met and married Wonda Chang, and adopted her daughter Joan.

When he retired from active-duty service in the Army, Bill began serving as an interim pastor at numerous congregations in Washington and Montana, including serving at Christ Lutheran in Lakewood.

Bill was an avid tennis player who was a long-time member at the Lakewood Racquet Club. He was also passionate about theology and the direction of the Lutheran Church.

Bill passed away on January 18, 2022 at Good Samaritan Hospital in Puyallup after a brief period of declining health. He was 87 years old. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by:

His wife, Wonda of Lakewood;

Sons, Paul Johnson, and wife, Jill of Conrad, Montana; and Kirk Johnson and wife, Kim, of Lacy, Washington;

Daughter, Joan Wendel and husband, John of Atlanta, Georgia;

His brother, Larry Johnson and wife, Sherri of St. Louis, Missouri

Six grandchildren: Ross, Colby, Taylor, Elizabeth, Alex & Amber

and five great-grandchildren: Zaeza, Ruby, Kanin, Carter & Kabir

We commend Bill to the care of his heavenly Father and Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

As we approach the holy season of Easter, may we be reassured that just as Jesus, our Lord and Savior, made the transition from life and death to Resurrection and Ascension, so too has Bill made that transition and will be waiting to greet us when our time comes.

Jesus reassures us when he says, "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." (John 14:1-3)

This is the hope all believers have when they lay their loved ones to rest.

**Humor in Uniform:** My son regaled me with stories about how they do things in the modern Air Force. Being an old Air Force man myself, I scoffed at their complicated methods. "That's not the way we did it when I was in the service," I said. "Yeah," he shot back. "But when you were in, there were only two pilots, Wilbur and Orville"

## Puget Sound Chapter Staff Officers:

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**Answer to February's Quiz: Memoirs:** In his retirement General Pershing spent years doing what many of you are doing or planning on doing—write his memoirs. It took years fretting over minute facts, every person and every military unit in the American Expeditionary Force in WW I. He squeezed out all the passion and excitement of the story by obsessing over the details. His accounts of battle scenes were especially dull. George Marshall called the final product "too detailed for the general reader and not detailed enough for the military historian...a confused mass of little events that obscured the big picture".

Although he hated the entire process, Pershing's final result was My Experience in the World War, published in 1931. It took 2 volumes and totaled 836 pages. Reviewers judged the author as cold, severe, and iron-fisted, but Pershing's ultimate aim was to maintain the discipline required to win the war with fewest casualties possible. In 1932 it won the Pulitzer Prize for History.

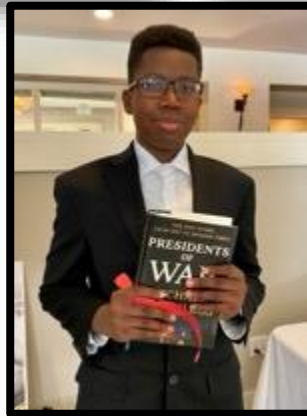
## New Pershing Quiz



The Washington Post  
voted Pershing the best  
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