



The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers

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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

You are invited: March 17th,
Steilacoom Town Hall, **1230 for 1255**
start, catered lunch, teens receiving
awards program

**Bronze Patrick
Henry Program**



Meet great students
who are doing good
things in our community.

The Puget Sound
Chapter searches out
kids who deserve
recognition. They get
the coveted Bronze
Patrick Henry Medal.
Come and meet these
leaders of the future and
know we are in good
hands.

**Can you "Take a Cadet
to Lunch"?**

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

February Puget Sound Chapter Report

What a story of the heroic pilots of the Army Service in 1924 who flew around the world in only 179 days after starting in Seattle and finishing at the same place, minus one of the four starting aircraft



BG Goodell was an excellent storyteller of all the trials and tribulations encountered by the intrepid flyers



Welcome to Puget Sound's newest companions: Steve, Harley, Jim, Doug, and Smokey— introduce yourself and make them feel welcome

John McConel introduces our new Patriot members Kayla and Joh Vance



Commander Ed Murphy presents plaques of appreciation to Diane and Alan for their good work

Ed and Diane present a memento to guest speaker BG Goodell at the Puget Sound Chapter meeting at the Steilacoom Town Hall



Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

An Unexpected Gift--You have no doubt had the experience of giving someone a hand, and lo and behold, it works out better for you than for that someone to whom you lent a hand in the first place. You walk away talking to yourself and saying, "That's not the way it's supposed to work," and feeling a bit embarrassed over the entire episode. I've had experiences like that from time to time over the years and I had another one just last week at our February Chapter meeting.

I thought I was performing a yeoman's service for the Chapter at last Sunday's meeting by booking in Air Force Brig. Gen. Frank Goodell to talk about the first round-the-world flight. It filled the slot; the subject was timely; the General gets another platform from which to promote the centennial celebration of this noteworthy event; and the event promoters pick up a few more potential attendees. Everybody wins, right? Sure. And there is every reason to think it will work out just that way. So where is the big personal payoff in all this that I didn't see coming? It was Frank Goodell himself.

First of all, I didn't know that Gen Goodell was such a great storyteller. Not only did he have a very engaging platform style, but he knew more about that round-the-World mission than I think even the original crew did. He had done his homework. Not only that, he seemed to have total recall, offering obscure bits of unsolicited information, and answering every question, it seemed, with the recall of one who had actually been there. Who would know about killing the drift by lining up a smoke column with lines drawn on the horizontal Stabilizer. I was as spellbound as a kid taking his first flight. And that was just one example.

Second, Frank Goodell knows how to hold an audience. Clearly, he has great respect for the people who undertook this mission and he communicated that throughout his presentation. But he also respected his listeners, explaining the technical terms where that was needed and always talking with his audience rather than to them. When the presentation was complete it was Gen Goodell who put us together for the "cup" photo. There was no doubt he was having a good time and in his own way was putting us at our ease as well.

When all's said and done however, what stands out in sharp relief is that Brigadier General Frank Goodell, United States Air Force, has, over the last 68 years, carved out his own place in the Field of Aviation. Whether In the Military, Industry, or his Community he has joined and often led the effort to take Aviation to the next level. His contribution continues to this day as he co-leads the 100th Anniversary Celebration to honor the aviators who completed that round the World trip of which he spoke at our Feb meeting. Gen Goodell, we are proud to number you among the visitors to our Chapter, and we salute you as you continue your efforts to advance the cause of Aviation.

Note: Need names for March meeting, 1230, at Steilacoom Town Hall. Catered lunch, need accurate count by Friday 15 March by noon--we lose money on no-shows.



Puget Sound Chapter Chaplain Notes—LCDR Skip Stephan USNR

A man who is reasonably well known in his home community has a summer home in the mountains. The nearest town is ten miles away. No one knows him there. He is a stranger to the merchants of that city. Sometimes when he is working in his old dirty clothes, he will discover that he needs something, and he will go into town just as he is. Often, when he goes to town, he will be wearing blue jeans and a work shirt. Less frequently, he will come to town in a suit and tie. The kind of reception that he gets in the store is related to how he is dressed. If he comes in his 'grubbies' the clerk is likely to ask, "Is there something you want?" If he comes in his clean blue jeans, the greeting he receives is, "What may I do for you today?" If he comes in a suit and tie, the clerk quickly comes to him and says, "Good morning, sir, how can I help you today?"

Although we may not like to admit it, we treat people in different ways, often depending on how they dress. We give the policeman more respect than we give the door-to-door salesman. If we were to treat the policeman as we treat the door-to-door salesman, we could be in trouble. It is important, therefore, to know who it is you are speaking to.

Jesus asked His disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" Peter answered, "You are the Christ." (Mark 8:29) We speak of "Jesus Christ" as if the two words were the parts of a name, like John Smith. This is not the case. The word 'Christ' is a title. It is the Greek equivalent for the Hebrew word 'Messiah.' So, when we say, 'Jesus Christ,' we are really saying, 'Jesus, the Messiah. When Peter said, "You are the Christ," he was indicating that Jesus was more than human. In Matthew's account of the incident, he records that Peter said, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." (Matthew 16:16) We are currently in the season of Lent, a forty-day period prior to Easter. For Christians, it is a time repentance and reflection in preparation for the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter. It is a good time for us to contemplate the same question Jesus put to His disciples. It is a personal question for all of us, "Who do YOU say that I am?"

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?

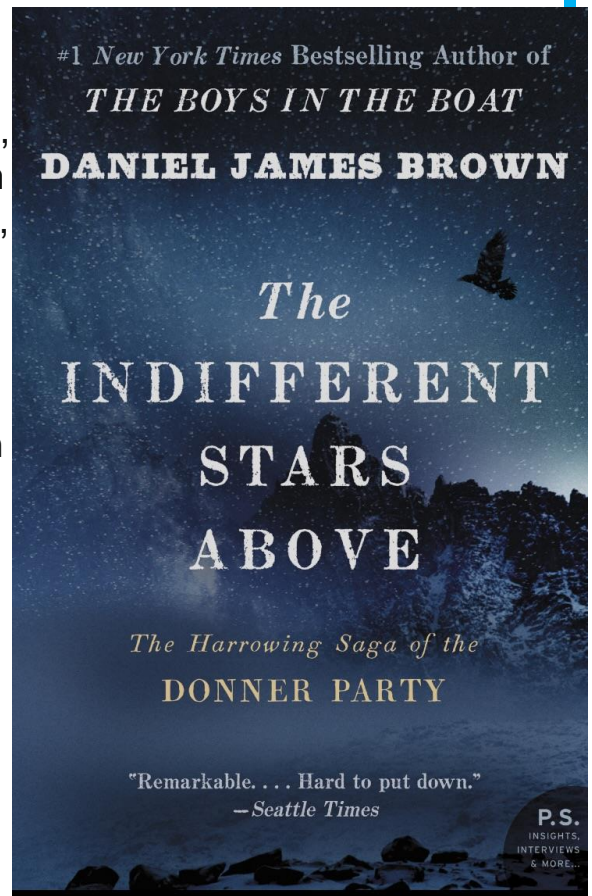
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Book Reader

In April of 1846, 21-year-old Sarah Graves, intent on a better future, set out west from Illinois with her new husband, her parents, and eight siblings. Seven months later, after joining the Donner party of pioneers, they reached the Sierra Nevada Mountains as the first heavy snows of the season closed the pass ahead of them. In early December, starving and desperate, Sarah and fourteen others set out for California on snowshoes, and, over the next thirty-two days, endured almost unfathomable, gripping hardships and horrors. A legendary tale of spellbinding survival.

The Indifferent Stars Above by Daniel Brown



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
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 1230 meet and greet, 1255 begin program and lunch—wear green!

Cadets and 1 parent are our guest for lunch—can you “Take a Cadet to Lunch”?

Bring a raffle prize appropriate for a teen.

**Humor
in
Uniform**



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Surgeon: Vacant

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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 Kirkland

Veteran Affairs: Vacant

Homeland Security: vacant

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder

Prizes for everyone!



2. Pershing Minute: Education, Pershing's dream was to be a lawyer, but to get into law school Pershing had to earn money. Sister Elizabeth read a newspaper article about an exam to select a student for the Military Academy

Pershing did not know anything about West Point except that it was a free education and a way to study law. As a commissioned officer he could gain the skills to be a better lawyer in the courtroom

18 candidates gathered in Trenton Missouri to compete, after a battery of written and oral exams, only two were left.. When the examiner asked the other applicant to explain the function of the infinitive in the sentence "I love to study", he got it wrong. Pershing correctly answered that the infinitive "to study" is the object of the verb.

John got the appointment and was on his way to becoming a lawyer—well it did not work out that way....stay tuned for the rest of the story.

Convenient Links

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

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

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

Kingston State Patriotic B



March 9, 2024

2 - 4 PM

Pioneer Middle School

DuPont, WA



**entry fee. Just watch Old Glory
parade and listen to the band
playing patriotic music!**