



The Dispatch



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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

August 2023

**You are invited: August
12, 1700, Picnic at Dick
and Mary Muri's**

Sumer Youth
outreach
Picnic



Puget Sound Chapter
Commander invites you to
our annual Summer Picnic
at the Muri's house in
Steilacoom 07/12/23.

This is a Youth Outreach
BBQ that supports
students coming to the
NWYLC.

A \$50 per person cover
charge includes food,
drink, and donation to teen
outreach

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

June Northwest Youth Leadership Conference Success



Students spend time on PLU's lawn working on team building and leadership exercises--having fun too

Billy Adams, owner of I-Fly talks about leadership in business



Bob Forbes explains why CAPT Lewis of Corps of Discovery was such a good leader

Half of the total students visit the C-17, while the other half check out the fire fighting equipment at McChord Field



Future fire fighters pose in front of a fire engine at McChord

Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

NWYLC – 2023 CONFERENCE POSTSCRIPT

Nick Strange and Mason Seibel were already standing with their bags at the corner of 121st and Yakima St. when I pulled up Thursday (29 June) morning at 5:00 am. They were heading home to Boise (ID) and Great Falls (MT) respectively, following this year's Northwest Youth Leadership Conference, and I was their lift to SEATAC. Time to the airport was about 45 minutes and the chatter was lively all the way with me doing almost all the listening.

These young friends were pumped over the experience they had just had; leadership taught, demonstrated and practiced, and they couldn't wait to get home and talk about it. The posters they had seen back home announcing the NWYLC couldn't begin to convey the value of what they had just experienced. They were determined to share that experience and in doing so give our program the best advertising it could possibly receive, a first-hand account. The Northwest Youth Leadership Conference was an experience too good to miss, and they would personally spread the word among their peers.

Every year the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference confronts two fundamental and recurring problems. The first is how to persuade 80 young high school students to give up a week of their busy Summer for a part in NWYLC; the second, how to pay for the program. If the feelings of Mason and Nick are representative (and our sellout student body of 80+ participants this year says it is) the first problem is solved. Wrestling the second problem to the ground; that is, coming up with funds to pay the \$40 ,000 price for each class, has been a bit less tractable.

One solution might be to reduce the size of the student body. It appears from current enrollments and the enthusiasm of our graduates, however (Mason and Nick being the most immediate examples), that our community needs more of the training we offer, not less. A second possibility, and the center of our focus, is to expand our effort to raise the needed funds. To initiate the 2024 effort, we've decided to make our annual picnic at the Muri's into a Northwest Youth Leadership Conference fund-raising event, and we invite you, encourage you, to be a part of it. Here are the details:

The annual Chapter Picnic at the Muri's will be held on Saturday, August 12th, at 5:00 pm. It will be a catered event and we'll ask each person attending to make a \$50.00 pledge to NWYLC 2024. It will be our first fund-raising step toward the goal of fully funding the 2024 class. We hope you'll join us for the Picnic and to take part in this important effort to help grow our young people into the next generation of our nation's leaders.

77 students and 10 counselors, plus a few adults explore the Capitol



WA State Patrol Corporal Worley talks tactical communications



Mayor Muri explains how a bill gets passed on the floor of the House



LJ did her magic and got students into the House and Senate in Olympia



Main Post Chaplain Kim (L), introduced by Diane Gibson, provided his powerful Ethics and Morality of Leadership briefing



General Dayton fires up students at the opening Banquet



Top student Nimra Sajeel and mother pose for a picture with CDR Mandigo (R) and Counselor Nathaniel Slavek at the Awards Banquet.

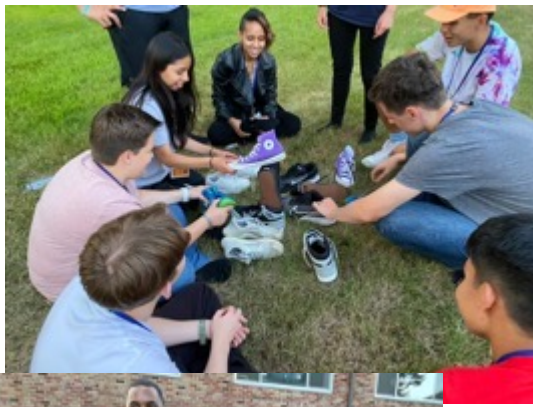
Patriotic Flag Program and MSG Earl Plumblee, Medal of Honor recipient, capped off the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
22 June	Homeless Veterans Picnic	1200 Retsil
12 Aug	Chapter Picnic and Fund Raiser	1600-Muri's
10 Sept	Homeland Security	1800 Town Hall

Adjutant Angle: Magnetic nametags are available. Check the website to order. The NWYLC was a huge success. Many companions and parents came to the closing banquet on Wednesday. Put it on your calendar for next year. No need to wait to give financial support. Website has info on how to donate. See you at Retsil and at Muri's, the highlight of the summer.



Tower of Shoes Teamwork exercises can be fun

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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

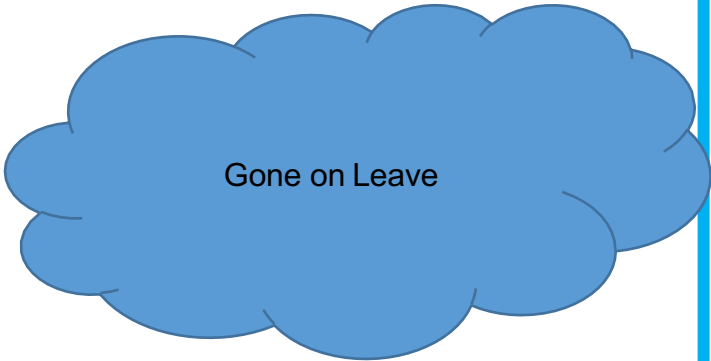
Scouting: CDR Kirkland

Veteran Affairs: vacant

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder



New Pershing Quiz



Gone on Leave

Success of NWYLC due to many hands and many ideas—Thanks!



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