



The Dispatch



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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

April 2023

First Responders

You are invited: April 16,
Steilacoom Town Hall, 1230, catered
lunch and program



Puget Sound Chapter
Commander invites you to
lunch and the First
Responder Award Program
on **16 April (moved adjust for
Easter)** Come and celebrate
first responders who deserve
our recognition and support.
Please RSVP

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

March Puget Sound Chapter Report

Eleven young people received Bronze Patrick Henry Awards on 12 March with 80 attendees cheering them on at the Steilacoom Town Hall



LTC Victor McGee presents a BPH to Cadet Victor Hogan

Cadet Nathaniel Slavik is happy to show his BPH presented by LCDR Mark Slavik



CDR Ron Kirkland awards a BPH to a Navy Cadet

Ray Corrigan looks happy at the Steilacoom Town Hall on 3/12



Everybody is welcome to enjoy the Puget Sound Chapter friendly atmosphere



Lt Col Annette Mummery and CAPT Carrie Nielson share a moment during the social time



Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

RUMINATIONS

Patria nostra est Terra libera, Latin I, Dr. Mary Carroll, Brooklyn Park High School, Baltimore, Maryland, Sophomore Year 1955-56. Funny what goes through your mind while it's parked and idling. A couple of Saturdays ago, during Washington State Patriotic Day, my mind was in just such a state, as the last of 50-60 flag units found its place in the bleachers at Pioneer Middle School and we waited for the program to continue. I looked at all the Stars and Stripes up there and my mind just did an involuntary rewind to that Latin phrase learned so many years ago: 'Our Native Land is a free land'.

Now I can tell you for sure that when I first memorized those Latin words I did not associate them with the Stars and Stripes or with any flag of any country. They were simply words to be memorized for Dr. Carroll's next test. But even though at that moment in my life I hadn't been more than 200 miles from where I was born, I thought America was a pretty good place to live. What I didn't have in my still immature frontal lobes back then was any concept of how very lucky I was to be living in this Country rather than ANYwhere else on the Planet.

So just what was it that drew this phrase up from the depths of my memory and finally filled it with meaning after all those years? One thing for sure; when I looked at those massed colors I thought of the Country they represent. And I saw that Country against the backdrop of memories gathered over a lifetime. They all came together in that little Latin phrase, devoid of meaning then, that so beautifully describes to me, my Country today. I don't mind telling you, at that moment my mood grew a little somber. I've always known I had the luck of the Irish to be born an American but now I know that I got a lot more of that luck than my fair share, a lot more.

Now I would be less than honest if I didn't admit there was another reason why the day held a lot of meaning for me and it has nothing to do with Patria Nostra or anything else Latin. It was simply the privilege of working with our Chapter team to take Washington State Patriotic Day out to our community. It was an important job and in sharing in it I got to work with a great group of people producing a memorable celebration. Truth to tell there's nothing like working with a great team on an effort that can make a difference. Saturday, March 4th I had it all. Come see for yourself. Mark your calendar for next year, March 2, 2024.

Best regards always, Ed

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Note: April lunch meeting, 16th, at Steilacoom Town Hall. Lunch will be catered. Business casual or tie. Don't delay, book today.

Chapter Chaplain's Notes—LCDR Chaplain Skip Stephan



In April Christians throughout the world will celebrate that event which is central to their faith. This, of course, is the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. The celebration begins on April 2nd known by many as Palm Sunday. It is also known as The Sunday of the Passion as it begins with the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and documents the passion of the last week of His earthly life. This includes His observation of the Passover on Thursday (which Christians now call the Last Supper), His betrayal, arrest, trial, shameful, dishonorable, painful treatment, condemnation and crucifixion. Its culmination is His Resurrection on Easter Sunday, which is April 9th this year. The Resurrection was of such significance to early Christians that they changed their day of worship from the traditional Sabbath to Sunday. Early Christians began greeting one another with the the words, "He is risen!" To which the the reply was, "He is risen, indeed!" St. John summarizes this in his Gospel where he quotes Jesus as saying, "I am the resurrection and the life, whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26) That is really good news!

A very happy and blessed Easter to all.

Donate

April is the month our chapter donates to the Homeless Veterans at Retsil and Orting DVA facilities where vets need our help. Dennis Brown will be at our meeting in April to receive our donation of gift cards that go directly to homeless veterans. Please give

generously

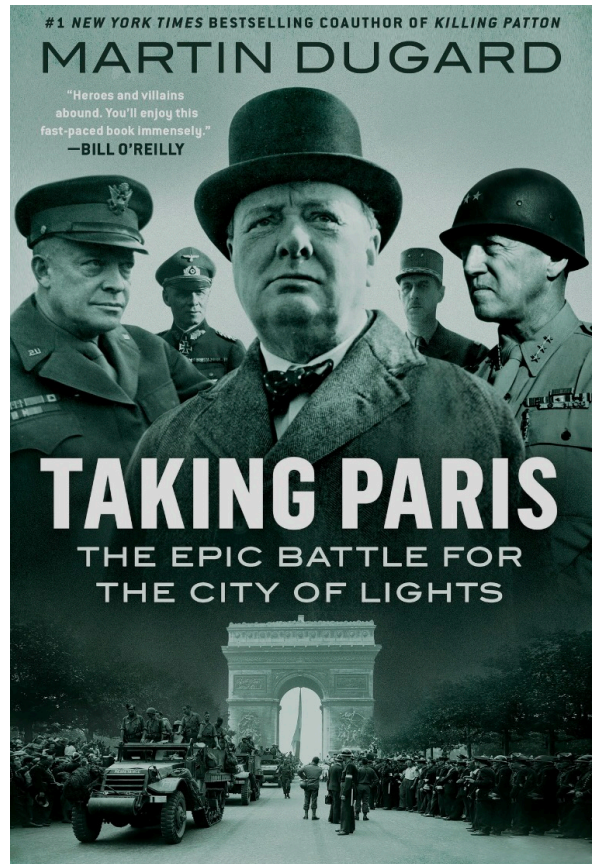


Wanted

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

Taking Paris reads like a film script, with the immediacy of writing and use of the present tense—you feel yourself in the action, striding up the Champs Elysees liberating the French capital from the Nazis. Fast paced, Dugard gives all the details about why the bridges were not blown and the city raised by fire. Read this epic story and get all the surprising details you never knew about until now. Taking Paris, Martin Dugard



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
16 April	First Responder Outreach	1230 Town Hall
18 May	Speaker from Women's Memorial (note a Thursday evening meeting)	1800 Town Hall
10 June	Awards Meeting	1800 Town Hall
25-29 June	Northwest Youth Leadership Conf.	PLU

▼ **Adjutant Angle: Thanks for the generous help clearing up after the March 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. Bring cash for this. Set up of tables and chairs, starts at 11:30am on 16 April, please come help. A key outreach is helping the homeless Vets. A donation QR code is on the website, or donate at April meeting.**

Humor in Uniform

From a Family Member: My son regaled me with stories about how they do things in the modern Air Force. Being an old Air Force man myself, I scoffed at their complicated methods. "That's not the way we did it when I was in the service," I said. "Yeah," he shot back. "But when you were in, there were only two pilots, Wilbur and Orville"

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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

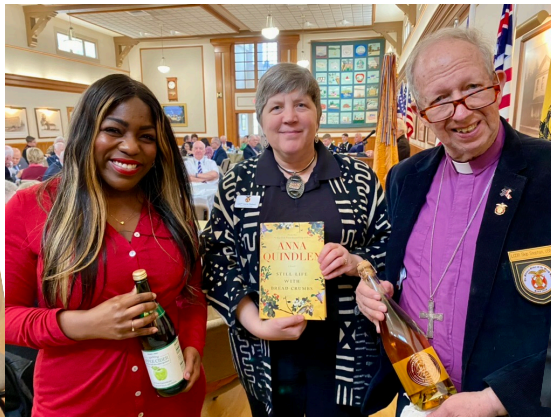


New Pershing Quiz

Pershing Is On Leave This Month

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Everyone likes to win 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/>