



The Dispatch



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Puget Sound Chapter January 2024 The Military Order

You are invited: January 12th,
Steilacoom Town Hall, **1200 for 1230**
start, catered lunch, youth patriotic
education program

**Youth Patriotic
Program**



Come Meet the MOWW Chief of Staff, flying all the way from Washington DC. Following lunch we will induct new members, and have a Patriotic Program provided by Steilacoom High School AJROTC cadets. "Take a cadet to lunch", we'll have about 8 or 9 cadets as our guests.

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

December Puget Sound Chapter Report



The Army/Navy Football Game was enjoyed by Puget Sound Companions and friends at the Tap Room Steilacoom on 9/12 by all who attended. Did your team win?

The food was good, the game was close, libations were available, and the company was excellent



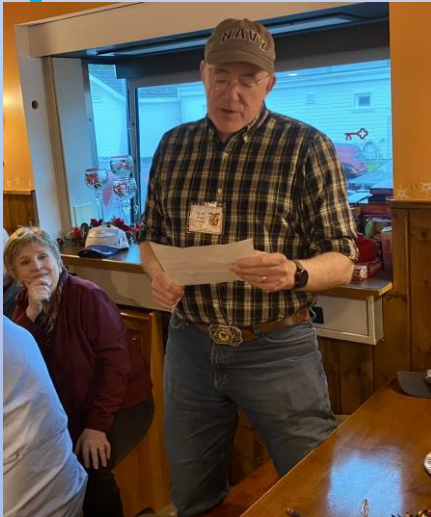
Visitors were welcome to the the Puget Sound Chapter's social event where everyone got to know each other better



Ron Kirkland provided an outstanding Pearl Harbor Remembrance program during the half time that included many companions giving testament to Naval Shipyards



James Christie gave evidence that Naval Shipyards returned damaged ships to the fight in record time



Chapter Commander Ed Murphy does his part of the Pearl Harbor program



Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

Pearl Harbor--The Rest of the Story

As the Pearl Harbor Remembrance unfolded at half-time of the Army-Navy Game Saturday afternoon, I gradually began to feel as though I was listening to that esteemed gentleman (Paul Harvey) instead of Commander Ron Kirkland who was doing the actual narration and whom, by the way, I esteem at least as highly as I do Paul Harvey. Did you know that most of the battleships savaged by the Japanese Airmen that day, made it back into the Fight before VJ Day? And did you know that a big chunk of the work that had to be done to get them back was done by our neighbors over on the Peninsula at the Bremerton Navy Yard? And did you know that those neighbors were, for the most part, civilians? The attack that took us to war brought us together; and it was that bonding on every side that gave us the edge to recover and prevail.

All that aside, what we got from Ron was the rest of the Pearl Harbor story. The historical picture is now complete and a significant number of people whose efforts have gone unheralded are now properly recognized; the record is set straight. But if we stop here, we do a disservice to the very person who set this record straight in the first place. Paul Harvey has been honored many times for his work and justifiably so. Ron Kirkland has had his share of honors over the years as well, but he certainly deserves another shout out for the work he did here.

Now, you might ask, why did we go to Ron in the first place? My comeback: He always seems to have the tools to solve the problem. Whether it's Navy regulations, Chapter by-laws, or Pearl Harbor history, Ron is well read and, just as important, always willing to lend a hand. He served 34 years active duty, is a mustang, (commissioned from the enlisted ranks), and has been a Companion for 20+ years since he retired. For this Pearl Harbor Remembrance and a host of other tasks we've sent his way, Ron has always been willing to take on the job and has always done it to perfection.

Now I wouldn't want you to take my word for any of this. Never take the word of an Irishman without corroboration. Trust but verify. Go to the man himself and ply him with your questions. I guarantee you won't be disappointed with his responses.

Well, he may have trouble with one: Ask him why the Middies lost on Saturday.

Note: Need names for January meeting, 1130, at Steilacoom Town Hall. Catered lunch, need accurate count by Friday 12 January by noon--we lose money on no-shows.



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

The ways in which we Americans celebrate the beginning of the New Year are diverse and colorful. Thousands gather in Times Square in New York City as an illuminated ball on top of the Times Tower descends, reaching the bottom at the precise moment the New Year begins. Millions more watch the event on TV.

In many communities, church bells ring out the old and in the new. Often the bells are echoed by fireworks- in spite of local ordinances. For many, there are parties with the occasion being an excuse to get drunk and kiss everyone else's wife.

Often local congregations of Christians come together for 'watch night' services to keep serious vigil as the old year wanes and the new year waxes. Across the land in public places and family homes people join in singing "Auld Lang Syne" as a tribute to the good old times.

I love the new year. It is a time of nostalgia and looking back at the old year. It is also a time of hope, freshness and optimism. The old year is over and we tend to forget about the unpleasant things of the past as we anticipate new and better days ahead.

The new year is a time for self-examination and new commitment. Traditionally, it is a time for resolutions, setting goals and making promises to do things we did not do last year.

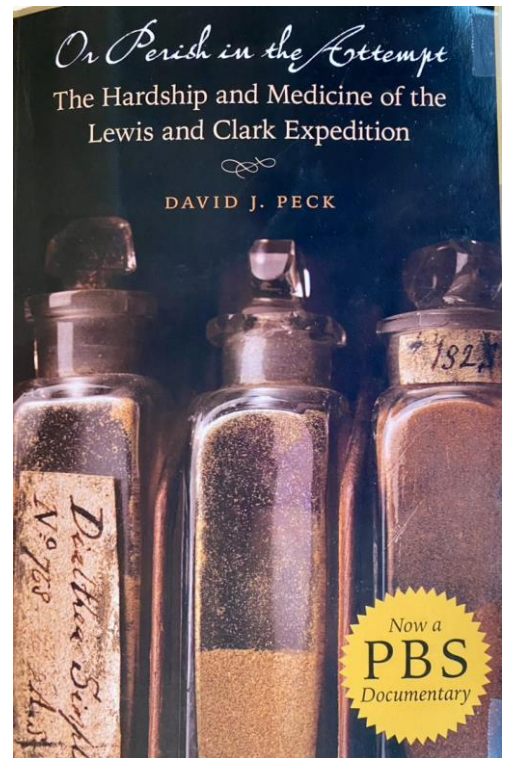
It is somewhat rare for a New Year's Day to fall on a Sunday. I can't remember when it last happened. But I do rather like it because I can't think of a better way for a Christian to start the new year than by worshipping the Lord.

May God richly bless you in the new year!



Book Reader

Perish in the Attempt is a great companion book to Undaunted Courage by Ambrose. Dr Peck analyzes the hardships and medicine of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in detail, adding quotes from many of the sergeants and soldiers of the Corps of Discovery. Lewis had a 2-week tutorial with Dr Rush in Philadelphia and bought all the recommended drugs before departure, but the surprising fact is that most of the medical knowledge of the day and the medicines were worthless. Examples are bloodletting, tonics with mercury, and Thunderclappers. A fascinating read about how “Dr.” Lewis and Clark had to deal with many medical emergencies, including a baby.



Or Perish in the Attempt by David Peck

Coming Chapter Events

| Date | Outreach | Time/Date |
|-------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 14 January | Patriotic Education | 1230 Town Hall |
| 18 February | National Security | 1230 Town Hall |
| 09 March | Washington State Patriotic Day | 1400 Pioneer MS |



Adjutant's Angle. Companions, 1230 meet and greet, 1300 begin program and lunch.

“Take a Cadet to Lunch” and help defray a number of cadets who will be our guests for lunch please.
Bring a raffle prize if you can.

**Humor
in
Uniform**



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Surgeon: Vacant

Treasurer: Maj Mummery

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

Veteran Affairs: Vacant

Kirkland

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder

Homeland Security: vacant



New Pershing Quiz

What was Pershing's lasting gift to us today?
Email me at hootdgibson@gmail.com

Joint MOAA/MOWW Christmas Gala was a big hit and got us in the mood



Convenient Links

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

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

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