



The Dispatch



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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

Jan 2025

You are invited: January
12, 1230 Town Hall,
Steilacoom

Patriotic
Education



“Take a Cadet To Lunch” Peninsula NJROTC cadets will be presenting a patriotic program following a delicious lunch at the Steilacoom Town Hall at 1230, 12 January. You are all invited to RSVP to ensure catering can feed us all. See you there.

Help us welcome cadets

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

December Puget Sound Chapter Report

The Christmas Gala was popular with the Puget Sound Chapter Crowd decked out in some fancy cloths on December 6th at the McChord AFB Club



Some PSC companions pose for a picture before the dinner and dancing

Puget Sound folks participated in the Wreaths Across America effort at the Orting VA and Ft Lewis cemeteries



Looking good at the Gala with the Christmas tree in the background

Food, drink, and good cheer at the Steilacoom Tap Room on December the 14th



AF, Navy, and Army veterans rooted their team on during the game



Dick welcomed two guests who were probably Army fans due to the big A on the sweater



Commander Corner: Captain Carrie Nielson, USN, Ret

Happy New Year! Welcome to 2025. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends and recharged their batteries in preparation for a brand new year full of promise and possibility.

I do hope everyone enjoyed the Army Navy football game viewing party as much as I did. A very big thank you to the owner of the Steilacoom Taproom for opening the venue especially for us early on a Saturday so we could gather to cheer on these two great teams, share some food and drink and most especially delight in each other's company. A big thank you as well to John McConnel for putting together this year's half time Pearl Harbor Remembrance program. This year we learned a bit about the Japanese perspective on the attack. Interesting how much we all know about that day, and yet there is also always something more we can learn about that very significant moment in our nation's history. It was fun to see folks in their team colors and swag. I guess the Air Force members just flipped a coin or cheered for both teams? It was an especially good day for me (Go Navy!), since Navy won in a bit of an upset victory. Don't worry, Army, there's always next year.

In other December activities: I appreciate the chapter's generous donations towards the Olympia MOAA Sports Ball Drive for Santa's Castle. I volunteered as a Santa's Elf in the two weeks after Thanksgiving and those sports balls were much appreciated as the castle served a record number of families and children this year. I also hope many of you joined me in donating to Wreaths Across America, whether through Mt Rainier MOAA Chapter's sponsorship, or any other means. The MOWW Chapter was also well represented at the Mt Rainier MOAA annual Holiday Gala. The new venue was lovely and a good time was had by all.

In January we will be back to our second Sunday chapter meeting schedule. The subject for the meeting is Patriotic Education. We will have a group of cadets from Peninsula High School attending to provide the presentation for this meeting. It is always energizing and inspiring when we have young people join our meetings, so I urge you to make your reservation now via the chapter website. The meeting will be 12 January, gathering at 12:30, call to order at 1:00, eating shortly afterwards. The cadets will be our guests, so we will run our "take a cadet to lunch" program where you can pay for an extra lunch, or two, when you pay for your own to help cover the cost of these special guests.

Our Washington State Patriotic Day is set for 22 March this year. The Northwest Youth Leadership Conference will be 22-26 June. Mark your calendars!

Remember my ABC's of chapter membership:

Attend Meetings!

Be a Recruiter (remember senior enlisted are eligible to join now too)!

Join a **C**ommittee!

Chaplain's Corner, LCDR, USN, Ret

Christmas Day may be over and behind us for another year, however, many people are still in the throes of the the business of Christmas; cleaning up from the parties, eating leftovers, exchanging gifts that were the wrong size or color, children fighting over the toys and gifts, planning a New Year's Eve Party and the list goes on. Many people are exhausted, harried and thankful that Christmas comes but once a year.

Well, of all the stupid things to say. There's no one in MOWW like that, right? The real truth of your family and your Christmas and this time after Christmas, is more like all those rosy-cheeked, ski-sweatered families we saw on TV. People sitting around a fire in the fireplace, a smile on every cheek; kids eager to share their toys; all the batteries having at least nine lives and helping to make all those delightful "whizz-grr-bang-bang" sounds. Mother all relaxed and ready to resume her motherly duties. Dad thankful for the days off and eager to get back to work; the teens ever-so pleasant; helpful, cheery, grateful and totally and selflessly preoccupied with your needs, cares and worried about how you will pay for Christmas; asking if they could help take the decorations down before they return to school.

Well, my little charade is over! The jig is up! In reality, I think the first description I gave is more accurate, on target and finely tuned in to the realities of our lives and homes. In fact, there is a little poem that describes the post-Christmas blues.

On the first day after Christmas
Some one gave to me-
One runny nose; two wheezing lungs
And a big mess under the Christmas tree.

Perhaps you feel your Christmas was a let-down, that it wasn't all you had hoped it would be. Instead of feeling badly that some of your spiritual intentions were not fully realized, allow the Holy Spirit to let Christmas happen in your heart as you face the challenges of a new year! What God has done for us in the Christ event, doesn't hinge on our emotion. Christmas shows God's love for us. So let us continue the celebration, for "to us is born a Savior, who is Christ the Lord!"



Jack (L) and John enjoy. John also provide the Pearl Harbor Remembrance tribute at haltime

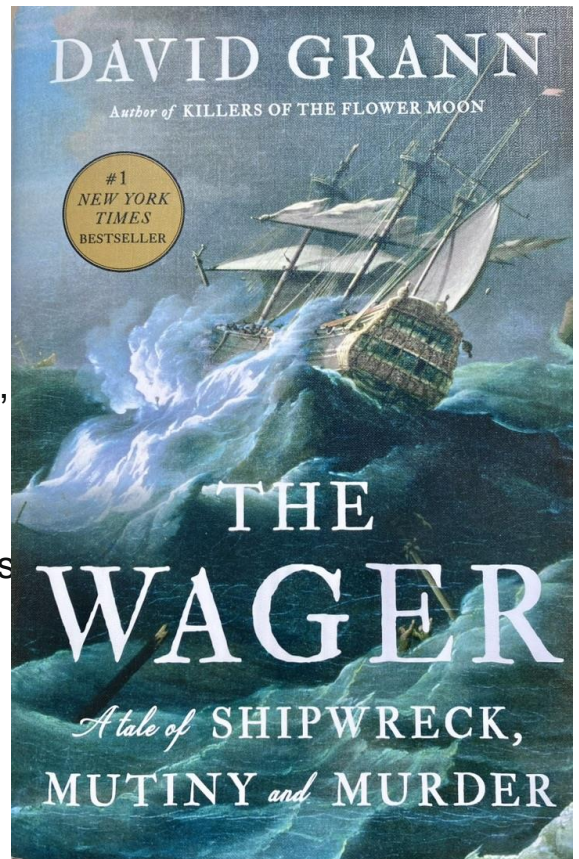


Dave (L) and Mike have different teams

Book Reader

This tale of shipwreck, mutiny and murder, is one of the greatest survival stories ever told. David Grann tells a detailed story of a British armada of 5 ships that sails around Cape Horn looking for a fight with Spanish galleons, and gold, but only one survives due to the appalling storms and waves. The Wager shipwrecks on an island in Patagonia, Chile, and this is when things get really ugly. Find out how many sailors eventually make it back to England and what happens to the mutineers.

The Wager David Grann



Coming Chapter Events

| Date | Outreach | Time |
|--------|---------------------|----------------|
| Sep 12 | Patriotic Education | 1230 Town Hall |
| Feb 02 | National Security | 1230 Town Hall |



*Happy people
at the
Christmas
Gala at
McChord Club*

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Commander: CAPT Carrie Nielson candrnielson@comcast.net
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Asst. Treas.

Finance: CDR Alan Mandigo

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Public Affairs: Col Gibson

Treasurer: Maj Mummery

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Hospitality: vacant

Committee Chairs:

Law and Order: LTC Still

Membership: Lt Col Muri

NWLC: Col Gibson/CDR Mandigo

WSPD: Maj Warren

Patriotic Ed: Col Gibson/CDR
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Homeland Security: Capt Murphy

Nat'l Security: LTG Dayton/Johnson

Memorials: MG Coffey

ROTC/JROTC: CDR Mandigo

Scouting: CDR Kirkland

Veteran Affairs: LT McConnel

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder

Leg. Liaison: LTC Haskins

Pershing Minute



At West Point, Cadets gave him the silencing treatment, where every student stops talking when he passes by—absolute silence through a frozen sea of staring faces. Pershing paid absolutely no attention to the slight. As a further judgment against Pershing, the students gave him the nickname, not meant to be endearing, John “Black Jack” Pershing in light of his command of black cavalymen in Montana—Pershing liked it!

Adjutant’s Angle: Please “Take a Cadet to Lunch”. Magnetic nametags are available. Check chapter website to order.

Strange things going on at the Christmas Gala in December



It is nobler to Serve Than to be Served

Convenient Links

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Animals are Great, Animals are Great!

Living in a Bubble



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