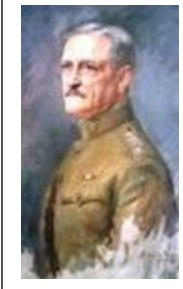




The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers and Top 3 NCOs

<https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org>

Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

Sept 2024

**You are invited: Sep 12,
1200-1400, Orting DVA.
29 Sep Homeland
Security**

**Orting Picnic.
Homeland
Security**

WASHINGTON STATE
DEPARTMENT OF

**VETERANS
AFFAIRS**



Puget Sound Chapter
Commander Nielson
invites you to a picnic with
Homeless Vets at Orting
and fishing derby to
follow—all ages.

Also, on 29 Sep a Puget
Sound Chapter meeting
on Homeland Security,
Steilacoom Town Hall,
1700. Catered Dinner and
Presentation by Col Chiou
Will be Good.

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

August Puget Sound Chapter Report

Puget Sound Chapter Commander Carrie Nielson accepts the Pershing Top Chapter award from MOWW CINC at the National Convention in Philadelphia, PA.



NWYLC Student Devin S. reports on his experience during the June event at PLU



Aileen J. was our top student of the NWYLC and talked about her good experience at the leadership conference



Welcome to Rob Stockton (L) our newest companion who is sponsored by Alan Mandigo (R)



Welcome also to Leslie Watts, sponsored by Dick Muri, Leslie was a nurse in Viet Nam



Carrie Nielson shares the Pershing Top Chapter Award with Ed Murphy who helped ensure recognition at the National Convention



Patriot Members Corbin and Vonette Walters work hard to make sure chapter meetings are ready for fun

Commander Corner: Captain Carrie Nielson, USN, Ret

My goodness how time flies! I can't believe it is almost September, but it is, and I have so much to share with you.

I had a wonderful time at my first national MOWW convention. I met so many delightful companions and learned a lot about the Order. Our chapter was recognized for all the hard work our companions did in 2023/24. We earned 3rd place for Scouting, 2nd place for ROTC/JROTC and Homeland Security, 1st place for National Security, Patriotic Education, Newsletter, Information & Publicity, and a Recruiting Merit Award for the most new members (32). Dick Muri took top recruiter honors for recruiting 19 new members! I attended a very moving memorial service where we celebrated the memories of all the companions we lost in the past year, including four from our chapter: Lt Col William Zimmerman, Ms. Charlotte Medlock, CW4 Jack Jory and LTG William Harrison. I learned more about the new partnerships that MOWW has formed. I learned that members may want to consider opting into that free AUSA membership that is now available, even if they are not in the Army, because it comes with lots of excellent discounts, family scholarships and other benefits they did not fully explain when they rolled it out. We will also be researching our options regarding the Wreaths Across America program, another new MOWW partner. During the business session, two significant bylaw changes were passed. One change specified that a chapter will not be allowed to add any hereditary, non-veteran members if their percentage veteran membership is below 75%. This restriction is necessary to meet the requirement for our IRS 501(c)19 status. The other change opened the membership criteria to admit noncommissioned officers in paygrades E7 and above into the Military Order.

Also in August, we held our annual chapter picnic and Northwest Youth Leadership Conference fundraiser. After a brief wind and rain scare, the skies cleared and we had absolutely beautiful weather at our breathtaking setting. The food and drink were delicious and the company could not have been better. Can not thank the Muri's enough for their generosity in hosting us for this event. Can't imagine a better spot or more gracious hosts. We broke bread, I shared the great news from the convention, we welcomed a couple of new companions into our chapter, including our first senior enlisted member: Rob Stockton a JROTC instructor at Peninsula High School. What an honor and a privilege to be part of that historic moment! Then we had a couple of top students from this year's NWYLC tell the gathering about their experience. Alan Mandigo let everyone know how they could contribute to keep this terrific program going. I am happy to announce that between donations and pledges received through the picnic and our anonymous matching donor, we anticipate collecting just over \$20,000, putting us well on our way to covering the costs for next year's event. Thank you to everyone who attended the picnic and pledged their support. It is not too late to get in on this effort <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/north-west-youth-leadership-conference/>

Coming up in September we have a veterans picnic, a flight event centennial celebration and a chapter meeting. What a great month! On Thursday, September 12, from noon to 2pm, we are invited to join the veterans and WDVA staff at Orting Veterans Home for a picnic and fishing derby. They will provide most of the picnic fare and some fishing poles, we bring desserts. Come out for a good time, to visit with the residents and staff. On Saturday, September 28, from 10am to 4pm at Magnuson Park in Seattle, there will be a celebration of the first round-the-world flight, which started and ended here in Washington State and was completed by a team of military aviators. We will have an MOWW tent and be helping with parking, so come out and assist and enjoy the event. On Sunday September 29, we will gather starting at 5pm and I will call to order and then we'll eat shortly after 5:30pm for our monthly chapter meeting at the Steilacoom Town Center. We have an excellent speaker scheduled, so come on out and enjoy the speaker and each other's company.

Remember my ABC's of chapter membership: **A**ttend Meetings! **B**e a Recruiter! Join a **C**ommittee!



Puget Sound Chapter Chaplain's Notes by LCDR Skip Stephan

Now that we are entering the rainy season, I would like to share this experience a mother had with her son while driving in the rain. She writes,

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, my son spoke up from his relaxed position in the front seat next to me. "Mom, I'm thinking of something."

This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while and was now ready to expound all that his seven-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear. "What are you thinking?" I asked. "The rain," he began, "is like sin and the windshield wipers are like God, wiping our sins away." After the chill bumps raced up my arms, I was able to respond. "That's really good!" Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation? So, I asked, "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?" He didn't hesitate one moment with his answer: "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us."



Car Show



John McConnell mans the Puget Sound Chapter booth at the August 25 Electric Car Show in Steilacoom, WA as Dave, Mary, Dottie, John, and Smokey look on.



Free NWYLC Pen—Through End of Sept



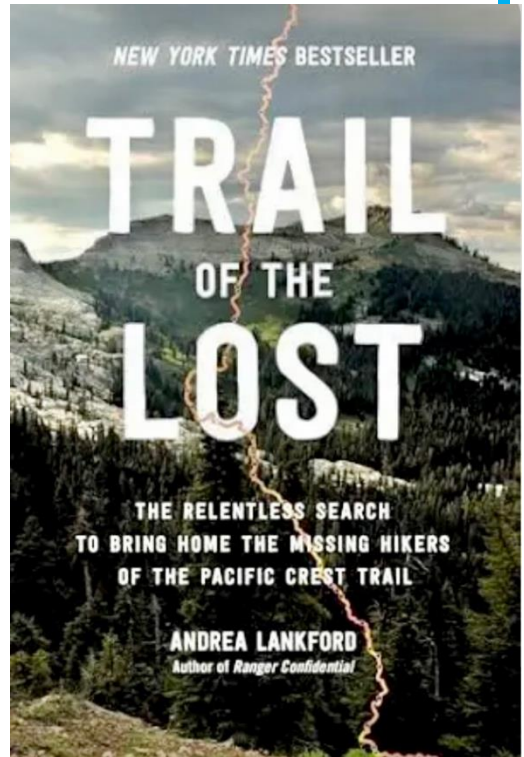
Anonymous donor offers up \$10,000 to match donations for 2025 Northwest Youth Leadership Conference students. Be part of the effort to help young people flourish and grow into productive adults. Your support is needed, along with friends and relatives, who think teens can use a boost to success. Receive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



Book Reader

"On the trail of the lost, you may not find what you're searching for, but you will find more than you seek." From an award-winning former law enforcement park ranger and investigator, this female-driven true crime adventure follows the author's quest to find missing hikers along the Pacific Crest Trail, the 2,650-mile trek through Washington State, Oregon, and California, by pairing up with an eclectic group of unlikely allies.

Trail of the Lost Andria Lankford



Coming Chapter Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Time</u>
12 Sep	Orting Homeless Veterans Picnic	noon
29Sep	Homeland Security Briefing	1700 Town Hall



**Puget Sound
Chapter
Commander gives
the National 1st
place award for
Patriotic
Education
Outreach to our
team of leaders**

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



The Indian wars were over for good and Lt Pershing was assigned to the U of Nebraska where he could enhance his officer skills and continue as a teacher. State schools like Nebraska were required to sponsor ROTC battalions of the student body. College students seldom drilled or studied military subjects, marching skills poor and shoes unpolished. Nobody expected to be fighting another war. Into this sleepy, sloppy state of affairs marched 2Lt John J Pershing—he knew he could make a change. This officer expected everything, he looked and acted like a leader, straight and tall, perfectly tailored, immaculately clean. He called a clear, strong roll and remembered every name. The cadets grew to love him for his commanding presence. Pride grew in this difficult but inspiring taskmaster.

Adjutant's Angle: The Raffle is Back on 29 August—bring you best item! Magnetic nametags are available. Check chapter website to order.

Puget Sound Chapter has the Best People



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/>

Humor in Uniform

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