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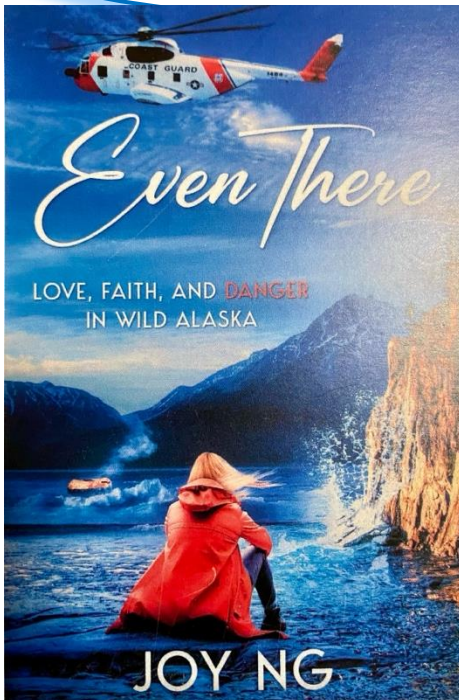
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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

OCT 2024

**You are invited: Oct 13,
1230 catered lunch at
Steilacoom Town Hall**

**Outreach Program:
Homeland Security**



On Sunday 13 October the Puget Sound Chapter meeting will be on Homeland Security, Steilacoom Town Hall, 1230. Catered Lunch and Presentation by Joy Ng, story teller.

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

September Puget Sound Chapter Report

Welcome to our new inductees and companions—
(L to R) Peter Chiou, Leslie Watts, Emily Stoffel,
and Eric McAtee, all great Americans



Carrie Nielson conducts the meeting on 29 Sep and highlights MOWW Monstrous Membership Madness

Col Chiou, our newest companion brings the program to our Puget Sound Chapter meeting that covered Homeland Security and Patriotic Ed



Mary Muri receives the Silver Patrick Henry Medal from Ed and Alan for her good work for the chapter

Ed (R) also presents the Outreach Service Medal to Dan Still for his work with Law and Order



Ron Nielson (C) receives the Outreach Service Medal for his dedication to that chapter outreach

Andy Leneweaver's introduction to the Pledge of Allegiance always entertains and educates



Commander Corner: Captain Carrie Nielson, USN, Ret

My goodness how time flies! It is already October and we are off to a very busy start this year. At the end of August a handful of intrepid chapter companions manned an MOWW table at companion and Steilacoom Mayor Dick Muri's Drive Electric Event for the second year. They met a Coast Guard Rescue Helicopter Pilot and his author and storytelling wife who will be attending our October meeting to regale us with tales of their tour in Alaska.

In mid-September we had a second collaborative veterans event, this time a BBQ and Fishing Derby at the Washington Veterans Home in Orting. The staff and veterans at Orting were tremendous hosts and cooked a great meal for us. We brought desserts and really enjoyed visiting with the staff and the residents of the veterans home. The icing on the cake was Ed Murphy winning the fishing derby!

Near the end of the month, a handful of companions traveled up to Seattle to man an MOWW booth at the Centennial Celebration of the First World Flight completed by Army Aviators, which began and ended at Sandpoint Naval Air Station. The team had a great day interacting with other veterans' groups, watching the remote-control planes, the moving program, the newsreel about the flight, listening to music from the Navy Band and local Sousa Band. We even contacted leaders of the Seattle Sea Cadets.

At the end of the month, we held our September chapter meeting and had a fascinating presentation from guest speaker and new companion Retired Air Force Col Peter Chiou. It was a pleasure to get together again with fellow companions, break bread and listen to an interesting speaker to expand our world view. More to come this year.

Coming up in October, we have a couple of events for members. Our chapter meeting will be Sunday, 13 October, gathering at 12:30, call to order at 1:00 with lunch served shortly thereafter. The program will be "Even There – Love, Faith and Danger in Wild Alaska" with Coast Guard spouse and author/storyteller Joy Ng. The following Sunday, 20 October, at 1400, we have been invited to join the Mt Rainier MOAA chapter for their annual Oktoberfest at Bruno's in Lakewood. If interested in attending Oktoberfest, RSVP to dougkotrba@comcast.net

I am very excited to report that national MOWW is sponsoring a sale on membership for October: individuals who join from 01-31 October will pay \$48 for Regular Membership or \$400 for Perpetual Membership. This is a substantial discount, so let's talk to the officers and senior enlisted personnel we know or meet this month about joining us to support our important outreach missions, especially Youth and Patriotic Education.

Remember my ABC's of chapter membership:

Attend Meetings! Be a Recruiter! Join a Committee!



The poster features a dark orange background with a Halloween theme, including pumpkins and a bat. At the top left is the MOWW logo. The main title is "MOWW'S MONSTROUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE" in large, white, stylized letters. Below the title, it says "SPECIAL DISCOUNT ON MOWW MEMBERSHIPS!" and "OCTOBER 1ST - 31ST". A table lists the membership options with their original and discounted prices. A yellow speech bubble says "USE DISCOUNT CODE: SPOOKY". At the bottom, it says "VISIT MOWW.ORG TO BECOME A COMPANION".

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| REGULAR MEMBERSHIP | : \$60 \$48 |
| PERPETUAL MEMBERSHIP | : \$500 \$400 |

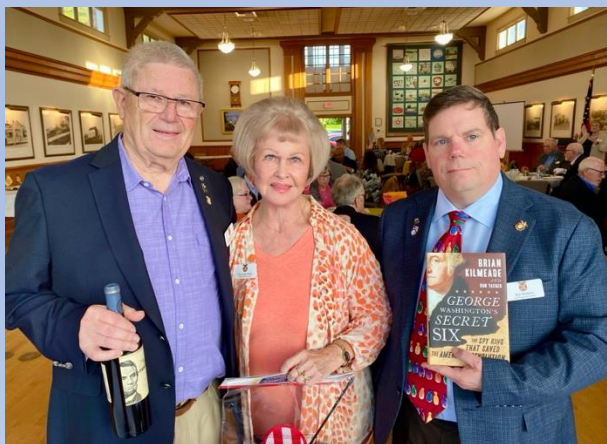


Chaplains Notes by LCDR Skip Stephan, USN

The cool nip in the morning air tells me that summer is over and the calendar confirms that we are now in the season of Autumn. I look forward to the change of seasons. It was a regular part of my growing up in Cleveland, Ohio. When I was stationed at the U.S. Submarine base at Key West, Florida the thing I missed most was the change of seasons. There was no definite distinction between them. There was a wet season and a dry season. A hurricane season and a non-hurricane season. Fortunately, there was no serious hurricane threat while we were there as there is now.

I think the change of seasons gives us an opportunity to see the wonder and majesty of God's handiwork. I love the beauty of the Autumn foliage which we are now beginning to experience. This time of year is also significant because I began my 54 year marriage on October 31st. Why get married on Halloween, you ask? The answer is simple. It was the only Saturday of my leave available between duty stations.

During winter much vegetation dies as God's creation rests and goes dormant. This is necessary as it enables us to fully appreciate the resurrection of life in the Spring. The crowning event during this season is, of course the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ from the dead thereby assuring eternal life for all who believe. Thus, we can see the seasons as expressions of God's love for us and all His creation. May they be a blessing for you!





Free NWYLC Pen—Did you get yours



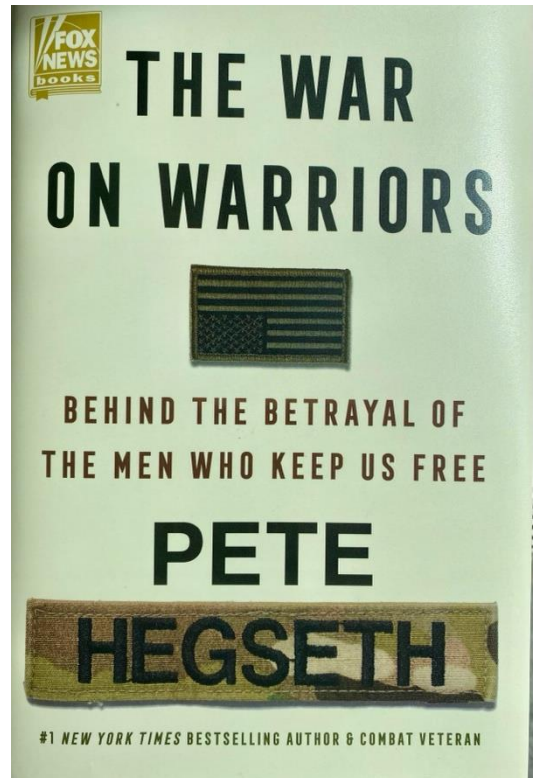
I owe you a beautiful Northwest Youth Leadership Conference pen if you donated to sponsor a student next year. Come to our November meeting and let me know. We want to give that to everyone who made a donation to a great cause that helps our youth.



Book Reader

Pete Hegseth joined the Army to fight extremists. The same Army called him one. The military Pete joined 20 years ago was fiercely focused on lethality, competency, and color blindness. Today our brass are following the rest of the country off the cliff of cultural chaos and weakness. Combining his own war experiences, tales of outrage, and incisive look at how the chain of command got out of whack, this book is the key to saving our warriors and winning future wars.

War on Warriors. Pete Hegseth



Coming Chapter Events

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Outreach</u> | <u>Time</u> |
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| 13 Oct | Homeland Security Outreach Program | 1230 Town Hall |
| 10 Nov | National Security Outreach Program | 1230 Town Hall |



9/28/24, Puget Sound Chapter companions helped park cars and man a MOWW table at the centennial anniversary of the first flight around the world by Army Air Service in 1924 at Sand Point, WA. Carrie, Bill, Ed, Ron, Dave, John, Tom, and Diane enjoyed the event and history lesson.

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 corps of cadets mushroomed from 90 to 350 members. Professors complained they, the students, were neglecting their studies so they could polish and drill more.

The cadet corps soon was running so smoothly that Pershing asked if he could teach math and fencing classes. He taught in his civilian clothes and one day raced to put on his uniform and get to the drill field.

Returning his adjutants salute Pershing realized he was in uniform but wearing his derby hat. Without a word he marched off the field, changed hats and coolly continued where he left off.

Pershing wanted to win a national drill meet in Omaha and selected 45 top students and rode them hard, even cancelling a night on the town the evening before the meet because the team was too smug. Next morning, they won the meet and their fans knocked down an 8-foot fence to

congratulate the winners. They became known as the Pershing Rifles.

▼ **Adjutant's Angle: The Raffle is Back on 13 OCT—bring your best item! Magnetic nametags are available. Check chapter website to order.**

Puget Sound Chapter has Winners!




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/>

 The Puget Sound Chapter is invited by the Rainer Chapter of MOAA to attend a lunch at Bruno's on Bridgeport Ave. on 20 Oct 24. Enjoy some authentic German cuisine. Start time is 2 pm. Please RSVP to me, DougKotrba@comcast.net



Animals are Great, Animals are Great!!

Seeing Double

