



The Dispatch



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September
2022

Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

You are invited: September 11th,
1230, Steilacoom Town Hall, Potluck
Lunch and Homeland Security
Speaker –Gary Smith

Homeland Security

Activities Over the Summer



Ed Assumes Command June 11



NWYLC Students June 26-30

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

June-August Puget Sound Chapter Report



June awards and change of command meeting at Steilacoom Town Hall was a happy occasion with many recognized for their good work



Top Student at the NWYLC receives the COL Swartz award for superior performance at the Awards Banquet on June 29th, 2022

MG Jim McElroy has been planning and speaking to students at the NWYLC for 30 years—well done.



Chapter Commander Ed Murphy receives the Pershing Award for top chapter from the Commander in Chief, Dr Michael Oakin in Jacksonville, FL



Ed Murphy addresses chapter members and friends at the summer picnic at the Muri's house on August 13

Commander's Corner: Capt Murphy

Companions and Friends,

I've never done one of these before so I'm at something of a loss as to exactly what I should say. Reading some of the earlier columns helped with perspective but in the end this becomes kind of personal. So while I can't offer a lot of sage advice 67 days into my tenure as Chapter Commander, I would like to share some observations out of my association with you all over the past 8 years.

My first observation is the effort I see being expended by many to promote the Chapter and its programs; It is often intense and seems to go on without letup. Frankly, my initial reaction as I observed this juggernaut was fear. When I first joined this Organization I wasn't planning to work all that hard. I am retired after all. But group dynamics being what they are, once you're in the middle of the pack you must run just to avoid being trampled.

Then you begin to notice something, and this is my second observation; some good things are happening out of this effort. A prime example; we walked away with nine awards at the Jacksonville Convention last month. I contributed virtually nothing to any of them but was presented all nine just as if I'd earned them myself. You know what; it felt good! This led to my third observation: It is nice to do good things but it is especially nice when you are recognized for them. Which leads directly to my fourth observation; hard work doesn't have to be drudgery. It can be fun, and fulfilling, when it's done with the right team working toward a common goal.

So, having relieved myself of the foregoing, I'm not quite ready to unretire, but I am feeling considerable pride in having a place (and a job) on this team. For right now though I'm just focused on keeping up. Later, maybe, there might be some words of wisdom. Meantime, thanks for your attention and support.
With great respect, Ed Murphy

P.S. Almost forgot, observation five: The people in this Chapter are always ready to lend you a helping hand. Take advantage of it; it will get you through.



RSVP

Note: the September monthly meeting will be at Steilacoom Town Hall. It will be Potluck so think about your favorite dish to bring. \$15 cover charge drinks and rental fee

Chapter Chaplain's Notes—Chaplain Skip Stephan



As we enter the month of September, we move from the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer into the invigorating days of autumn. I personally look forward to the season of autumn with its cooler days and cool, crisp nights. This particular autumn will see the re-starting of programs that were shut down due to COVID restrictions and, hopefully, we will see a return to some sense of normal. I do look forward to the things that only occur in Autumn; the changing colors of the trees, the shortening of the days and the anticipation of Halloween (my 52nd anniversary) and Thanksgiving.

The one thing that I do not look forward to is the preponderance of political signs that will proliferate along our streets and at every street corner. We will be inundated with countless signs trying to convince us into voting for a specific candidate. In addition to this, we will be barraged by political ads on TV with each candidate attempting to prove that he or she is the best and the most qualified for the office. Some will do this by extolling their own virtues and accomplishments and some by degrading and ostracizing their opponents. One thing is sure. There will be no shortage of boasting and pride.

Jesus has some words for this situation. He states the pathway simply: "For everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled and he who humbles himself shall be exalted." (Luke 14:11). In one of His parables recorded in Luke 14:7-14, He tells of a man who attends a banquet and sits in a place of honor, only to be told to move to a lower place.

Jesus demonstrated humility as He knelt before His disciples, washing their feet, which was a servant's duty. He chose this pathway as He climbed on a donkey, rather than a chariot, on Palm Sunday. He proved His power as He voluntarily allowed Himself to be crucified in the most despised form of death- the cross, and then rose victorious as King of Kings.

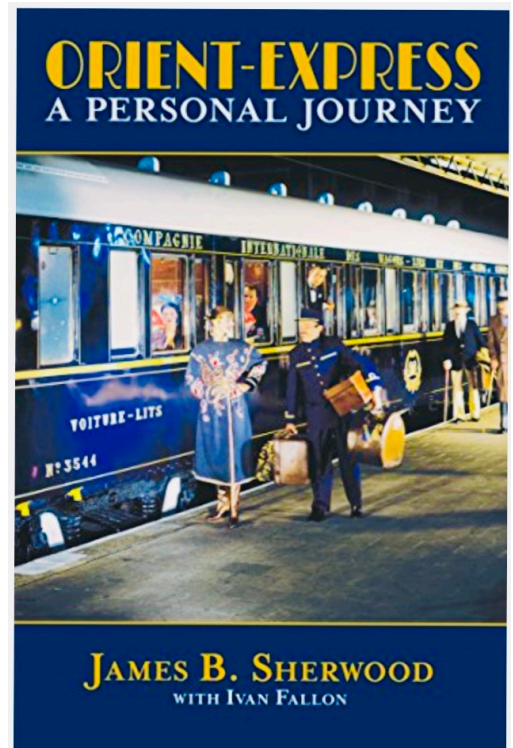
For most of us, the sacrifice is too risky. We have grown up believing "Good guys finish last" and "He who hesitates is lost." We spend many dollars each year choosing the world's pathway to greatness- Knowledge, Position, Popularity, and Possessions, until one day we are humbled by life and told to take the lower seat at the end of the table.

And so as Jesus shares in the parable- often when we choose the seat at the head of the table, we must learn humility the hard way by being moved down to the other end.

But the good news is that it doesn't need to be that way. We have a choice today to walk Christ's path of greatness. But the strange thing about this is that once we begin to walk His path, we are happy just to be invited to the banquet with Him. It really doesn't matter where we sit. I would gladly sit in the seat at the end of the table where Jesus sat...wouldn't you?

Book Reader

The Orient Express luxury train, from Agatha Christie's famous Murder on the Orient Express—where is it now? Surprisingly, it is still in operation between Venice and Paris—and sometimes Istanbul. The historic train was rescued from the trash by a former Navy man, James Sherwood, who started Sea Container Co. and had enough money to dabble in iconic hotels and trains. James built his luxury hotel business one unique hotel at a time, that included the 21 Club restaurant, until he had hotels on all continents. A great story about this entrepreneur and how the hotel business works. Orient-Express
JAMES SHERWOOD



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
11 Sept	National Security	1230 Steilacoom
14 Sept	Picnic with Homeless vets	1130 Orting
8 Oct	NWYLC Review	1230 Steilacoom
12 Nov	National Security	1230 Steilacoom

◀ **Adjutant Angle: We're off to a new year...Look forward to seeing all of you at Steilacoom Town Hall. Remember to bring a goodie for the Raffle table, \$5 per ticket supports NWYLC. We honor the memory of CWO2 Lee Hendley who passed away on July 7, 2022. Lee served his country and was an active companion. He will be missed. If you would like to be a greeter on Sept 11th, please call...360-789-2598. The magnetic name tags can still be ordered. As was mentioned earlier, you can host the Mimosa table to celebrate any September event. Call for details. Thanks for your participation in our Chapter.**

Humor in Uniform: Military Training: During an ROTC class on defensive positioning someone asked our instructor, "What do we do if we're surrounded?" "Son," the instructor said, "never think of yourself as being surrounded. Look at it as being in a target-rich environment."

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Veterans Outreach—your invited

The chapter's outreach to homeless veterans will continue at Orting on 14 September where we interact with vets at their facility for an old-fashioned picnic at 1130, which they will provide. Our part is to bring some homemade cookies. Talk to these vets and listen to their story, it is the best support we can give them. Click the link below to get directions and details.

<https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/event/orting-va-bbq/>



Northwest Youth Leadership Conference—Big Success



New Pershing Quiz



What problem did 'Gen. Pershing have in 1937?

Email me at
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Happy people are Seen at Puget Sound Chapter Events



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FACEBOOK <https://www.facebook.com/groups/43888609799>

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

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