



The Dispatch



The Organization for All Military Veterans

<https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org>

Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

OCT 2025



You are invited:

**October 12, Chapter Meeting 1630
Steilacoom Town Hall**

Meet

**SERGEANT
JEFFERY THIRY
Police Officer
and Award
Recipient**



Support Our Police

Puget Sound Chapter monthly meeting featuring another outreach program

Mission:

**Recognize Police Officers
who've Done Heroic Acts that
Exemplify the Chapter's First
Responder Outreach Program**

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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Sept. Puget Sound Chapter Report

Puget Sound Chapter companions commune with homeless veterans on 11 September at Orting WA DVA with a picnic and fishing derby



First fish caught was a monster , but it returned to the lake



Commander Carrie Nielson presents the MOWW Outreach Service Medal to Ron Kirkland for his good work for the Puget Sound Chapter



Keith Warren talks about the chapter's Washington State Patriotic Day that is part of the Patriotic Education outreach



Carrie Nielson welcomes guests Sun (L) and Dean Smith

Ray Corrigan (L) and Dick Muri enjoy the chance to catch up at the meeting



Andy Leneweaver conducts the POW/MIA tribute at the state capitol on September 18



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

What lovely Fall weather we are having here in the Pacific Northwest. This is my favorite time of year: cooler, crisper air, apples and pumpkins, back to school vibes.

September was a fun month for Puget Sound MOWW Chapter. We held our annual picnic and fishing derby with the residents of the WDVA Veterans Home at Orting. So very nice of them to host us. They have a lovely setting out there in the country and the fishing pond is quite a nice spot to sit and commune with nature. It was a pleasure to visit with the staff and residents, enjoy a picnic lunch and a little friendly fishing competition. They came up with some creative trophies to award and, while Ed Murphy was not successful in defending his title from last year, one of our newest chapter members, John Glayser, did take home a fishing derby trophy. We also held a fun and interactive chapter meeting in September. We had a delicious enchilada dinner, presented an Outreach Service Award to Ron Kirkland, and then each Outreach Chairman shared information about their program with the companions present. There was time allowed for all the members to circulate and discuss their questions and suggestions with each of the Outreach chairs before we closed for the night. It proved to be a very informative meeting that generated a lot of interest in our wide-ranging programs.

The Chapter Staff is currently working hard on revising the chapter bylaws, developing a working budget and action plan for the coming year, all to present to the chapter in the coming months. We also just held our first planning meeting for the 2026 Washington State Patriotic Day, which will have an America250 theme in celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the birth of our nation. Mark your calendars for 1400 on March 21, 2026.

Next, we are looking forward to our October Chapter Meeting on October 12, gathering at 1630, call to order at 1700, eating shortly after. We will hear from Police Sergeant Jeff Thiry, recipient of our MOWW national award for Excellence in Law and Order Service, for his incredible act of heroism.

We have also been invited to join the Mt Rainier MOAA Chapter for their annual Oktoberfest gathering at Bruno's European Restaurant in Lakewood on 19 October. Doors open at 1400. If you like German food, and want to socialize with our MOAA colleagues, this is the event for you! Then in November we will invite them to join us at our chapter meeting for a briefing with General Dayton.

Remember my ABC's of chapter membership:

Attend Meetings! Great meals, speakers and company.

Be 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



How many times should I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Biblical tradition says three times. Peter thought he was being very generous when he doubled that figure and added one more. "Seven times" he said.

Jesus replied, "Not seven times, rather 70 times 7" Was He saying 490 times? How was a person to keep count? I think Jesus was saying not to keep count but to forgive as many time as necessary. He modeled that statement at His crucifixion when He said, " Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

We just had an example of that when Erica Kirk publicly forgave her husband's assassin at his memorial service of over 100,000 people and with countless thousands more around the world watching on live television. It appeared to be an emotional and very difficult time for her and yet I'm sure she was very sincere,

It made me wonder. Could I do the same? I tend to hold grudges for much less than that. Could I forgive someone who murdered my spouse? I don't know, but I like to think I could.

She said she did it because it was what Jesus taught and did. It was also what her husband, Charlie would have wanted. Yet it raises a very difficult question. Could I do the same? Could you?

Chapter Surgeon General Dr. Bruce Wheel



Ozempic is a fairly new drug released about eight years ago, which is used to treat type two diabetes, and to lower the risk of heart attack, strokes, or death in people who have heart disease. It is also useful for those at risk of kidney function decline, kidney failure, or death from cardiovascular disease, and people with both type two diabetes and chronic kidney disease. Nausea, vomiting, and stomach pain are common side effects. It is approved by the FDA to lower blood sugar. It is being used "off label" for weight loss and management. Other "off label" uses are to help manage arthritic symptoms. It is administered by needle.

It provides powerful hemoglobin A1c reduction, a marker followed in diabetes. One dose works for a week.

It may cause serious side effects, including possible, thyroid, tumors, including cancer. It can also cause pancreatitis, changes in vision, low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), and dehydration leading to kidney problems, severe stomach problems, allergic reactions, and gallbladder problems.



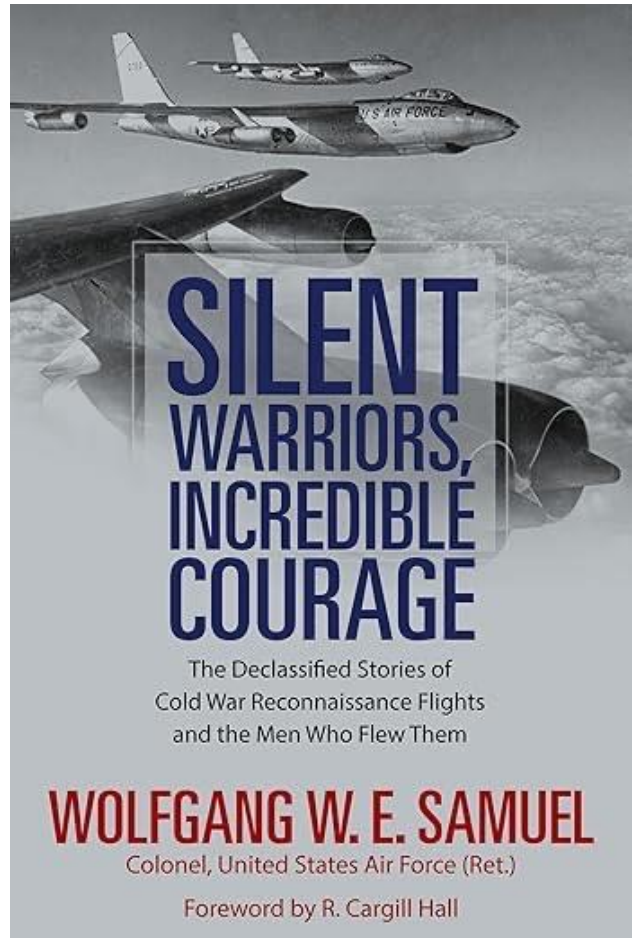
Puget Sound Chapter Supports Outreach Programs

Our chapter's raffle provides funds for awards to scouts, JROTC, ROTC, students, veterans, patriotic education, first responders, and national security. Not only is this an important source of funds but companions and guests enjoy the prizes as you can see from the smiles.

Book Reader

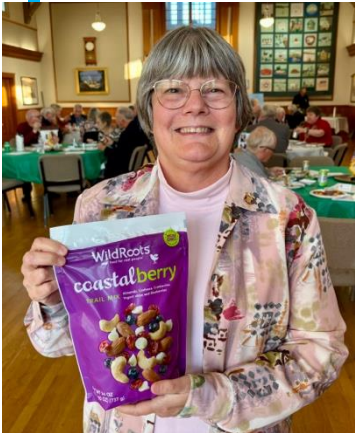
Wolfgang was a child in Nazi Germany, came to the US after the war and became a Colonel in the US Air Force. He flew reconnaissance missions in the Cuban missile crisis and combat during the Vietnam War and was awarded the 3 Distinguished Flying Crosses. This book exposes the top-secret recce flights over the Soviet Union and China in the 50s and 60s by many different types of aircraft to find out what the communists were up to during the Cold War. A very interesting look into highly classified program that involved the loss of many airmen.

Silent Warriors, Incredible Courage Wolfgang Samuel, USAF (Ret)

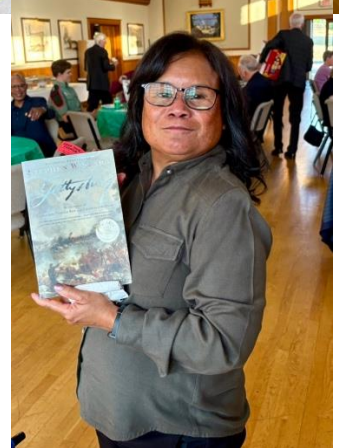


Coming Chapter Events

Date	Outreach	Time
Oct 12	Law and Order and First Responders	1630 Town Hall
Nov 9	National Security	1230 Town Hall



Everyone enjoys a good raffle where you can exchange your white elephants for somebody else's junk—I mean treasurers. This is a fun part of any meeting.



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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

Veteran's Outreach

The Puget Sound Chapter work with homeless veterans at both the Port Orchard and Orting Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs. July at Port Orchard and September in Orting, where our chapter talks to the clients, veteran to veteran to raise their spirits. The Puget Sound Chapter also raises funds in April to help homeless veterans succeed. Our \$1000 donation to WA DVA allows managers to give money to clients to buy gas, get cloths and shoes for job interviews, get personal hygiene items, help set up an apartment, and other needed items that the government does not provide. This outreach is a great way to help our brother and sister veterans.



The Puget Sound Chapter is invited
to have a German Meal and Drink
with the Mount Rainier MOAA
Chapter

**Mount Rainier Chapter MOAA
Welcomes You to
Oktoberfest!**



**Join us at
Bruno's European Restaurant
at 10902 Bridgeport Way**

19 October, doors open at 2:00 – 5:00 PM.

**Nothing tastes better in Oktober than Bratwurst,
Schnitzel, German Potato and Cucumber Salads,
Spätzle and Red Cabbage.**

**Just \$45 per person, pay as you go bar, cash only.
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Pershing Minute

General Davis sent Pershing to Iligan in Mindanao with 2 companies of cavalry, and 3 companies of infantry with orders to contact the Moros and make friends with them. During this first command for the Captain he jokingly lamented, “I have a 100 horses that have never seen a soldier, a 100 soldiers that have never seen a horse, and a bunch of officers who have never seen either.”

Adjutant's Angle: Support our first responders on the 12th of October— RSVP please. Steilacoom Town Hall at 1630. Need raffle items that Sunday 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!

One Happy Bug



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