



The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers

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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

August 2024

You are invited: August
18, 1700-1930, Mayor
Muri's House,
Steilacoom

Summer
Picnic

Puget Sound Chapter Commander Nielson invites you to a picnic with students from the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference. A celebration of a successful leadership event for 85 students in June at PLU. Come and help support this Chapter's effort to educate our teens and help them prosper in their future.



Sign Up Here

<https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/muri-picnic/>

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

July Puget Sound Chapter Report

John McConnel talks to a homeless vet client on 13 July at DVA facility in Retsil WA. The burgers were good, the drinks were cold, and it was gratifying to socialize with vets less fortunate than we.



Bruce Stalk's band gave a festive atmosphere to the picnic. Bongo man in blue is a client who joined the band to make music.

Puget Sound Chapter funded the band to bring cheer to the VA residents



WA DVA residents were hosting the picnic and made sure we had drinks and food aplenty



The stories of each resident is unique and willingly shared with MOWW companions



Veteran outreach focus is a key component to the Puget Sound Chapter mission



Keith and Tony share a smile with veterans living at the Retsil facility which provides help



Commander Corner: Captain Carrie Nielson, USN, Ret

I hope everyone is enjoying a delightful summer. I would like to take a few minutes of your time to introduce myself and talk about our MOWW chapter. My name is Carrie Nielson and I am your new Chapter Commander. I retired eight years ago following a thirty-year career as a Navy Human Resource Officer. I returned to my home state with my husband, Ron, and settled in Tumwater, now happily between one daughter in Seattle area and one daughter in Portland. I am perhaps over engaged with MOWW, MOAA, Elks, USO, South Sound Reading Foundation, Cornell Alumni Admissions Ambassador Network, and Santa's Castle. Ron says I need to learn how to say no, but what would be the fun in that?

I joined the Military Order of World Wars, Puget Sound Chapter because I was very impressed with the people, the mission and the events we make happen. This group is friendly, open, welcoming, hard-working, accomplished, eager to serve, humble and just an enjoyable bunch of people with which to spend time. I was pleased to become part of such a fine group of human beings. The motto that "it is better to serve than to be served" that comes naturally to members is inspiring. The mission of MOWW involves service to country, to veterans and to our youth, particularly in the form of patriotic education. Education has always held special value to me, and the value of providing this in the areas of citizenship, patriotism, leadership has never been greater. I have been blown away by the character and quality of our Washington State Patriotic Day and our Northwest Youth Leadership Conference annual events and consider it a privilege to have a role in continuing and building on these excellent programs.

Now, about the immediate future: we have a chapter picnic coming up in August. Dick and Mary Muri host the picnic at their home in Steilacoom and they have a beautiful yard with a gorgeous view – this is not to be missed! We will be promoting NWYLC, so you will hear from some of the participants about the value gained from their participation. Proceeds from the picnic will support next year's conference, along with any other donations we collect, so please bring your checkbook. I will also report back on any significant happenings at the national convention (don't worry, I'll keep it short). Mostly we ask that you come, enjoy each other's company, and bring a friend.

In September mark your calendars for two big events. We will be having a second veterans picnic, this one with a fishing derby, at Orting Veterans Home, on 18 September. Come on out, see the facility, bring a dessert, catch a fish if you like, and visit with the residents. Make their day and maybe they will make yours. Our September meeting will be a dinner meeting at 1700 on 29 September at the Steilacoom Town Hall. Guest Speaker will be Peter Chiou, who will talk about interconnectivity of military services to ensure homeland defense. This should be particularly interesting, so I hope to see most of you there.

Remember, if you are wondering what you can do for the chapter, it is as easy as A,B,C:
Attend meetings! Also events like veterans picnics and WSPD.
Be a recruiter! Invite officers you know to come to a meeting with you.
Join a **C**ommittee! See the list of committees and talk to a chairperson about helping.



Breaking News for August 18 Picnic



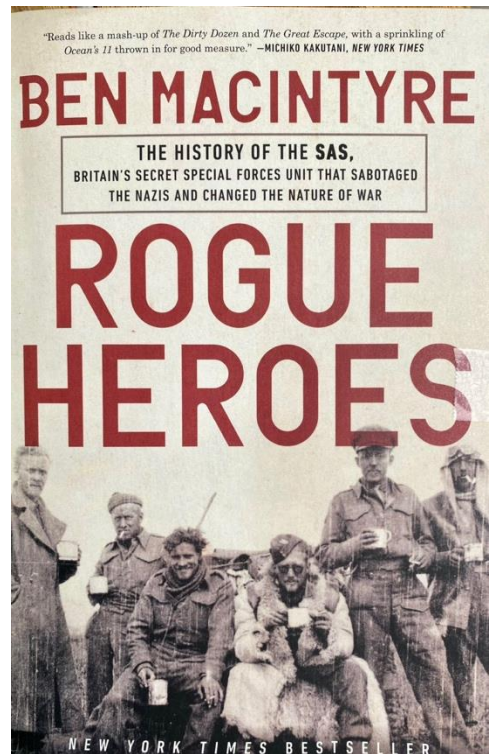
Anonymous doner offers up \$10,000 to match donations for 2025 Northwest Youth Leadership Conference students. Be part of the effort to help young people flourish and grow into productive adults. Your support is needed, along with friends and relatives, who think teens need a lift to thrive Receive a pen with your donation.



Book Reader

Britain's Special Air Service, or SAS, was the brainchild of David Stirling, a young aristocrat whose aimlessness belied a remarkable strategic mind. Stirling saw an opportunity; given a small number of elite men, he could parachute behind Nazi lines and sabotage their airplanes and supplies. This small but revolutionary fighting force wreaked havoc in North Africa against the Germans. Archives show how effective the concept proved to be in France and Germany as WW II progressed. The SAS unit is still alive and well, ready to fight for the Brits.

Rogue Heroes Ben MacIntyre



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
18 Aug	Chapter Picnic and Fund Raiser	1700 Muri's
18 Sep	Orting Homeless Veterans	noon
29Sep	Homeland Security Briefing	1700 Town Hall



MOWW National Civic Summit in Washington DC was attended by Cadet Camren Edwards our NWYLC student one year ago, and our NWYLC counselor in 2024, shown under the arrow, as they meet VIPs in our nation's capitol. What an opportunity for him!

Puget Sound Chapter Staff Officers:

Commander: CAPT Carrie Nielson candrnielson@comcast.net
Sr. Vice Commander COL Andy Leneweaver
Vice Commander COL Bill McClary

Adjutant: Lt Col Annette Mummery

Chaplain: Skip Stephan

Marshall: Maj Warren 360 584-8414

Surgeon: Dr. Wheeler

Asst. Treas.

Finance: CDR Alan Mandigo

Historian: LTC Flint

Public Affairs: Col Gibson

Treasurer: Maj Mummery

Chapter Activities: LT McConnel

Hospitality: vacant

Committee Chairs:

Law and Order: vacant

Membership: Lt Col Muri

NWLC: Col Gibson/CDR Mandigo

WSPD: Maj Warren

Patriotic Ed: Col Gibson/CDR Kirkland

Homeland Security: LTC Mummery

Nat'l Security: MG Coffey

Memorials: MG Coffey

ROTC/JROTC: CDR Mandigo

Scouting: CDR Kirkland

Veteran Affairs: vacant

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder

Pershing Minute



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 Pershing was asked to wrestle the top Indian brave but Pershing (always honest) said the competitor was too dirty he challenged him to a foot race. At the finish line John Pershing tripped and rolled over the line to win the race. The tribe awarded him a new name, Man Who Crawls to Win.

Adjutant's Angle: Magnetic nametags are available. Check chapter website to order.

Puget Sound Chapter Reaches out to Homeless Veterans



It is nobler to Serve Than to be Served

Convenient Links

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

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

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