



The Dispatch



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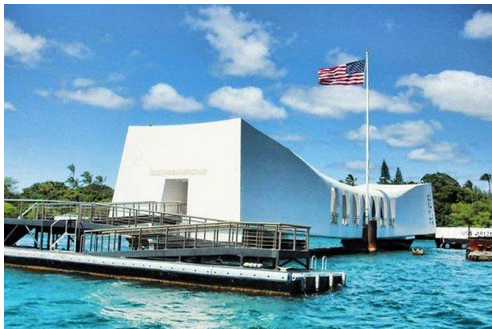
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December
2023

Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

You are invited: December 9th,
Steilacoom Tap Room, **1130 for 1200**
kickoff, bring finger food, see the
Army/Navy game live

Pearl Harbor
Remembrance



Come join the fun of the Army/Navy football game while we cheer, eat, and drink to the cadets. Halftime will be our Pearl Harbor Remembrance program. Bring your favorite snack to share with others and wear your shirt advertising your service or the Puget Sound Chapter

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

November Puget Sound Chapter Report



General Dayton (R) packed the house on 12 November with his Ukraine/Israel talk, and is awarded the MOWW hat by Chapter Commander Ed Murphy welcomes guest speaker

Peggy Hemphill is awarded the MOWW Patriot Member pin, flanked by Commander Murphy (L) and her sponsor Dick Muri (R)



Welcome new members—Melody Stalk, sponsor Bruce Stalk, COL Mike Johnson, MAJ Adam Faulk CPT James Taylor, and MAJ Bill Reber



Clover Park High School Senior, AFJROTC Cadet Isabelle (C) receives the MOWW Eagle Scout Award at the Puget Sound Chapter meeting at the Steilacoom Town Hall, November 12, from CDR Ron Kirkland (L) and CDR Alan Mandigo (R)



Dottie and Andy say “cheers” at the Steilacoom Town Hall on 12 November

Mayor Dick Muri and Mary Muri meet Chairman Xi at the APEC meeting in San Francisco in November



Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

Just The Facts Ma'am

If you're in your 'senior' years you'll remember this tag line from Frank Smith's partner on Dragnet, Sgt Joe Friday. Friday was the consummate detective. He didn't want your suppositions, your analysis, or your shaky conclusions, only what you observed, as clearly reported as possible. He would stitch it all together, draw the conclusions, and take the action. Friday's approach, a blend of natural skepticism and drive for absolute clarity, got me to thinking. Doesn't that approach, in many respects, mirror the way we as citizens should confront the current issues facing us and those reporting on them?

Our Founding Fathers, those who put this nation on the road and gave it wheels, had more than a few words to say on the matter. Of course they were hard over on the need for free expression and we have that codified in our Bill of Rights. But they went a good deal further than simply establishing a citizen's right to say anything and know everything. They state unequivocally that we have been given this right, not for our personal amusement but so that we can competently carry out our responsibility for running the Country, because through the electoral process we make our Nation's ultimate decisions.

We had the good fortune at our November meeting to receive a report from LTG Keith Dayton on two issues of some considerable urgency for our Country at this moment, Ukraine and Gaza. I'm confident that Gen Dayton would have received an A+ from Joe Friday. But the real question is what would Joe Friday have done with the Gen Dayton's evidence. I'm dead certain Joe would not have sat on it.

At this juncture we seem to be in Joe Friday's shoes. As citizens we have met the witness and heard his evidence. Do we treat it as simply, "interesting" or do we actively seek to exercise our responsibilities as citizens using the lawful avenues open to us. I'm trying to do a better job of getting to know the candidates and voting in EVERY election, and getting to know my Congresspeople via phone and letter. Running for a local office might be another option.

Joe Friday was very good at getting the evidence from his witnesses, and, as I recall, his conviction rate was equally good. So, with Gen Dayton's evidence I'm sure I know what Joe Friday would do.

Note: Need names for December meeting, 1130, at Steilacoom Tap Room. Bring snacks, casual dress, Limit 50



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

As I prepare to celebrate Christmas, it occurs to me that there are people who do not believe in a loving God who cares so much for us that He would come to us in human form to show us that love, and even suffer and die for us that we might be saved and have eternal life with Him and our loved ones. For such unbelieving people, I would like to share the following contemporary parable.

It is about a very good person named Bill. He is a thoughtful and loving husband and father. He is a caring and considerate friend. Bill is recognized for integrity in his personal life and his business matters.

However, at Christmas time, he had a problem. He simply could not buy this tale of 'God becoming human' and all of the accompanying celebration. He could not even bring himself to pretend for the sake of the children. His integrity would not permit any phony displays.

On Christmas Eve his family was eagerly preparing to attend worship services. Bill's children were singing in the choir and he wanted to hear them. But, no, he could not, he would not, compromise himself. He was convinced that to maintain his self-worth, he must remain at home that evening.

A short time passed after his family left, and it began to snow. Bill sat in his chair, turned on the television, noting that the pace of the snow was quickening. A toasty fire in the fireplace next to him added a sense of coziness and serenity. Bill dozed off. Then, suddenly, a noise awakened him. He looked outside through the window and saw nothing. He concluded that the noise was just snow falling off the roof.

He returned to his chair. Soon he heard another noise which sounded like scratching. As he looked out the window again he thought, "Somebody is playing a trick on me." He still saw nothing, but he kept on hearing the scratching sounds.

Finally, Bill opened the front door and saw three small kittens, that had been scratching on his door, all huddled together. Someone had dropped them at his door. Bill dearly loved animals and so he gently brought them into the house. They were cold, hungry and frightened. He put them next to the fireplace and went to get them some food.

When he returned with some warm milk, they were gone! But, he could hear them scampering around the room. They were not playing; they were afraid of him. Bill tried to entice them with food, but they would not come to him. He called them, but they kept their distance. Trying to get them to play, he dangled a ball of yarn near them, but with fearful eyes they just peered at him from a safe distance.

Finally, he tried to catch them, but they were much too fast. The kittens scattered all over the room in three different directions. Bill was worn out and frustrated. He meant them no harm. He wondered what he could do to make them trust him.

He thought, "I wish I could be one of them and speak to them. I could tell them that I love them and I do not want to hurt them. I could show them that I want the very best for them. All I want to do is love them. What do I have to do?" It was indeed a very frustrating experience.

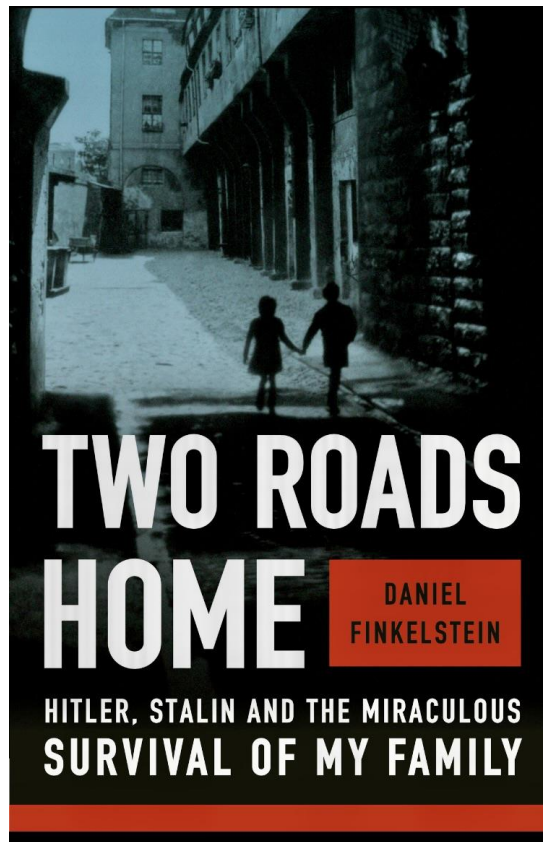
About that time, however, a curious thing happened. He heard the distant chimes of the church proclaiming the birth of Jesus. As he sat there on the living room floor with six scared eyes looking at him, he understood for the first time, what God has done for us.

The message of Christmas is that God comes to us, on our level, on our terms in order to love us and care for us. What a perfect time the Christmas season is for clearing up problems between us and others, for rebuilding bridges of friendship and love, for becoming reconciled with one another! In Christ God has reconciled the world to himself. Should we not be reconciled to each other? It is a sure way to have a Merry Christmas!

Book Reader

Hair-raising... includes not just Hitler's inhumanity but Stalin's too--a double measure of evil. An epic and uplifting World War II family history of resistance that spans Europe, telling of two happy families, one from Holland and one from Poland, uprooted by war and sent to concentration camps to die. Their incredible suffering under Hitler and Stalin was hard to believe, and the near-miraculous survival stories of the author's mother and father. A moving and important tale you will want to read.

Two Roads Home by Daniel Finkelstein



Note: on 1 January the price of a Perpetual Membership goes up to \$500. You can still get the \$350 rate through the end of 2023!

Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
08 Dec	Joint MOWW/MOAA Gala	1800 Am. Lake Club
09 Dec	Army/Navy + Pearl Harbor	1130 for noon Tap Room
14 January	Patriotic Education	1230 Town Hall

▼ **Adjutant's Angle.** Companions, please bring an Army/Navy game tailgate snack to share. Buy drinks available at the bar.

1130 to chat, 1200 kickoff

**Humor
in
Uniform**



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Surgeon: Vacant

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Asst. Treas. CDR Mandigo

Chapter Activities: LT McConnel

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 Kirkland

Veteran Affairs: Vacant

Homeland Security: vacant

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder

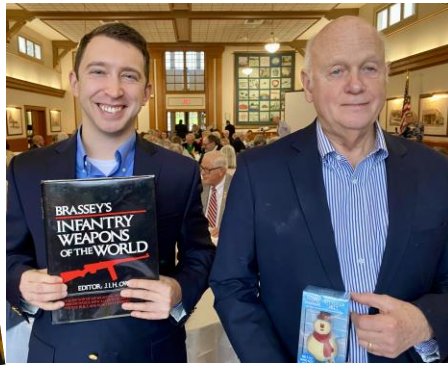
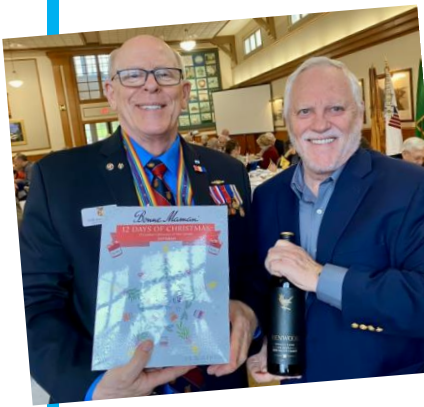
New Pershing Quiz



What was Pershing's lasting gift to us today

Email me at
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Lots of smiles at the Puget Sound Chapter Meetings



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

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