



The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers

<https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org>

Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

March 2023

Youth Outreach

You are invited: February 12th,
Steilacoom Town Hall, 1230, catered
lunch and program



Puget Sound Chapter Commander invites you to the Youth Outreach Program on 12 March where you will meet young people, who will receive the Bronze Patrick Henry Medal, for patriotic activities in their communities. Come and enjoy great students who deserve our recognition.

Take a Bronze Patrick Henry recipient to lunch PLEASE!

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

February Puget Sound Chapter Report



February's Puget Sound Chapter meeting had a Valentine theme. A good turnout of companions and guest gathered at Steilacoom Town Hall on 12 February to celebrate Veteran's Outreach

LTG John Natterstad, United States Army Volunteer Reserves National Commander, United States Volunteers - Joint Services Command



Commander Ed Murphy congratulates LTG Natterstad for a good presentation on the Volunteer Reserves

Welcome new companion Lt Col Bruce Stalk to our ranks on 12 February



Sponsored by Lt Col Annette Mummery, Bruce Stalk is the Puget Sound Chapter's newest member

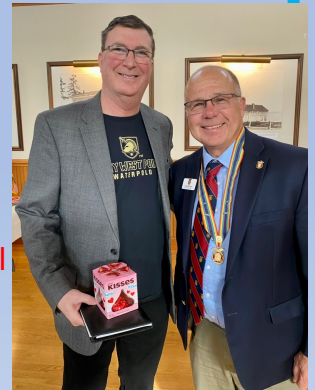
Cadet Nathaniel Slavik receives medal and certificate from CDR Mandigo



Lt Col Larissa Ruiz receives her Perpetual Membership certificate from sponsor Maj Keith Warren



Guest MAJ Todd Friedman and sponsor Lt Col Dick Muri enjoy a prize during the raffle at Steilacoom Town Hall this February



Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

A HIDDEN GEM As happens to me frequently I discovered a gem at our last meeting, hidden in plain sight. It was one that could have been found by anyone (and indeed may have been found by others), and could have been taken by anyone who recognized its value and thought it worth the effort to possess. This gem was not especially easy to identify because it was not in the form we are accustomed to see; but it was definitely a gem as I would define the word.

You may be way ahead of me on this, but this gem was (and is) a person; as a matter of fact a young person, one who presented a part of the program we were treated to at our last meeting. This person didn't seem like a gem at first, outfitted in a JROTC cadet uniform and placed amongst the others in the program. But when he took his turn at the podium, he quickly distinguished himself by going into sensory overload as he took in all of the faces in the audience looking back at him. Words seemed to fail for a very long minute, after which he managed to restart and press on to the conclusion. It was clearly not easy for him to do this, but also clear was the grit and determination to wrestle this demon to the ground and prevail. And in my judgement, prevail he did.

So exactly where is the gem you ask? What am I missing? Is it in the appearance of this young man? Well, he did have a uniform on, meaning he stood for something beyond just himself. Was it his physical circumstances? He was out on a Sunday afternoon investing his personal time in an enterprise that would not net him any tangible reward. Was it the task he had come to perform? He got up in front of a group of adults and, despite his almost overpowering desire to run, or faint, or wet his pants (or all of the above at once), he proceeded to make his presentation. That's the gem; a young person with a hundred reasons to do otherwise, did his job.

I just happened to run into this young gentleman on the way out of the Hall after our meeting and engaged him in a short conversation. He expressed embarrassment and discouragement over his performance and, looking at it superficially, he was mostly right. He would never walk in the footsteps of Socrates. Or would he. He needed help with technique sure, but that could be managed. What he had that no amount of training could give him was Heart, that indefinable something that is always the tie breaker. My guess is we'll see this young fellow again.

THE POINT: On my way home, rolling the whole thing over in my mind, I decided there was another moral to this Sunday afternoon story; the lesson this young person's example could be teaching me. There are times even today when I want to run, faint, or wet my pants. I'd like to think what I saw that afternoon will not only help me with reflex control but encourage me as well. I hope you might have been similarly edified.



Note: March lunch meeting, 1230, at Steilacoom Town Hall. Lunch will be catered. Business casual or tie. Don't delay, book today.



For most people of Irish descent March is a special month as it provides an opportunity to celebrate their heritage by observing St. Patrick's Day. It also gives those of us who are not Irish an excuse to wear green and drink green beer. That was in reference to my college days. I don't drink much green beer these days.

March 17th is the day designated to honor St. Patrick, the Patron Saint of the Irish. He is best known for driving the snakes out of Ireland; however, this is thought to be a legend rather than an actual fact. Since there are no snakes in Ireland and snakes often symbolize the devil and evil, many believe the "snakes" were a metaphor representing his work of driving the idol-worshipping Druid cult out of the country.

Patrick endured enslavement, torture and imprisonment as he journeyed throughout Ireland sharing Christ until his death on March 17, 461AD

Later, Irish mythologic creatures known as leprechauns would creep into the holiday celebrations, as well as the shamrock, believed to have been used by Patrick to illustrate the Holy Trinity as he preached and taught.

We may never be enslaved, imprisoned or beaten as was Patrick, because of our faith in Christ, but some may make fun of us for believing in Jesus' promise of heaven and placing our faith in a God they do not see with their eyes and cannot touch with their hands.

Stand firm in Christ and stand strong for Him as you tell others about the greatest gift we can ever be given- salvation through Jesus!

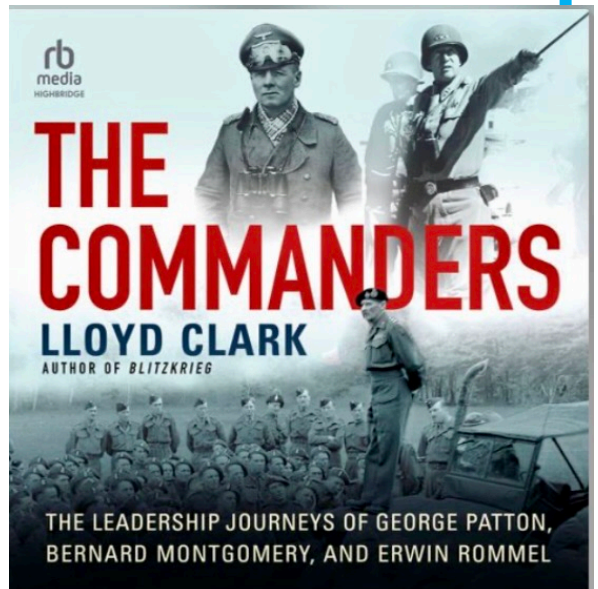
Need Help

A couple Companions or young people to handle Zoom duty during meetings. We will train you. With enough people you would only have to do it quarterly. Really, you younger members...help us out. Email Keith Snyder at 737ip@comcast.net.

Book Reader

Read about the interlocking lives of 3 of the most important and consequential generals in WW II. Born in the 2 decades prior to WW I, George Patton, Bernard Montgomery, and Edwin Rommel become among the most recognized and successful military leaders of the 20th century. They command hundreds of thousands of troops and clashed in battle in Africa and Europe. Explore the personalities and strengths of all three generals.

The Commanders. Lloyd Clark



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
4 Mar	Wash State Patriot Day	1400 Pioneer MS
12Mar	Bronze Patrick Henry Award	1230 Town Hall
2 April	First Responder Outreach	1230 Town Hall
18 May	Speaker from Women's Memorial (note a Thursday evening meeting)	1800 Town Hall

▼ **Adjutant Angle: Thanks for the generous help clearing up after the February meeting. Many hands make quick work. Magnetic name tags are still available. Check the website to order. We have a donation jar for beverages at our meetings. Please bring cash for this. Set up of tables and chairs, starts at 11:30am on 12 March, please come help. In March we will have recipients of Bronze Patrick Henry medals. Plan on "taking a student to lunch.**



Puget Sound Chapter Staff Officers:

Commander: Capt Ed Murphy santos8@comcast.net
Sr. Vice Commander CAPT Carrie Nielson candnielson@comcast.net
Vice Commander: COL Andy Leneweaver

Adjutant: Diane Gibson 360 789-2598 digib63@gmail.com

Chaplain: Skip Stephan

Historian: CW4 Jory

Marshall: Maj Warren 360 584-8414

Public Affairs: Col Gibson

Surgeon: BG Stanley Flemming

Treasurer: CDR Mandigo

Asst. Treas. MAJ Victor Hogan

Chapter Activities: LT McConnel

Finance: CDR Alan Mandigo

Hospitality: vacant

Committee Chairs:

Law and Order: vacant

Membership: Lt Col Muri

NWLC: Col Gibson/CDR Mandigo

WSPD: Maj Warren

Patriotic Ed: Col Gibson/CDR

Kirkland

Homeland Security: LTC Mummery

Nat'l Security: MG Coffey

Memorials: MG Coffey

ROTC/JROTC: CDR Mandigo

Scouting: CDR Kirkland

Veteran Affairs: vacant

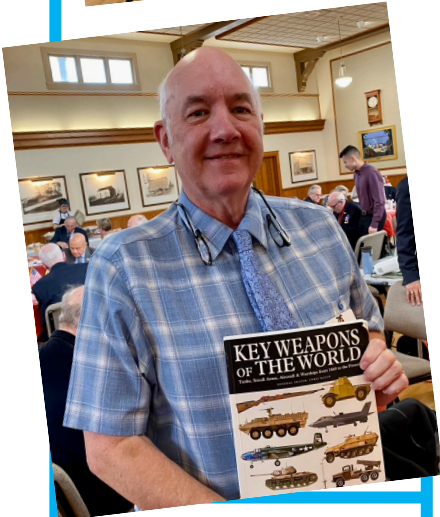
IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder



New Pershing Quiz

Pershing was asked for his blessing by someone--who?
Email me at
hootdgibson@gmail.com

Be a Big Winner at the Puget Sound Chapter Meetings



Convenient Links

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

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

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