



The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers

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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

June/July
2023

**You are invited: July 22,
1200, Retsil, WA, DVA,
Homeless Veterans**

Veterans
Outreach
Picnic



Puget Sound Chapter
Commander invites you to
reach out to our WA
homeless veterans that
live in the WA DVA facility.
It helps when we support
them with our friendly
companionship at their
summer picnic—1200.

1141 Beach Dr E. Port
Orchard, WA, 98366
First Bldg on the right after
DVA entrance

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

June Puget Sound Chapter Report



Welcome new companions to the Puget Sound Chapter on 11 June, at Steilacoom Town Hall, WA. From left with hands up, Marilyn Likens, Michael Wagner, Lori Gibson, Gabby Warren, Mary Muri.

Commander Ed Murphy honors Past Commander Heinz Haskins for his work for the good of the Order



Andy Leneweaver is awarded the Outstanding Service Award on 11 June at the Steilacoom Town Hall

Keith Warren also honored with the Outstanding Service Award for his valuable work for the chapter



Dick Muri, membership committee chair, accepts the Outstanding Service Award for his leadership to grow the chapter



Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

WHAT IF NOBODY CARED WHO GOT THE CREDIT

I'd like to take credit for those words, but I understand Ronald Reagan got there first, story of my life. Actually, I've gotten something better than credit for coining a phrase. Over the past year I have gotten to work with a set of people who believe those words and practice them.

I had the privilege of giving out about a dozen awards at our last meeting and I would say that, without exception, the look on each face was, REALLY?!, ME? Now I know that can be read two ways: 'Somebody finally noticed' or 'Why the fuss, I'm just doing my job'. Call me Pollyanna but I've worked with this set of people long enough to have gained some insight and it tells me that, without a doubt I'm working with the latter, and I'm lovin' it. In fact, I'm so confident in my assessment that I'm going to devote the entire remainder of this column to extolling the merits of someone who is not even a member of our Order. And every one of those awardees will applaud my decision and my choice.

I want you to meet Dennis Brown. Many of you know Dennis already but for those who haven't had the pleasure, Dennis has charge of the Washington VA Centers in Retsil and Orting. He was first given charge of Retsil; Orting was added later. Each center has about sixty-five residents plus a number of non-residents receiving support in some form. Recently, responsibility for treatment programs at the two centers was also added to Dennis' job description. What hasn't changed in the 5 or 6 years that I've known him is Dennis himself. This is a man who loves what he does. If you can catch up with him (and keep up with him) you will observe a man who is a care giver by nature, and to whom vets come first.

But don't take my word for it: Come see for yourself. The first and most immediate way to do that is simply to go back to the April Dispatch and read my column. There you will be reintroduced to Andreas and Carl, two residents who have helped each other through recovery. You will also gain an appreciation for the supportive environment that Dennis Brown and his folks have created to encourage and enable the success stories that Andreas and Carl represent. (And of course, we are a part of that success). The second way is to come visit Retsil, meet Dennis, and see for yourself exactly what I'm talking about.

July 22, 2023, is the date for this year's Chapter Picnic at Retsil. And as he always does, Dennis will be serving as head chef, cooking up the burgers and franks to order for his residents and for his special guests that day, the Companions of the Puget Sound Chapter (that's us). That picnic is Dennis, his staff, and his residents saying thanks to us for giving them a helping hand over the past year. 11:30 am is the start time and as he did last year our own Bruce Stalk will be there with his musical group to serenade us while we enjoy the food and fellowship. Come join us.



Puget Sound Chapter Staff honor Ed Murphy.

Ron Nielson receives the Golden Cup Award



Gabby Warren loves the Golden Cup



Ron Kirkland wants coffee in his Golden Cup



Mary Muri can't wait to try her Golden Cup



Betty Murphy owns 2 Golden Cups






Companion Michael Wagner receives The MOWW Outreach Medal from CDR Mandigo for his work with the AF JROTC at Yokota High School in Japan. He and His wife Patty, both DoD teachers, have finally gotten to our Puget Sound Chapter meeting where Michael was finally inducted after 2 years of being a companion.



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
25-29 June	Youth Leadership Conf.	1800
22 July	Picnic with Homeless Veterans	1200
12 Aug	Chapter Picnic and Fund Raiser	1600


Adjutant Angle: Thanks to all who helped make the June meeting a success. Magnetic nametags are available. Check the website to order. Focus is to support NWYLC, 25-30 June. Please sponsor a scholarship, \$500—or what you can afford. Mail check to Alan Mandigo , for NWYLC, 4610 29th Ave NE, Tacoma, WA 98422-4449. John mentioned Retsil picnic...please add it to your calendar...our chapter brings desserts, cookies, & brownies, are perfect.



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Surgeon: BG Stanley Flemming	Chapter Activities: LT McConnel
Asst. Treas. MAJ Victor Hogan	Hospitality: vacant
Finance: CDR Alan Mandigo	

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

Prizes everywhere 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

CDR Alan M. Mandigo, USN (Ret)

4610 29th Avenue NE

Tacoma, WA 98422

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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

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