



The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers

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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

Sept 2023

You are invited:
September 10th 1800
Steilacoom Town Hall

Homeland
Security
Outreach
Program



Puget Sound Chapter
Commander invites you to
our September Homeland
Security Outreach
Program with guest
speaker from the Marine
Pilot Association who
guide ships through
dangerous waters.

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

Annual Summer Picnic and NWYLC Fund Raiser



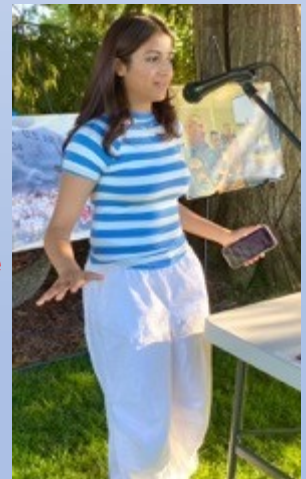
The Muri's opened their house again for a beautiful lawn party that featured catered BBQ, drinks and dessert on a beautiful Saturday in Steilacoom

Shade provided a comfortable environment while companions and guests heard about the successful Northwest Youth Leadership Conference held in June at Pacific Lutheran U.



Carrie Nielson hosted the picnic and presented Dick Muri with a National MOWW certificate for recruiting

Top student at this year's Northwest Youth Leadership Conference, Nimra Segeel wows the crowd with her positive recollections of amazing time with 77 other students



Meet our newest perpetual companion , CDR Ken Davidson, sponsored by Dick Muri, and introduced at the Muri's picnic

YOUTH UNPREPARED – OUR NATION IMPERILED COMPANIONS WE NEED YOUR HELP!

There have been any number of reports recently of the inability of our uniformed services to meet recruitment quotas. One reason for the ongoing shortfall, of course, is the large (and growing) number of young men and women who cannot meet the standards prescribed for enlistment. These candidates want to enter one of the Services but can't get there. This is only one part of the problem for military recruiters, however, and maybe not the toughest.

The other is a lack of interest on the part of those who can serve, to do so. These folks don't want a military career. In fact, they don't want to serve at all. And it's not that the Services can't compete in the marketplace by offering attractive jobs. They very often can. But what they can't do is overcome the distaste for serving Uncle Sam. In short, it seems that in the minds of many young Americans today, serving in the military is uncool. So, our best and brightest remove themselves from the recruitment pool.

What is my point here? Just this: We have a set of programs in the MOWW Repertoire to address this problem and help resolve it. We Call them Youth Leadership Conferences; or to be a bit more specific in the case of our Chapter, the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference. Now our Conference isn't designed to trim off fat or tone up muscle and it probably won't improve your BMI, but what it does do, and very well, is to hone leadership skills, stimulate a sense of personal responsibility, and sharpen those feelings for our Country we call patriotism.

More than 2000 have passed through the hallowed halls of NWYLC over the thirty years of its existence at an average cost of \$40,000 per year or \$1.2M overall; every dollar of which was donated. The generosity of so many people has made this all possible, and it appears that we will see that again in 2024.

A donor has come forward willing to match, dollar for dollar, all the contributions made to the 2024 NWYLC Fund up to \$10,000 by September 10. What that could mean is that, in Sept 2023, if we cover all of the matching funds offered, we will be on our way to fully funding the 2024 Northwest Youth Leadership Conference.

Or think of it this way. We haven't finished paying all the bills for the 2023 Northwest Youth Leadership Conference, although we are close. Another way to come at it would be to consider the reduction in blood pressure for Dave Gibson and Alan Mandigo, and probably Carrie Neilson too if we make this work.

Thanks to everybody for pitching in. Working with this team makes me feel ten feet tall.



NWYLC graduate, and now Army Captain Johanna Chrisman addressed the Steilacoom Kiwanis Club and told how the experience boosted her to apply (and graduate from) the US Military Academy



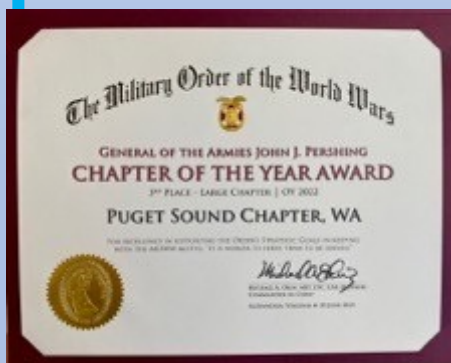
Daniel Villacrusis explained how the NWYLC gave him confidence to lead cadets at the Steilacoom AJROTC unit this coming year



Yes, the same top student from NWYLC, in and out of uniform



Pat Campion, President of the Mt Ranier MOAA, makes a donation to the NWYLC to take advantage of the 2 for 1 offer for our future leaders



The Puget Sound Chapter is doing something right



Patriotic Education is what the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference is all about

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

As I write this the island of Maui is on fire. The historic whaling town of Lahaina with all its historic buildings, museums, art galleries souvenir shops and merchants are all burned to ashes and gone. Over 80 people are confirmed to have lost their lives and the fate of hundreds more is unknown. Countless homes have been destroyed. Many people have lost everything and have nothing but the clothes they are wearing. Gov. Josh Green has said the fires are the largest natural disaster in the state's history.

When disasters like this such as earthquakes, floods, hurricanes, or tornados occur, the question is frequently asked, "Why does God do such horrible things?" This question's assumption is not correct. God does not do or make these things happen. Rather, He allows them to happen. The question then becomes, "Why does He allow them to happen? Many theologians have struggled to deal with this issue, even to the point of writing books such as, Why Do Bad Things Happen To Good People. Now I don't propose to have a quick and simple answer to that question.


Jesus had to deal with that issue when people were brought to Him who were sick, crippled, blind or disabled in one way or another. The common belief in that day was that these individuals were suffering because of something they had done. Even His disciples held to this belief. When a man, born blind was brought to Him for healing, they asked Him, "Who sinned that this man was born blind, him or his parents?" Jesus answered that neither was the case, but that his blindness was an opportunity to show God's power that He might be glorified." Jesus then proceeded to pray and took action to restore the man's sight.

When we look at what is happening on the island of Maui, and we wonder what can we do? I think we can follow Jesus' example.

First, we can lift them up to God in our prayers. And second, we can reach out to help them by contributing to a relief organization. Probably the best known one with the best reputation is the American Red Cross. They are always present in such situations and our financial gifts enable them to provide the necessary resources to help with the need, whatever that may be. Their website is: www.RedCross.org and their phone is: 1-800-435-7669. Give them a call and God bless you for caring.

Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
10 Sep	Homeland Security	1800 Town Hall
8 Oct	TBD	1230 Town Hall

 **Adjutant Angle: Magnetic nametags are available. Check the website to order.** Summer is coming to a close. On Sept. 10 we will have our next chapter meeting. Location Steilacoom Town Hall, 6:00pm. Come early and help set up, also staying a little after helps with the reset. Our Raffle table will be returning. Always fun. Donation jar on the Drinks Table.

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Finance: CDR Alan Mandigo	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

Who led the funeral parade for Blackjack Pershing in Washington DC?

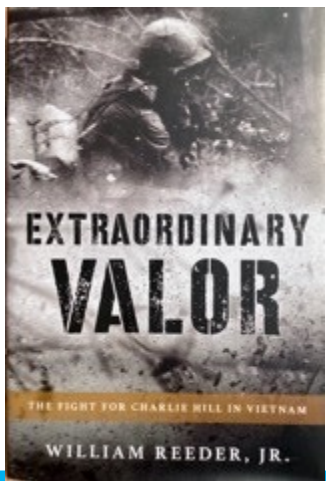
Answer to hootdgibson@gmail.com



General Dayton (L) and Sam Scott (R) upgrade their membership to Perpetual, leaving a legacy to the Puget Sound Chapter for the future

BOOK READER

The true story of American Special Forces officer John Duffy and South Vietnamese paratrooper Le Van Me, as they fight to defend Charlie Hill, the key to holding the Central Highlands during North Vietnam's 1972 Easter Offensive. Well written story of an amazing survival tale when the NVA enemy was moving south at rapid rate. Extraordinary Valor, William Reeder, Jr.



Convenient Links

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

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