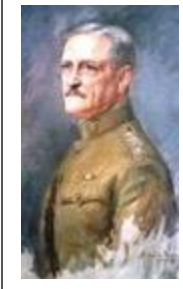




# The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers and Top 3 NCOs

<https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org>

## Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

March 2025

**You are invited: March 9**  
**1230 Town Hall,**  
**Steilacoom**

**Bronze  
Patrick  
Henry  
Awards**



Commander's Invitation  
You are invited—9 March,  
1230 for lunch and Bronze  
Patrick Henry Award for  
youth community  
contributions

**Mission:**  
**Recognize good work by  
youth**

Steilacoom Cadet receives a BPH from COL Farrell, MOWW Chief of Staff one year ago

### Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

# February Puget Sound Chapter Report

Chapter Commander Carrie Nielson thanks guest speaker Drew Martin with the prized MOWW cup after his informative talk to the assembled companions on 2 February at the Town Hall



CAPT Nielson reminds all friends and companions that the Washington State Patriotic Day is coming on 22 March at Pioneer Middle School. Please get the word out.

Bill Reber is presented with his Perpetual Membership certificate



Commander Carrie presents the Patriot membership certificate to Bethany Davis(C) with husband Scott, left



Vice Commander Andy Leneweaver leads the pledge of allegiance



Look who tied the knot— Faye and Ron K. cut the cake in mid February



Tom Morgan and the Leneweavers feast on the Chapter's catered lunch



## Commander Corner: Captain Carrie Nielson, USN, Ret

February felt wintry with chilly, wet weather and dark, short days. Thankfully we had the Superbowl, Valentines Day, and Presidents Day to help speed it along. Plus, it was a short month.

Our February speaker, LTC Drew Martin, lived up to my expectations and was VERY interesting. LTC Martin's unit trains artillery units when they are preparing to deploy to hot spots around the globe, and he told us all about it, followed by active Q&A. It was also a special honor to welcome new Patriot member Bethany Davis to the chapter!

March is our Bronze Patrick Henry month when we celebrate the patriotic, community service contributions of young people, 18 years and under. Can you "take a student to lunch"? Awards Committee Chairman Alan Mandigo seeks out nominations from all quarters: JROTC instructors, chapter members, teachers, coaches, etc. If you know a deserving young person, contact Alan Mandigo without further delay! We will have several young award recipients and family members at our meeting, which always makes things fun, so I urge you to make your reservation now via the chapter website, and consider the option of "taking a youth to lunch". The meeting will be 09 March, gathering at 12:30, call to order at 1:00, eating shortly afterwards. **Warning: don't forget to move your clocks!**

I am extra excited because we are entering the month of Washington State Patriotic Day, which is set for 22 March this year, starting at 2pm, at Pioneer Middle School in Dupont. Every chapter member should not only be planning to attend this event, but recommending it to all their local friends and family. If you belong to other groups, like Elks, Kiwanis, VFW, Navy League, Yacht Club, have you got them signed up to participate? Are your kids in Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, JROTC, Sea Scouts, then are their units signed up? The event is free. The more the merrier. There will be great music and an inspirational speaker as we gather to celebrate patriotism and the contributions of our active duty military, veterans and first responders.

Remember my ABC's of chapter membership:

**A**ttend Meetings! Great meals, speakers and company.

**B**e a Recruiter (remember senior enlisted are eligible to join now too)!

Join a **C**ommittee! Help find sponsors, partners and participants for WSPD

## **Chaplain's Corner, LCDR Stephan, USN, Ret**

This month we begin the time in the church year called "Lent". For Christians, Lent is a 40 day period of spiritual preparation for Easter. It begins on Ash Wednesday which this year is March 5th.

In scripture, the number 40 is often symbolic, indicating spiritual preparation.

Moses was 40 years in the Sinai desert. It was a time of training for his work of leading the Hebrews out of Egypt. The Hebrews were 40 years in the desert as they prepared to go into the promised land.

For Christians, however, the New Testament reference to Christ's 40 days in the Judean wilderness has become a pattern for the Christian year. Jesus had been baptized by John the Baptist and immediately He went into the wilderness where He was tempted by the Devil. For 40 days, Jesus centered his thoughts upon God and His own ministry. During this time, Jesus endured physical temptations but did not give in to them.

Today, as we prepare to meet Jesus at Easter, we do not live in the quiet solitude of the wilderness where we could concentrate solely on spiritual things. Most people go about their daily routine continuing a regular work schedule at their places of business or at home doing housework and preparing meals. The world does not stop because it is Lent.

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Emily Stoffel and Dick talk about orange juice

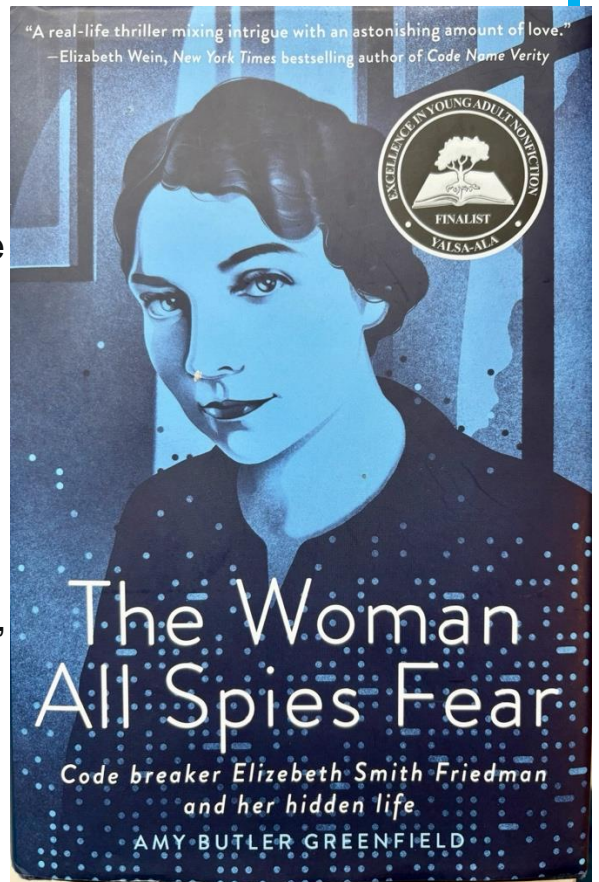


Bethany (standing) is introduced, from left, John M, Scott D, Laura K, Steve Kern

## Book Reader

The Woman All Spies Fear #119. In the summer of 1916, a young woman from Indiana set out to solve a mystery. It involved an oddball millionaire, a volume of Shakespeare's plays, and the secret world of coding and ciphers. Within a year, she had transformed herself into one of America's top codebreakers. During WW I Friedman cracked thousands of messages, and in the 1920s and 1930s, she pitted her wits against the mob. When WW II broke out, she hunted Nazi spies. A riveting tale of an overlooked American heroine.

**The Woman All Spies Fear Amy Greenfield**



## Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
Mar 9	Bronze Patrick Henry	1230 Town Hall
March 22	WA State Patriotic Day	1400 Pioneer MS
Apr 9	Law and Order	1230 Town Hall



**Mike and Bill are Happy**



**Steve is a lucky guy**



**Bruce, Birgit, Renee, and Skip are winners**

### **Puget Sound Chapter Staff Officers:**

**Commander:** CAPT Carrie Nielson [candrnielson@comcast.net](mailto:candrnielson@comcast.net)

**Sr. Vice Commander** COL Andy Leneweaver

**Vice Commander** COL Bill McClary

**Adjutant:** Lt Col Annette Mummery

**Historian:** LTC Flint

**Chaplain:** LCDR Skip Stephan

**Public Affairs:** Col Gibson

**Marshall:** Maj Warren 360 584-8414

**Treasurer:** Maj Mummery

**Surgeon:** Dr. Wheeler

**Chapter Activities:** LT McConnel

**Finance:** Maj Mummery

**Hospitality:** vacant

### **Committee Chairs:**

**Law and Order:** LTC Still

**Nat'l Security:** LTG Dayton/Johnson

**Membership:** Lt Col Muri

**Memorials:** MG Coffey

**NWYLC:** Col Gibson/CDR Mandigo

**ROTC/JROTC:** CDR Mandigo

**WSPD:** Maj Warren

**Scouting:** CDR Kirkland

**Patriotic Ed:** Col Gibson/CDR

**Veteran Affairs:** LT McConnel

**Kirkland**

**IT Supervisor:** Lt Col Snyder

**Homeland Security:** Capt Murphy

**Leg. Liaison:** LTC Haskins

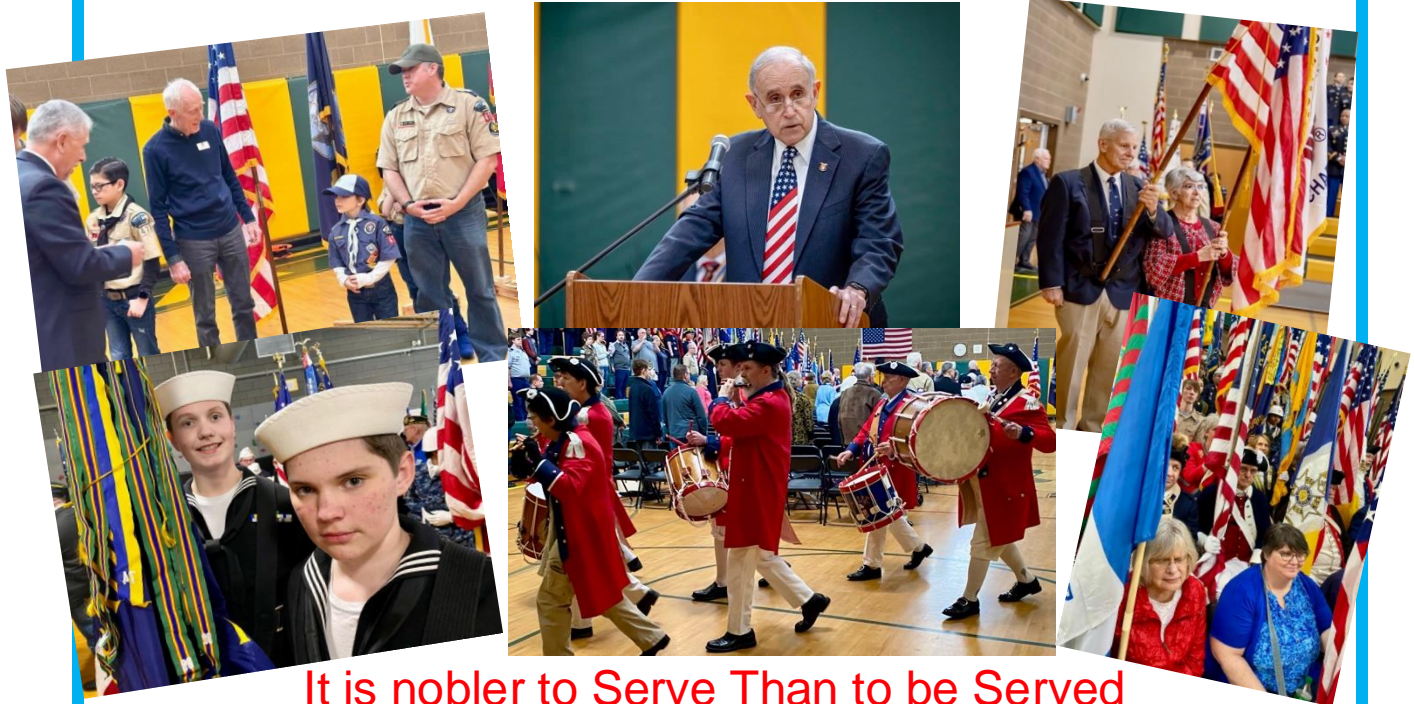
## Pershing Minute



The Tenth moved to their embarkation point of Tampa, FL where vast strings of railroad cars filled with Cuba-bound supplies sat idle on the sidings. The cars had no bills of lading, so it was impossible to tell what was in the RR cars. Stymied by poor planning and bureaucracy, Pershing and other officers broke into RR Cars and warehouses and took what their men needed for combat.

▲ **Adjutant's Angle: Thanks for the many raffle items for a good cause at meetings**

**Make sure you join the Washington State Patriotic Day program on 22 March at Pioneer Middle School at 1400. This is a good family outing.**



**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 Military Order**  
**Presents**



# **Washington State Patriotic Day**

- No entry fee
- Cash prizes for attendance
- Music by the 1 Corps Band
- Outstanding Guest Speaker
  - Awards

**March 22, 2025**  
**Pioneer Middle School, DuPont, WA**



**Gym opens at noon. Participants should be  
in place by 1 PM.**

**Program starts at 2 PM, ends at 4 PM**

**Register online!**

[https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org  
/wspd-registration/](https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/wspd-registration/)



# Animals are Great, Animals are Great!

Praying Before the Meal



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Lent can be forty days of preparation during which we seek to deepen the spiritual side of our lives. People refer to the “3 R’s” of academic learning. I would like to suggest that there are “3 R’s” of spiritual learning to which we can give special attention during Lent.

The first ‘R’ is the R of Review. In any time of preparation individuals must begin by knowing where they are and what is their present condition. Lent should be a time to take stock of one’s spiritual condition. If we are to do this successfully, we need the Spirit of God in our hearts and minds to make us sensitive to our own sins. Regularly during Lent we should ask ourselves. “Why am I doing this?” “Does my social life reflect my Christian convictions?” “Am I an instrument of God’s peace?”

The 2nd ‘R’ is that of Repentance. The Greek word, which is translated ‘repentance’ in the New Testament means “to change” or “to turn.” It means that something you once accepted, you now reject. Repentance also includes the idea of sorrow for the harm that your sinful act may have brought upon others.

Repentance goes beyond merely giving up something which is sinful. It means rejecting it completely. All too often people give up sinful acts, not because they are sorry for them but rather because the activity is dangerous and they are afraid of the consequences.

The final ‘R’ is that of Renewal. Notice the progression. Review leads to repentance and repentance leads to renewal. Renewal is having a fresh start in life, making a new beginning with a clean slate.

We all need new beginnings. Many people live under the cloud of past sin and the guilt this sin produced. Jesus has promised that our sins are forgiven. Through Him we receive a fresh start which gives us a sense of joy and peace. Review and repentance find their completion in renewal.