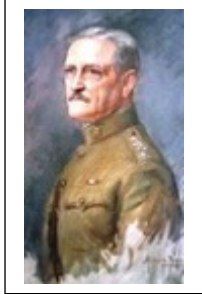




The Dispatch



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October 2022

Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

You are invited: October 9th, 1230,
Steilacoom Town Hall, BBQ Lunch
and Student's Reports

Northwest Youth
Leadership
Conference

October Meeting Activities



Come, meet our students from the chapter's leadership conference in June



Support our top students from NWYLC by attending the October meeting

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

September Puget Sound Chapter Report



Guest Speaker LTC Smith Speaks about Homeland Security at the Puget Sound Chapter Meeting at the Steilacoom Town Hall on 9/11



Chapter Companions Share a Picnic Lunch with Orting Homeless Vets on 9/14



COL Tom Morgan, Our Newest Companion receives his Military Order pin from Commander Ed Murphy as they share an amazing comment.



Lt Col Jeramy Brady (USMC) is welcomed to the Puget Sound Chapter by sponsor Dick Muri



LCDR Mark Slavik is Welcomed to the Puget Sound Chapter on 9/11 and Received his Pin from CDR Alan Mandigo



See the Happy Guests and Companions who were among the Many Winners at the September Puget Sound Chapter at the Town Hall

Commander's Corner: Capt Murphy

Larry Masterson was a recruiter and a good one. He worked for a firm back East specializing in fine-grained data analysis and development of the hardware (and software) used to perform such analysis. For years he was acknowledged as the Company's best.

That's how I met Larry; he recruited me. Then he trained me and mentored me. It wasn't long before we were travelling throughout the lower 48 looking for the best talent out there. And we found it too, caught the fish and pulled them in.

Now, you need some backstory to see where all this is going. Larry was a Cleveland kid born and raised; went to a fine local college, John Carroll University, and while there took advanced ROTC, graduating in 1960, the proud owner of a Commission in the United States Army. His first (and only) assignment after training was Fort George G. Meade, MD where he chanced to meet a gentleman by the name of Alfred Shehab. Al Shehab was not a professional recruiter, but he certainly could sell, and in no time at all Larry was a bona fide companion.

It wasn't long before Larry introduced me to Alfred, and they invited me to join. I didn't. Somehow at that moment the product didn't sell; not then. It wasn't the product nor the two representatives trying to sell it. I guess It was the name. I didn't think I belonged in an association of those who served in the World Wars when I hadn't. That's where it sat for 45 years.

Larry Masterson died in 2012 and that's when I decided to get off the dime and apply for MOWW membership. So, what changed. Just this; Larry by then had been an active Companion for 40+ years. His dedication was apparent and, I thought, should be recognized. So, it was not what he said about MOWW that persuaded me but rather what he did all those many years.

And my point: Everyone of us is a recruiter for this Order of which we are a part, and while it's important to actively seek out new members and persuade them to join us, my personal experience tells me it may be just as important to simply live out our words in our day to day service. Walk the talk I think is the term. To tell you the truth, I feel as though I'm surrounded by people doing just that today. If I'm right (and those nine award certificates we brought home from the 2022 Convention say I am) this Chapter's future is bright indeed. With great respect, Ed



Note: the October monthly meeting will be at Steilacoom Town Hall. It will be catered and drinks provided. Don't forget the popular Mimosa Bar.

Chapter Chaplain's Notes—Chaplain Skip Stephan

Faith is something we all possess. According to Webster, faith is defined as “an unquestioning belief, specifically in God.” According to the Bible, “Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.”(Hebrews 11:1) Although most commonly thought to be a quality associated with religious people. Even people who do not consider themselves to be religious have faith because it is also defined as complete trust or confidence.

We all have faith that the sun will rise each morning. When we get into our cars to go somewhere, we have faith that other drivers will follow the rules, stay in their lane, and stop for red lights and stop signs. In this respect, I have learned to temper my faith with caution to make sure people really do stop before I proceed.

When I was on active duty, it was always a test of faith that the submarine I was on would be able to return to the service after it had submerged. When I fly, it is always a test of my faith that the principles of aerodynamics are true and that a huge plane can actually be lifted in the air. In both of these cases, faith is reinforced by certain principles and laws of science. It reminds me of an incident described by Ken Davis in his book titled, “I Don't remember dropping the Skunk, But I do Remember Trying To Breathe.”

Ken tells of an assignment he was given in college to teach a class as creatively as possible. He decided to teach the law of the pendulum, a law of physics that that a pendulum can never return to a point higher than the point from which it was released. If you put a ball on the end of a string and release it so that it is free to swing, when it returns, it can't go any higher than the point from which you released it. In fact, because of friction and gravity, it will fall short of the release point. Each time it swings, the arc gets smaller and smaller until finally comes to rest. Ken used all kinds of diagrams, mathematical formulas and models to teach the law of the pendulum to the class, and he could tell by the look on the teacher's face that the teacher thought he had done well.

When Ken finished, he asked the class how many believed in the law of the pendulum? All hands flew up, including the teachers. The teacher thought the lesson was over at this point, but in reality, it had just started.

Ken asked his teacher to come forward to the front of the room and sit in a chair he had placed against the wall. Suspended from the ceiling Ken had rigged 250 pounds of weight-lifting disks. This was a big, heavy pendulum! Ken brought the 250 pounds of metal right up to the teacher's nose and said, “if the law of the pendulum is true, then when I release this mass of metal, it will swing across the room and return short of where I am holding it now. Your nose will be in no danger and will still look like it does right now.” Ken then looked his teacher right in the eye and said, “Sir do you believe this law is true?”

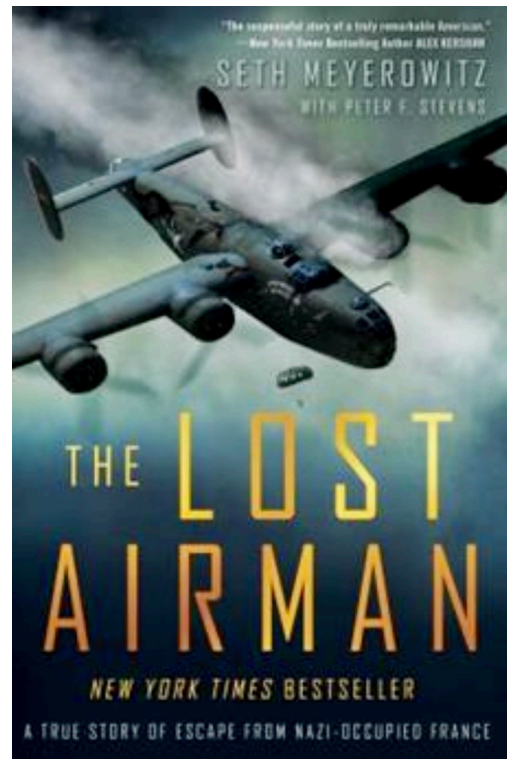
There was a long pause as great drops of sweat formed on the teacher's forehead. Then weakly his teacher nodded and whispered, “Yes.” Ken released the pendulum. It traveled all the way across the room. At the far end of its arc, it paused momentarily and then started back. As the teacher watched it coming, Ken says he has never seen a man move so fast. Carefully stepping around the still-swinging pendulum, Ken asked the class, “Does he really believe in the law of the pendulum? The class replied in unison, “NO!” Ken's professor understood the law, but he was unwilling to trust his nose to it. After a short discussion, a student volunteered to sit in the chair. Even though his face contorted in fear as the pendulum started back, he stayed put. It stopped an inch from his nose and swung away from him again. The next time the pendulum swung back toward him, he didn't even blink.

There are many of us who say we have faith in Christ, but that faith is untested. Do we really believe? So, what is faith? Is it mere intellectual belief? That's part of it. But there is more to it. Most Christian preachers would agree that we are saved by grace through faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. No doctrine is more universally accepted than this one. We are not saved by our good deeds or the good works that we do. It is our faith that saves us, but faith without works is dead. Therefore, we do good works because of our faith. For Christians this is critical. For those who are not Christian, it is still pretty good advice!

Book Reader

The **Lost Airman**. The incredible, untold story of World War II American Air Force Staff Sergeant Arthur Meyerowitz, who was shot down over Nazi-occupied France on his second mission, and evaded Gestapo pursuers for more than six months before escaping to freedom. Bronx-born B-24 top turret-gunner Arthur Meyerowitz was one of only two crewmen who escaped death or immediate capture on the ground. Arthur knocked on the door of an isolated farmhouse, whose owners hastily took him in. Fortunately, his hosts had a tight connection to the French resistance group and its founder, Marcel Taillandier, who arranged for Arthur's transfers among safe houses in southern France to Spain, shielding him from the Gestapo. A true story of endurance, perseverance, and escape during World War II.

The Lost Airman, Seth Meyerowitz with Peter Stevens



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
8 Oct	NWYLC Review	1230 Steilacoom
12 Nov	National Security	1230 Steilacoom
10 Dec	Pearl Harbor Remembrance	1230 Town Hall

▲ **Adjutant Angle: Thanks for the generous support of the Raffle, \$5 per ticket supports NWYLC. If you would like to be a greeter on Oct 9th, please call...360-789-2598. The magnetic name tags can still be ordered. Thank you to Ron Kirkland for hosting Mimosas, honoring HPM Ginny Kirkland. Thank you to Mummerys and Muris for bringing ingredients! Call for details if you'd like to share a special occasion. In October we will have a catered BBQ organized by Mary Muri. As you notice, all and anyone can volunteer to help our chapter have the meetings that we enjoy each month. Thanks for your participation in our Chapter. Save the Date: Friday Dec 9,2022 – MOAA Christmas Gala at American Lake Conference Center. Always a fun evening.**

Humor in Uniform: "The first salute received by a freshly minted 2nd Lieutenant is significant. It symbolizes authority, prestige. After pinning on my new Air Force gold bars, I stepped outside and encountered a staff sergeant. He gave me a snappy salute and said, "Good morning Lieutenant. Your hat is on backward, sir."

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WSPD: Maj Warren
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ROTC/JROTC: CDR Mandigo
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Veteran Affairs: LTC Haskins
IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder



Note: Christmas Gala scheduled for 9 December with MOAA at the American Lake Club. Good DJ that everyone likes, mark this on your calendar

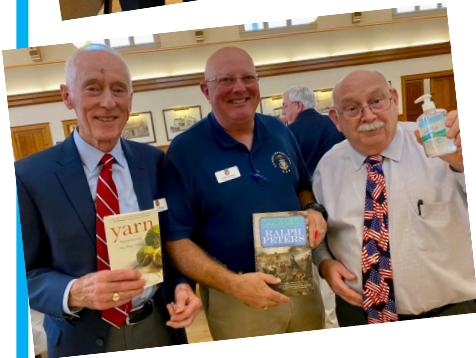
New Pershing Quiz



What did Pershing's old friend, Marshal Petain do in 1940?

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



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