



# The Dispatch



The Organization for All Military Veterans

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## Puget Sound Chapter The Military Order (120)

Dec 2025



**You are invited:**

**December 13, Chapter Meeting 1145  
Steilacoom Tap Room, Bring  
Football Snacks!  
Drinks at the Bar**

**Join the Party  
and Watch the  
Army/Navy  
Football  
Game**



A Special Puget Sound  
Chapter Meeting—Saturday  
at 1145

Bring football snack of your  
choice and watch the  
game. RSVP below

**December Mission:**  
**Root on the Academy of  
Your Choice and Celebrate  
America 250**

### Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

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

# Nov. Puget Sound Chapter Report



November 11<sup>th</sup> Veterans Day ceremony was created by COL Leneweaver (C) and featured recognition of all services. Here, Maj Vuleta (L) talks about the Marine Corps.



LTG Keith Dayton brought the National Security Program to the Puget Sound Chapter on 11/9/25, explaining the real situation on the ground in the Ukraine



General Dayton's message about the bad situation between Russia and the Ukraine was one of death and destruction on both sides and a peace treaty would be a win for all concerned



Andy Leneweaver (L) brought the chapter a new member, CWO 4 Monte Simpson



Monte was a Coast Guardsman who we are happy to welcome into the Puget Sound Chapter

The joint Puget Sound Chapter meeting included MOAA President Pat Campion and Coti Dawson (R)



Congratulations to our two 90 plus companions, Jack and Tom, that we look forward to seeing each month

## Commander's Corner: Colonel Andy Leneweaver, AUS, Ret

Greetings Companions! In the absence of our Commander – who's been in Japan this past month – I'm filling in with this month's Commander's Corner.

In November, we had an excellent National Security joint meeting with our friends from the MOAA Mt Rainier Chapter! Our guest speaker, LTG (Ret) Keith Dayton, provided another insightful update on the war in Ukraine, covering both positive and negative developments. The overall situation remains dire and is worsening; the Ukrainians are struggling to maintain their position but managing to do so, whereas the Russians are deploying troops with little success or progress. Both sides are engaged in what could be considered the first major "drone" war, with drones playing a deadly and important role—Russia is employing them widely, while Ukraine is strategically targeting the Russian rear, including areas of war production and fuel supplies. The presentation also touched on global responses and reactions, making it a highly informative session.

This year, rather than holding our regular chapter meeting in December, we will host a chapter social gathering for our America 250 Remembrance and Army Navy Game watch-party, at the Steilacoom Tap Room (1615 Lafayette St, Steilacoom, just down the street from the Town Hall). The doors will open at 11:30 a.m., with the kick-off scheduled for noon on Saturday, 13 December. If you plan to attend, please RSVP via the website, as attendance is limited to 45 individuals. Everyone is asked to bring their favorite pub food, an appetizer-style dish, or a dessert for sharing. As there is no charge for this event, we ask that guests support our host by purchasing at least one beverage. I hope to see many of you there!

December is also Wreaths Across America month. This year our MOWW chapter is supporting the MOAA Mt Rainier Chapter's WAA sponsorship. They are on the WAA website, if you wish to donate, and they are planning to lay wreaths out at Orting Soldier's Home Cemetery on 13 December if anyone wishes to join them that morning. Our normal second Sunday meeting schedule resumes at 12:30 on January 11th at Steilacoom Town Hall. Washington State Patriotic Day is March 21, 2026, celebrating America 250. The Northwest Youth Leadership Conference will be June 22-26. Please mark your calendars!

Finally, remember the Commander's **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 too)! Join a **C**ommittee and help find speakers, sponsors, partners and participants for WSPD & NWYLC as well as our meetings.

## **Chaplain's Corner, LCDR Stephan, USN, Ret**



The two-minute warning is a familiar term to football players and fans. It is when two minutes of playing time remain in a professional football game and each team is warned that if they are going to do anything more before this game his over, they had better start doing it.

We have a two-minute warning in Matthew 24:44 where Jesus tells us He will come again, and it will be the end of the game as we know it on the face of this planet Earth.

Jesus' disciples asked Him about this. They said, "Lord, is this when you are going to establish the Kingdom forever?" Jesus said to them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons which the Father has fixed by His own authority, but you shall receive the power of the Holy Spirit and you shall be my witnesses to the ends of the earth."

Yes, there is a two-minute warning in the Christian faith, but the emphasis is on the warning and not on the two minutes. Some people love to study the book of Revelation and find passages there which indicate that any day now the end will come. This is a misinterpretation of the Scripture.

Jesus says that anyone who tries to predict the end, or sits around waiting for it, is copping out. He says to us, "I have given you your assignment. You are to witness to me and to my love for people in every way that you can. You concentrate on that, and let our Heavenly Father worry about the time-table of History."

But the warning is there. Our Lord tells us that we are to prepare ourselves for His coming. We know neither the day nor the hour. An important spiritual preparation for Christmas is to make sure we live our lives in accountability to God. The point is not that the most important preparation we must make for Christmas is to make certain we have all our cards written and gifts purchased. The point is how important it is to live lives as if Christ is the Lord of our life.



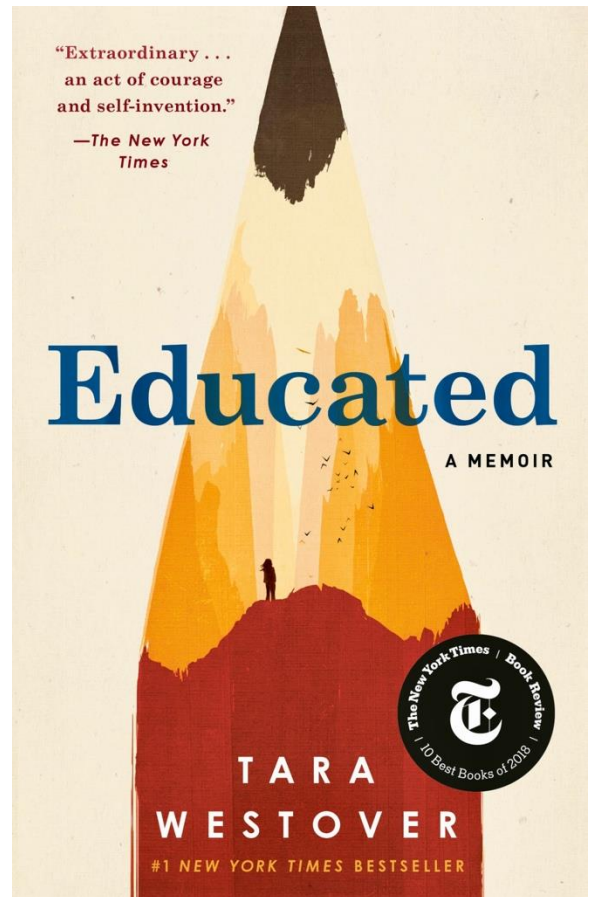
## Puget Sound Chapter Supports Outreach Programs

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

Born to a survivalist Mormon family in the mountains of Idaho, Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Her family was so isolated from society that there was no one to ensure the children received an education or medical care. No one to intervene when one of Tara's older brothers became violent, not even the dominating father. When another brother got himself into college Tara decided to try a new kind of life. Her quest for knowledge transformed her, taking her over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd travelled too far, if there was still a way home.

Educated: A Memoir Tara Westover



## Coming Chapter Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Outreach</u>	<u>Time</u>
Dec 5	Christmas Gala	1800 O'Club
Dec 13	Army/Navy + America 250	1145 Tap Room



Everyone enjoys a good raffle where you can find a good read, consumable treats, seasonal decorations or someone's gently used treasure ! This is a fun part of any meeting.



### 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:** LTC Renee Buck [renee.ihs@gmail.com](mailto:renee.ihs@gmail.com)

**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

**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



**From MOAA**  
**Seasons Greeting**  
**2025 MOAA Christmas Gala**  
**And Fundraiser**

**Friday December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2025**  
**McChord Club at McChord Field**  
**6:00 - 7:00 PM**

**No Host Cocktails and Social Hour**  
**7:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

**Dinner, Music/Dancing, Fun**

Music by DJ Jan Peterson/Proceeds to our Scholarships  
Dessert Auction, Heads/Tails Raffle with check or cash

**Gentlemen – Coat and Tie**  
**Ladies – Festive or Formal**  
**Appropriate Military Attire**



**\$75.00 Per Person (Includes Tax and Tip),**  
**Reservation and Prepayment due by November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

**Payment: Online Credit Card (Need email address for link), or Mail Check (Make payable to MOAA)**

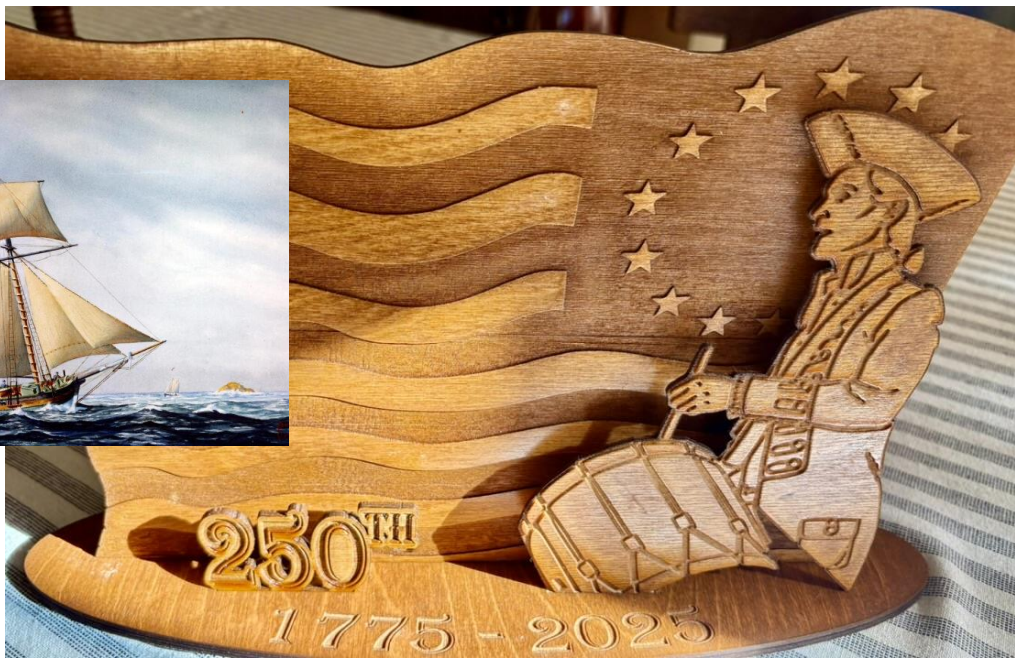
**Please make payment and reservation by November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025.**

**Address: MOAA, P.O. Box 99212,**  
**Lakewood, WA 98496-0212**

**POC: Ray Dotson: 253 209-8274**

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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

Pershing mixed with the Philippine natives on market days, talking to the men and women, asking about their crops and children. He ordered his men to be polite and buy firewood and other supplies from them. He hired Moro laborers at a fair wage.

Some Moros were suspicious as to why the American would build roads and bridges without demanding something in return. Finally, one of the most important dattos, Manibilang, sent his son to meet with Capt. Pershing. It was a great victory when Manibilang himself came for a visit on horseback with his entourage—slaves, guards with rifles in front and behind, family members, advisers, all dressed in brightly colored clothes.

**Adjutant's Angle: Bring favorite football snacks to the Steilacoom Tap Room on Saturday 13 December at 1145 for the 1200 kickoff. Drinks will be bought at the bar so the owner can be compensated for opening just for us. No Raffle in December unless you have something special to auction off.**

The Puget Sound Chapter is partnering with the MOAA Rainier Chapter to place Wreaths on grave sites of Veterans. This will be done at Orting VA Cemetary on 13 December at 0900. Please attend if you are able.

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## Super Squirrel!



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