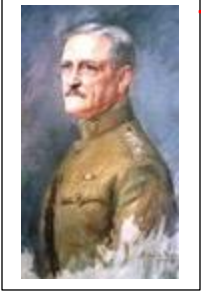




# The Dispatch



The Organization for Military Officers and Top 3 NCOs

<https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org>

## Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

July 2025

**You are invited: July 19th**  
**1100 WA DVA, Port Orchard**

**Veteran  
Outreach  
Picnic with  
Homeless  
Veterans**

Commander's Invitation  
You are invited 19 July 1130  
for a good old-fashioned  
picnic with a view

**Mission:**  
**Supporting homeless  
veterans by gathering for a  
BBQ and conversation**

**Casual picnic  
helping vets at  
the WA DVA  
facility, on the  
water with a  
great view of  
Bremerton and  
Puget Sound**

### Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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



# June Puget Sound Chapter Report

Our long-time chapter chaplain, and MOWW national chaplain, Cheryl Brady, now living in Nacadoches, Texas is sworn in by a judge as new school board member

Patriot Members Scott and Bethany Davis enlist neighborhood youngsters to place American flags on Memorial Day, July 4, and Veterans Day

Tony Wilcher (3<sup>rd</sup> from left) presents a cadet certificate and metal to a cadet during an awards' ceremony in June

Puget Sound Chapter Companion SSgt Bassett reenlists for 4 years on top of a C-130 wing at Ramstein Germany and moves to Yokota Japan

June meeting of the Puget Sound Chapter gave commander Carrie Nielson a chance to thank many companions (Bill M) who have done much good work.

Annette Mummery receives a medal and certificate for her outstanding work as Adjutant

Alan Mandigo receives a special succulent plant for his good works



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

Wow! It occurs to me that I am halfway through my two-year tenure as chapter commander. The time has flown by as we have had a productive, rewarding year. I am grateful to all our new members for joining our merry band. I am also grateful to active members for attending meetings and activities and fully engaging in our mission. I am especially grateful to our officers, and committee members who really went the extra mile to organize and execute all our chapter and outreach activities, for an outstanding year.

Hopefully, all who attended the June meeting enjoyed it. We had an excellent meal, great company, and we took the opportunity to recognize those who had gone above and beyond to make this year run smoothly with some MOWW awards. We also took a few minutes to recognize our past commanders who are responsible for shaping the chapter into the force it is today. We are fortunate that several of those past commanders are still active in the chapter, mentoring our current leaders and playing critical roles in our outreach programs. We were also blessed that one of those past commanders, Isabelle Swartz, bestowed significant endowments upon the chapter and our NWYLC Foundation which have allowed us to sustain our operations through otherwise tight financial times.

On June 25 we held our closing banquet for the 2025 Northwest Youth Leadership Conference and on June 26 we bid the students farewell and sent them all home. What a terrific event it was – outstanding students, dedicated counselors, exceptional speakers! We experienced near perfect weather. The tours of the base and the capitol went smoothly. This year's students were very eager, engaged young leaders. The NWYLC was the main reason I joined Puget Sound MOWW and participating in the conference each year just reaffirms how valuable this outreach effort is to our future. More of this, please!

I am looking forward to attending the national convention in early August in Tucson. Not so much to being in Tucson in August, but to meeting new friends, seeing "old" friends, exchanging ideas about how we can strengthen membership, outreach and fundraising to benefit the Military Order, our members, veterans and youth education nationwide.

We have much to look forward to this summer. It is picnic time. We will have two Veterans picnics. We will gather at Retsil Veterans Home in Port Orchard July 19 starting at 1130. They will provide the main course. Chapter companions can bring desserts. Our companion, Bruce Stalk, and his bandmates will provide music. On September 11 at 1100 we will gather at the Orting Veterans Home for a picnic with fishing derby. We will hold our chapter picnic from 4:00 to 7:00pm 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.

Remember my ABC's of chapter membership:

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

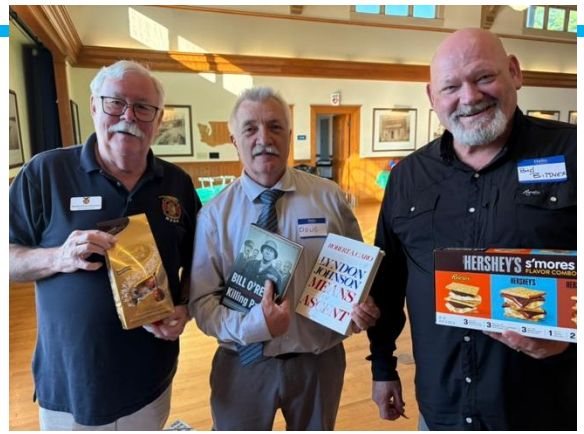
**B**e a Recruiter (remember senior enlisted are eligible to join now too)!

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



WA DVA Facility is at 1141 Beach Dr. E., Port Orchard, WA 98366. Drive along beach Drive until you see the WA DVA sign, turn right up the hill. Pass by the main building entrance and go to parking (P) on left of the triangular building (as seen on the picture). Leave the car and walk (yellow) around the building to the pavilion (red) for a spectacular view of the sound. 1130 arrival.

Bring cookies or brownies for the residents of the homeless veteran's facilities

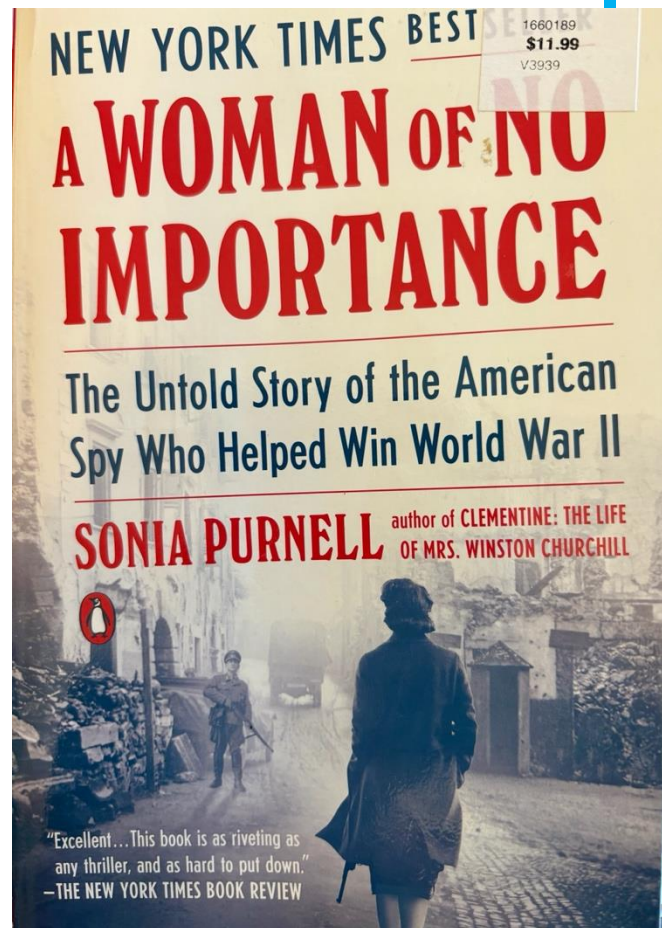


The Puget Sound Chapter uses the raffle as a way to defray the cost of guests' lunches awards, donations. Companions bring useful and interesting gift items that are popular with attendees. The raffle adds a light-hearted feature to each meeting.

## Book Reader

In 1942 the Gestapo sent out an urgent transmission "She is the most dangerous of all allied spies. We must find and destroy her". The target in their sights was Virginia Hall, a Baltimore socialite who talked her way into Special Operations Executive. She became the first allied woman deployed behind enemy lines and, despite her prosthetic leg, helped to light the flame of the French Resistance, revolutionizing secret warfare as we know it. This is a NY Times best seller.

### **A Woman of No Importance,** **Sonia Purnell**



## Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
July 19	Picnic with Homeless Vets	11:30 Retsil, WA
August 17	Chapter Picnic with YLC Students	1600 Steilacoom



**Winners!**



**Puget Sound Chapter Staff Officers:**

**Commander:** CAPT Carrie Nielson [candnielson@comcast.net](mailto:candnielson@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** complete, 22 to 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!



# 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>



## MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS



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

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

## Pershing Minute



Pershing led his men forward, the black soldiers fighting bravely and suffering high casualties. Whatever he felt inside, to his men Pershing exuded confidence of a fearless leader absolutely sure of himself. Another West Pointer said BlackJack was “as cool as a bowl of cracked ice.”

In the end the American Gatling guns proved to be the critical advantage to taking San Juan Heights. As the Americans charged, the Spaniards dropped their rifles and ran, creating the decisive victory that ended the Spanish American War.

Adjutants Angle: Come to the Picnic at Port Orchard on the 19<sup>th</sup>, details on page 1 and 2. Bring cookies or brownies



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# Animals are Great, Animals are Great!

**“Let’s dive in and cool off!”**



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