



The Dispatch



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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

NOV 2024

**You are invited: Nov 10,
1230 catered lunch at
Steilacoom Town Hall**

**Outreach Program:
National Security**



Israel/US National Security Impact

On Sunday 10 November
the Puget Sound Chapter
meeting will focus on
National Security,
Steilacoom Town Hall,
1230. Catered Lunch and
Presentation by Elie
Pieprz, Director of
International Relations.
Zooming in from Isreal

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

October Puget Sound Chapter Report

Welcome to our guest speaker Joy Ng who provided an excellent story about family and Coast Guard pilot Jimmie Ng in the wilds of Alaska



Betty Murphy is our newest Perpetual Hereditary Member, sponsored by husband Ed Murphy

Veteran Don Watts is also the Puget Sound Chapter's newest companion—Welcome!



Tony Wilcher (L) receives his certificate of Perpetual Membership from Dave Gibson as the Websters look on



Ed Murphy (L) presents the Silver Patrick Henry Medal to Gabby Warren for her work for the Chapter



Liz Webster upgrades her membership to perpetual--no more yearly bills to pay

COL Ryan Wang, and COL Dave Hembri, both Army dentists, enjoyed a lunch and the speaker at the Homeland Security program on 13 October



Commander Corner: Captain Carrie Nielson, USN, Ret

I hope everyone is enjoying our Pacific Northwest Fall now that it seems to have really arrived. I love the crisp, clean air and cooler temperatures and I was grateful to get some time with my extended family in October, thanks to Andy Leneweaver for doing a great job leading the meeting this past month.

From what I hear, the October meeting went very well with delicious food catered by Olive Garden and a riveting presentation by Joy Ng, spouse of a Coast Guard Rescue Helicopter Pilot, spinning tales of their tour in the wilds of Alaska. I hear she had folks on the edge of their seats. Also in October, a handful of us joined our Mt Rainier MOAA Chapter friends for their annual Oktoberfest gathering at Bruno's in Lakewood. This was my first time to join this fun event. The food was delicious and the company was delightful. I can definitely see why this is such a long-standing tradition for their chapter.

In November and beyond, you will want to mark your calendars for exciting upcoming events. After having so much fun at Oktoberfest, I am particularly happy to be asking our Mt Rainier friends to join us for our joint National Security meeting on November 10, gathering at 1230, call to order at 1300. We have invited Elie Pieprz, Director of International Affairs, Israel Defense and Security Forum, to join us via Zoom all the way from Israel to provide a presentation on "How Post October 7 Israel and U.S. National Security Impact Each Other". This should be particularly interesting, so I hope to see most of you there. During the November meeting we will be taking donations for Santa's Castle Sports Ball Drive again this year. They are celebrating their 30th year making Christmas brighter for military families in the Pacific Northwest and expecting the need to be great than ever. You can donate new sports balls of any variety or make monetary donations, which will be funneled through the Olympia Area MOAA Chapter's Sports Ball Drive for Santa's Castle.

Future events to mark on your calendar include the Mt Rainier MOAA Chapter's Christmas Gala and Fundraiser scheduled for 6 December at McChord Club at McChord Field from 1800-2200, an Army-Navy Football Game Social Gathering 14 December with kick-off at noon, location TBD in lieu of monthly meeting, Washington State Patriotic Day 22 March and Northwest Youth Leadership Conference 22-26 June. We will hold our regular monthly meetings January through June on the second Sunday of the month (except if we have to move to avoid a holiday or for a critical scheduling issue), at 1230 January – April and 1730 May & June

So 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 veteran's 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.



Chaplains Notes by LCDR Skip Stephan, USN

This month includes two significant holidays, Veteran's Day and Thanksgiving Day. Hopefully, as a member of MOWW you are aware of the significance of Veteran's Day, so for my article this month I want to look at the history and meaning of Thanksgiving.

In America, Thanksgiving is an annual holiday marked by religious observances and a traditional meal usually featuring turkey as the main course. The holiday commemorates a harvest festival celebrated by the Pilgrims in 1621 and is observed by presidential proclamation on the fourth Thursday in November.

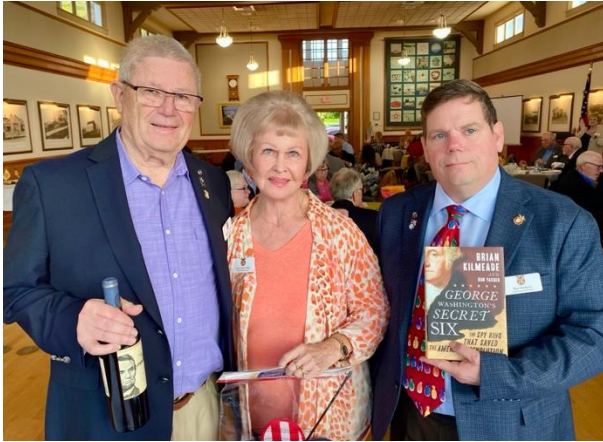
According to the Harris Poll, Thanksgiving is second only to Christmas as America's favorite holiday. Turkey, stuffing, sweet potatoes, pumpkin pie, football, overeating and family gatherings are all a part of the Thanksgiving celebration we have come to know and love.

But where did Thanksgiving begin? Americans today model the Thanksgiving holiday on a 1621 harvest feast shared between English colonists and the Wampanoag Indians. This shared feast is recognized as the first Thanksgiving celebration in the American colonies. Colonists in New England regularly held "thanksgiving" prayer services for blessings and shared this ceremony with the native Americans over an Autumn harvest meal.

We do not celebrate the Pilgrims or their relationship with the indigenous people around them. It is not the landing at Plymouth or any other historical event. We no longer celebrate the bountiful autumn harvest. Thanksgiving is not pre-Christmas. It does not signify the start of the "holiday season."

We come together every fourth Thursday in November for one common purpose—to give thanks to God. Millions of voices will be raised in thanks for all the blessings He has given us. Regardless of which "truth" you choose to believe about that day with the Pilgrims and the Wampanoag tribe of Native Americans, it does not really matter to us today.

We are called to live a life of thanks. St. Paul says in his first letter to the Thessalonians 5:18, "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." This certainly is a good practice for us to follow each day. The Thanksgiving holiday is the one day when we come together with friends, family and our loved ones to give those thanks. We also come together as a nation to celebrate together and to thank the Lord our God. Yes, we will watch football and overeat turkey, stuffing and pumpkin pie. But most importantly, we with one voice, will thank God for His love, grace, His Son Jesus Christ and continued blessings on every one of us.

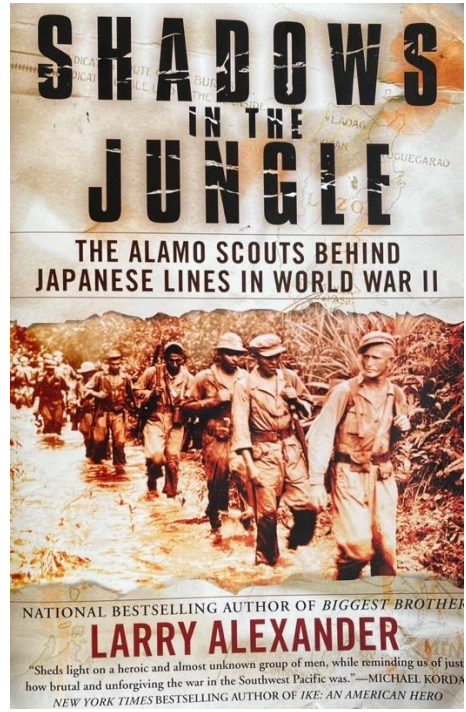


See What You win at the Puget Sound Chapter Monthly Meeting

Book Reader

In the early days of WW II, Japanese forces pushed across the Pacific taking all the islands from Allied forces. Gen. MacArthur needed a new kind of fighting force. He needed the Alamo Scouts. This recon outfit conducted rescue missions, supplied guerilla fighters, and provided protection for Gen MacArthur himself. They completed at least 108 known missions, but not a single Scouts was killed or captured.

Shadows in the Jungle Larry Alexander



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
10 Nov	National Security Outreach Program	1230 Town Hal
06 Dec	Christmas Gala MOAA/MOWW	1800 McChord
14 Dec	Army – Navy game	TBA Pub



A Friendly Atmosphere at the Puget Sound Chapter Meeting

Puget Sound Chapter Staff Officers:

Commander: CAPT Carrie Nielson candnielson@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

NWYLC: 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



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.

▲ **Adjutant's Angle: The Raffle is Back for November—bring your best item! Magnetic nametags are available. Check chapter website to order.**

Winning is Fun at Puget Sound Chapter Meetings



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/>

Animals are Great, Animals are Great!

Hide and Seek in the Jungle



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