



# The Dispatch



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## Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

May 2025

**You are invited: May 4**  
**1800 Town Hall,**  
**Steilacoom**

**Homeless  
Veterans  
Program**



### Commander's Invitation

You are invited—4 May  
1800 for dinner and  
homeless veterans  
program featuring WA DVA  
Staff Members from  
Olympia and Retsil

**Mission:**  
**Veterans Outreach**  
**Program**



**Now You can help a  
Homeless Veteran**

### Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

# April Puget Sound Chapter Report

The Puget Sound Chapter's outreach program to Law and Order was on display at the 13 April meeting with Sheriff Pastor (C), Dick Muri (L), and Law and Order Committee Chair Dan Still (R)



Sheriff Paul Pastor gave a frank assessment of changing Law and Order in WA State



Alan Bourque, our guest at the April meeting chats with sponsor Bill McClary



COL Bourque recently moved from Carlile, PA to Lakewood, WA and intends to join the Puget Sound Chapter



Don Watts (R) receives his perpetual membership certificate from Dave Gibson



Alan Mandigo informs companions about the youth leadership conference coming in June



John McConnel and Jack Mason enjoy a chat



## Acting Commander's Corner: Colonel Andy Leneweaver, AUS, Ret

Greetings Companions! In the absence of our Commander, I'm filling in with this month's Commander's Corner. It's a short month in between meetings due to moving the May meeting to May 4<sup>th</sup> to avoid conflicting with Mother's Day. Further, it's an evening meeting, starting at 1800 with program starting at 1830.

We had an outstanding Law & Order/Public Safety meeting in April! Our guest speaker, former Pierce County Sheriff Paul Pastor, spoke to us about the overall state of policing and reminded us that citizenship isn't a spectator sport. He had some outstanding thoughts, if you're interested in listening to his talk, our Companion, Vice Commander Bill McClary, posted a recording on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/william.j.mcclary/videos/571323948708336?idorvanity=43888609799>

Please plan on attending our May meeting about the Veterans Outreach Program, and in preparation for that program we ask that our companions consider donating funds to purchase gift cards which we will donate to the WDVA Veterans Transitional Housing Program to assist the residents with critical expenses. These expenses are typically cloths for a job interview, work shoes, gas money to attend a job interview, personal hygiene items that the state doesn't provide, etc. Our goal is to donate \$1,000 in gift cards. We appreciate the generosity of our companions.

During our meeting we will reconnect with the WA DVA folks and hear about their Veterans Transitional Housing Program. We will also provide them with some gift cards and pass the hat to collect more donations. John McConnel has an additional guest speaker lined up but the speaker's name and subject were not available at press time.

Our June meeting, June 8<sup>th</sup> – another evening meeting – will be our end-of-year meeting and that means presenting awards as well as filling some leadership positions. The nominating committee - Dick Muri, Heinz Haskins, and/or Ed Murphy - are seeking nominees. If you are interested in being considered for a leadership position, seek out Dick, Heinz, and/or Ed to discuss.

Our biggest event of the year will be coming up at the end of June: Northwest Youth Leadership Conference. Opportunities exist for Companions to participate by attending the opening or closing banquets. And we are always open for donations, so if you have a bit of a tax windfall or are otherwise feeling generous, consider donating to NWYLC Foundation – it is a 501c3. Finally, remember the Commander's 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 and help find speakers, sponsors, partners and participants for WSPD & NWYLC as well as our meetings.

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

What would you say are the two most important days of the year? Religiously speaking I would say Christmas and Easter. However, from a secular point of view I suggest they are Super Bowl Sunday and Mother's Day. Sounds like an unlikely pair. So why would I make such a suggestion? My reasoning is really quite simple. These are two days that take priority when scheduling other events or activities. How often do we hear it said, "I can't do this or that because it is Super Bowl Sunday? And the same applies to Mother's Day. Our MOWW is an example of that as we have changed our monthly meeting date from 11 May to 4 May to avoid a conflict with Mother's Day.

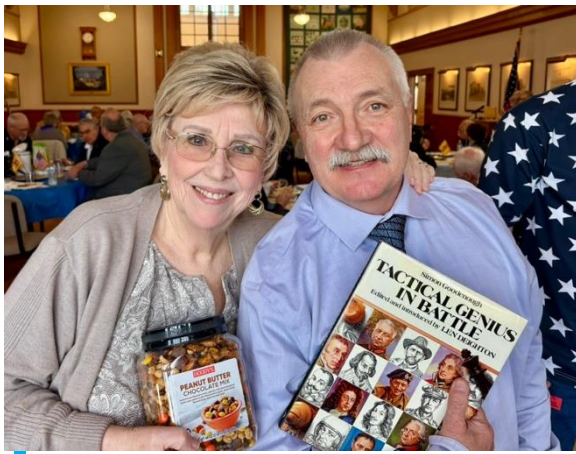
Most everybody has loving feelings and memories of their mother. Our society as a whole feels it is appropriate have a special day to honor them.

It had a simple beginning. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna M. Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. It was she who first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear a white carnation to honor departed mothers and a red one to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

Happy Mother's Day! May the Lord's blessing be upon all mothers on their special day.



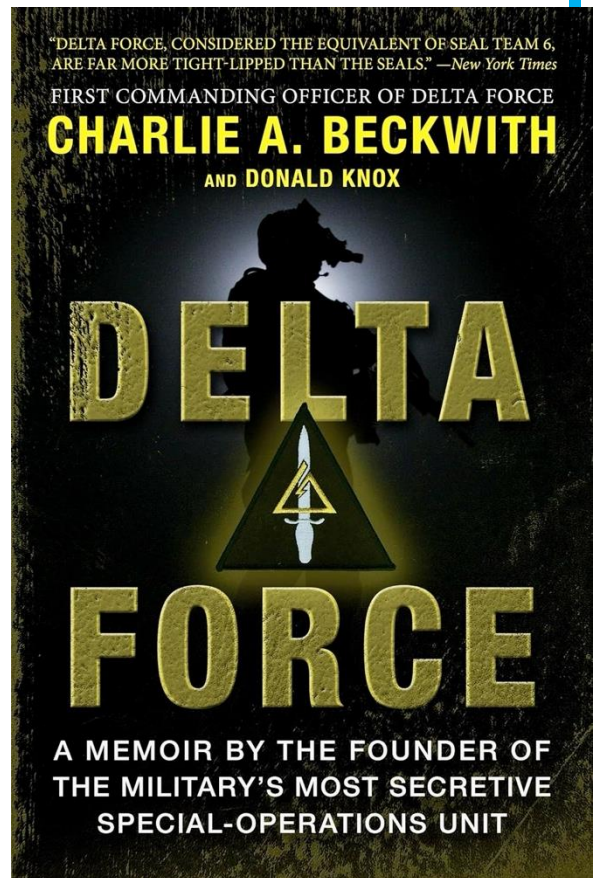


The Puget Sound Chapter uses a raffle as a way to defray the cost of guest's lunches, awards, donations. Companions bring useful and interesting gift items that are popular with attendees. The raffle adds a light-hearted feature to each meeting.

## Book Reader

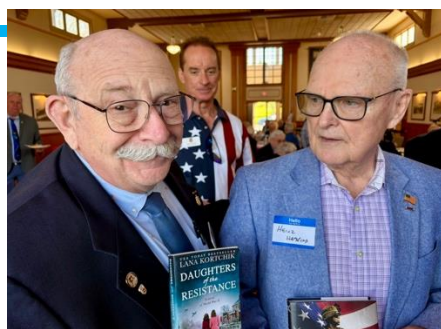
*Wanted: Volunteers for Project Delta. Will guarantee you a medal. A body bag. Or both.* With this call to arms, Charlie Beckwith revolutionized American armed combat. The definitive insider's account of the U.S. Army's most elite and secretive special-ops unit, written by the legendary founder and first commanding officer of Delta Force. This is the heart-pounding, first-person, insider's view of the missions that made Delta Force legendary.

**Delta Force Charlie Beckwith and Donald Knox**



## Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
May 4	Veterans Affairs	1800 Town Hall
June 8	Awards Dinner	1800 Town Hall
June 22-26	NW Youth Leadership Conf.	Pacific L. U.



## ***More of our happy raffle 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



**Northwest Leadership Conference is** coming, 22 to 26 June at PLU. Companions are encouraged to attend the opening and/or closing dinners. These are at 6:00/1800 in the Scandinavian Center, lower level of University Center, 12180 So Park Avenue, Tacoma. Cost for each dinner is \$30. Please make reservations at the Puget Sound Chapter website. Under the NWYLC tab, will be a drop-down menu for the dinner reservations. This is the only way to make a reservation and pay. Alan Mandigo will receive payments at the May 4<sup>th</sup> & June 8<sup>th</sup> chapter meetings. No payment the evenings of event. Reservations will close on June 15<sup>th</sup>. <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/north-west-youth-leadership-conference/>



**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 items, interview clothes, gas money, baby supplies, etc.) All funds go to homeless veterans who live at the facilities, and you will meet them when at our summer picnics.



## Pershing Minute



Meanwhile, Pershing's men had regulation wool uniforms that were torturously hot in the tropical sun, ineffective bolt-action Springfield rifles and even rifles with black powder cartridges.

Conversely, the volunteer Rough Riders bought their own khaki uniforms and wide-brimmed hats to help with the merciless sun. Roosevelt secured modern Winchester rifles for his men, and a private donor gave the volunteers two gas-powered Colt-Browning machine guns that could fire 450 rounds per minute.

▼ **Adjutant's Angle:** Thank you for the numerous raffle items contributed for a worthy cause during our meetings. Name tags can be found on the chapter's website.



**It is nobler to Serve Than to be Served**

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# Animals are Great, Animals are Great!

**Praying Before Dinner**



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