



The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers

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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

June 2023

You are invited: June 11,
1800, Steilacoom Town
Hall

**Recognition
and Awards**



Puget Sound Chapter
Commander invites you to
dinner and the
Recognition and Awards
Program on **11 June (1800
evening)**. Come and have
dinner and participate in
the program designed to
thank companions for their
good work.

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/>

May Puget Sound Chapter Report

18 May 2023, Commander Ed Murphy welcomes President Phyllis Wilson, Women's Memorial, Washington DC, to the Puget Sound Chapter



Welcome to Col Bob Riddick, USAF (Ret) to the Puget Sound Chapter



Chapter Commander Ed Murphy honors (R) Joshua Brunson (L), COL Brunson, and CWO5 Phyllis Wilson



Marilyn Riddick kindly helps with pinning on the MOWW membership pin to husband Bob

David Mummery accepts coveted prize for answering the most difficult Pershing Quiz Question



A good turnout to hear all about the Women's Memorial and enjoy camaraderie among friends



Joshua gets a prize for being perfect age to attend our Puget Sound Chapter meeting

Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

Chapter Chaplain's Notes by LCDR Skip Stephan, USNR-Ret.

I have often thought that fathers got short changed in what they get on Father's Day compared to what mothers get on Mother's Day. The ladies usually get flowers, candy, jewelry and taken out to dinner, in addition to the obligatory greeting card extolling their virtues and value as an important person in the family. In contrast, fathers get a necktie (I have a closet full that I never wear); cuff links (who wears French cuffs any more? I don't even think the French do); socks- now there's a practical gift. I can always use socks. We usually get a card, although it is not as mushy as the one the women get.

Perhaps the campaign to celebrate the nation's fathers has not met the same enthusiasm as mothers because fathers don't have the same sentimental appeal that mothers have. A survey asked boys who they would be most likely to confide in if they had a problem and about 23% said, their father. The remaining 77% said they would confide in their mother.

Mother's Day is thought to be the inspiration for Father's Day. The Mother's Day we celebrate today has its origins in the peace and reconciliation campaigns of the post Civil War era. During the 1860's, at the urging of Ann Reeves Jarvis, one divided West Virginia town celebrated - "Mother's Work Days" that brought together the mothers of both Confederate and Union soldiers.

On July 5, 1908, a West Virginia church sponsored the nation's first event explicitly in honor of fathers, a Sunday sermon in the memory of the 362 men who had died in the previous December's explosions at the Fairmont Coal Company mines in Mononah, but it was a one time commemoration and not an annual holiday.

The next year, a Spokane, Washington woman named, Sonora Smart Dodd, one of six children raised by a widower, tried to establish an official equivalent to Mother's Day for male parents. She went to local churches, merchants, the YMCA, and government officials to get support for her idea and she was successful: Washington celebrated the nation's first statewide Father's Day on June 19, 1910.

Today, the day honoring fathers is celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of June, which this year is June 18. In other countries- especially, in Europe and in Latin America, fathers are honored on St. Joseph's Day a traditional holiday that falls on March 19th.

Manly men, however, continued to disdain the day. They scoffed at the holiday's sentimental attempts to domesticate manliness with flowers and gift giving or they derided the proliferation of such holidays as a commercial gimmick to sell more products- often paid for by the father himself.

When World War II started, advertisers began to argue that celebrating Father's Day was a way to honor American troops and support the War effort. By the end of the war, Father's Day may not have been a federal holiday, but it was a national institution.

In 1972, in the middle of a hard fought presidential re-election campaign, Richard Nixon signed a proclamation making Fathers Day a Federal holiday at last.

So this month as we honor earthly fathers and the love they have for us, let us also remember and honor our Heavenly Father, who loves us even more.



Note: June dinner meeting, 11th, at Steilacoom Town Hall. Dinner will be catered. Business casual or tie. Don't delay, book today.



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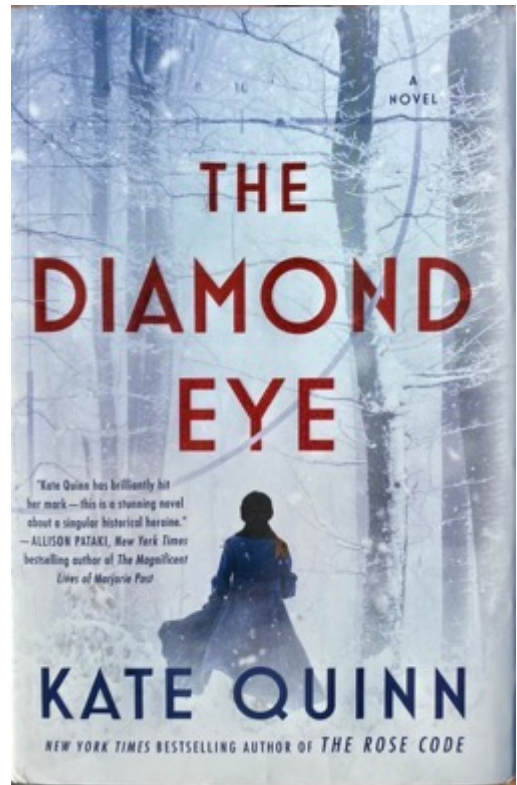
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Book Reader

The Diamond Eye is a meticulously researched historical novel about the deadly sniper “Lady Death”, Mila Pavlichenko. Not until recently have most people even known about this quiet history student who learned how to shoot a rifle so that she could teach her son to shoot. What emerged from those early shooting lessons was a talented sharpshooter who could fire a bullet down the neck of a bottle, not even touch the sides of the bottle but shatter the bottom into pieces.

“Don’t miss”. This was Mila’s mantra that led her through life. From the raising of her child, to grueling hours waiting in trees for her next sniper shot, to her 300th kill, she was consumed with being the best. From her Russian homeland to the White House where she became friends with Eleanor Roosevelt, Mila set her sites on bringing honor and victory to her country.

Guest reader, Laura Kern



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
11 June	Awards and Recognition	1800
25-29 June	Youth Leadership Conf.	1800
TBD July	Picnic with Homeless Veterans	TBD
12 Aug	Chapter Picnic and Fund Raiser	1600

Adjutant Angle: Thanks to all who helped make the May meeting a success. Magnetic nametags are 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 4:00pm on June 11, please come help and stay to clear up after dinner. Focus is to support NWYLC, 25-30 June. Please sponsor a scholarship, \$500—or what you can afford. Join us for opening and/or closing banquets-25 & 28 June- and meet your student. 6:00pm, \$30, Scandinavian Center PLU. Call for Reservation by 15 June. 360-789-2598.

Humor in Uniform

Should you join the Navy training school known as Top Gun, do not quote from the famous movie of the same name. Former Top Gun instructor Guy "Bus" Snodgrass told Business Insider that those ignoring this warning will be fined \$5 by instructors.

The Kern Challenge

CDR Alan Mandigo gave us a sobering financial report regarding the costs of the upcoming Northwest Youth Leadership Conference at our May meeting. He also gave us a stirring call to action to support this endeavor. The most critical function of MOWW is to pass on our values to the next generation. These students that attend NWYLC are the future leaders of our military, our local communities, and even our nation! After hearing Alan, my wife Laura and I were motivated to donate \$3,000 in order to fully fund five students. Most of us are getting Social Security, military retirement, and have savings. I would challenge other companions to look hard at supporting NWYLC to the greatest extent possible. We do not want to drain all the money out of the Foundation...and to preserve the Foundation, we need donations to come close to the actual annual cost of NWYLC. Steve & Laura Kern See Page 8

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Committee Chairs:

Law and Order: vacant	Nat'l Security: MG Coffey
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WSPD: Maj Warren	Scouting: CDR Kirkland
Patriotic Ed: Col Gibson/CDR Kirkland	Veteran Affairs: vacant
Homeland Security: LTC Mummery	IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder



New Pershing Quiz

Who was Pershing married to when he died?

hootdgibson@gmail.com

Prizes galore at the Puget Sound Chapter Meeting



Convenient Links

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

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

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



Sponsor a student for the June 25-29 Northwest Youth Leadership Conference please. See your options below. These counselors will have 80 students to guide through the conference



N W Y L C
NORTHWEST YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
REGISTRAR / TREASURER

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2023 NORTHWEST YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
(NWYLC)

DONATION INFORMATION

1. The Total Cost for NWYLC 2022, for 70 students, was \$40,000, with a cost to the foundation of \$13,000. The cost per student was \$584.00
2. Most of the students are on scholarship so donations are needed and greatly appreciated.
3. Donations may be made in any amount. All Donators (no matter the amount) are assigned a student to sponsor and receive a "Thank You Letter" from the student after the conference is complete.
4. The Full Tuition Requested Donation for 2023 is \$500.00
5. Donations are made to the "NWYLC Foundation". (The NWYLC Registrar selects the student the Donator is sponsoring, or the Donator may add selection criteria, for example: name a specific student or name a school a student attends, name a gender for your sponsored student, name a type of Junior ROTC, request a non-JROTC student, etc).

"HOW TO MAKE A DONATION"

By check made out to the "NWYLC Foundation" and mail to the above address.
OR

Pay by PayPal to: mowwpsc@gmail.com, adding in the PayPal Transaction Fees would be appreciated.

NWYLC Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, EIN: 91-1724086. Donation Receipts will be provided.

A.M. Mandigo

CDR Alan M. Mandigo, USN (Ret), Treasurer



**Puget Sound Chapter Outreach to the BSA
Thanks to CDR Ron Kirkland these Boy Scouts
all receive their MOWW Certificates**

Way to go Ron!