



The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers

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June 2024

Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

**Awards and
installation meeting**

You are invited: June 13,
Steilacoom Town Hall, 1800
social, **1830 Start**, Catered Dinner



The Puget Sound Chapter Award and Installation Program on the 13th of June. Come to the Town Hall and have a great dinner and socialize with your friends. Northwest Youth Leadership conference starts on 23 June. Make your reservation at one of the 2 dinners, \$30 per person. This is the chapter's big event to help teens become better leaders in our communities



Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

May Puget Sound Chapter Report



BG Mike Ake was our Law and Order Outreach program for May and Puget Sound Chapter Ed Murphy awards the Military Order Certificate of Appreciation on 5/4 at the Steilacoom Town Hall

Meet our Chapter's newest member Sue Jones who was inducted on May 4—welcome aboard Sue



The Senior Vice CINC from LA awards Dick Muri the Gold Patrick Henry Medal for all his achievements for the Puget Sound Chapter

Keith Snyder is awarded the Outreach Service Medal by Chapter Commander Ed Murphy for his outstanding work for the Chapter



The Outstanding Service Medal is presented to Ron Kirkland by Ed Murphy for his excellent work starting our Youth Leadership Seminar this year



CDR Ted Parsons, Region XIV Commander compliments Puget Sound Chapter for their superb accomplishments this past year





Northwest Youth Leadership Conference



**Banquet
Reservations**

- June 23-27, 2024
Pacific Lutheran
University**
- ✓ Expert Leadership Training
 - ✓ 4 days room and board
 - ✓ 2 field trips, opening/closing banquet
 - ✓ Cost \$500
 - ✓ Please donate to support a student



**Info and
Questions**

Sponsored by Puget Sound Chapter, MOWW



N W Y L C
NORTHWEST YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
REGISTRAR / TREASURER

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2024 NORTHWEST YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
(NWYLC)

DONATION INFORMATION

1. The Total Cost per student for NWYLC 2023, for 77 students, was \$560.00 each. The total cost for the Conference was \$42,150.00
2. **95% of the students are on scholarship so donations are needed and greatly appreciated.**
3. **Donations may be made in any amount.** All Donators (no matter the amount) are assigned a student to sponsor and receive a "Thank You Letter" from the student after the conference is complete.
4. **The Full Tuition Requested Donation for 2024 is \$500.00, but any amount helps.**

"HOW TO MAKE A DONATION"

By check made out to the "NWYLC Foundation" and mail to the above address.

OR

Pay by PayPal to: mowwpsc@gmail.com, (adding in the PayPal Transaction Fees would be appreciated.)

NWYLC Foundation is an IRS 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization, EIN: 91-1724086. Donation Receipts will be provided.

A.M. Mandigo

CDR Alan M. Mandigo, USN (Ret), Treasurer

The students enjoy visiting with their sponsors and appreciate all our support. There are two dinners that you are welcome to attend. Sun. 23 June and Wed. 26 June, starting at 6:00pm in the Scandinavian Center, lower level of Anderson Student Center, 12180 Park Ave S, Tacoma. On Wednesday please come early. The students fill in after we are seated. In the flyer above is a QR code to make & pay for reservation, mail a check to Alan, or bring a check to dinner on the 13th. Checks to NWYLC. POC, Diane, 360-789-2598. **Cut off for reservations is 19 June.**

Commander's Corner: Capt Ed Murphy

TEMPUS FUGIT In just a couple more weeks now, the new management will be in place and I'll be history. I would be lying through my teeth if I said with a straight face that, "It all happened so fast." There were times when it couldn't happen fast enough, when the forward motion of this machine was just short of reverse. And yet, I would like to hold on to parts of this job. Those parts HAVE gone too fast and I'll miss them greatly. Which are they? Let me tell you about a few.

I would love to continue meeting the guests that have come to our door in a steady stream over the past two years. They were, in turn, old, young, men, women, military, civilian, veterans, active duty, teachers, students; and every one of them with a story to tell. It was my good fortune to get to know them, hear their stories, and walk away richer for the experience. I'd like to think that the welcome we gave made them feel the same about us too. However, I can think of two instances where I'm sure I didn't quite make it. Well, even the best hitters never reach 1.000.

I have also discovered that there is a whole Order out there filled with Companions I'm just beginning to meet. I would love to know more of them and to know more about them. I wonder if the Chapter (or maybe even the Order) would spring for a trip to Guam. How about Spain? I won't hold my breath on those two, but maybe an alternative would be to continue what we've started here; invite more companions to come see us. We've dipped our toe into that water with visits from our Region commander (two of them), Region senior staff, and from the MOWW Chief of Staff himself. My impression from after visit conversations is that they had a pretty good time and appreciated our hospitality. Just sayin', people seem to like being here.

Finally, I am grateful to have been given the chance to put my shoulder to the wheel, to help conduct the business of our Chapter and, in some small way, to help move us forward. Once the initial panic subsides and you realize you might actually survive the experience, leading a Chapter meeting can actually be fun. Well, fun may not be exactly the right word, mildly painful might be somewhat more descriptive. The same could be applied to a staff meeting except that the audience is smaller and so your discomfort is observed by fewer people.

To sum it up; what I saw at the beginning of this journey was simply an obligation to be met. What I see now in the rearview mirror is an unforgettable experience, lined with challenges I thought I couldn't meet, but filled with people who showed me I could. An experience like that doesn't show up very often. Thanks to all of you for making me a part of the team and for giving me a chance to help make a difference. Now if you will permit me, I just need to take a nap, for about a week.

With great respect and thanks to you all,

Ed Murphy, About to be Former Commander, Puget Sound Chapter, MOWW

Note: Need names for 13 June evening meeting, 1800, at Steilacoom Town Hall. Catered dinner, need accurate count by Monday 10 June by noon--we lose money on no-shows.



Puget Sound Chapter Chaplain Notes—LCDR Skip Stephan USNR

As we anticipate the celebration of Fathers' Day this month I would like to share with you an article from an old Erma Bombeck column. It is cleverly written and has some very good thoughts. It is titled:

An Angel Watches God Create a Father

When the good Lord was creating fathers He started with a tall frame. And a female angel nearby said, "What kind of father is that? If you're going to make children so close to the ground, why have you put fathers up so high? He won't be able to shoot marbles without kneeling, tuck a child in bed without bending, or even kiss a child without a lot of stooping."

And God said, "Yes, but if I make him childlike, who will children have to look up to?"

And when God made a father's hands, they were large and sinewy. The angel shook her head sadly and said, "Do you know what you are doing? Large hands are clumsy. They can't manage diaper pins, small buttons, rubber bands on ponytails or even remove splinters caused by baseball bats."

And God smiled and said, "I know, but they're large enough to hold everything a small boy empties from his pockets at the end of a day... yet small enough to cup a child's face."

Then God molded long, slim legs and broad shoulders. And the angel nearly had a heart attack. "This is the end of the week all right," she clucked. "Do you realize You just made a father without a lap? How is He going to pull a child close to Him without the kid falling between His legs?"

And God smiled and said, "A mother needs a lap. A father needs strong shoulders to pull a sled, balance a boy on a bicycle or hold a sleepy head on the way home from the circus."

God was in the middle of creating two of the largest feet anyone had ever seen when the angel could not contain herself any longer. "That's not fair. Do you honestly think those large boats are going to dig out of bed early in the morning when the baby cries? Or walk through a small birthday party without crushing at least three of the guests?"

And God smiled and said, "They'll work; you'll see. They'll support a small child who wants to ride piggyback or be large enough to scare off mice at the summer cabin, or be big enough to be a challenge for a young boy to fill."

God worked through the night, giving the father few words, but a firm authoritative voice; eyes that saw everything but remained calm and tolerant.

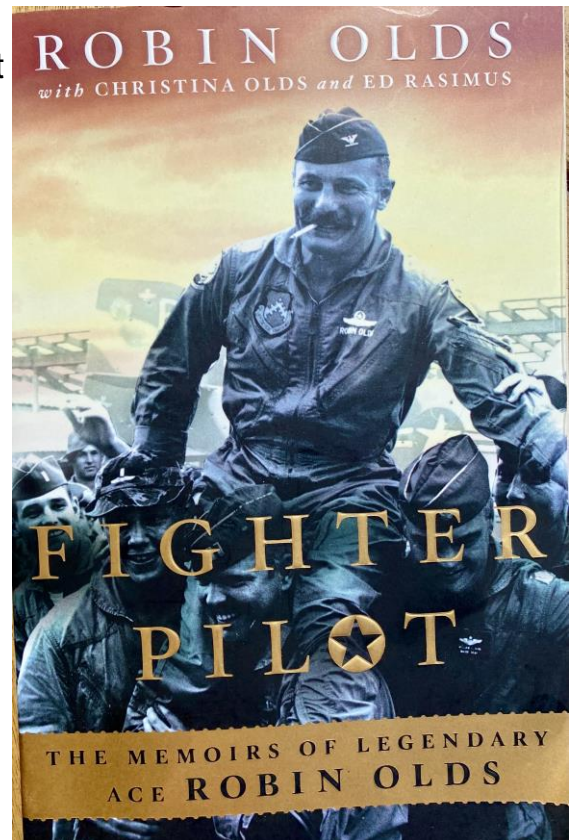
Finally, almost as an afterthought, He added...tears. Then God turned to the angel and said, "Now are you satisfied that a father can love as much as a mother?" The angel nodded and was silent.

It is nobler to Serve Than to be Served

Book Reader

Robin Olds started as a West Point cadet and became a WW II fighter pilot flying the P-38 and P-51, achieving double Ace status against the Luftwaffe. In the tabloid press, he was the dashing flying hero who married the glamorous movie star, and he ushered in the jet age with the F-80 shooting star. For the current crop of fighter pilots, he is best known as the leader of the F-4 Wolfpack battling over North Viet Nam. For the cadets at the Air Force Academy, he was the Brigadier General and the role-model of the aggressive fighter pilot. This book is a classic.

Fighter Pilot Christina Olds (daughter) and Ed Rasimus



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time/Date
12 June	Awards Program and Induction	1800 Town Hall
23-28 June	Northwest Youth Leadership Conf.	PLU
13 July	Picnic with Homeless Veterans	Retsil, WA
18 Aug	Chapter Summer Picnic	Muri's House

Annette's Adjutant's Angle Welcome to our evening meetings!

Please remember to check-in as you walk in the door.

We need to verify your payment status and you will need to pickup a place card to reserve your seat. Donations to our raffle table are always greatly appreciated.

**Humor
in
Uniform**



What to do when you're at 30,000' and bored? Read the MOWW magazine

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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

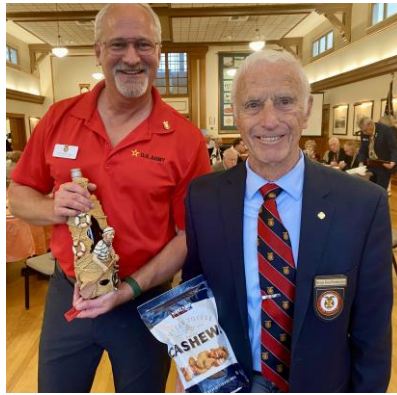
Veteran Affairs: Vacant

Kirkland

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder

Homeland Security: vacant

Everybody wins in a big game!



Indian Fighter

John Pershing left his Nebraska ROTC post and headed for Montana and the Tenth Cavalry Regiment, known as the Buffalo Soldiers. Cheyenne warriors named the black soldiers Buffalo soldiers because they said they fought like buffalos, survived wounds the way buffalos did, and had curly hair like buffalos. Pershing looked forward to refining his leadership skills and gaining command experience.

Pershing treated black troops fairly, though with his customary insistence on obeying regulation to the letter. Pershing learned to recognize and appreciate the commitment and resourcefulness of his black soldiers.

Convenient Links

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

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

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

