



The Dispatch



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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

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National Security

You are invited: October 8th,
Steilacoom Town Hall, **1230**, catered
lunch and program



Come and meet the Captain of the Teddy Roosevelt aircraft carrier on October 8, at 1230. After a good lunch you will be treated to how our Navy defends our country now and in the future.

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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September Puget Sound Chapter Report



Welcome new companion, sponsored by Dick Muri—COL Bill McClary



Welcome companion Ron Neilson, sponsored by Carrie Neilson



Chapter Commander Ed Murphy thanks CAPT Dave Melin for the fascinating talk on Maritime Pilots who keep our waterways safe



Ed Murphy thanks outgoing treasure Alan Mandigo and adjutant Diane Gibson for their good work for the chapter



Andy Leneweaver gets a prize for answering the Pershing Quiz question about General Pershing's funeral. Look for question in monthly Dispatch

Mayor Dick Muri introduces his table at the Puget Sound Chapter meeting on September 10 at the Steilacoom Town Hall



Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

THE TIMES THEY ARE A CHANGIN When Bob Dylan wrote this, his signature song, back in Oct 1963 he might have had the Puget Sound Chapter in mind. We're just getting into our 2023-24 season and already the changes are coming thick and fast. Just a couple of weeks ago we joined Dick Muri to highlight the influx of electric powered cars onto the streets of our community and noted that probably half of our Board members are already driving them with the rest taking a serious look. Add to that the new faces we're seeing at our monthly meetings and the list of new members set to be sworn in at our Oct meeting and you begin to get the picture.

For me personally though, the biggest change has already happened: Diane Gibson and Alan Mandigo have stepped down from their respective jobs as Adjutant and Treasurer of the Puget Sound Chapter, making way for Annette and David Mummery to step up. The occasion, our Sept 10th meeting, was one that filled me with very mixed feelings. These two people had been in those two jobs for so long I just assumed they would never go away. I would always see Alan at the check-in table on a Sunday afternoon receiving meal money and handing out raffle tickets; or giving the Treasurer's Report at our Tuesday evening board meeting. Diane won't be calling me several times before the Board meeting (or the Chapter meeting) to check a myriad of details; nor will I get her steady flow of prompts at the meetings which kept me on track, most of the time. So, if you must know, right now I'm feeling a little punk about the whole thing. They put their brand on the job and it won't be the same without them there.

This change does have a decided upside however, or rather two upsides in the persons of David and Annette Mummery. I've already had a chance to work with Annette on a variety of tasks and I've gotten to know David as well. Best I can tell it's going to be a treat to work with them and the Chapter is going to be very well served. David has already survived a baptism of fire, working the check-in table at our September meeting under Alan's appraising eye and looking none the worse for wear. My greatest fear now is that they will find working with me to be a bit of a drag.

All this talk of change however, tends to belie one very important fact: While many things at our Chapter may be changing there are some very important things that aren't. You may have noticed that we held our annual NWYLC last June and we've already scheduled the next session for June 2024 and begun raising funds for it. We went to Retsil in July and we'll be going to Orting later this Fall. Did I mention Washington State Patriotic Day; held last March and scheduled again for March 2024. So our commitment to serving youth, veterans, and the community at large through patriotic education continues. Within patriotic education we continue to highlight the themes of Homeland Security and National Security, witness the visit of Capt David Melin last month and the upcoming visits of Capt David Bryant in Oct & LtGen Keith Dayton in Nov., all to speak on Homeland/National Security.

The face of the Puget Sound chapter, and indeed of the Order itself, may change but our field of service and the commitment we bring to it do not. So today we are doubly grateful, first, to those who have completed terms of long and faithful service, and second, to those who are stepping into their shoes. It is this very change that establishes the permanence of our Order and its contribution to our Nation.

Note: October lunch meeting,
1230, at Steilacoom Town Hall.
Lunch will be catered. Business
casual or tie





.FORGIVENESS- Webster has three definitions for this word.

- 1) To give up resentment against or the desire to punish; stop being angry with; pardon; absolve.
- 2) To give up all claim to punish or exact penalty for an offense.
- 3) To cancel a debt.

In Biblical times the law allowed for forgiving three times. (I wonder if this is where whoever made up the rules for baseball got the three-strike rule) But I digress.

Peter has just heard about the disciplinary process for reconciling sinners within the church. He wonders, "What if a person sins and repents, then sins again and repents again? How often can this person be forgiven?" No doubt Peter probably thought he was being overly generous when took three, doubled it to six added one more and came up with seven. Human nature tells us once or perhaps twice, but for most of us that is the limit. Some might agree with Peter that seven is way more than enough.

Jesus, however, says no."I say to you 70 times 7." This simply means that forgiveness is beyond calculating. He then explains this startling announcement by telling a story about the servant of a king. (Matthew 18:21-35) The servant owes his master an enormous debt, 10,000 talents, which is equivalent to over 10 million dollars in today's money. There is no possible way the servant can pay what he owes. The king orders him to be sold along with his wife, children and all that he had. The servant fell on his knees, imploring him, "Lord have patience with me and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt.

The forgiven servant turns out to be totally graceless. He leaves the king's presence and almost immediately refuses to release another servant the debt of a few pennies. Thus the forgiven one has stupidly failed to make the connection. He does not see that mercy received is to be extended outward. He does not understand that his own release has put him under obligation to others. He does not grasp the fact that the king's forgiveness should change his own behavior in a similar situation.

The unmerciful servant does not get away with such cruel behavior toward his fellow servant. When the king is told of the forgiven one's graceless action, he lets loose his anger at his servant. The debt is reinstated. And the one who could not forgive as he was forgiven ends up in jail.

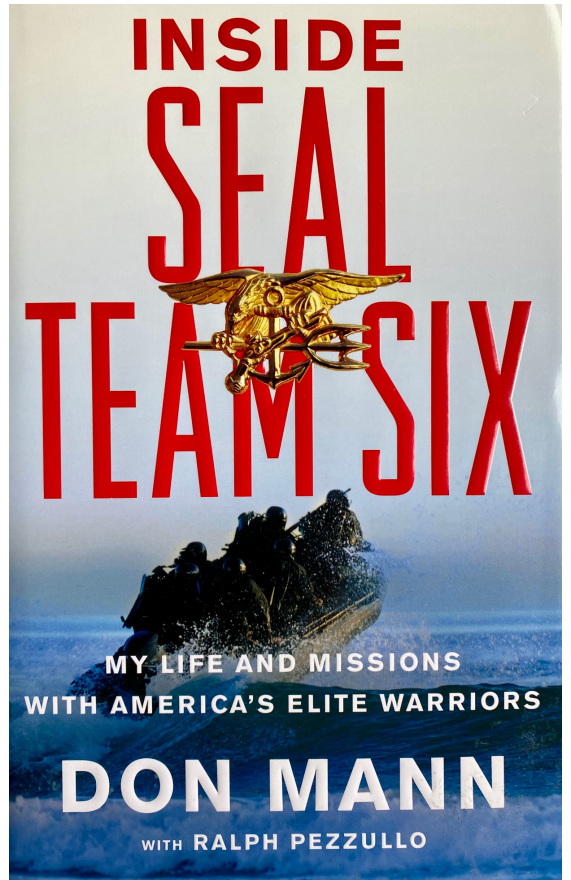
The point is clear. Kingdom life demands forgiveness between its citizens. Forgiveness of others is not an option for those who have been forgiven by the king. When we pray the Lord's prayer, do we not say, "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who have sinned against us?" The thought of not being forgiven by God is frightening, but it makes good sense according to the logic of what has been said. To refuse to forgive another is to deny one's own state as a debtor. Forgiveness is meaningless to the one who does not recognize their need for it.

So, whenever you are tempted to live by the law of 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth,' remember this teaching of Jesus. None of us will ever be asked to forgive what God has forgiven us through Jesus Christ. As those who have received unlimited forgiveness, let us, in turn, give unlimited forgiveness to others.

Book Reader

The inside story of SEAL Team 6 and how to get there, starting from a boy who is a quasi-hoodlum growing up in a tough neighborhood in New England. Don Mann was in trouble as a young man, drawn into the underworld, he had to get out of his environment or sink to mafia and crime. He was dedicated to racing motorcycles, but soon turned his focus to running marathons and Iron Man completions. This led to his career in the Navy and the SEALs. Read this tale of success and dedication that only SEALs aspire to.

Inside SEAL Team Six by Don Mann and Ralph Pezullo



Coming Chapter Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Time/Date</u>
08 Oct	National Security	1230 Town Hall
12 Nov	National Security	1230 Town Hall
10 Dec	Pearl Harbor	1230 Town Hall

▼ **Adjutant's Angle.** Companions, don't forget to bring an item for our raffle table. Please bring something that you would like to win. Tickets are \$5.00 and benefit our leadership conference. Our meeting has returned to a lunch format. Please RSVP and join us at the Steilacoom Town Hall, Sunday October 8th at 12:30 p.m. for the social half hour followed by lunch and meeting.

BTW, can you stay after the meeting to help put table and chairs away?

About the Military: A soldier stationed at Fort Bliss, Texas, actually got a letter addressed to "Fort Ignorance." "How did you know where to deliver it?" she asked the mailman. "We were stumped at first," he admitted. "But then I remembered, ignorance is bliss."

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Scouting: CDR Kirkland
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New Pershing Quiz

Pershing always saw himself as a _____? Email me at hootdgibson@gmail.com

Come get your prize at the Puget Sound Chapter Meetings



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