



# The Dispatch



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## Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

National Security

**You are invited:** November 12th,  
Steilacoom Town Hall, 1230, catered  
lunch and program



Come and hear General Keith Dayton's update about the Ukraine and Israel on November 12, at 1230. Following a good lunch you will understand the latest from the Ukraine. As a bonus, Keith Dayton spent 5 years in Israel, and knows the situation there as well.

### Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

# October Puget Sound Chapter Report



Chapter Commander Ed Murphy welcomes guest speaker CAPT Dave Bryant who will inform attendees of the US Navy, now and in the future

Commander Murphy awards Dottie Hoagland the MOWW Outreach Service Medal for her good work for the chapter



From the left, George Phillips, Dick Muri, Harley Moberg, and Bill McClary share a moment

Lori Gibson (L) and Ken Davidson (R) display their new Perpetual Membership citation



Keith Snyder (L) exhibits his MOWW Outstanding Service Award for innovative technical support to the Puget Sound Chapter

CAPT Dave Bryant (R) receives the chapter coffee cup for his informative briefing on naval aviation



# Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

## KEEP BLACKJACK

I may be going off the deep end on this, but I've been feeling some anxiety lately as I've listened to Dave Gibson present the 'Pershing Minute'. Two meetings ago he described in detail our founder's funeral and when the Minute was over, I was convinced we were about to retire the good General's portrait to our flag closet. When I asked, Dave assured me that he wasn't about to let that happen. But then the very next month (this one) he went back to Pershing's early years. I'm sensing that this may be the death rattle for 'The Minute'.

Anticipating the first question to enter your mind, yes this is a problem. 'Why?' you ask. Well, there are several reasons and, because they're mine I think they're good ones. So here goes:

First, our favorite General Officer doesn't get a lot of publicity. If it weren't for the Pershing Minute, I would know virtually nothing about the man, a real loss, because there is a lot worth knowing. And I'm not just referring to his professional achievements. His values, and the way he lived them out in his personal life (and occasionally didn't) are well worth critical examination. How did the man recover and move on from the deaths of his wife and daughters. How did he stand up to the pressure of the Allied Governments to eviscerate the AEF and make the pieces appendages of the existing British and French Armies. Why did it take so long for him to take a woman back into his life and why did he do it the way that he did. And this is just for starters stimulated, you guessed it, by the Pershing Minute.

Second, the Pershing Minute has been a part of the Puget Sound Chapter meetings since Betty and I began attending nine years ago and, if you must know, it is my favorite part of the meeting, and yes, that includes Gen Dayton's presentations. I do admit that if I had to make a choice between those two it would be a tough one. But more important, the Pershing Minute has become a part of our tradition and is deserving of a fate beyond just being scrubbed from the meeting program. And who can argue that passing out chocolate bars to so called adults, who accept them gleefully for having answered the question correctly, just the way they did back in Mrs. Hooters Third Grade Class, isn't adding a nice touch to a meeting that sometimes needs one.

And finally, there is the matter of the Pershing Minute narrator, Dave Gibson himself, the genuine article, a first-rate storyteller, and as fine a gentleman as you are ever likely to meet. Are we just going to toss him out onto the heap of all his Pershing Minutes? I hope not. Dave's presentations are always finely tuned but more than that they are structured and filled with the detail that only comes from familiarity with the subject, which only comes from the investment of time studying the subject. Clearly Dave Gibson knows his man.

So, how is this impending loss to be averted? I suppose we could go back to the beginning and start over. Or we could ask Dave to take some of his favorite 'Minutes' and bring them to us again. Maybe we should look to find a successor to General Pershing: Marshall, Eisenhower, Bradley, Westmoreland, all of whom are honorary members of our Order. I'm not sure which, if any of these possibilities, would be best, or if there is still another idea out there that should be considered. I would offer as a next step that, if you enjoy the Pershing Minute as much as I do and you have an idea that might move it forward, share that idea with Dave and let's see where it goes. Seems to me all the past Pershing Minute scripts should be treated not as just a historical file but as a foundation on which to build the next story.

**Note:** November lunch meeting,  
1230, at Steilacoom Town Hall.  
Lunch will be catered. Business  
casual or tie. Check out QR code!



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

The situation in the Middle East is disturbing and troubling for many reasons. The numerous innocent civilians, including men, women, youth and children brutally slaughtered during the October 6th attack on Israel by Hamas which has been said to be the worst atrocity since the holocaust. The over 220 hostages that have been taken, their condition and whereabouts unknown. The widespread destruction of buildings and the resulting homelessness. Humanitarian aid destined for refugees being hijacked by Hamas including fuel that they are using for their own vehicles.

Over 20 attacks on U.S. forces and the resulting injuries to Americans. The allegations that that most, if not all, of the groups involved are financed and supported by Iran. The clearly stated goals of Iran, Hamas, Hezbollah and others is the killing of Americans and the complete annihilation of Israel. And, perhaps, the most scary concern- that this regional conflict could expand into a larger and more deadly war.

As I write this, Israeli Prime Minister Netanyahu has announced that Israel is in the second stage and has expanded its ground operations into Gaza. Only God knows what the situation will be by the time you read this. However, as we sit here, half a world away, feeling very helpless, we must remember that God is in control and that He hears the prayers of His people.

The following prayer/song keeps echoing in my mind. It contains good advice that we should take to heart and apply to our own lives.

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our Father, brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.  
Let peace begin with me, let this be my moment now.  
With every step I take, let this be my solemn vow.  
To take each moment and live each moment with peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.  
Amen



# SPORTS BALL DONATIONS



Companions - MOWW Puget Sound is again supporting the Annual "Sports Ball Drive for Santa's Castle". Santa's Castle serves Active, Guard and Reserve Holiday's Military Families who are struggling financially. It is an IRS 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization.

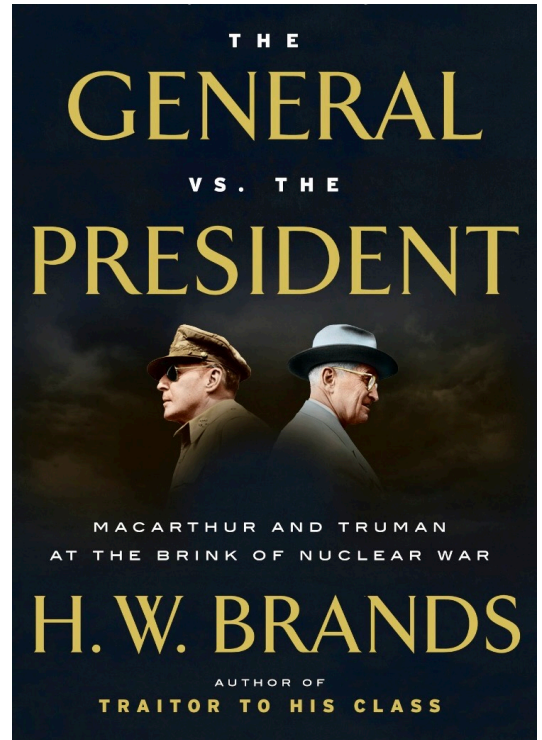
Our goal this year is 1,000 balls.

Bring Sports Balls or a Donation to the November MOWW Puget Sound Brunch. Donations may be Cash, Check (made to MOWW PS), PayPal ([mowwpsc@gmail.com](mailto:mowwpsc@gmail.com)) or mail to:  
CDR Alan Mandigo  
4610 29th Ave NE  
Tacoma, WA 98422

## Book Reader

Truman was one of the most unpopular presidents in American history. Heir to a struggling economy, a ruined Europe, and increasing tension with the Soviet Union, no easy path ahead. MacArthur, by contrast, was incredibly popular, as untouchable as any officer has ever been in America. The lessons he drew from World War II were absolute: appeasement leads to disaster and a showdown with the communists was inevitable—the sooner the better. In the nuclear era, when the Soviets, too, had the bomb, the specter of a catastrophic third World War lurked menacingly close. The contest of wills between these two titanic characters unfolds in Korea.

***The General and the President*, by H. W. Brands**



## Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
11 Nov	Veterans Day Program	1100 War Mem. Park
12 Nov	National Security	1230 Town Hall
10 Dec	Pearl Harbor	1230 Town Hall
14 January	Patriotic Education	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. Please RSVP and join us at the Steilacoom Town Hall, Sunday November 12th 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?
- Don't forget your donation the Sports Ball project for youngsters at Christmas.
- Join in the Veterans Day program that Andy L. hosts on 11 November at 1100.



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**Finance:**

**Hospitality:** vacant

### Committee Chairs:

**Law and Order:** vacant

**Nat'l Security:** MG Coffey

**Membership:** Lt Col Muri

**Memorials:** MG Coffey

**NWLC:** Col Gibson/CDR Mandigo

**ROTC/JROTC:** CDR Mandigo

**WSPD:** Maj Warren

**Scouting:** CDR Kirkland

**Patriotic Ed:** Col Gibson/CDR

**Veteran Affairs:** Vacant

**Kirkland**

**IT Supervisor:** Lt Col Snyder

**Homeland Security:** vacant



## New Pershing Quiz

What famous officers did  
Blackjack train in WW I?  
Email me at  
hootdgibson@gmail.com

### Happy people at the Puget Sound Chapter Meetings



### Convenient Links

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

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

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



Support Andy Leneweaver and the Veterans Day program  
November 11 at 1100 hours at the War Memorial Park. See  
details below.



17TH ANNUAL VETERAN'S DAY  
CELEBRATION

*War Memorial Park  
624 N Meyers St  
Tacoma, WA 98406*

NOVEMBER  
11TH, 2023  
11:00AM

Join us in a tribute to those who served despite facing  
disdain or discrimination at home and celebrate the  
WW II service of the Nisei Soldiers  
(2<sup>nd</sup> generation Japanese Americans)