

Mount Rainier Chapter Votes for Officers

Every year in the spring the Mount Rainier Chapter embarks on the process of electing Chapter Officers and members of the Board of Directors.

Last month during the March brunch meeting, the process was started with the report of the nominating committee. It presented the recommended slate of Officers and Directors for this year's election. It was also asked if there were any nominations from the floor and there were none.

This month at our monthly brunch, the General Membership will vote on all of our Officers and three Director positions on our Board of Directors. The remaining two Directors were elected last year. This is done so we do not have a 100% change in our leadership every two years; there is always a level of continuity. Please attend so your vote can be counted.

Senate Bill Would Change How VA Recovers Overpayments

By Amanda Dolasinski

A limit to how much VA can deduct from disability pay to cover erroneous overpayments, and to how long the department can wait to bill beneficiaries, are among measures proposed to protect veterans as part of a new Senate bill.

The VA Debt Fairness Act, S. 805, was introduced by Sens. Jon Tester (D-Mont.), Sherrod Brown (D-Ohio), and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.). It would shield veterans from repaying costs connected to VA accounting mistakes. Currently, funds are recouped by withholding some or all of a veteran's monthly disability payments, which can cause financial hardships for veterans and families.

"Punishing disabled veterans for the VA's accounting mistakes is a cruel way to serve those who have sacrificed the most for our country," said Tester, ranking member of the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. "Veterans rely on their VA disability benefits to pay for their homes or medical care. This bill will protect veterans their families from unnecessary financial difficulty when the VA has sloppily managed its books."

Overpayments from the VA have increased since 2013, according to a VICE news report. In one recent year, the VA sent about 200,000 overpayment notices to veterans.

The bill would:

- ◇ Only allow the VA to collect debts that occur as a result of an error or fraud on the part of the veteran or their beneficiary.
- ◇ Limit the VA's deduction from a veteran's monthly payment to 25 percent in order to recoup overpayment or debt.
- ◇ Prevent the VA from billing veterans for debts incurred more than five years prior.
- ◇ Require the VA to provide veterans with a way to update their dependency information on their own, eliminating a key processing delay for veterans, which frequently contributes to the VA making overpayments.



Chapter Board Elections



Sunday 28 April at our Brunch Meeting

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**MEMBERSHIP REMINDER
2019 Chapter Dues**

Have your Chapter dues expired or about to expire? If you are not sure please contact our 2nd Vice President, Bob Brown. Dues paid now will cover 2019. 2019 dues are due 1 January 2019.

Please note: Chapter dues are separate from national dues. Dues are \$20 a year or \$55 for three years. For our Social / Auxiliary membership it is \$5 a year or \$12 for three years. Also there is the new electronic membership for [Officers 35 and under](#). Electronic membership provides members with a Chapter newsletter via email, but no printed copy.

The Electronic membership is free to those under age 35. Just send your name, birthday and e-mail address to postal address below.

2019 dues are due 1 January

If you are a National Life Member, please advise the Chapter of your Life status.

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Your Monthly History Note

April 2, 1863 - A bread riot occurred in the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, as angry people demanded bread from a bakery wagon then wrecked nearby shops. The mob dispersed only after Confederate President [Jefferson Davis](#) made a personal plea and threatened to use force.

April 4, 1949 - Twelve nations signed the [treaty](#) creating NATO, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The nations united for common military defense against the threat of expansion by Soviet Russia into Western Europe.

April 6, 1896 - After a break of 1500 years, the first Olympics of the modern era was held in Athens, Greece.

April 8, 1913 - The 17th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was ratified requiring direct popular election of U.S. senators. Previously, they had been chosen by state legislatures.

April 14, 1775 - In Philadelphia, the first abolitionist society in American was founded as the "Society for the relief of free Negroes unlawfully held in bondage."

April 21, 1918 - During [World War I](#), the Red Baron (Manfred von Richtofen) was shot down and killed during the Battle of the Somme. He was credited with 80 kills in less than two years, flying a red Fokker triplane. British pilots recovered his body and buried him with full military honors.

April 22, 1864 - "In God We Trust" was included on all newly minted U.S. coins by an Act of Congress.

April 26, 1944 - Federal troops seized the Chicago offices of Montgomery Ward and removed its chairman after his refusal to obey President Roosevelt's order to recognize a CIO union. The seizure ended when unions won an election to represent the company's workers.

April 28, 1789 - On board the British ship *Bounty*, Fletcher Christian led a mutiny against Captain William Bligh, setting him and 18 loyal crew members adrift in a 23-foot open boat. Bligh survived a 47-day voyage sailing over 3,600 miles before landing on a small island. Christian sailed the *Bounty* back to Tahiti, eventually settling on Pitcairn Island and burning the ship.

April 30, 1789 - [George Washington](#) became the first U.S. President as he was administered the oath of office on the balcony of Federal Hall at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets in New York City.

250,000 Veterans Will Receive Free Genetic Testing Under VA Partnership

By Amanda Dolasinski

Cancer survivors receiving treatment in North Carolina are the first VA patients to get no-cost genetic testing under a program that could cover a quarter-million veterans by 2022.

The testing, which is offered through a partnership between the VA and nonprofit health care system Sanford Health, will help providers determine appropriate medications and dosages for patients. The program began with cancer survivors in a pilot phase in Durham, N.C., this year, with plans to expand to 125 sites and include patients with other ailments - up to 250,000 veterans.

"Our goal is to continue delivering the best care possible for our nation's heroes," VA Secretary Robert Wilkie said in a statement. "And this partnership helps us do just that."

The [VA Pharmacogenomics Action for Cancer Survivorship testing program](#), also known as PHASeR, is funded by a \$25 million gift from philanthropist Denny Sanford, the health care system's namesake, and matching funds from Sanford Health.

The test will help providers determine which medications will be most effective for patients, including decisions on prescribed medications for cardiovascular and mental health diseases and pain management. The tests also will improve access to appropriate treatments and reduce adverse drug reactions, per the VA.

Veterans interested in participating in upcoming tests can fill out [a contact form at the Sanford Health website](#). The Sanford-VA partnership will be the largest such testing effort in the country, Sanford Health officials [told USA Today](#).

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Purple Heart Recipients to Get Claims Priority Starting April 1

By Patricia Kime originally appeared on [Military.com](#).

The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) on Friday released details on a new policy that will allow Purple Heart recipients to move to the front of the line regarding claims.

Starting April 1, veterans who have earned the [Purple Heart](#) and are submitting initial disability compensation claims will be added to the existing list of categories that receive priority processing within the Veterans Benefits Administration, according to the VA. The distinction does not apply to claims appeals.

Purple Heart recipients already are treated as a priority for medical care at VA facilities and are exempt from co-payments for care. VA officials said Friday they hope that, by adding combat-wounded veterans to the claims priority list, it will "further improve their overall experience with VA and shows

the department's commitment to improving the claims process."

Several groups of veterans receive priority processing for initial claims. They include: [Medal of Honor](#) recipients; [homeless](#) or indigent veterans; the terminally ill; those older than 85; former prisoners of war or survivors of a POW; the very seriously injured who aren't already receiving VA disability benefits; and those with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, or ALS.

In a hearing before the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs and Related Agencies on Wednesday, [VA Secretary Robert Wilkie announced the change](#). He said the department is doing it in "recognition of wounds taken in battle."

Wilkie's father, Robert L. Wilkie Sr., was an [Army](#) artillery officer who was severely injured during the Vietnam War. He retired as a lieutenant colonel. Wilkie often speaks about the impact his dad's military service and injuries had on his life and his philosophy in leading the VA.



Use of VA Home Loans Doubles

Military members seem to be warming up to VA loans when buying their first homes, a new report shows.

The share of service members using VA mortgage loans instead of conventional ones to purchase their first homes more than doubled from before the housing crisis hit to after the dust settled, according to a [report from the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau](#).

Only 30 percent of first-time military home-buyers used VA loans around 2006, with the majority instead relying on conventional real-estate options or other government-funded loans, the report indicated.

But by 2009, 63 percent of that group used VA loans. That figure increased to 78 percent by 2016.

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WDVA Legislative Updates April: You can find more information on each of these bills by visiting www.leg.wa.gov. This list is not all inclusive but are those of particular interest.

Bill	Status	Brief Description	Companion Bills	Original Sponsor	Latest Committee Meeting Info
HB 1137	S Rules 2	Concerning national guard pay in state active service for wildland fire response duty.	SB 5196 (S Rules X)	Leavitt	
ESHB 1138	S 2nd RdConsCal	Concerning the armed forces exceptions for giving notice of termination of a tenancy.	SB 5180 (S Rules X)	Ryu	
SHB 1197	S Transportation	Concerning gold star license plates.	SB 5783 (S Transportation)	Riccelli	Mar 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM. (2019)
SHB 1210	S EL/K-12	Allowing nonresident children from military families to enroll in Washington's public schools prior to arrival in the state.	SB 5771 (SEL/K - 12)	Kilduff	Mar 27 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Early Learning & K- 12 Education at 1:30 PM. (2019)
2SHB 1448	S State Govt/Trib	Creating the veterans service officer program.		Maycumber	Mar 29 Scheduled for executive session in the Senate Committee on State Government, Tribal Relations & Elections at 1:30 PM (Subject to change). (2019)
HB 1688	S Ways & Means	Concerning resident student status as applied to veterans.	SB 5713 (S Rules X)	Morgan	
HB 1707	S Transportation	Modifying qualifications for disabled veterans to receive fee exempt license plates.		Gildon	Mar 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM. (2019)
HB 1829	S Ways & Means	Concerning veterans' assistance levies.		Chapman	Mar 28 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Ways & Means at 3:30 PM. (2019)
HB 2058	S Transportation	Concerning Purple Heart license plates.		Callan	Mar 26 Public hearing in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM. (2019)
ESSB 5160	H Rules R	Concerning property tax exemptions for service- connected disabled veterans and senior citizens.		Dhingra	
SB 5197	H Approps	Concerning the Washington national guard postsecondary education grant program.	HB 1201 (H Approps)	Hobbs	
SB 5367	H Education	Creating the purple star award for military friendly schools.		Wagoner	Apr 01 Scheduled for executive session in the House Committee on Education at 1:30 PM (Subject to change). (2019)
SSB 5428	H CWDDP	Concerning veterans' mental health services at institutions of higher education.	HB 1716 (H Approps)	Wilson, L.	
ESSB 5544	H Trans	Increasing the types of commercial driver waivers allowed for military veterans.		Hobbs	Feb 13 Executive action taken in the Senate Committee on Transportation at 3:30 PM. (2019)
SSB 5603	H Education	Concerning enrollment and course registration access for children of military families.		Randall	Mar 14 Public hearing in the House Committee on Education at 8:00 AM. (2019)
SSB 5748	H Cap Budget	Creating an account to support necessary infrastructure nearby military installations.		Conway	
ESB 5755	H Coll & Wkf Dev	Concerning veteran and national guard tuition waivers.	HB 1178 (H Approps)	Randall	Mar 26 Executive action taken in the House Committee on College & Workforce Development at 1:30 PM. (2019)



No delay for new veterans community care rules, despite concerns from advocates

By: [Leo Shane III](#)

Veterans “choice” is happening in 10 weeks, unless critics can find a way to stop it.

[Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie](#) this week expressed his confidence that [new community care standards](#) expanding veterans access to private-sector physicians will be in place on schedule this June, regardless of ongoing concerns over the changes.

“The statute is very clear, the timelines are very clear,” he told reporters after a [Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee](#) hearing on Tuesday. “The regulations are in place. I can’t see them changing unless Congress steps in between now and June 6.”

But Congress may try that. Democratic lawmakers have expressed numerous concerns about the outside care expansion they say are still unanswered: how much it will cost; how it will affect other VA health care reforms; what standards private-sector physicians will have to meet; and whether it all amounts to a stealth privatization of the department.

House Veterans’ Affairs Committee Chairman Mark Takano, D-Calif., said he’ll find ways to halt those changes if his questions aren’t answered soon.

“I’d rather make sure we get the VA to do the right thing rather than meet this time deadline,” he said Thursday.

The VA Mission Act changes — often labeled as “choice” by President Donald Trump, even though a separate VA program with that name already exists — amount to a significant expansion in the number of veterans who can receive private-sector health care with taxpayers’ funds.

Published in the federal register last month, the moves could triple the number of veterans eligible for the care, expanding it to almost a third of the former military population.

Veterans who live more than 30 minutes from a Veterans Affairs medical clinic or face a wait of more than 20 days for most health care appointments would be eligible for expanded community care programs. Wilkie and VA officials argue those standards fall in line with military health care and private sector benchmarks

The updated standards would replace the 40-mile, 30-day guidelines currently in place for most veterans. For specialty care, veterans would have a 60-minute-drive or 28-day wait standard.

About one-third of all VA medical appointments are currently handled outside the department’s health care system now, a figure that has held steady in recent years.

And VA officials have insisted that they do not expect a significant increase in the number of veterans who seek care

outside the traditional VA health care system. They argue the new rules give veterans the flexibility to pick the best health care options for their situation, but assume many will still stick with the VA care they’re already using.

“The care in the private sector, nine times out of 10, is probably not as good as care in VA,” Wilkie told the committee.

But opponents say the department’s projections are flawed, and question their estimates that the moves won’t ultimately draw funding from other VA priorities. When Wilkie noted this week that the department needs \$60 billion in facility improvements nationwide in coming years, Senate Democrats asked why that money isn’t included in the president’s budget plans.

“You have said no privatization, and your staff has also said that,” Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., told Wilkie at a Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee hearing on Tuesday. “Everything that I’m hearing and everything I’m seeing says something different.”

This week, 55 lawmakers (no Republicans) sent a seven-page letter to VA officials detailing concerns over how the new rules were crafted and their potential impact.

“We are very concerned that his proposal will ultimately degrade the Veterans Health Administration for those veterans who prefer and rely on its health care services to lead more meaningful, healthy lives,” they wrote. “We fear this proposed rule will be the first step towards dismantling the system.”

Wilkie has pushed back on that criticism, noting that the president’s VA budget proposal calls for another big jump in spending next year. “It’s not borne out by our budget.”

Veterans groups have expressed concerns about the specifics, as well, and urged VA officials not to move ahead too quickly with the changes.

Officials from the Veterans of Foreign Wars said the department still needs to refine its standards for outside care quality and communicating advantages of VA care to veterans. Disabled American Veterans this week called for “withdrawing the current proposed rule and swiftly replacing it with a new proposed regulation based on more realistic, feasible and sustainable access and quality standards.”

In addition, Sen. Tammy Duckworth, D-Ill., and a combat-wounded Iraq war veteran, asked the VA inspector general this week to look into whether administration allies manipulated the public comment process of the new rulemaking, further complicating the process.

Duckworth said veterans advocates found “an unusually high volume of identical public comments” designed to create a false sense of public support for the controversial rule changes.

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VA to Offer New Ketamine-Based Nasal Spray for Depression

By Patricia Kime originally appeared on Military.com.

The newest FDA-approved medication to treat severe depression, a nasal spray based on the anesthetic (and misused hallucinogenic party drug) ketamine, will soon be available to veterans treated within the Department of Veterans Affairs.

In a move that may help thousands of former service members with depression that has not improved with other treatments, VA officials announced Tuesday that the department's doctors are now authorized to prescribe Spravato, the brand name for esketamine, a molecular variation of ketamine.

The decision to offer a drug hailed by many as a breakthrough in treatment for its speedy results -- often relieving symptoms in hours and days, not weeks -- shows the VA's "commitment to seek new ways to provide the best health care available for our nation's veterans," Secretary Robert Wilkie said in a release.

"We're pleased to be able to expand options for Veterans with depression who have not responded to other treatments," Wilkie added.

The treatment will be available to veterans based on a physician's assessment and only will be administered to patients who have tried at least two antidepressant medications and continue to have symptoms of major depressive disorder.

An estimated 16 million Americans have had at least one major episode of depression, and of those, 1 in 3 are considered treatment-resistant. In the veteran population of 20 million, the estimated diagnosis rate of depression is 14 percent -- up to 2.8 million veterans. Between one-third and half of those veterans may be treatment-resistant.

The lack of effective medications for difficult-to-treat patients prompted the Food and Drug Administration to place esketamine on a fast track, expediting its review of the drug to ensure that it went to patent as soon as safely possible, according to administration officials.

"Controlled clinical trials that studied the safety and efficacy of this drug, along with careful review through the FDA's drug approval process, including a robust discussion with our external advisory committees, were important in our decision to approve this treatment," said Dr. Tiffany Farchione, acting director of the FDA's Center for Drug Evaluation and Research

Division of Psychiatry Products, in a release.

As with any other medication, there are risks. Spravato carries a boxed warning for side effects that include misuse, the reason it is administered under a doctor's supervision. The list of side effects includes sedation and blood pressure spikes and disassociation, such as feelings of physical paralysis and out-of-body experiences. It also can cause suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

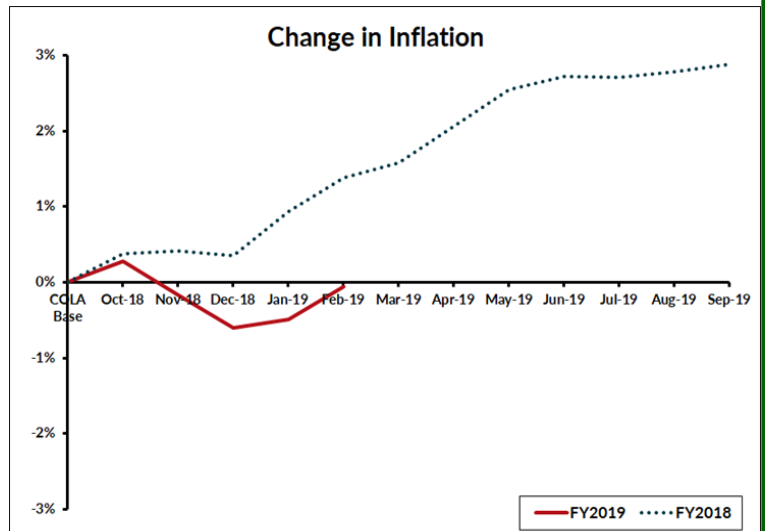
Acknowledging the dangers, FDA made esketamine available only through a restricted distribution system.

A veteran prescribed Spravato would inhale the nasal spray at a medical facility while under supervision of a medical provider, and would be monitored for at least two hours after receiving the dose. A typical prescription includes twice-weekly doses the first month, followed by a single dose weekly or biweekly as needed. Spravato cannot be dispensed for home use.

Spravato is made by Janssen Pharmaceuticals, a subsidiary of Johnson & Johnson. It is the first major antidepressant medication to hit the market in 30 years.

February 2019 COLA Watch

The February 2019 CPI is 246.218, 0.1 percent below the FY 2019 COLA baseline. The Consumer Price Index for March is scheduled to be released April 10. The CPI baseline for FY 2019 is 246.352.



The Consumer Price Index (CPI) is a measure of the average change over time in the prices paid by the spending patterns for each of two population groups: all urban consumers and urban wage earners and clerical workers. The all urban consumer group represents about 93 percent of the total U.S. population.


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Chaplain's Corner

"Close Relationships"

Recently I had a chance to meet with someone I had shared time with while on active duty. Both of us traveled to meet up at a restaurant that was relatively easy for each of us to get to. Neither of us had seen the other one face-to-face in many years.



Information about our health and what we were up to lately was followed soon afterwards with stories that flooded our memories with images, sounds, and even smells. Not all of it was good, but we had both been through that time together and relished the opportunity to share it with one another again.



Time together forges an emotional bond that nothing else can come close to. No one knows this better than Jesus himself. He spent much time with and forged close relationships with not only his disciples but with others as well. His friend Lazarus was one of those he had a close bond with, along with Lazarus' sisters, Martha and Mary.

Jesus even cried when Mary and some other mourners came to him and shared the news that Lazarus had died just a few days before he arrived in their area. Even though Jesus was God and knew that he would soon make Lazarus come alive again, Jesus was also a man who savored close relationships and was sad when one of his friends had died.

Jesus performed this miracle just days before his own death, knowing that there were many who would feel deep sorrow when he died. But during the 40 days he remained on earth after coming alive again, he visited his friends and ate with them and talked with them, showing them many other signs that he was who he said he was. Then, when he went up to heaven, he promised that he would still be with them until a time period he called "the end of the age". People argue about what "the end of the age" is, but it is safe to say that this is a time that is long after our earthly lives have ended.

Jesus still savors close relationships. He still leaves it open for people to start a relationship with him no matter what their life



has been like in the past. I can say I started a relationship with him a few years back when my life wasn't in a very good place. Over the years, he has worked with me and showed me ways to make it better and better. He goes with me through every mountain and valley of my life and, like my friend from active duty days, I look forward to the day I can see him face-to-face.

Gail Porter

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"If automated entities are spamming the public comment process, this not only wastes taxpayer dollars in the form of hours spent sifting through bot-generated messages, but it also threatens to drown out the voices of real veterans, veterans service organizations and other advocates," she wrote.

Even with those concerns, it's unclear whether those opponents have leverage to stop the new rules.

Both the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs Committees have hearings scheduled early next month to review the issue, but under current law the new regulations are mandated to be in place in June. Republican lawmakers have offered questions and potential improvements, but thus far have appeared uninterested in wholesale delays to the process.

"From some comments from some of my colleagues, it's almost like we're giving some of our veterans too much choice," Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., said in response to Democratic concerns about the Mission Act changes.

Wilkie said failing to move ahead with the new rules "would no longer be a veteran-centric, patient-centric approach to health care." He said he'll work in coming weeks to explain more specifics of the changes, but isn't looking for any reason to slow them down.

Memorial honoring Native American veterans to open in 2020

A \$15 million memorial honoring Native American and Alaskan Native military members and veterans is set to open next year in Washington.

The Washington Post reported Thursday that design details for the structure titled "Warriors' Circle of Honor" are still being finalized, though the memorial has been in the works for years.

In 1994, Congress passed legislation mandating the memorial be built at the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian, which opened 10 years later. But the legislation didn't allow the museum to raise money for it. In 2013, legislation allowed fundraising.

A dedication ceremony for the steel and stone structure is set for Veterans Day 2020. The U.S. Department of Defense says American Indians and Native Alaskans make up about 1 percent of active duty members.

IF YOU HAVE A PROGRAM IDEA, PLEASE CONTACT STEVEN SCHENK 253-307-7208. YOUR IDEAS ARE NEEDED TO KEEP THE CHAPTER 'FUN' TO ATTEND, YET INFORMATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE.

Note: MOAA Meetings will be held at the Patriot's Landing unless otherwise noted. Social Time starts at 1200, the Buffet at 1230 is \$20.00/person and Program starts 1300. For all reservations or information contact Jerry Jackson at gerald.jackson1@comcast.net or 253.565.6409, Steven Schenk at steven.schenk@comcast.net, or Chris Guppy at guppyc@comcast.net.

Remember, when making a reservation, your word is your bond.

28 April 2019: Election of Officers – Program: Sound Military and Communities Partnership; Bill Adamson.

19 May 2019: Installation of Officers – Presentation by MOAA National Board member MG Kay McClain USAF Ret.

23 June 2019: Lakewood Playhouse – “The Producers”, social to follow.

28 June 2019: 27th AUSA Golf Tournament at Eagles Pride Golf Course. Team and Individual Golfers, Scramble format, prizes and dinner. 12:00 PM Shotgun start.

21 July 2019: Rainier Baseball, **Note this is a Sunday event.**

18 August 2019: Annual Picnic at Heritage Hill.

15 September 2019: Program TBA.

20 October 2019: Oktoberfest at Bruno's.



Happy Birthday Wishes to Our Treasured Friends



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- 4/3 Vance Sutley
- 4/5 Annette Mummery
- 4/6 Lee McDowell
- 4/7 Edward Moersch
- 4/8 Thomas Coyle
- 4/10 Margaret Amos (Wife)
- 4/11 Monte Mingus
- 4/18 Donald Ham
- 4/22 Norma Harvey
- 4/25 Mel Wilson
- 4/26 Daniel Fox
- 4/27 Sherla Brockway (Wife)
- 4/30 Ralph Boyer



“April is the cruelest month, breeding lilacs out of the dead land, mixing memory and desire, stirring dull roots with spring rain.”

~ T.S. Eliot, The Waste Land

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Contact Carolyn Guppy
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Mount Rainier Chapter Has Been Selected as a 2017 Four Star Chapter

