



The Dispatch



The Organization for All Military Veterans

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Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

Nov 2025



You are invited:

**November 9, Chapter Meeting 1230
Steilacoom Town Hall**

Meet LTG
Keith Dayton
Brings Clarity
to the
Ukraine War



General Dayton knows the
Ukraine

November is the MOAA and
Puget Sound Chapter Joint
Monthly Meeting. We
Feature a Different Outreach
Program Each Month

November Mission:
National Security.

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

Oct. Puget Sound Chapter Report

Sergeant Jeff Thiry receives his national MOWW first responder "Hero" award at the Puget Sound Chapter at the Town Hall on October 12



Sergeant Thiry, saved the life of a Ft Lewis soldier



Dan Still (L), First Responder Committee Chair knows Jeff Thiry well and brought him to the attention of the Puget Sound Chapter

Captain Jeff Owen (c) and wife Melinda are welcomed to the Puget Sound Chapter by sponsor Dick Muri. Jeff is the pastor of the Steilacoom Community Church.



Welcome to Col Dean Smith (C) and wife, Sun, to the Puget Sound Chapter on 12 October



Commander Nielson presnts the Outstanding Service Award to Keith Snyder for his tireless work for the Chapter



Major Steve Vuleta, WA ANG, talks about his experience 24 years ago at the Northwest Youth Leadership Conference, where he was our top student



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

Well, I have sampled the pumpkin spice and the apple cider donuts, raked some leaves and pulled out my sweaters. Trying to come up with a costume for Halloween now, but that is not my forte.

Our October Chapter Meeting was another great one! We had the pleasure of honoring Police Sergeant Jeff Thiry, with our MOWW national award for Excellence in Law and Order Service, and a Silver Patrick Henry for his most recent incredible act of heroism. Sergeant Jeff Thiry was an excellent guest speaker for us, sharing some very interesting stories and insights into his duties and experiences as a marine police officer. As a special treat, his boss, the Tacoma Police Chief joined us as well.

Some of us also enjoyed the Mt Rainier MOAA Chapter's annual Oktoberfest gathering at Bruno's European Restaurant in Lakewood on 19 October. This was a fun opportunity to break bread with our partner chapter, meet some new friends, and enjoy some delicious German food.

In the next couple of months, we have much to look forward to. On November 09, we will invite the Mt Rainier MOAA Chapter to join us at our chapter meeting for An Update of the Ukraine (and Gaza) Conflict(s) with General Dayton. With such fluid conflicts, it seems there is always something new to consider. In December, we will have multiple events. Mt Rainier MOAA Chapter will host their annual Holiday Gala at the McChord Club on December 05. Our chapter will enjoy an Army-Navy Football Game Potluck Party at the Steilacoom Tap Room on December 13.

As we enter the holiday season I offer two things for your consideration. We can again participate in the Wreaths Across America program with the Mt Rainier MOAA Chapter, purchasing wreaths to be placed on graves in the veterans cemetery at Orting. If you wish, you could even join them to place the wreaths on the morning of December 13th. The Olympia Area MOAA Chapter is running their Sports Ball Drive in support of Santa's Castle on JBLM again this year. We will take up a monetary collection from chapter companions now through, and at the November meeting to go toward that drive.

The Chapter Staff completed a recommended revision to the chapter bylaws, developed a working budget and action plan for the coming year, all to present to the chapter in the coming months. We also recently 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.

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



Most everybody has heard of Charles Lindberg and his famous trans-Atlantic flight, but there is another aviator who preceded him by several years and accomplished a feat that was just as significant. This little-known aviator's name is Calbraith Perry Rogers.

In 1911 he completed the first coast to coast crossing of the United States in an airplane. Roger's plane was a Wright-era biplane. He took off from Sheepshead Bay, Long Island, NY on Sept 17, 1911 and landed in Pasadena, CA on Nov. 5, 1911. He made his ultimate goal of Long Beach, CA one month later.

It took him 49 days to make the trip. His actual time in the air was 3 days, 10 hours, and 14 minutes. Along the way he crashed 39 times and made 30 other unscheduled stops. The only parts of the original plane that were left and completed the trip were a vertical rudder and the drip pan. All he had for the trip was himself, the ability to fly and the perseverance to keep on with his task until it was completed.

That kind of persistence is what Jesus was talking about when He told His disciples about the need to pray continually and never lose heart.

Most people have discovered that it helps us to get our bearings, to sort out our thoughts and to carry on in a better spirit when we talk things over with a good friend or loved one. Good listeners cannot always help us with a definite answer or directions. Yet, as we speak together, things often become clearer and the load seems lighter.

Our conversations with God are far more important and productive. We can talk things out with Him in the assurance that our place in His household and our share of the most precious inheritance is absolutely sure and certain. God Himself gives added wisdom, grace and strength, whenever His people hear His word and speak to Him in prayer.

Peter Marshall, the late Chaplain of the United States Senate, once said in a prayer, "O Lord, forgive us for thinking that prayer is a waste of time, and help us to see that without proper prayer our work is a waste of time." Prayer puts us into contact with God. Persevering prayer keeps us in constant communion with Him. If you are a stranger to prayer, you are a stranger to power. But with prayer and by prayer, we are in contact with Him who is the source of all life and power and love, all hope and all joy.

So don't ever give up on prayer! Pray persistently, even concerning matters which seem to be only remotely and indirectly connected with God's eternal purpose and Kingdom. Our Father in Heaven can do "far more abundantly than all we ask or think." (Ephesians 3:20) It is certainly not a waste of time and we are always in better shape after a heart-to-heart talk with Him.



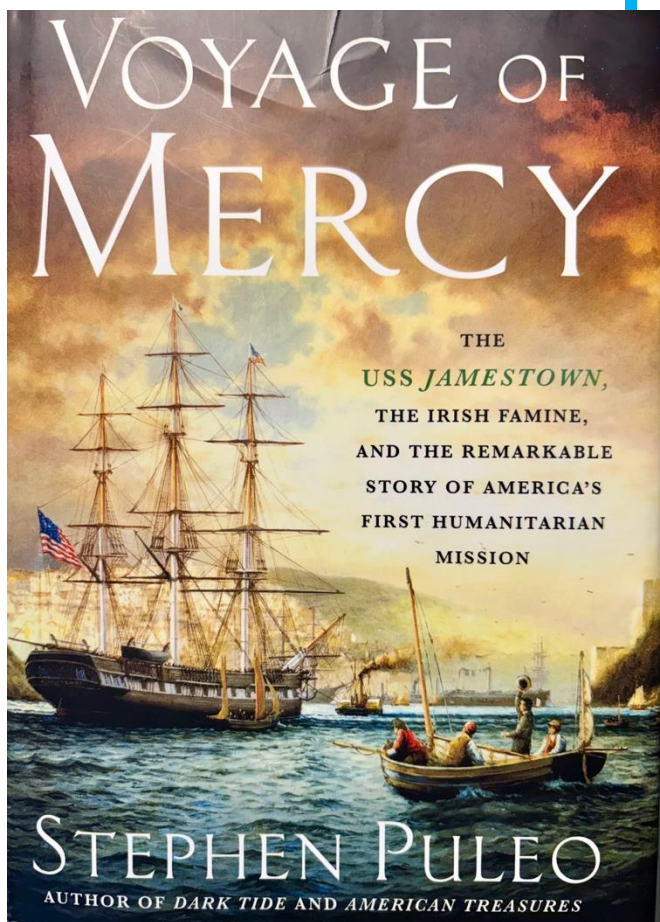
Puget Sound Chapter Supports Outreach Programs

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

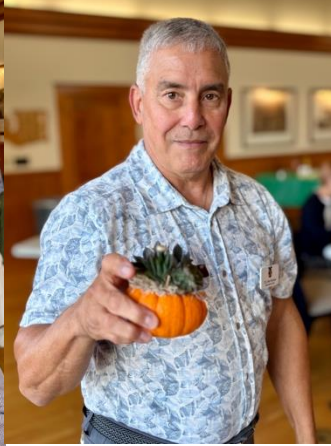
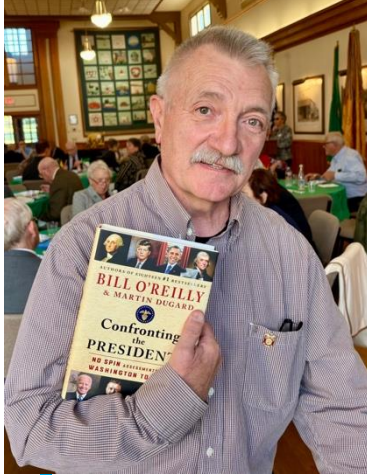
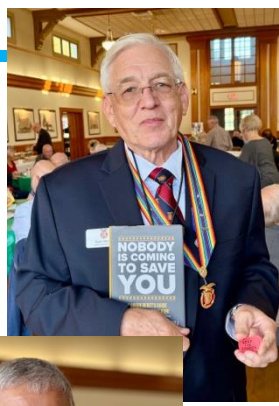
This is the story of the USS Jamestown, the Irish Famine, and the remarkable tail of America's first humanitarian mission. As ships streamed to the US with a million people from Ireland, fleeing the potato famine of 1846, one vessel sailed in the other direction to help millions unable to escape. Captain Robert Forbes and crew of the Jamestown embarked on a voyage that became a massive 18-month demonstration of immense generosity at a time of profound despair in Ireland. This lifesaving mission captured hearts and minds on both sides of the Atlantic Ocean and started America's tradition of relief to the starving and downtrodden.

Voyage of Mercy. Stephen Puleo



Coming Chapter Events

| Date | Outreach | Time |
|--------|---------------------------------|----------------|
| Nov 9 | National Security | 1230 Town Hall |
| Dec 13 | Pearl Harbor Remember+Army/Navy | 1145 Tap Room |



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.



Puget Sound Chapter Staff Officers:

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Surgeon: Dr. Wheeler

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Finance: Maj Mummery

Hospitality: vacant

Committee Chairs:

Law and Order: LTC Still

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Membership: Lt Col Muri

ROTC/JROTC: CDR Mandigo

NWYLC: Col Gibson/CDR Mandigo

Scouting: CDR Kirkland

WSPD: Maj Warren

Veteran Affairs: LT McConnel

Patriotic Ed: Col Gibson/CDR

IT Supervisor: Lt Col Snyder

Kirkland

Leg. Liaison: LTC Haskins

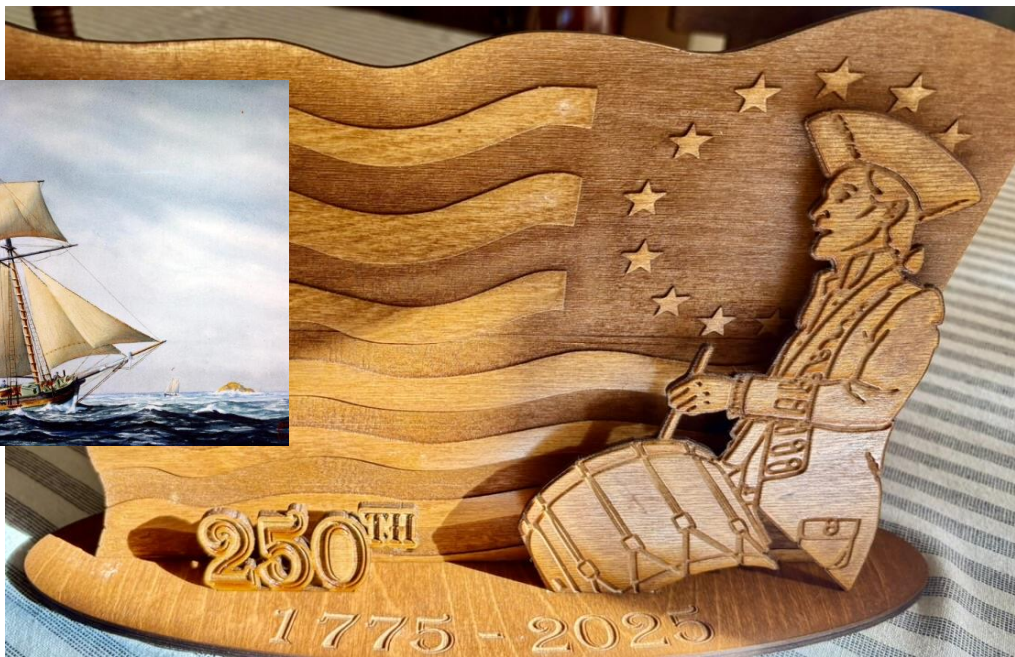
Homeland/Nat'l Security Security:

Capt Murphy/COL Johnson

First Responder Outreach

The Puget Sound Chapter supports Police, Fire Fighters, and all first responders in the communities of the Puget Sound, Washington with recognition and awards. This year the Tacoma Police Force had an outstanding Sergeant who saved the life of a Ft Lewis soldier who would have died if Jeff Thiry had not been quick to stop the bleeding.





The Continental Congress, taking into consideration the report of the Committee appointed to prepare a plan for intercepting vessels coming out with stores and ammunition, debated and arrived at these resolutions.

“Resolved, That a swift sailing vessel, to carry ten carriage guns, and a proportionate number of swivel guns, with eighty men, be fitted, with all possible dispatch, for a cruize of three months, and that the commander be instructed to cruize eastward, for intercepting such transports as may be laden with warlike stores and other supplies for our enemies, and for such other purposes as the Congress shall direct.

That a Committee of three be appointed to superintend the fitting of said vessel to prepare an estimate of the expence, and lay the same before the Congress, and to contract with proper persons to fit out the vessel.

Resolved, That another vessel be fitted out for the same purposes, and that the said committee report their opinion of a proper vessel, and also an estimate of the expence.

The ballots being taken and examined the following members were chosen, [Silas] Deane, [John] Langdon, and [Christopher] Gadsden.

Resolved, That the remainder of the report be referred for farther consideration to Monday next.”



Pershing Minute

Captain Pershing first order of business was to inspect the post at Ilogan—disastrous, disorder, and disarray. Into the mess hall walks Blackjack, ramrod straight and immaculate uniform. After inspecting the first pot and finding dirt he slid pan toward the mess sergeant who remained at attention except for jumping up to avoid getting hit. Pershing tested every other pan and utensil the same way, sliding the dirty ones toward the increasingly nervous cook. When the Captain picked up the meat cleaver and shot a glance at the cook, the enlisted man bolted for the door.

▼ **Adjutant's Angle:** Support our National Security speaker on the 9th of November—RSVP please. Steilacoom Town Hall at 1230. Need raffle items that Sunday if you can offer up a treasure!



You are invited to purchase one or more wreaths that will be placed on a soldier's grave in December, just go to the below link:

https://www.paypal.com/donate/?hosted_button_id=B9M2L5MJN82D4



It is nobler to Serve Than to be Served

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Animals are Great, Animals are Great!

A word in your ear, LTG Dayton has new info about Ukraine



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