



The Dispatch



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April 2024

Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order

You are invited: April 14th,
Steilacoom Town Hall, 1230 for 1255
Start, Catered Lunch, Homeless
Veterans Program

Homeless
Veterans Support



The Puget Sound Chapter supports Homeless Veterans at the DVA facility and want to help them return to the community. Come hear about how we can help these vets with funding and personal contact at Retsil and Orting facilities. Arrive 14 April at the Steilacoom Town Hall at 1230 check it out.

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

March Puget Sound Chapter Report



March started with the Puget Sound Chapter's Washington State Patriotic Day on March 9 in DuPont. A big success of many flag units and Army band. Plus, guest speaker LTG Dayton, thrilled the crowd at Pioneer Middle School

The Washington State Patriotic Day is designed to bring patriotic education to youth and adults alike



Good students were recognized on March 17th at the Steilacoom Town Hall where 13 teens received the Bronze Patriotic Henry Medal

Chapter Commander Ed Murphy awards the BPH medal to Sophie Day



COL Jeff Powell presents from Sumner AJROTC Cadet Allen Love the BPH for outstanding work in the community

CDR Alan Mandigo presents the BPH Medal and certificate to new Eagle Scout Evan Failano



Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

A Tribute: I am a grandparent. It's not a place where I especially wanted to be in life but here I am. I can't even masquerade credibly as young. When you're a grandparent you are OLD, and you simply must accept it. There is a trade off however and it is called 'Grandchildren'. When you have grandkids and you spend time with them, they give you back some of that youth you lost when you first became a grandparent. But then they go on to give you so much more.

Sunday, March 17th, the annual Bronze Patrick Henry Awards Ceremony, is a case in point. Thirteen young men and women (29 total, 16 were unable to attend in person) received Bronze Patrick Henry Medallions for scholastic achievement and service to their communities. My granddaughter was one and I took some pride in the fact that she was numbered among them. They had each set a goal to be the best they could be and had largely achieved it. Any parent or grandparent would be grateful for a place in that audience.

That, however, is by no means the full story. As I looked through the citations and listened to the presentations, I saw among these young folks something beyond just the effort to gain personal recognition. They want to contribute; and are willing to take the risks, forego their free time, take on added responsibility, make themselves accountable, invest sweat equity, open themselves up to the derision of their peers, and in a host of other ways, to act collegially and unselfishly to move their communities (and Country) forward.

Now, let me add what must be obvious; these young people didn't become a part of this ceremony by themselves. They were accompanied, first of all, by family; the Moms, Dads, Aunts, Uncles, and Grandparents, who set them on the right track and have kept them there through thick and thin. And I should note that it is these very parents who often recommend career choices that will place that young son or daughter in harm's way. Standing shoulder to shoulder with parents were the instructors and sponsors who have taught them and served as examples to them, (sometimes at their own peril) and whose guiding hands led these young folks to the award platform that day.

And finally, for the past 20 plus years, there is the person who pulls it all together and brings it to life, Commander Alan Mandigo. It might be a stretch to say that without Alan there would be no program, but it wouldn't be much of one. He brings that stage to life every March so that we can see the talent and character of the students we support; and the families and teachers who guided and grew them into the solid young adults to whom we gave those certificates that day. If one of the great rewards of grandparenting is to be invited to that ceremony, then I'm ready to forego Youth right now for the privilege.

Note: Need names for 14 April meeting, 1230, at Steilacoom Town Hall. Catered lunch, need accurate count by Friday 12 April by noon--we lose money on no-shows.



Puget Sound Chapter Chaplain Notes—LCDR Skip Stephan USNR

I am writing this on Palm Sunday, a holy day for those of the Christian faith throughout the world. It is a day which begins the great and holy week that culminates in the central celebration of our faith: our Lord's passage from death to new life in three days beginning with His crucifixion on Good Friday and ending with His glorious Resurrection on Easter Sunday.

Early Christians would greet one another by saying, 'He is risen.' To which the reply given would be, 'He is risen, indeed!' The Church considers this event so significant that it is celebrated for seven weeks until the Day of Pentecost when the gift of the Holy Spirit was sent and received. Early Christians felt so strongly about the importance of the Resurrection that they changed their traditional day of worship to Sunday, proclaiming that each one was a 'little Easter.'

Unfortunately, secular commercialism has taken over this religious celebration replacing it with a bunny who hides eggs and gives candy to children. But just as Christmas is much more than a chubby little man in a red suit who brings presents, so Easter is much more than a bunny who runs around hiding eggs.

It saddens me to think that this is all Easter means to many children today. I hope this is not the case in your family. But if it is, I hope you will take appropriate action to correct this inaccurate representation of a day that is critical for our salvation.

May you and your family have a happy Easter. He is risen.

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?

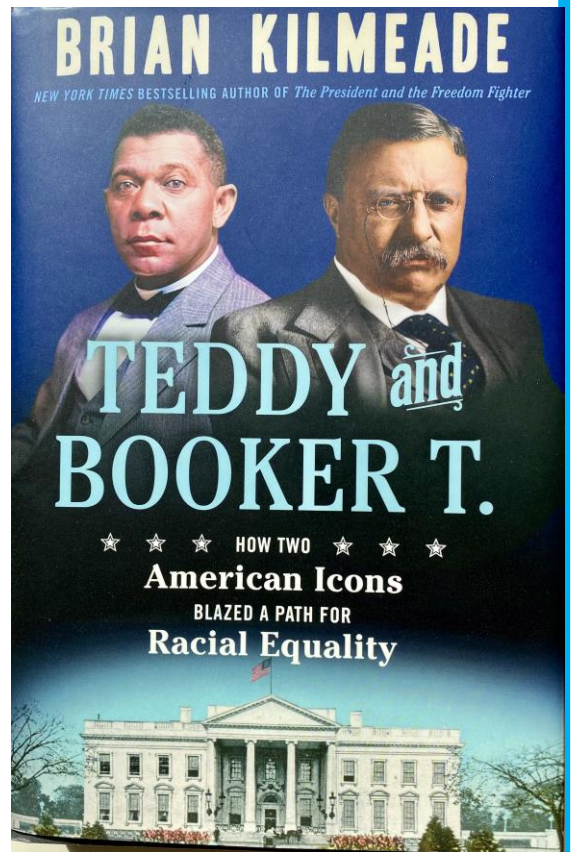
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Book Reader

When President Theodore Roosevelt welcomed the country's most visible Black man, Booker T. Washington, into his circle of counselors in 1901, the two confronted a shocking and violent wave of racist outrage. In the previous decade, Jim Crow laws had legalized discrimination in the South, eroding social and economic gains for former slaves. Lynching was on the rise, and Black Americans faced new barriers to voting. Slavery had been abolished, but if newly freed citizens were condemned to lives as sharecroppers, how much improvement would their lives really see? Brian Kilmeade tells the story of how two wildly different Americans faced the challenge of keeping America moving toward the promise of the Emancipation Proclamation.

Teddy and Booker T. Brian Kilmeade



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
14 April	Veteran Outreach Program	1230 Town Hall
4 May	First Responder Recognition Program	1800 Town Hall
9 June	Awards Program and Officer Induction	1800 Town Hall
23-28 June	Northwest Youth Leadership Conf.	PLU



Adjutant's Angle 1230 meet and greet, 1255 begin program and lunch.

Joint meeting with MOAA don't forget to RSVP. We lose money on No-shows
Bring a raffle prize PLEASE.

Humor in Uniform



What to do with your purse in a C-17 at 25,000'

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Surgeon: Vacant

Treasurer: Maj Mummery

Asst. Treas. CDR Mandigo

Chapter Activities: LT McConnel

Finance: Vacant

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

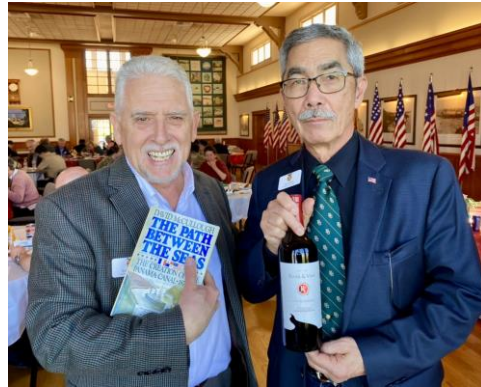
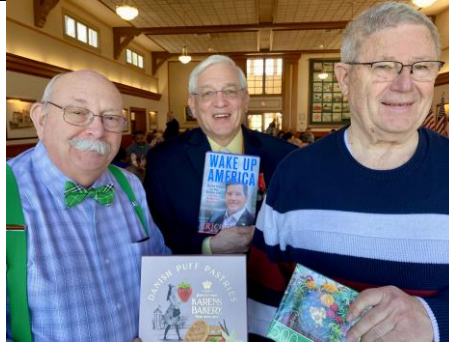
Veteran Affairs: Vacant

Kirkland

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder

Homeland Security: vacant

Did you get your prize?



3. Pershing Minute: West Point. As a Military Cadet he developed 2 sides of his personality--individual and friend—warm, fun-loving who liked to drink and make merry, had a keen eye for ladies, frequenting Flirtation Walk. In Military matters Pershing was all business, commanding speech, stickler for details, adhered to rules and regs and made sure everyone did also. He was elected as First Captain his senior year.

At graduation Lt Pershing was posted to Ft Bayard in dusty NM. Instead of killing Indians he invited discussion, listened to their stories and tried to understand them and gain trust. Pershing made it clear that he would prevail in his mission but thought he could work with the tribes. One day P was asked to wrestle the top Indian brave but P (always honest) said the competitor was too dirty he challenged him to a foot race. At the finish line Pershing tripped and rolled over the line to win the race. The tribe awarded him a new name, Man Who Crawls to Win.

Convenient Links

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