



# The Dispatch



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## Puget Sound Chapter January 2023 The Military Order

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

**Patriotic  
Program with  
Steilacoom  
Cadets**



Puget Sound Chapter Commander invites you to the Army JROTC cadet presentation, along with senior instructor LTC Victor Magee on 8 January at the Steilacoom Town Hall at 1230—RSVP please to reserve your seat

### Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

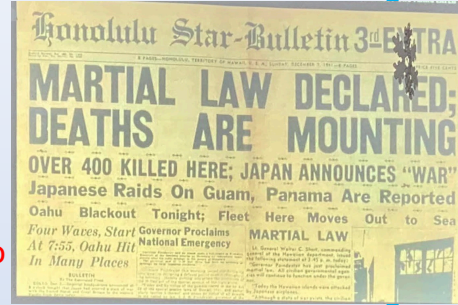
**ZOOM** <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/zoom/>

# November Puget Sound Chapter Report

Pearl Harbor Remembrance with John Jensen presenting



A fascinating look back to 7 December 1941 through photos and radio broadcasts



Hawaiian Luau in December! Aloha shirts and leis, plus island BBQ added spice to Steilacoom Town Hall on December 11th

Keith Warren pins the Medal of Merit on Foss AFJROTC Cadet Michael with Ed Murphy looking on



Lt Col Larrisa Ruiz (center), Foss AFJROTC Senior Instructor, chats With Keith Warren as John Jensen looks on

Heinz Haskins and Ron Kirkland compare Aloha shirts and discuss the advantages of being a Puget Sound Chapter companion



## Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

### SOLDIER/CITIZEN

Having served in the Military or in a military family we all understand that when we step up to serve, we voluntarily limit our range of choices. We agree to wear a uniform, which may or may not suit our personal taste. Our choice of a locale in which to serve is set aside in the interests of "Needs of the Service". And the decision on when to go is deferred to those empowered to make such decisions for us.

We joined and served to be the point of the spear, the strength of our Country's diplomacy, whatever direction it takes, and we manually override our expression of personal opinion when that diplomacy moves in a direction that seems inimical to our Country's best interests.

But when putting on the uniform we're not given the luxury of putting aside the exercise of our responsibilities as citizens, among which is to perform a hardheaded assessment of policy and people, both office holders and candidates. We are expected to do both in parallel, and no excuses.

Last meeting, we were treated to a presentation on the current state of the Ukraine War. Like the brief that preceded it last March this one drew a very clear picture both of the flow of hostilities and the negotiations to end them. And it proceeded to some very disquieting conclusions; so disquieting that I walked away feeling I had to take a fresh look at this whole thing. And I didn't like it. I thought I knew who the good guys and bad guys were and exactly what the US needed to do to make sure the good guys win. However, circumstances, it seems had changed and we were going to have to adapt.

And that is precisely where a lifetime of serving (which I don't have but which I see all around me) shows its value. Adapting to circumstances is never detached from bedrock principle. The citizen/soldier is practicing the two continuously, relentlessly, and over time that practice becomes a source of personal strength.

Thinking it through I started to feel better. Changes in the prosecution of the Ukraine war do not change the goal to which we subscribe for the outcome of that war. Some wag (probably a soldier) may have said it best: "Fight smarter not harder". He (or she) was on to something. Don't wed yourself to a set of tactics but only to the principles that propel the effort forward.

Sitting there, considering the brilliance of my thinking, and surrounded by a room full of military folk, I began to feel a lot better.



RSVP  
please

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



## Chapter Chaplain's Notes—Chaplain Skip Stephan



We have just celebrated Christmas. Yes, the actual day has passed, however, we are still in the Christmas season until January 6th, the Twelfth Day of Christmas also known as Epiphany. Christmas does not need to end on December 26th but can be continued into the New Year, particularly when we consider the name given to Jesus, Emmanuel.

The Bible says it means, God with us. Actually, Emmanuel is a combination of two Hebrew words: Immanu, which means “with us” and El which means “God.” The very name gives us cause to reflect on what it means that in the birth of this child in Bethlehem we say God has entered into the affairs of humanity and is with us.

The name Emmanuel means we are never alone, and there is power in that for facing the challenges and difficulties of life. It also means that we are important to Him. The life of each of us is of great value.

A veteran who, as a soldier in World War II had made the great landing on Omaha Beach was asked what he remembered most about the event. He said it was the impression that life was so cheap. He remembered General Eisenhower had said the invasion was a great success- “we only lost 10,000 men.” The aging veteran said that crawling over all those bodies of comrades made him feel life was worth so little.

Christmas says to us that every life is of great value. Yet there are times when we regard others as being of little value. There are times when we regard ourselves as being of little value. But the birth of the Christ Child says yes to humanity. His arrival in the world affirms the worth of every human being. We hold that every life is of incredible value and that includes yours and mine.

Emmanuel also reminds us that life can be transformed from the routine to the extraordinary. What a perfect time this is for clearing up problems between us and others, for rebuilding bridges of friendship and love, for becoming reconciled with one another; for God with us, Emmanuel, lives.

Because of the birth of this child, the history of humanity is unalterably changed. The world is never again the hopeless place it once was.

And so as we begin a new year let us remember that whatever life throws at us, we are never alone, that no matter how worthless we may feel, the life of each of us is of great value and potential, and that when life feels routine, it can be transformed into the extraordinary and that broken relationships can be mended.

There's a good resolution for the New Year. Resolve to mend a broken or strained relationship. If you do this, you have the potential to make two people very happy, you and the other person.

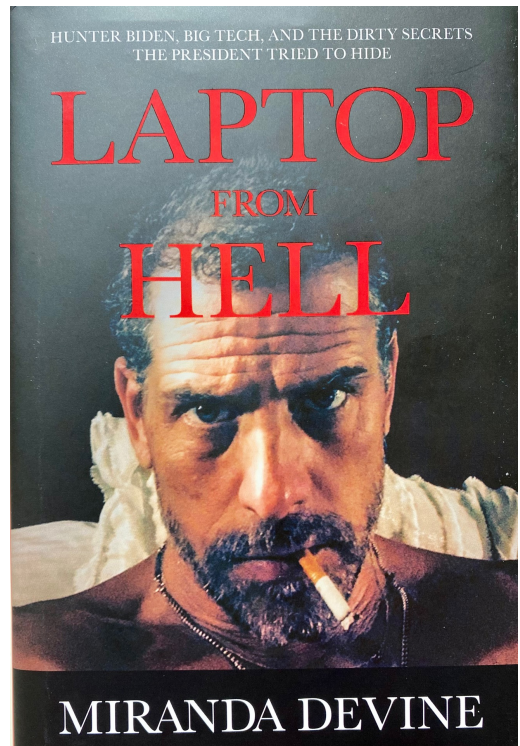
### **Help Needed**

A couple Companions or young people to handle Zoom duty during meetings. We will train you. With enough people you would only have to do it quarterly. Really, you younger members...help us out. Email Keith Snyder at [737ip@comcast.net](mailto:737ip@comcast.net).

## Book Reader

Miranda Devine shows the unvarnished story of what is really on a laptop abandoned at the Delaware Mac shop, Spring of 2019. In shocking detail, it exposes the coordinated censorship operation by Big Tech, the media, and former intelligence operatives to stifle the New York Post's coverage. A chilling exercise of raw power 3 weeks before a presidential election. Bottom line: don't forget to pick up your computer from the repairman.

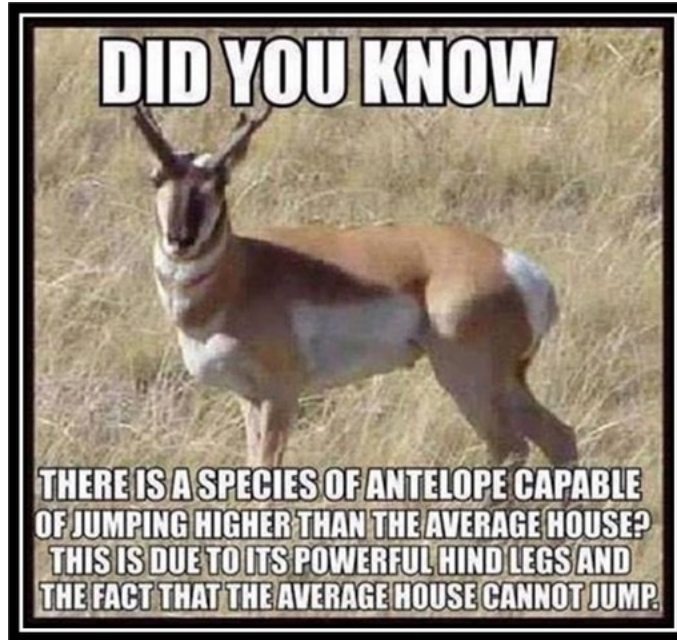
Laptop From Hell, Miranda Devine



## Coming Chapter Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Time/Date</u>
08 Jan	Patriotic Education	1230 Town Hall
11 Feb	Valentine Meeting	1230 Town Hall
12 Mar	Bronze Patrick Henry	1230 Town Hall

▲ **Adjutant Angle:** Thanks for the generous help clearing up after the December meeting. Magnetic name tags are still available. Check the website to order. Thank you to Ed Murphy for celebrating Betty's birthday by hosting the vino in December. Starting this month we will have a donation jar for beverages at our meetings. **Set up of tables and chairs, starts at 11:00am on 8 January, please come help. Bring cash for the drinks donation jar.**



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**Committee Chairs:**

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## New Pershing Quiz



Pershing was portrayed in a famous movie about WW I, what was it? Email me at [hootdgibson@gmail.com](mailto:hootdgibson@gmail.com)

## Winners happen here 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/>