



The Dispatch



The Organization for All Military Veterans

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Puget Sound Chapter April 2026 The Military Order (120)



You are invited:

**April 12, Chapter Meeting 1230
Law and Order outreach program
with Tim Jones, prior Pierce Co
prosecutor and PC County Judge
Pro Tem**

Book your
reservation now
at

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



After a scrumptious catered lunch you will meet Tim Jones and surprise guest the MOWW Commander in Chief flying in to see you!

March Mission:
Law and Order

Convenient Meeting Links

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

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

March Puget Sound Chapter Report



The Puget Sound Chapter outreach to Patriotic Education was on display on 8 March at the Steilacoom Town Hall when students were awarded the MOWW Bronze Patriotic Medal for contributions to the community

Families came to support their student in force. CDR Alan Mandigo has organized this event over many years



The PSC chapter awarded the medal to 37 students, 14 of which attended the March meeting, totaling 100 who enjoyed the lunch and program

Thor MacGregor, in Trail Live uniform (C) flanked by father, LTC Ian Mac Gregor, (L), Steve Kern, Commander Carrie Nielson, and CDR Mandigo



Students and sponsors were treated to a free lunch and a preview by John McConnel that included a lesson on Patrick Henry and why he was important to our freedom

Also in March was the yearly Washington State Patriotic Day with added feature starring the



The Puget Sound Chapter sponsored event on 21 March included the Governor's proclamation, I Corps Band, LTG Dayton's talk on George Washington, and attendance prizes all enhanced a family friendly tribute to veterans and 1st responders

Commander's Corner: Captain Carrie Nielson, USN (Ret)

March was a busy month! We passed from winter into spring. We had our biggest snow of the year, plus some heavy rain, and some nice days with trees and flowers starting to bloom before the end of the month. Happily now, spring has sprung.

March's meeting subject was Youth Achievement – Bronze Patrick Henry Medal presentations. Companions were outnumbered by young people, their sponsors and family members at the meeting. It was beyond inspiring to meet these young people and to hear about the great work they are doing. Special thanks to Alan Mandigo for all his hard work in pulling together these special award meetings each year – we had a record number of honorees this year!

On March 21 we held Washington State Patriotic Day 2026 at Pioneer Middle School in Dupont. The I Corps band was as impressive as ever. The Spirit of '76 Living History Association, along with Sons and Daughters of the American Revolution helped us stage a reenactment of the British evacuation of Boston in March of 1776 in honor of America250. General Dayton gave an excellent speech about first patriot, George Washington. It was an inspiring day. Thank you to everyone who helped make WSPD 2026 a rousing success.

April is also going to be a very busy month. On April 04, Companion Ron Kirkland will be leading a Youth Leadership Seminar down in the Bend, OR, neighborhood. We are excited to bring leadership and civic education opportunities to a new audience, make new contacts with JROTC units and VSO's in the area, and spread awareness of MOWW. On April 06 at 1300 we will hold an ROTC/JROTC working party at Alan Mandigo's house. If you would like to help, drop him a line.

Our April meeting will be 12 April, gathering at 1230, call to order at 1300. The subject will be Law & Order, and committee chairman, Dan Still, has a special guest speaker lined up for us. We will also have another visitor – MOWW CINC, Dave Worley, will be visiting the chapter that day, so if you have any questions about national MOWW, you will have a chance to ask our CINC. We will also be announcing nominees for next year's officers, and I am hoping we may have a few new companions to induct. Should be a very interesting meeting. Be sure to RSVP by Thursday, 09 April, so we can get a good count to the caterer.

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

In preparation for the celebration of Easter this month I would like to share with you how one person explained the Easter event.

A missionary lady in Africa was talking to some natives. "Jesus died on the cross for us all," she told them. "Then His body was put in a grave and on the third day He arose from the grave. We too, shall arise from our graves after our bodies have rested for a time in the ground." "How can that happen?" Asked one native. "I don't believe that. What is put in the ground cannot come back to life."

"Listen to me," said the missionary. "Do you plant corn?"

"Yes, I do," he answered.

"Well, what happens when you put the grain of corn in the ground?"

He replied, "The grain decays and the corn comes up out of the ground."

"Very well," said the missionary, "the grain decays but the life in the corn doesn't die. It sends up a plant that comes through the soil and grows several feet above the ground. It will be the same with us. When we are dead our bodies will be put into the ground. They will lie there until Jesus comes again. Then He will wake us and we shall arise from the grave. We believe that His Word is true."

"I cannot understand it," said the native, "but I believe it now, too, because He has said it."

How wonderful it would be if each of us were able to believe the truth about resurrection just because our Lord has told us it is true.

Easter blessings to you all!



Wow, Redcoats, cannon, period costumes, multiple flags, students learning about George Washington



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Puget Sound Chapter MOWW Military History Book Club has launched!

Email (MOWWPSC@gmail.com) with Military History Book Club in the Subject to receive the Zoom invite.

First meeting is by Zoom on Monday April 13, 2026 at 7PM, and we'll meet monthly adding to the topic 2-3 months then move to another topic (if you read fast or slow it will be a good time).

First topic will be - Women in War - and participants are invited to report on any title related to the topic, even a well-researched novel based on factual characters, events and scenarios. We are anticipating finding new reads through our discussion and learning about the topic through the reports and memories of personal experience.

We want this book club to be interactive. These are only a few titles that may interest readers on this first topic.

Participation is not limited to chapter members; thus, you are encouraged to invite friends, senior cadets, and colleagues to future meetings by sharing the invite link, helping the group grow organically.

The Group may also use these gatherings to:

- Share information about upcoming local events that support military veterans, active-duty service members, cadets, and law enforcement professionals.
- Highlight opportunities for community engagement, briefings, or service-oriented activities.
- Foster awareness of other military-supporting organizations, Or to share publicly available information on military advocacy and education programs offered by partner organizations.

Any such engagement should remain nonpartisan and voluntary, consistent with MOWW policies and guidelines.



The Northwest Youth Leadership Conference is looking for a Treasurer that can be part of a team that helps teens receive scholarships for our yearly June conference at PLU. A desire to help young people qualifies you. Call me please Dave Gibson 360 789-1837.

Companions, here are the new chapter bylaws for you to look at and suggest changes or comment. Please read through and send feedback to Adjutant Renee at renee.ih@gmail.com by 11 April

Thank you

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Look at these great young people and adults celebrating Washington State Patriotic Day on 21 March





Determined to end the siege of Boston, General Washington devised a bold plan. The cannons captured at Fort Ticonderoga were placed on high ground of the Dorchester Heights which overlooked the city and harbor. British General Howe considering attacking the new fortifications, but a snowstorm changed his mind. Realizing his position was now untenable, Howe decided to withdraw. On March 17, 1776, British troops, along with the Loyalist colonists board ships and sailed for Halifax, Nova Scotia, bringing the occupation of Boston to an end.



Pershing Minute--Continuing the life and times of John J Pershing, from the Phillippenes.

Blackjack's strategy was to surround a hostile cotta on 3 sides with the 4th side open so natives who wanted to escape—not wanting to kill Moros but to show the chiefs his power. This technique worked twice, but Chief Bacoclod was immovable. American troops assaulted his cotta with a fierce artillery bombardment, then charged. Some defenders escaped but 60 were killed where they stood—none of Pershing's soldiers died in the attack.

Adjutant's Angle: Magnetic name tags now available at the PSC website. Link will connect to National website store. Easy to follow. Be sure to add Puget Sound Chapter under your name. Delivers to your home!



Puget Sound Chapter companions enjoyed organizing the the Washington State Patriotic Day with Keith Warren doing the heavy lifting and the MCing



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See no evil!



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