



The Dispatch



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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120) April 2025

You are invited: April 13
1230 Town Hall,
Steilacoom

**Law and
Order
Program**



Commander's Invitation
You are invited—12 April,
1230 for lunch and law
and order program
featuring Sheriff Paul
Pastor

Mission:
**First Responder
Recognition**

Speaker is Sheriff Paul Pastor, Pierce County, WA

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

March Puget Sound Chapter Report

The Puget Sound Chapter provides 32 Bronze Patrick Henry Medals, 13 of which were in person to students on 9 March at Steilacoom Town Hall



Chapter Commander Carrie Nielson awards an Olympia cadet (L) with CDR Mandigo (R)



Meet CWO James Townsend our newest Companion



The Chapter's Washington State Patriotic Day held on 22 March was a big success with 51 flag units and a 41-person band from Ft Lewis

MG Welsh, WA TAG is awarded a flag and certificate after speaking to the gathering



Sons of the American Revolution turned out in force with fife and drum and flag units

The MOWW flags were carried by Companions Tom Wargo, (L) Scott Davis (C) and Dan Still (R)



Commander Corner: Captain Carrie Nielson, USN, Ret

Wow! March really flew by for me as it was a very big month for the Puget Sound MOWW Chapter. I sure hope many of you had a chance to experience some of the excitement. March was our Bronze Patrick Henry month when we celebrate the patriotic, community service contributions of young people, 18 years and under. Alan Mandigo did his usual amazing job coordinating with JROTC instructors, chapter members, teachers, coaches, etc. We may have had more inspiring, accomplished young people and their family members at our March meeting than we had companions. It was a nice problem to have as we recognized these deserving youths for their service to community.

As if that was not excitement enough, we also celebrated Washington State Patriotic Day on 22 March, starting at 2pm, at Pioneer Middle School in Dupont. We had more flag units, more band members, and a bigger crowd than we have had in years! The speaker was inspiring, the music was as excellent as usual and the whole event was a blast, as we gathered to celebrate patriotism and the contributions of our active-duty military, veterans and first responders.

If you missed out in March, do not worry, you have more to look forward to in April and beyond. April's theme is Law and Order, and our guest speaker is Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor. It doesn't get any better than this – so make your reservation now at our MOWW Puget Sound website. Thinking ahead, our May meeting will be all about Veterans Outreach, and in preparation for that program we ask that our companions consider donating funds as we raise money to purchase gift cards to donate to the WDVA veterans' homes to assist the residents with critical expenses. Our goal is to donate \$1,000 in gift cards, so we appreciate the generosity of our companions. We will also be looking to fill some of our officer positions in upcoming months. The nominating committee is determining which officer positions will need filling and will then be seeking nominees. If you are interested in being considered for a leadership position, seek out Dick Muri, Heinz Haskins, and/or Ed Murphy to discuss. I know we really need an Adjutant!!

Our biggest event of the year will be coming up at the end of June: Northwest Youth Leadership Conference. For your consideration: (1) if you know a rising senior who has leadership potential and would benefit from this program, encourage them to apply, but they need to do so NOW (contact Alan Mandigo for further information), (2) we are always open for donations, expenses go up every year, so if you have a bit of a tax windfall or are otherwise feeling generous, consider donating to NWYLC Foundation – it is a 501c3.

Remember my ABC's of chapter membership:

Attend Meetings! Great meals, speakers and company.

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

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

Chaplain's Corner, LCDR Stephan, USN, Ret

This month I would like to devote my article to parades. We have records of parades as far back as the conquering kings of the Old Testament. And today parades are a basic form of entertainment and ingenuity. The song 'I Love a Parade' typifies most people's attitude towards parades.

What comes to mind when you hear the word parade? Macy's Christmas, Rose Bowl, 4th of July, Circus, Daffodil, Massing of the Colors at WSPD? If the parade is done well, there are bound to be comments like, 'what a parade!' and 'wasn't that great?' Then after it's all over there is usually a let-down.

There was no bigger buildup to a greater let-down than the parade that occurred when our Lord rode into Jerusalem. The people were happy and joyful.

As He approached Jerusalem, the word spread that the Prophet from Nazareth- the Healer- was coming. The excitement began to build. A crowd gathered and soon began to shout, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' What a parade that was! And it was all extemporaneous.

People began grabbing anything they could lay their hands on- palm branches even clothing from their backs and throwing it on the road as a carpet. Jesus was being heralded into Jerusalem like a hero in a parade.

But wait a minute- compare this parade to the other parades we are most familiar with and you will find this parade as different from the others as 7-Up is from the colas. Just as 7-Up is the Un-cola, so Jesus' entry into Jerusalem was an 'un-parade.' Indeed, a very insignificant 'un-parade.'

Yes, it was a parade but quite different than the parades we are familiar with. Look at the differences.

Our parades are planned; this one was spontaneous. Our parades usually are marked by a show of strength, but this one was marked by a show of weakness. Our parades are not found to be very purposeful. They usually just go up one street and down another. In contrast, this parade of old was filled with purpose. It was bringing the Son of God into Jerusalem to face a shameful trial, crucifixion and death. This parade had as its ultimate purpose, placing Jesus in the position to make the supreme sacrifice for the salvation of the world.

As we remember this, it must be more than just a sentimental journey down memory lane. We must remember not who He was but who He is. He is the Living Lord and our eternal contemporary. If we really believe that, we will respond accordingly and we can use the word PALM as a basis for our response. We need to Praise Him; to Accept Him; to Love Him and if we do indeed love Him, then it will be easy for us to do what the M tells us and that is to Mind Him.

And so my message this month, this year and always is to:
Praise Him- Accept Him- Love Him and Mind Him.



CDR Mandigo awards BPH to Eagle Scout Henry

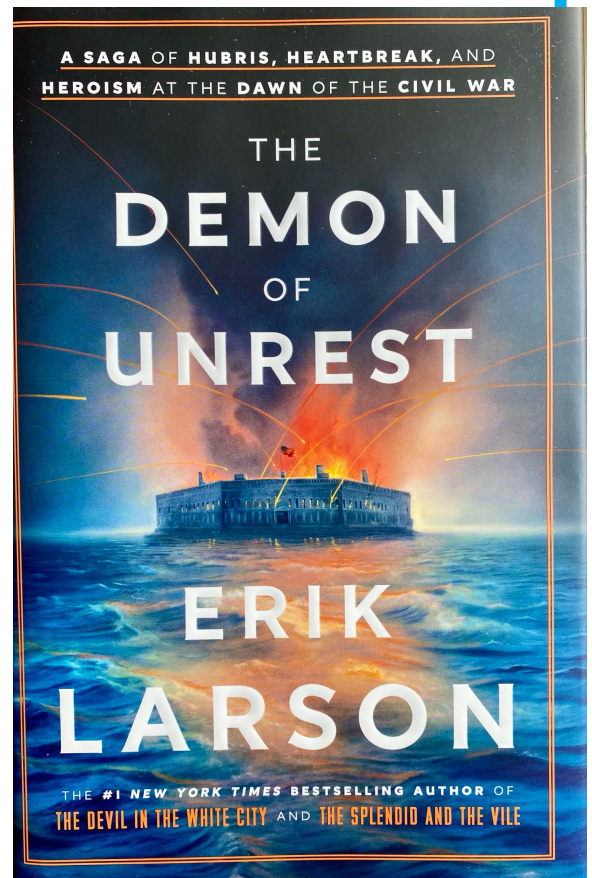


Flag detail provided by the Broze Patrick Henry awardees on 9 March

Book Reader

The saga of hubris, heartbreak, and heroism at the dawn of the Civil War. The definitive chronicle of the simmering crisis that finally tore a deeply divided nation in two. The story is centered around Major Anderson at Ft Sumter and how he resisted hostilities in Charleston Bay for 5 months, while Abraham Lincoln is installed as the new president. Larson gives us a political and military horror story that captures the imagination and led America to the brink and beyond.

The Demon of Unrest Erik Larson



Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
Apr 13	Law and Order	1230 Town Hall
May 4	Veterans Affairs	1800 Town Hall



Winning Big



Twice Lucky



Good Number



Nice Prize



Scouts Honor

Nuts



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Surgeon: Dr. Wheeler

Chapter Activities: LT McConnel

Finance: Maj Mummery

Hospitality: vacant

Committee Chairs:

Law and Order: LTC Still

Membership: Lt Col Muri

NWYLC: Col Gibson/CDR Mandigo

WSPD: Maj Warren

Patriotic Ed: Col Gibson/CDR

Kirkland

Homeland Security: Capt Murphy

Nat'l Security: LTG Dayton/Johnson

Memorials: MG Coffey

ROTC/JROTC: CDR Mandigo

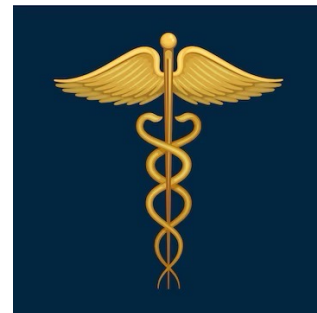
Scouting: CDR Kirkland

Veteran Affairs: LT McConnel

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder

Leg. Liaison: LTC Haskins

The Dr. Is In Shingles is caused by the varicella or chickenpox virus. It is likely that, of those reading this account, about 1/3 of us have had shingles and likely that all of us know of someone who has had it. It more commonly occurs as we get older and comes from the dormant varicella virus residing in a nerve that is reactivated. Postherpetic neuralgia or pain is common after shingles. Fever, headache, fatigue, and sensitivity to light are also common symptoms. A case of shingles generally lasts 2 to 6 weeks. It occurs in a dermatome or nerve distribution and about a third of the cases involve the head or neck. It fairly commonly involves the trigeminal nerve, part of which can go to the eye, and can sometimes result in blindness. Early treatment with acyclovir an antiviral medicine frequently can help. There are two vaccines. Zostavax, which was available from 2006 until discontinued in 2020 after Shingrex was found to offer significantly better protection. The CDC suggests that those who received Zostavax in the past should be vaccinated with Shingrex which is administered in two doses spaced 2 to 6 months apart. It is well over 90% effective for the first few years and is 89% effective at preventing shingles in older people for 10 years following the two dose administration for people aged 50 and up. Boosters did not appear to be necessary.



The Puget Sound Chapter supports the homeless veterans at WA DVA facilities at Orting and Retsil. They do a good job, but our funds give the director the ability to buy items that the State and Federal governments don't provide (personal, job interview, gas money, baby supplies, etc.) All funds go to homeless veterans who live at the facilities, and we will meet them when we join them at their summer picnics.

Pershing Minute



Good news, John Pershing was promoted to Captain and he and the Tenth sailed for Cuba. It was their luck to be attached to the First Brigade, commanded by Theodore Roosevelt and the Rough Riders. Their objective—San Juan Hill.

Captain Pershing's Buffalo Soldier Regiment landed at last on the beachhead in Cuba, alongside the Teddy Roosevelt Rough Rider Regiment—their objective, the strategic San Juan Hill. Spanish soldiers had high tech weapons like the modern German Mauser rifle, rapid-fire breech-loading cannon and smokeless ammunition.

▼ **Adjutant's Angle: Thanks for the many raffle items for a good cause at meetings. Name tags available at chapter website**



It is nobler to Serve Than to be Served

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Animals are Great, Animals are Great!

Even Kangaroos Can Play the Air Guitar



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