



# The Dispatch



May 2022



## The Military Order Puget Sound Chapter

<https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org>

### Homeless Veteran Outreach

**MONTHLY MEETING!**

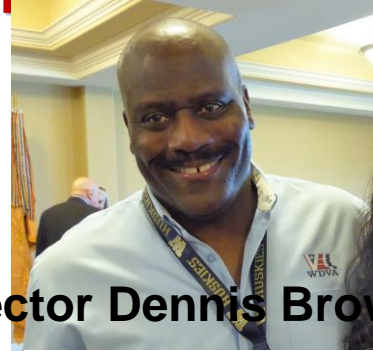
**When:** 15 May, **Time:** 1230

**Where:** The Adriatic Grill at Oakbrook,  
8102 Zircon Dr SW, Lakewood, WA

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

**Cost:** \$25 now with optional raffle ticket

**RSVP:** Try your cell with QR code



Director Dennis Brown



Donate to Homeless Vets by cell

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Convenient Meeting Links

**RSVP** <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/monthly-meeting-rsvp/>

**PAY** <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/monthly-meeting-payment/>

**ZOOM** <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/zoom/>

## April Puget Sound Chapter Report—Law and Order



CDR Mandigo presents First Responder, Officer Ducre with plaque honoring his outstanding service

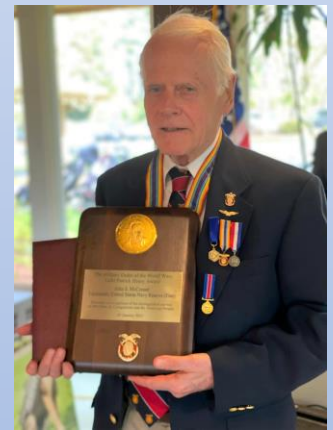
The First Responder Puget Sound Chapter 10 April meeting honored Lt Still with a plaque of excellence for efforts to keep the community safe



Jedi, police dog of Officer Ducre was honored posthumously with the First responder award of excellence for his help in arresting a violent criminal. He was the Puget Sound's first police dog to receive a plaque.



LT John McConnell receives the Gold Patrick Henry for his excellent work for MOWW. Presented by Vice CINC David Worley



Welcome 2 new companions to the Order-- COL Judy Roberson (L) and COL Deryl McCarty who were sponsored by Alan Mandigo and Heinz Haskins



## Commander's Corner: May input by LTC Haskins

Thank you for supporting our April First Responder program. Congratulations to John McConnell--Dave Worley (Vice CINC, MOWW) made the presentation of John's Gold Patrick Henry Award via ZOOM.

Our May program will be on 15 May (delayed due to Mother's Day). We'll hear an update on Retsil from Bernice, counselor, and hopefully one of the Retsil clients. We annually donate Fred Meyer \$25.00 gift cards to help the residence and homeless veterans. We will be asking for donations at this meeting.

The June meeting is on 12 June and will be our Change of Command meeting. We will be installing Ed Murphy as the new commander. The meeting will be at the Steilacoom Town Hall because the Adriatic Grill was booked for a wedding which required the all the space available. We will send out more information as it develops. June 26<sup>th</sup> is the start of the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference with many teens arriving.

July will be our annual picnic at Retsil Veterans Home. Details are being worked and will be available later. August 14<sup>th</sup> is the date for Muri's annual Garden Party.

\*\*\* For the good of the order: It is assumed that when you RSVP for our Brunch Meeting, that those reservation can be counted on. We order meals by those numbers. When you do not show up, we still pay for the number of meals that were RSVP'd. Please update us if you have any changes in your plans. Heinz

Help



**You are** needed to present a top student with our Chapter's medal and certificate during a JROTC award program. For instance, Bethel HS, 1800, Friday 20 May, Auditorium. If you live near a high school or request a school, call Alan Mandigo at 253 241-9502

## Chapter Chaplain's Notes—Chaplain Skip Stephan



As I turn the page on the calendar, I am reminded of the saying, “April showers bring May flowers.” We certainly have our share of showers here in the Northwest resulting in many flowers. We’ve already seen crocus, daffodils, tulips and a variety of blooming fruit trees. This all bears witness that this is a time when God renews His creation. It is a time when we see God’s love and remember how much He cares for us.

There are three holidays in May when we remember our love for others.

On May 8th we honor and remember the love our mothers have for us and we for them. This annual day honoring all mothers was first suggested by Anna M. Jarvis. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Jarvis gave a carnation to each person who attended. This idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity and on May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mothers’ Day. He established the day as a time for “public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country.” By then it had become customary to wear a white carnation to honor departed mothers and a red one to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

May 21st is Armed Forces Day. It was established on May 20, 1950 as the first combined demonstration by America’s defense team of its progress, under the National Security Act towards the goal of readiness for any eventuality. As such it is a show of preparedness by the united forces of our land, sea and air defenses. It is an annual observation dedicated to honor the brave individuals currently serving in the United States Armed Forces. This is unlike Veterans Day which honors those who served our nation in any of the wars we have fought and Memorial Day which honors the memory of those who have died in war.

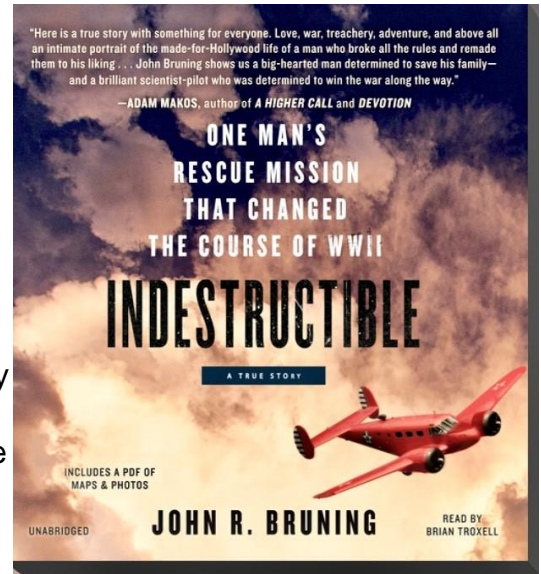
Memorial Day, originally known as Decoration Day, was first celebrated on May 5, 1866 in Waterloo, NY. In 1868 the 30th of May was officially designated for the purpose of strewing flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country. This date was chosen because it was not the anniversary of any particular Civil War battle. Over the years the holiday evolved to commemorate American military who died in all wars. It continued to be observed on May 30th until Congress passed the Uniform Monday Holiday Act which established Memorial Day as the last Monday in May to create a three day weekend for federal employees. Although it has been referred to as the “unofficial” start of summer, its purpose is still to remember and honor those fallen in war.

So as we proceed through this month where we see and remember God’s love for us, let us also remember the mothers who brought us into this world in love, those who are currently serving in our armed forces and those who gave their lives in love of this country.

## Book Reader

Here is a true story with something for everyone. Love, war, treachery, adventure, and above all the intimate portrait of the made-for-Hollywood life of a man who broke all the rules and remade them to his liking. Imagine a retired Navy man in the Philippines who is flying and running an airline at the beginning of WW II. Then, his family is taken prisoner by the Japanese while Capt Gunn is flying clandestine missions to support the Allies. Finally, "Pappy" Gunn is made a Army Air Force Captain who fights a one-man war to the finish. John Bruning shows us a big-hearted man determined to save his family—and a brilliant scientist-pilot who was determined to win the war along the way.

**Indestructible**      **John Bruning**



## Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
15 May	Homeless Veteran	1230 Oakbrook
12 June	Awards/Change of command	1230 Steilacoom
26-30 June	Northwest Youth Leadership Con.	Check times
July ?	Picnic with Homeless Vets	Retsil, WA
August	Picnic at the Muri's	Steilacoom

◀ **Adjutant Angle: Thank you all for great support of Raffle. Thank you, Mary Muri, for greeting companions. If you can be a "greeter" on 15 May, give me a call, 360-789-2598.**

**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 Smile account. Easy to set up.**

**Humor in Uniform:** *From an Army Soldier:* Our Army Unit was overseas conducting maneuvers with the Marines. On shift one night, a Marine asked my sergeant where he was from. "I'm originally from Central America," said the sergeant. "Oh, yeah?" asked the Marine. "Kansas?"

### Puget Sound Chapter Staff Officers:

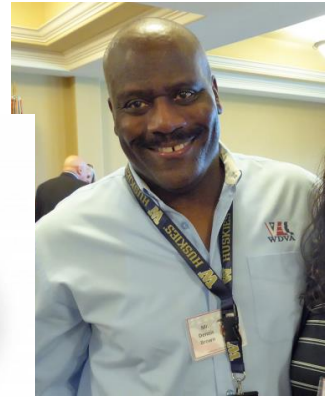
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### Committee Chairs:

<b>Law and Order:</b> CWO Leddy	<b>Nat'l Security:</b> MG Coffey
<b>Membership:</b> Lt Col Muri	<b>Memorials:</b> MG Coffey
<b>NWLC:</b> Col Gibson/CDR Mandigo	<b>ROTC/JROTC:</b> CDR Mandigo
<b>WSPD:</b> Maj Warren	<b>Scouting:</b> CDR Kirkland
<b>Patriotic Ed:</b> Col Gibson/CDR Kirkland	<b>Veteran Affairs:</b> LTC Haskins
<b>Homeland Security:</b> LTC Mummery	<b>IT Supervisor:</b> Lt Col Snyder

**Answer to March's Pershing Quiz:** **Beau Brummel:** General Pershing moved to an elegant but smaller apartment in the Carlton Hotel in Washington DC. He still travelled a lot out west and spent several months at a time in France to see Micheline. Pershing never learned how to drive a car. When not traveling by train he was content to have son Warren chauffeur him in his regal Cadillac. The Washington Post newspaper named the general the best-dressed man in Washington, his civilian dress as spotless and perfectly tailored as his uniforms.

## Veterans Outreach



**The Puget Sound Chapter's** mission is to support the homeless veterans living in the rehab facilities of Retsil and Orting, WA by giving funds and personal interaction at the yearly May meeting and July picnic with residents (left). Director Dennis Brown (right), will be with us at May's meeting to explain how The Military Order helps homeless veterans. You can donate through Treasurer Alan Mandigo, 4610 29<sup>th</sup> Ave NE, Tacoma, WA, 98422, with checks made out to Puget Sound Chapter. Help us buy needed items for our vets so they can get back into a normal life.

## Northwest Youth Leadership Conference



**Get Ready for youth outreach in June with 80 high school students sponsored by the Puget Sound Chapter at Pacific Lutheran University. You can sponsor a student and get to meet them at one of the 2 banquets at PLU. More details to come soon.**

## New Pershing Quiz



General Pershing is on leave this month in Paris

Email me at [dave\\_digib@comcast.net](mailto:dave_digib@comcast.net)

## Everyone wins at the Puget Sound Chapter Meeting



Look! WSPD director Keith presents appreciation to Pioneer School principal



## Convenient Links

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**WSPD** <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/wspd-home/>

**NWYLC** <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/north-west-youth-leadership-conference/>