



Puget Sound Chapter

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Military Order



*An Organization for  
All Military Veterans*



*You are invited!*

## NEXT CHAPTER MEETING



**May, 3, 2026 at 1730**



After a catered dinner you will meet the director of the WA State homeless veterans facilities

**March Mission:  
Veteran Outreach**

Book your reservation now at

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

### Convenient Links

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**Private Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/43888609799>

**Public Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61584157637537>

**WSPD:** <https://mowwpugetsoundchapter.org/wspd-home/>

★ **NWYLC:** <https://tinyurl.com/NWYLC-Page> ★

# Commander's Corner

## CAPT Carrie Nielson, USN (Retired)

Naturally, April was another busy month! The weather has been temperamental, but no more snow, and we are seeing more and more blossoming flowers and trees. It is a truly wonderful time of year to be a Washingtonian.

Our April meeting was 12 April, and it was a busy one. The subject was Law & Order, and committee chairman, Dan Still, lined up an excellent guest speaker – Tim Jones, former Pierce County prosecutor and currently Pierce County judge pro tem. His story was very compelling. We were pleased to have Patty Hemphill join us to present a check to the inaugural John and Peggy Hemphill Youth Leadership Award recipient, Huy Nguyen. Huy was joined by his father and JROTC instructors. We were also very happy to have three new chapter companions to induct: Dan Green, Anthony Martinez, and Syl Wiles. In a special twist, we also had another visitor – MOWW CINC, Dave Worley – who assisted in inducting our newest chapter members. Dave also gave us a brief update on national MOWW initiatives and fielded questions from companions. Finally, Ed Murphy announced the nominees for next year's officer corps and asked for any nominations from the floor. Nominations will be open until May when we will vote for our 2026-2027 slate of officers.

We did have activity in April beyond our chapter meeting. On April 04, Companions Carrie Nielson, Ron Kirkland and his spouse, Faye Kirkland, along with Amy Day, led a Youth Leadership Seminar at Crook County High School for students from three JROTC programs in the Bend, OR, area. We were 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. The students and instructors gave us an enthusiastic welcome, and we look forward to continued relationship building in that area. On April 06 at 1300 we held a ROTC/JROTC working party at Alan Mandigo's house. This event is proof that many hands make light work. We had about six people attend and the work was accomplished in no time. Of course, Alan had done a LOT of legwork beforehand. Then we had some nice snacks to celebrate completion. What a deal!

May's meeting will take place 03 May, the first Sunday in May, to avoid conflicting with Mother's Day. The topic for the meeting will be our Veterans Support Outreach Program, and we will have a related speaker. We will present gift cards to WDVA to be used to support residents of their veterans' homes. We will also be voting for our 2026-2027 slate of officers after final call for nominations from the floor. Right now, we are still soliciting for a Treasurer and have had one person express interest in the Historian vacancy. Please note that we are switching to evening meetings, gathering at 1730, call to order at 1800 followed by meal. Be sure to RSVP by Thursday, 30 April, so we can get a good count to the caterer.

And finally, 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)!

**J**oin a **C**ommittee! Help find sponsors, partners and participants for WSPD&NWYLC.

# Puget Sound Chapter Report



Mrs. Patty Hemphill addresses the Puget Sound Chapter and explains the Hemphill Patriotic Award that recognizes a worthy young person. On 12 April Cadet LTC Nguyen a \$500 check.

Patty Hemphill presents the check to Cadet Nguyen from Lincoln High Army JROTC



Guest of honor, Tim Jones, prosecutor and judge, spoke with authority about his experience on 12 April at Puget Sound Chapter

Tim Jones receives a MOWW Law and Order Award from CDR Nielson & Committee Chair Dan Still (L)



MOWW Commander in Chief David Worley visited the Puget Sound Chapter to recognize our good work

CDR Nielson, from the right, welcomes new companions, Anthony Martinez, Dan Green, Martinez, and Syl Wiles along with our new MOWW America 250 flag



The Puget Sound Chapter always enjoys a delicious meal before the program begins



# Chapter Moments



Happy raffle prize winners show off their pirate's booty at the Puget Sound Chapter meeting on April 12



# Chaplain's Corner

**LCDR Skip Stephan, USN (Retired)**

Since we have changed our meeting date from May 10th to May 3rd to avoid a conflict with Mothers' Day, I think it appropriate to do a reminder of the origin and history of this significant day.

Most everybody has loving feelings and memories of their mother and our society as a whole feels it is appropriate have a special day to honor them.

It had a simple beginning. At a memorial service for her mother on May 10, 1908, Anna M. Jarvis gave a carnation (her mother's favorite flower) to each person who attended. It was she who first suggested the national observance of an annual day honoring all mothers. Within the next few years, the idea of a day to honor mothers gained popularity and Mother's Day was observed in a number of large cities in the United States.

On May 9, 1914, by an act of Congress, President Woodrow Wilson proclaimed the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day. He established the day as a time for "public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country." By then it had become customary to wear a white carnation to honor departed mothers and a red one to honor the living, a custom that continues to this day.

Happy Mother's Day! May the Lord's blessing be upon all mothers on their special day.



# Northwest Youth Leadership Conference

★ — SAVE THE DATE! — ★

# NORTHWEST YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE



★ JUNE 21 - 25 ★

A Leadership Conference for  
High School Students

★ —  
Pacific Lutheran University, Tacoma, Washington

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★ SPACE IS LIMITED! ★

# \*\*America 250\*\*

After their departure from Boston in 1776, British forces had relocated to Nova Scotia, prompting General Washington to anticipate their next move toward New York. Consequently, he began redeploying his Army to New York in preparation for the impending engagement. Additionally, the Continental Congress saw noteworthy developments, including John Adams' "Thoughts on Government" pamphlet, authored between March 27 and April 20, which many sources regard as a foundational influence on the Constitution. Thus, while the period seemed relatively calm 250 years ago, it was marked by important strategic and legislative activity.



See more at the MOWW website

<https://moww.org/america250/>

# Pershing Minute

## Continuing the life and times of John J Pershing, from the Philippines.



The Moro resistance was broken. As a symbol of victory and show of force, CAPT Pershing marched his 500 US soldiers completely around Lake Lanao, the geographic center of the longest and fiercest opposition to the American presence.

Pershing sailed for America a hero. President Roosevelt wanted to promote John, a very senior Captain, to a higher rank but the law said the only rank he could use was the one-star rank. Therefore, in December of 1903 arriving back in Washington DC was the brand-new Brigadier General John Pershing.

Now assigned to the Army staff in Washington DC, brevet General Pershing was the most desirable bachelor in town. It did not hurt that President Roosevelt had praised him before Congress. Social invitations poured in, more that he could handle, but he was known as a ladies' man, a good dancer, despite his reputation in the field as a harsh and impersonal commander.

His face had taken on a chiseled silhouette, and his sandy hair became lightly flecked with gray. A sharp chin, firm jaw, and piercing eyes, along with a thick, full mustache, contribute to his image as a handsome and imposing man, in or out of uniform. He always attended the weekly dance at Ft. Meyer, just across the Potomac from Washington.

*It is nobler to Serve Than to be Served*



**Animals are Great**

**A song in three  
parts**



# Staff and Committees

## Staff

**Commander:** CAPT Carrie Nielson  
**Sr. Vice Commander:** COL Andy Leneweaver  
**Vice Commander:** COL Bill McClary  
**Adjutant:** LTC Buck  
**Historian:** OPEN  
**Chaplain:** LDCR Stephan  
**Finance:** Maj Mummery  
**Treasurer:** Maj Mummery  
**Marshall:** Maj Warren  
**Surgeon:** Doctor (COL) Wheeler  
**Public Affairs:** Col Gibson  
**Activities:** LT McConnell  
**Hospitality:** OPEN

## Committees

**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:** OPEN  
**ROTC/JROTC:** CDR Mandigo  
**Scouting:** CDR Kirkland  
**Veteran Affairs:** LT McConnell  
**IT Supervisors:** Lt Col Snyder/CDR McManus  
**Leg. Liaison:** LTC Haskins

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