



The Dispatch



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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

You are invited: February 18th,
Steilacoom Town Hall, **1230 for 1300**
start, catered lunch, First Flight
Around the World program

National Security
Program



Come Meet BG Frank Goodell, who will tell is about the first "around the world flight" by an airplane, setting the record for the Army Air Service and ultimately the US Air Force. Hear about the Douglas DT-2 World Cruiser (left) that was chosen to beat other countries that were planning the same world record.



Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

January Puget Sound Chapter Report



MOWW Chief of Staff Mike Farrell (C) comes all the way from Washington DC just to see the Puget Sound Chapter and understand what makes us successful

The cadet Commander of the Steilacoom AJROTC unit is awarded the Puget Sound Chapter Certificate of Excellence by the Chief



Each of the 12 cadets presenting the Patriotic program received an individual certificate of appreciation



Please welcome our new companions, (L) Chuck Blagg, Bev Scott, and Dan Still (with hands raised) to our chapter



Also welcome to our ranks MG Pete Franklin, and George Phillips who were inducted in the same ceremony on Jan 11

Meet our chapter's newest Patriot members sponsored by Dick Muri (L). Corbin and Vonette Walters are welcomed into the Puget Sound team



Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

SPUNK!: n. Informal, pluck: spirit or mettle, courage or resolution in the face of difficulties.

Remember the Mary Tyler Moore show; every Saturday night in the 1970's? In the very first episode Mary is trying to break into the TV News business at a local station where the staff of newscasters is managed by Lew Grant (Ed Asner). He interviews Mary and tells her she has spunk. His very next words are: "I hate spunk!" But she gets the job, proving that not only does he like spunk, he likes people who have it. I like it too and I think it's a rare person who doesn't. We just naturally pull for the person trying to make it and showing the grit that says, "I'm in for the long haul."

Correct me if I'm wrong but I think we saw a whole lot of spunk at our January meeting. Let me give you three beautiful examples: #1: We saw twelve cadets from Steilacoom High School stand up and represent their nascent JROTC Program with poise, projecting a firmness of purpose and commitment not all that common in adults let alone high school students. Especially apropos was the report on the rappelling tower. Just the thought strikes terror, but the Steilacoom cadets are stepping up to the challenge and showing their spunk as they go.

#2: On the matter of rappelling; I overheard a cadet mention, sotto voce, that one of their instructors (There is only one.) was afraid of heights but somehow had found himself on the tower with that day's group of cadets. That took some spunk. But Victor McGee is nothing if not spunky. After a career in the Army he stepped into a brand new job, high school teacher. Victor had never taught high school. On top of that the job itself was brand new. The JROTC detachment at Steilacoom had just been set up. So, it's easy to see where the student spunk originated. Victor McGee has a full store and by his example is spreading it liberally throughout the detachment.

#3. Where was the third stash of spunk? Clearly with our #1 companion, the MOWW Chief of Staff, Col Mike Farrell. You may have noticed from listening to Mike speak, the Military Order of the World Wars is on the cusp of major change. Mike Farrell has signed on to help lead us through it, even though he could enjoy a trouble free retirement in Florida. It will take every bit of spunk he's got to successfully get us through this turbulent time.

Could these cadets, their lead instructor, and our recently minted Chief of Staff pass Lew Grant's spunk test? It's a little early to predict the final results but if the rest of us get behind them and show even a fraction of what we've seen from them, their success and the success of our Order is assured.

Respectfully, Ed

Note: Need names for February meeting, 1230, at Steilacoom Town Hall. Catered lunch, need accurate count by Friday 16 January by noon--we lose money on no-shows.



Puget Sound Chapter Chaplain Notes—LCDR Skip Stephan USNR

February may be the shortest month of the year by number of days, (although this year it has one more due to leap year), however, it offers a wide variety of observances and experiences ranging from an unofficial weather prediction by a large, sleepy rodent to patriotic observances for two of our most beloved presidents. It has been designated as Black History Month, but it is best known for its tribute to love on Valentine's Day, which this year is also Ash Wednesday. This is the beginning of Lent, a period of 40 days prior to Easter when Christians contemplate their sinfulness and what God has done to reconcile them. He did this by sending His only Son, Jesus, to die on the cross for their redemption.

It is appropriate that Lent begins on Valentine's Day, a day dedicated to love, because it is a time when God showed His love for us in this amazing and most undeserved act.

So, as we proceed through this month with its various activities and observances, let us not forget to spend some time meditating on the life of our Lord Jesus and what He did in love for us!

The Puget Sound Chapter will give Homeless Veterans living at Orting and Retsil \$25 Fred Meyer gift cards at our meeting in April. Looking for contributions to reach \$500 for these gift cards, which are needed by the vets- can you help?

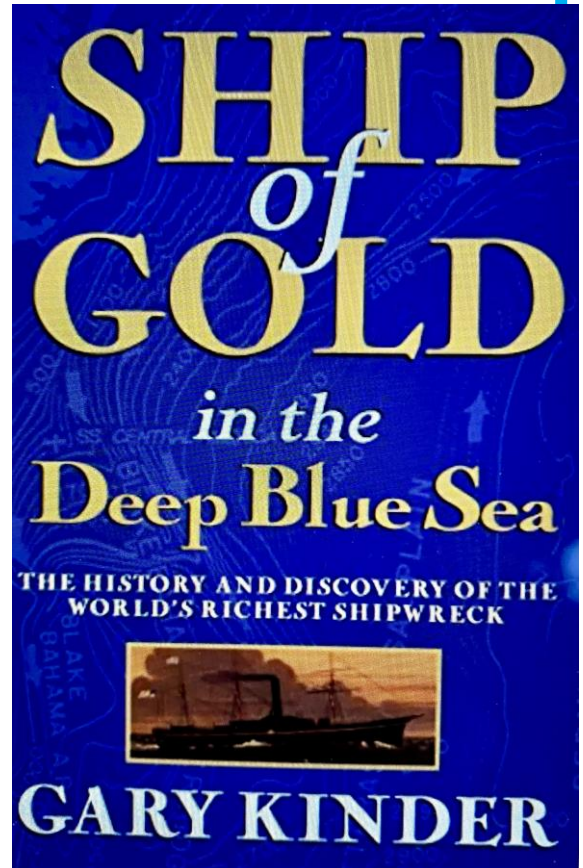
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Book Reader

Everyone loves a true story of gold treasure lying deep under the ocean waiting to be discovered. Ship of Gold grabs you from the start as the *Central America* sidewheeler slips below the waves during a bad hurricane off the coast of the Carolinas in 1857, laden with gold from the California gold rush. How a quirky engineer, Tommy, from Columbus, Ohio goes about finding it and recovering it in 9,000' of water will fascinate any reader. "A fan said, "One of the best I've ever read! Cannot put this book down as every single sentence is exciting". Find it because this top book--Ship of Gold is a rollicking good story.

Ship of Gold in the Deep Blue Sea by Gary Kinder



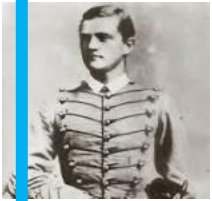
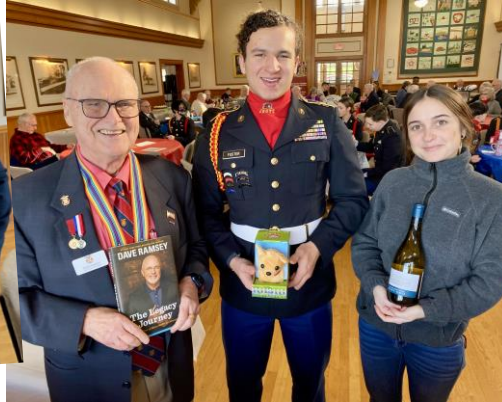
Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
18 February	National Security	1230 Town Hall
9 March	Washington State Patriotic Day	1400 Pioneer MS
17 March	Bronze Patrick Henry Awards	1230 Town Hall
21 April	Veteran Outreach Program	TBD

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

Bring a raffle prize if you can.

Look who won a prize!



Pershing Minute: Just in case you missed it. Born in the small Missouri farming town of Laclede, John J Pershing's father ran the general store. Johnny Pershing dreamed of being a lawyer but since there was no way he could afford the college tuition, so he began to teach school at age 17, even though he had not graduated from high school himself. He had 45 students ranging from 6 to 21 years old.

Teaching gave Pershing some of the first lessons in leadership and shaped his character. The 21-year-old student bullied some of the other students and John told him he would have to stay after school. When the bully refused, Pershing planted himself inches from the big boy. "I am here to run this school" he declared, "You will obey me or face the consequences". The student back down. Pershing was in charge; he was responsible.

Another time a student's enraged father came to school with a shotgun. Pershing met him outside and challenged him to get off his horse, put down his gun and fight it out. They fought, Pershing won, then dressed the father's cuts. Again, Pershing was in charge, saw his duty, carried it out regardless of the circumstances.

Convenient Links

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

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

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

**Humor
in
Uniform**



Camouflage Couch

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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

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Kirkland

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