



The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers

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**November
2022**

Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

You are invited: November 13th,
Steilacoom Town Hall, **1730**, catered
dinner and Ukraine program

**LTG Dayton's
Ukrainian Update**

November Joint Meeting with MOAA



Learn the current status of the
war in Ukraine



General Dayton has the
answers to your questions

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

October Chapter Action Report—Patriotic Education



Students from the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference reported that their experiences were pivotal in their leadership and patriotic development



Our visiting Region Commander Ted Parsons presents a certificate of appreciation to the color guard from University of Washington



AFROTC Cadets from UW present the flags at the Puget Sound Chapter meeting on 9 October



The Blue Dragon Color Guard added a touch of class to our October meeting



CDR Mandigo (R) sponsors LTC Victor Magee to our ranks as the newest companion

UW AFROTC cadets and Puget Sound Chapter companions pose together at the October meeting at Steilacoom Town Hall.



Commander's Corner: Capt Murphy

One Family: Veterans looking out for each other.

I've been going over to Retsil, the Veterans Home, for probably the last seven years, most of the years I've been a member of the Puget Sound Chapter. In the beginning they were motivated by simple curiosity; the only VA establishment I'd ever visited up to that time was the Veterans Hospital in the Bronx when I was about 7 years old. My friends and I collected used magazines for the patients there and in 1947 that included many World War II casualties. From that experience the VA in my mind was always the Hospital for Service people, those wounded or injured serving their Country.

So when the invitation came to spend a few hours on a sunny afternoon visiting some homeless vets I accepted, mostly to see a part of the VA I never knew existed. (The offer of a barbecue lunch on the house didn't hurt.) If I could give a boost to some folks who were down on their luck why so much the better. After a few visits I felt pretty much like a regular; good conversation (which is oxygen to an Irishman), good food, AND I was doing a good deed. I was feeling prouder with every visit.

About the time my pride crested, though, a strange thought slowly began to take its place in my stream of consciousness. It took the form of a verse of Scripture straight out of the Book of Ecclesiastes, written by Solomon himself, and it reads something like this: "Two are better than one; if one falls down his friend can help him up." Yes I was there to help those Retsil vets up but what hadn't occurred to me was that while I was helping them up at the same time they were helping me up. The men and women we visit are often carrying some pretty heavy loads and they're doing it oftentimes with a fortitude that I myself, with lesser problems, don't always show. So when we come along side to lend a hand they are throwing us a line at the same time. How, by the example of their spirit, grace, humility, and yes, their good humor, which might simply be an expression of the first three.

The point: As vets we are all part of one family and in that relationship we help each other; we like to think it's who we are. I had never gone to Retsil with the thought I might be helped. If I needed help I didn't think Retsil is where I would find it. Yet I never leave it without the peculiar feeling that I have been, that I had received a shot in the arm. What is this magic these Retsil (and Orting) vets are working? I think Solomon's principle might just be at work here, in both directions; that while I was helping a fellow vet I was also being helped. If I'm right we just doubled the take-away of those outings. Check it out, sign up next time we go and see where the trip takes you. You may be in for a very pleasant surprise.

Very respectfully, Ed Murphy

P.S. No I'm not forgetting the staffers. They deserve a column of their own, maybe soon.



RSVP
please

Note: November dinner meeting, 1730, will be at Steilacoom Town Hall. It will be catered and drinks provided.

Chapter Chaplain's Notes—Chaplain Skip Stephan



Most Americans think of November as the month of Thanksgiving and the beginning of the holiday season. For those of us who have served in the military there is another holiday of significance. It is, of course, Veterans' Day. It was originally known as "Armistice Day" and it marked the end of World War I on the 11th hour of the 11th month in 1918.

In 1921, an unknown soldier was buried in Arlington National Cemetery. Similarly, unknown soldiers had been buried in England at Westminster Abbey and at France at the Arc de Triomphe. All these memorials took place on November 11th to commemorate the end of the "war to end all wars." In 1926, Congress resolved to officially call November 11th Armistice Day. In 1938, the day was named a national holiday.

Soon after the end of World War II, a veteran of that war named Raymond Weeks organized "National Veterans Day" with a parade and festivities to honor all veterans. He chose to hold this on Armistice Day. Thus, began annual observances of a day to honor all veterans, not just the end of World War I. In 1954, Congress officially passed, and President Dwight Eisenhower signed a bill proclaiming November 11 as Veterans' Day.

I look forward to it as a day when I can put on my Revolutionary War uniform, strap on my bass drum to keep everyone in step and march in the Auburn Veterans' Day parade as a member of the Sons of the American Revolution Fife and Drum Corps. It is a great feeling to hear the people cheer and stand in respect for our flag as our color guard passes by. In view of the horrible welcome our returning Vietnam vets received, I am so glad our vets are now being recognized for serving our country and the sacrifices many have made in doing so.

PRAYER FOR VETERANS

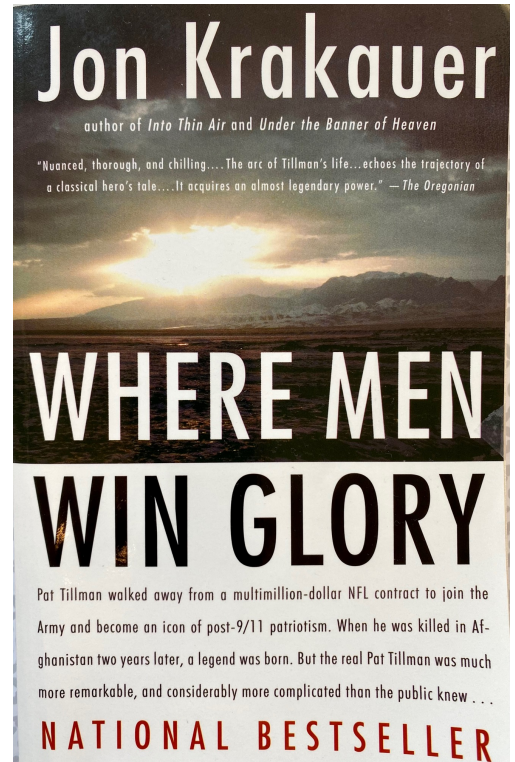
O Lord our God, we remember and lift up to you our veterans who have served you and our country. We thank you especially for those who have made the supreme sacrifice by giving their lives.

We commend to your gracious care the men and women of the United States Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force and Coast Guard, active duty, reserve and re-tired.

We beseech You to protect them from all dangers to body and soul; to give them a loyal, courageous, and disciplined spirit; to instill in them the love of liberty and justice; and to grant that they may be called to serve only for the maintenance of order and peace throughout the world. Amen

Book Reader

Pat Tillman walked away from a multimillion-dollar NFL contract to join the Army and become an icon of post-9/11 patriotism. When Army Ranger Tillman was killed in Afghanistan two years later, big problems arose for the family and the military. But the real Pat Tillman was much more remarkable, and considerably more complicated than the public knew. You may have heard about the story but read this book to discover what really happened—well written and researched by a top author. **Where Men Win Glory** Jon Krakauer



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
11 Nov	Veterans Day Program	1100 War Mem.
13 Nov	National Security	5:30 pm *STH
09 Dec	Christmas Gala	1800 Ft Lewis
11 Dec	Pearl Harbor Remembrance	1230 * STH

*STH = Steilacoom Town Hall

Adjutant Angle: Tacoma's Annual Veteran's Day event...

November 11, 2022, 1100am, at Tacoma's War Memorial Park, 6th Av and South MacArthur St. All MOWW companions are requested to be there.

Thanks for the generous support of the Raffle, \$5 per ticket supports NWYLC. If you would like to be a greeter on Nov 13th, please call, 360-789-2598. The magnetic name tags can still be purchased. Thank you to Warren's for hosting Mimosa table in October. Call for details if you'd like to share a special occasion. 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: During WW II my uncle was serving on a ship in the South Pacific when the crew ran low on food. All the sailors had left was spaghetti—morning, noon, and night for an entire month. At long last they pulled into Melbourne, Australia for supplies. There, all the locals greeted them with a grand feast: all you can eat spaghetti!

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

New Pershing Quiz



Who did Pershing help flee from occupied France in WW II?

Email me at hootdgibson@gmail.com

Winners Happen at the Puget Sound Chapter Meetings



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

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