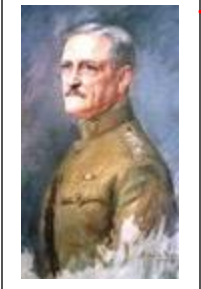




# The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers and Top 3 NCOs

<https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org>

## Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

Aug. 2025

**You are invited:** Aug. 17th  
1600-1900 Muri's house

**NWYLC  
Review  
with  
Students**



Casual picnic  
with students  
from the  
leadership  
conference. Hear  
their story and  
what they  
accomplished



Commander's Invitation  
You are invited 17 August at  
4-7pm for a good old-  
fashioned picnic with  
Students from NWYLC, \$40

**Mission:**  
Support Patriotic Education  
to Improve Teen Success

### Convenient Meeting Links

**RSVP** <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/muri-picnic/>

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

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

# July Puget Sound Chapter Report



The Puget Sound Chapter outreach to Homeless Veterans over the years has been a wonderful program for our companions and residents of the Port Orchard WA DVA. Here Birgit (L) and Andy (R) talk with a homeless vet (C)

John McConnel (L) has been organizing the homeless veteran's outreach picnic for many years and it is a feelgood way to support the residents



Annette Mummery (L) is invested in supporting vets who are less fortunate



Tony (L), Emily (C) and Keith (R) are big supporters of the homeless vets at the WA DVA facility



Residents of the WA DVA get a morale boost from picnicking and talking to other vets



The Puget Sound Chapter always provides live music for the picnic which raises the spirits of all attendees



The band didn't need shade on this day. The vet on the right with the bongo drums is a resident at the facility.



## Commander's Corner: CAPT Carrie Neilson, USN (Ret)

Well, I hope everyone is keeping their cool as we step into August. Spare a kind thought for me. Ron and I just arrived in San Antonio today to spend a couple of weeks in the great Southwest visiting our niece in Air Force pilot training, visiting some national parks and ultimately attending the MOWW National Convention. I am just hoping not to melt!

I had a terrific time at our veterans' picnic at the Retsil Veterans' Home in Port Orchard. Gorgeous weather, the view is fantastic there, the food was delicious, and it was a wonderful opportunity to visit with fellow chapter members and the staff and residents of our WDVA veterans' home, to offer an ear and listen to their stories. Chapter member Bruce Stalk and his band played some awesome tunes with resident Freddie jamming along to make the day extra special. We plan to make next year's event even better by coordinating the start time with the staff to maximize interaction with the residents. For Veterans Outreach, we are now looking forward to our Orting Veterans Home Picnic and Fishing Derby on September 11 at 1100. Mark your calendars and come on out to see Ed Murphy defend his title as Fishing Derby Champion!

Next week Ron Kirkland, Dave and Diane Gibson, Andy Leneweaver and I will be representing our chapter at the national convention in Tucson. I anticipate some interesting presentations, discussions, exchanges of ideas about how we can strengthen membership, outreach and fundraising to benefit the Military Order, our members, veterans and youth education nationwide. We will be eager to come back and tell you all about it.

Come to our chapter's annual picnic from 4:00-7:00 on August 17 at Dick and Mary Muri's home in Steilacoom. It will be catered, with a fundraiser for NWYLC, and a debrief of national convention. We will have a couple students from this year's attendees to talk about their experience at June's NWYLC, who will tell us about the lasting impact the program had on his professional development. NWYLC was the hook that brought me into MOWW, and the conference continues to impress me every year with the leadership, teambuilding and growth experience it is offering our future leaders. Good news—our secret admirer will match all donations up to \$10,000. If you can spare some time before (around 2:30) or after the picnic to help with set-up or clean-up, that is always greatly appreciated. Meanwhile, be sure to think about any friends or relatives you want to invite to this gathering to introduce them to MOWW and NWYLC. The delights of our annual picnic at the Muri's are the perfect introduction!

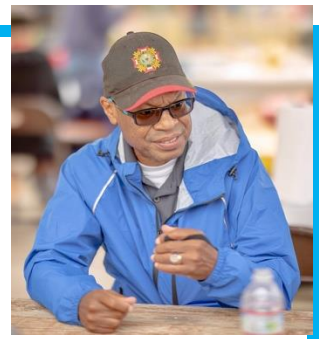
PS: come out to the electric car show on 24 August where PSC will have a booth.

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)!

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



## Veteran Outreach Program

The Puget Sound Chapter companions make sure we connect with the homeless veterans at both Orting and Port Orchard facilities each year in hopes that we can boost their morale and communicate vet to vet. Our chapter also provides funds each year to assist the WA DVA in providing personal necessities to the residents

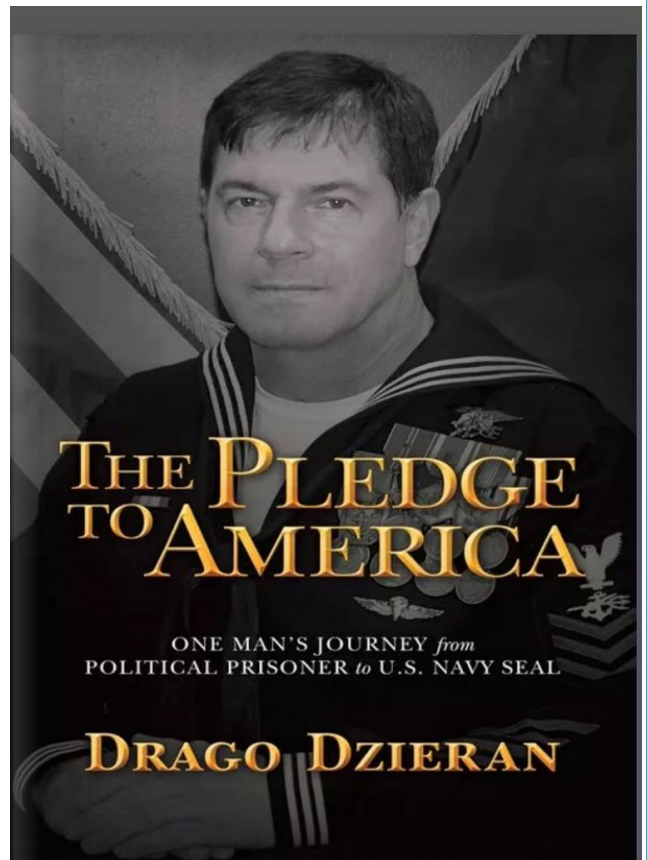
## **Book Reader**

One of the most powerful books in a long time.

Retired Navy SEAL Drago Dzieran takes readers behind the scenes of his incredible life, from an impoverished childhood in Communist-controlled Poland to his time as a political prisoner, to his twenty years as a member of the United States military's most elite fighting force.

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**A Promise to America,**  
**DRAGO DZIERAN**



## Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
August 17	Chapter Picnic with YLC Students	1600 Muri's
August 24	National Drive E Car Show	1600 Steilacoom
Sept 14	Outreach Program Meeting	1700 Town Hall



Summer picnics are always good fun at the Muri's with students from June's Northwest Youth Leadership Conference. Come and support them



### 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:** LTC Renee Buck

**Historian:** Open

**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** complete, 22-26 June at PLU. This is our big event of the year for your Puget Sound Chapter. During the 2025 NWYLC (33<sup>rd</sup> year) we had 78 students from WA, OR, MD, FL, AK, and ID. Importantly, there were 9 counselors doing great work with their groups and 8 older folks doing the overall supervision. This year was exceptional for quality of students and speakers, plus one field trip to JBLM and one to the the Capitol for a civics lesson. You should be proud of the Puget Sound Chapter's outreach to youth to improve their leadership skills and patriotic education. A big thanks to all who helped make this our best year ever! Come to the August picnic on the 17<sup>th</sup> to meet some of the students.



# Puget Sound Chapter Military Order of World Wars Elected Officers for 2025/2026

<b>Commander</b>	<b>CAPT Carrie Nielson</b>
<b>Senior Vice Commander</b>	<b>COL Andy Leneweaver</b>
<b>Vice Commander</b>	<b>COL Bill McClary</b>
<b>Adjutant</b>	<b>LTC Renee Buck</b>
<b>Finance Officer</b>	<b>Maj David Mummery</b>
<b>Chaplain</b>	<b>LCDR Skip Stephan</b>
<b>Surgeon</b>	<b>COL (Dr.) Bruce Wheeler</b>
<b>Historian</b>	<b>open</b>
<b>Marshall</b>	<b>Maj Keith Warren</b>
<b>Public Affairs</b>	<b>Col David Gibson</b>



**Tues-Sat | 5-9 August, 2025**  
**Desert Diamond Casino, Tucson, AZ**

**[MOWW.org/Convention](http://MOWW.org/Convention)**

## Pershing Minute

John Pershing impressed the officers who saw him in action that day. Colonel Baldwin, sent him a note that said, "I have been in many fights in the Civil War, but on my word, you are the coolest and bravest man I ever saw under fire in my life".

**Adjutants Angle:** Come to the Picnic at Dick and Mary Muri's on the 17<sup>th</sup>, details on page 1 and 2. Bring your appetite. **Regular Members:** check your yearly dues status. You will get 3 MOWW reminders. Renew online.



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

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**WSPD** <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/wspd-home/>

**NWYLC** <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/north-west-youth-leadership-conference/>

# Animals are Great, Animals are Great!

**“Water’s great, alone in the ocean!”**



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