



The Dispatch



The Organization for All Military Veterans

<https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org>

Sep. 2025

Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)



You are invited: Sep. 11th, Orting
VA with homeless veterans 1200,
And, Sep 14, Chapter Meeting 1700

Meet
Homeless
Vets, and
Chapter
Outreach
Programs



Double Your Fun

Two Interesting Events:
Commune with homeless vets
for a picnic and fishing derby.
And, the Puget Sound Chapter
monthly meeting featuring our
outreach programs

Mission:

Support Veterans, and explore
the Chapter's Outreach

Convenient Meeting Links

RSVP Orting <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/bbq-and-fishing-derby/>

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

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

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

Aug. Puget Sound Chapter Report

Big News! Chapter Commander Nielson receives the MOWW Pershing Award, for the second year in a row, from CINC Worley at the National Convention in Tucson in early August

Puget Sound Chapter was well represented at the Tucson National MOWW Convention



Carrie Nielson accepts many 1st and 2nd recognitions for the chapters outreach programs



The MOWW National Convention is all about entertainment, making good friends, recognition, and improving the Military Order



Great Puget Sound Chapter picnic on August 12th at the Muri's house, with top NWYLC students Ethan and Tafi, who related their personal memories of their Patriotic Ed. Outreach

The August BBQ picnic was idyllic with BBQ, great weather, good friends, students, and good news from convention



Thanks Dick Muri for our chapter booth at the Steilacoom Town Hall for electric car show on 24 Aug.



Commander's Corner: CAPT Carrie Neilson, USN (Ret) Well, I hope everyone has enjoyed the beautiful Summer we have had here in the Pacific Northwest. Ron and I survived the extreme heat of the Southwest, and all the Puget Sound Chapter representatives enjoyed their experience at the MOWW National Convention!

Puget Sound Chapter had a very good year at convention. We received second place honors for Newsletter and Patriotic Education and first place for National Security, Homeland Security, ROTC and Information and Publicity. At the CINC Banquet we were recognized as the Pershing Large Chapter of the Year for the second year in a row. This honor comes with \$500 cash for the chapter's good works. A very good year, indeed! Along with winning accolades we got to listen to some excellent guest speakers, learn from our fellow companions and discuss the business of the order. The critical decisions made at the convention included reelecting CINC Dave Worley, VCINC Marlon Ruiz and most of our senior national leadership, adding a standing committee for the National Youth Civics Summit, eliminating the Homeland Security Committee and combining its functionality with the National Security Committee and expanding the eligibility for membership in The Order to include all military and veteran personnel.

Back at home, we held our chapter picnic August 17 at Dick and Mary Muri's home in Steilacoom. We had great weather, delicious food and a good turnout of companions to visit with on a warm, summer day. I shared a debrief of national convention highlights, then inducted our newest member into the best large chapter in the country. Next, we reminded everyone that this event was a fundraiser for NWYLC, and we had a couple of this year's attendees tell us what a great experience they had. 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. What a successful fundraiser this was, raising a record sum for an opening event! Thank you all for your generous donations, we are well on our way.

One week later, the chapter had an information and fundraising booth at the Drive Electric Show in Steilacoom. We were set up right in front of the town hall giving out waters and snacks for donations to our NWYLC Fund while talking about MOWW to everyone in attendance. Several chapter companions had cars entered in the event and enjoyed comparing notes on electric vehicle models while honing MOWW elevator speeches.

Next, we are looking forward to our Orting Veterans Home Picnic and Fishing Derby on September 11 at 1200. Mark your calendars and come on out to see Ed Murphy defend his title as Fishing Derby Champion! Then on 14 September we will have our next chapter meeting, gathering at 1700, call to order at 1730, eating shortly after. The theme is Outreach Open House, and we are going to take some time to acquaint everyone with each of our programs. So come see what makes Puget Sound the best large chapter, and what you can do to help keeps us on top.

Remember my **ABC's** of chapter membership: **A**ttend Meetings! Great meals, speakers and company. **B**e a Recruiter (remember all veterans are eligible to join now)! Join a **C**ommittee! Help find sponsors, partners and participants for WSPD&NWYLC.

Chaplain's Corner, LCDR Stephan, USN, Ret

When I was a teenager, there were a number of so-called 'humility' jokes making the rounds. One that I remember went like this: "Have you heard of my latest book? It's called 'Ten Great Men Who Knew Me.' It's a sequel to my earlier book, 'Humility And How I Achieved It.'" Although these jokes were pretty thin on humor, they were probably useful in that they helped us laugh at the boastful and conceited attitudes that some of us held. And it is probably true that not too many people really continue to hold such flagrantly puffed-up opinions of themselves, once they have had some experience with life.

A man who thought that he was a great golfer was exceedingly proud of his game. Then he had the opportunity to see Sam Snead play golf in person. He compared his drives with those of Sam Snead and he compared his putts with those of the master. The result was that he was never again satisfied with his game. For the first time, he understood that he was far short of playing the game as it should be played. He never again bragged about his game. He became a humble golfer.

This is not to say that we have no pride. Many of us take great pride in our country, our military service, our ancestry and our accomplishments. While there is a healthy aspect to such pride, there is also always an inherent danger that pride will yield to a sense of superiority. Jesus said, "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." (Luke 14:11)

A humble person is heart-headed. Does this not describe the humility of Jesus? Was it not a meshing of both heart and head, with the messages from His heart always taking precedence over the messages of the head? Consider Christ's heart-headedness at His crucifixion when He said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." Those were heart-headed words.

It is easy for us to think that those words, uttered so many years ago, do not apply to us. But they do. Christ is calling us to be humble. In our humanity, He wants us to be honest, helpful and heart-headed. Humility reflects the example which Christ set before us. Humility enables us to live with one another. Can you apply that advice to your life? If you can, you will become heart-headed.



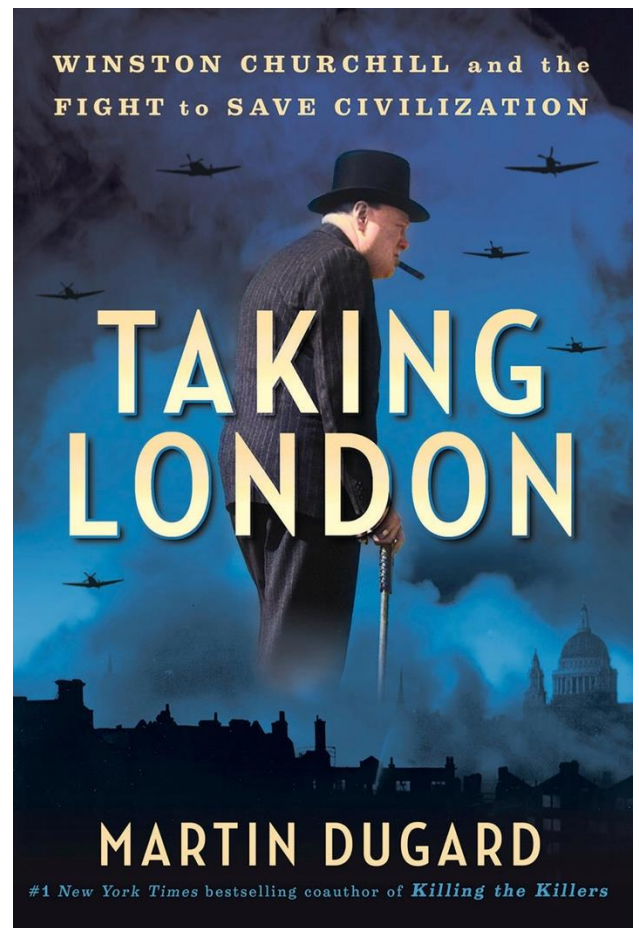
Puget Sound Chapter Supports Electric Car Show

The Puget Sound Chapter companions made sure we show the MOWW flag at this year's electric car show on Sunday, 24 August in Steilacoom. Water and snacks were on the table for those were suffering from the heat wave.

Book Reader

Great Britain during the summer 1940, the Battle of France is over, the Battle of Britain is about to begin. Hitler's powerful armies control Europe. England stands alone against this juggernaut, the world knows it is only a matter of time before Nazi Germany invades the island nation. In London, a new prime minister named Winston Churchill is determined to defeat the Nazi menace. One quirky Englishman has seen the future. Air Vice-Marshal Hugh Dowding is head of the Royal Air Force Fighter Command. He has spent years preparing his nation's aerial defenses. A great read.

Taking London by Martin Dugard



Coming Chapter Events

| Date | Outreach | Time |
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| Sept 11 | Homeless Veterans Picnic | 1200 Orting VA |
| Sept 14 | Outreach Program Meeting | 1700 Town Hall |
| Oct 12 | National Security | 1630 Town Hall |



Summer picnics are always good fun at the Muri's with students from June's Northwest Youth Leadership. Student support is important.

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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/Nat'l Security Security:

Capt Murphy/COL Johnson

Memorials: MG Coffey

ROTC/JROTC: CDR Mandigo

Scouting: CDR Kirkland

Veteran Affairs: LT McConnel

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder

Leg. Liaison: LTC Haskins

MOWW National Convention

The Puget Sound Chapter was honored to receive many awards at the National Convention in Tucson AZ , August 4-10. Our chapter was there in force, led by Captain Carrie Nielson.

Also attending; Ron Nielson, Andy Leneweaver, Ron and Faye Kirkland, and Dave and Diane Gibson. Honors for the chapter included first place in National Security, Homeland Security, ROTC and Information and Publicity. We finished in second place for Patriotic Education and Newsletter. Our nominee for Outstanding Law & Order Service Award also was recognized. The big award however was the Pershing Top Chapter for the large chapter—Puget Sound Chapter! Well done all.

Carrie handed out certificates at the picnic on 17 August to committee chairs and everybody cheered



Pershing Minute



The Spanish/American War was won by the US and CAPT Pershing was picked to help manage the tumultuous Philippine territory that we inherited. The Filipinos hated the Spanish and didn't like us much better, especially the Southern island of Mindanao where the Islamic Moro tribes lived.

Pershing spent his first months doing administrative duties for General Davis in Manilla. As he had done with the Native Americans, John, set out to learn more about the Moro language, traditions, and hierarchies. He would rather negotiate with them than kill them, and to do that he would have to gain their trust.

Adjutant's Angle: BBQ and Fishing Derby at the WA DVA—RSVP We're back in the Town Hall in September at 1700—also RSVP please. Need raffle items for Sunday 14th if you can offer up treasure!



It is nobler to Serve Than to be Served

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Animals are Great, Animals are Great!

“Who Has the Right-of-way?”



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