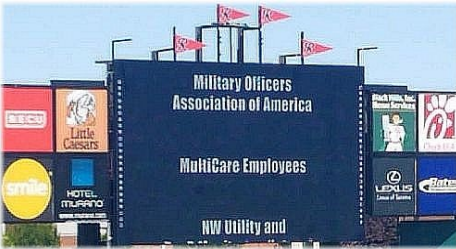


## Chapter Enjoys A Day At the Ball Park

Story by Jerry Jackson Photos by Karen Schwartz

This year on Sunday, July 21, we departed from the traditional Friday night with fireworks. It was a tad warmer on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base side with a high of 88 degrees with some shade arriving about the 5<sup>th</sup> inning. The Tacoma Rainiers took on the Sacramento "River Cats" which turned out to be a close game at a 6 - 5 loss despite an opening home run by the Rainiers.



The on-field entertainment was augmented by the usual side shows, kid involvement, and people watching along with good camaraderie amongst Mt. Rainier members and friends. Learning from past years, we solicited 25 tickets from the Rainiers ticket office and had to actually add one!



Chapter member enjoying the game.

Being on a Sunday, many of us adjourned to a local pizza establishment for some continued social engagement after the game. Everyone commented afterwards that this change in time and venue was enjoyable and should be repeated next year. The board and especially program chair, Pat Champion, look forward to another delightful afternoon with more members and friends coming out for the fun.



Are those garlic fries??

## Report: VA wrongfully denied \$53 million in veterans' emergency care claims

By Nikki Wentling

The Department of Veterans Affairs wrongfully rejected thousands of emergency-care claims during a five-month period, sticking an "undue financial burden" worth millions of dollars on

some veterans, a federal watchdog agency reported.

The VA Office of Inspector General released findings that VA supervisors pressured staff to quickly decide claims and some staff members said they were encouraged to deny claims to maximize productivity. The culture, "created systemic pressure to favor speed over accuracy," led to staff incorrectly rejecting 31% of veterans' emergency care claims from April 1 to Sept. 30, 2017. The errors affected an estimated 17,400 veterans who were stuck with a total \$53.3 million in medical bills that the VA should have paid, the IG reported.

"The claims-processing environment focused on production and prioritized quantity over quality," the report reads. "When these claims are denied, non-VA facilities and providers can bill veterans for some or all the costs of the emergency care services provided."

In one case, a veteran went to a non-VA emergency department after a seizure. The claim for reimbursement was inappropriately denied, leaving with the veteran with a potential \$15,000 bill.

In addition to the wrong decisions, veterans whose claims were rejected didn't receive complete and accurate information about their denial, limiting their ability to appeal, the IG wrote. During visits to nine offices nationwide, inspectors found stacks of unsent decision letters — many of them containing time-sensitive information — that were up to two months old.

Claims examiners were encouraged to move quickly — receiving bonuses, overtime and telework privileges if they met their production targets, the IG found. They received work-production credit when they rejected or granted claims but didn't get credit for researching them or suggesting that the claim be further reviewed.

The IG surveyed examiners who said production standards were too high and "did not allow enough time to do a thorough and complete job of assessing claims," the report states. One examiner wrote in response to the survey that supervisors threatened examiners with being fired if they didn't meet their production standards.

"Constant nonstop intimidation. The atmosphere is terrible. I think it is more that processors just rapidly slop claims through as fast as they can just to hit their numbers," the examiner wrote in the survey.

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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.

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**Your Monthly History Note**

**August 2, 1776** - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the [Declaration of Independence](#).

**August 5, 1583** - The first British colony in North America was founded by Sir Humphrey Gilbert, a British navigator and explorer. He sighted the Newfoundland coast and took possession of the area around St. John's harbor in the name of the Queen. He was lost at sea off the Azores while returning to England.

**August 7, 1990** - Just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait, President George Bush ordered Desert Shield, a massive military buildup to prevent further Iraqi advances.

**August 11, 1841** - [Frederick Douglass](#), an escaped slave, spoke before an audience in the North for the first time. During an anti-slavery convention on Nantucket Island, he gave a powerful, emotional account of his life as a slave. He was instantly asked to become a full-time lecturer for the Massachusetts Antislavery Society.

**August 16, 1896** - Gold was discovered in Rabbit Creek, a tributary of the Klondike River in Alaska, and the Great Klondike Gold Rush was on.

**August 18, 1920** - The 19th [Amendment](#) to the Constitution was ratified, granting women the right to vote.

**August 21, 1959** - President [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#) signed a proclamation admitting Hawaii to the Union as the 50th state.

**August 24-25, 1814** - During the War of 1812, Washington, D.C., was invaded by British forces that burned the Capitol, the White House and most other public buildings along with a number of private homes. The burning was in retaliation for the earlier American burning of York (Toronto).

**August 29, 1991** - Following the unsuccessful coup of August 19-21, the Soviet Communist Party was suspended, ending the institution that ruled Soviet Russia for nearly 75 years.

**August 31, 1980** - Solidarity, the Polish trade union, was formed at Gdansk, Poland. Led by Lech Walesa, Solidarity opposed Communist rule and was outlawed in 1981. Seven years later, the re-legalization of Solidarity occurred and the government agreed to hold partially free parliamentary elections. Solidarity candidates scored stunning victories in the elections that followed, gaining power in Poland and paving the way for the downfall of Communism there.

## Former Chapter Member Among 534 Vietnam Veterans Honored at 2019 In Memory Ceremony

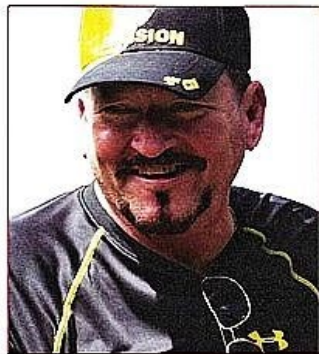
There are many thousands who died as a result of the Vietnam War, but their deaths do not fit the Department of Defense criteria for inclusion on The Wall. VVMF's, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund's, "In Memory" program honors those veterans, many of whom came home to fight a whole new battle and never fully recovered either physically or emotionally. "It is our duty to make sure their sacrifice is never



This plaque on the grounds of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial site in Washington, D.C. honors these veterans & it was dedicated in 2004.



**Robert Toland**  
*2019 Honoree*



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forgotten," said Jim Knotts, president and CEO of VVMF.

The Vietnam Veteran's Memorial Fund, Inc. is the nonprofit organization authorized by Congress in 1980 to fund and build the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. The organization sought a tangible symbol of recognition from the American people for those who served in the war. By separating the issue of individuals serving in the military during the Vietnam era and U.S. policy carried out there, VVMF began a process of national healing. The Memorial was dedicated on Nov. 13, 1982.



Bob's wife Cheryl & son were at the VVMF's Memory Ceremony on June 15th, Father's Day weekend where they were given the opportunity to read his name, rank, branch of service & time in country. The next day was the laying of roses & they laid Bob's white rose along with a red rose at his Cousin Richard's name on the wall. Cheryl is currently a Director on the Mount Rainier Chapter Board of Officers.

It was an memorable weekend and a way of saying "Thank You" to those like Bob, who served our country and their lives were cut short as a result of their service.

More information about such wonderful honors can be found at [www.vvmf.org](http://www.vvmf.org).

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In response to the report, Richard Stone, executive in charge of the Veterans Health Administration, submitted plans to comply with the IG's 11 recommendations. One is to review and correct the inaccurate decisions that the IG used in its sample. To estimate the total number of inaccurately processed claims during that time, the IG reviewed 240 rejections.

In May, the VA said it was developing strategies for its examiners that focus on quality.

## University Place Woman Who Was A Daredevil Flier With WASPs During WWII Dies At 103

By Siandhara Bonnet

About 30 people stood on the pavement of the Calvary Cemetery, looking toward the sky, waiting for World War II planes to fly overhead in honor of a woman who flew ones like them more than 75 years ago. When they had to wait a little longer than expected, Julie Stranburg piped up. "Mom wouldn't have stood for this," Stranburg said with a smile.

Dorothy Eleanor Olsen, Stranburg's mom, died at 103 on July 23. She was honored with a Funeral Mass Monday 29 July at St. Charles Borromeo Parish and now rests at the Calvary Cemetery in Tacoma.

Olsen was part of the [Women Airforce Service Pilots](#) (WASP) — a group of civilian volunteers who moved planes across the country, hauled targets for shooting practice and performed other flying duties. She was stationed at Long Beach Army Air Base, California from 1942-1944 and was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal in 2009.

During her time as a WASP pilot, Olsen flew about 60 missions as part of the 6th Ferry Group, often alone, according to a report from the [Chinook Observer](#) in 2011. She also flew about 29 different aircraft. Her favorite was the P-51.



"Mom said the P-38 was an old woman's plane. She said anybody could fly that," Stranburg said. "She said that the (P-)51, you had to stay on top of that."

She also didn't care much for the bomber planes. [Debbie](#)

[Jennings](#), friends with Olsen since about 2003 and developer of a WASP exhibit at the [Museum of Flight in Seattle](#), said her friend preferred the fighter plane because she was by herself and could do whatever she wanted.

Jennings said Olsen would get a kick out of scaring farmers on their tractors and fly right behind them. She would do the same at railroad stations just because.

Stranburg said her mom got chewed out by ranking officers for flying like that and once got reprimanded for using her landing gear at high speeds. One time she flew upside down and a piece of the plane fell off — but the landing crew never said a word, and Olsen's son, Kim Olsen, has the piece to this day.

"She was like nobody I've ever known. So determined to do whatever she wanted to do," Jennings said.

At the time, women and people of color were fighting for respect in the military.

[According to NPR](#), during the last WASP training class, [Henry "Hap" Arnold](#), the commanding general of the U.S. Army Air Forces, said when the program began he wasn't sure "whether a slip of a girl could fight the controls of a B-17 in heavy weather."

"Now in 1944, it is on the record that women can fly as well as men," Arnold said. Jennings said some of the male pilots were jealous of how many different planes Olsen was able to fly.

On two occasions, Olsen received v-mail, or victory mail, postcards from male pilots who had found Olsen's name and address in the cockpit of a plane she ferried. In the last line of the postcard, one pilot from Italy wrote, "despite the fact that a woman once flew it, it appears to perform perfectly," Jennings said.

"They were the first women to fly military aircraft for the United States," Jennings said. "The women had to jump into any aircraft that needed to be moved, whether it was for training or for combat, and know how to fly it and fly it wherever it needed to go."

WASPs were not recognized as veterans until 1977 under President Jimmy Carter.

Olsen grew up reading about World War I planes and flying in Woodburn, Oregon, in the 1920s, according to a report from [The Seattle Times](#). She was inspired to pursue flight after reading ["The Red Knight of Germany" by Floyd Gibbons](#).

As she pursued her pilot's license, Olsen taught tap dance and continued to teach after receiving her certification. She was one of three women to get her private flying license in the Portland area by 1939, according to the [Chinook Observer](#).

Once she joined the WASPs, she kept a pair of black DeLiso Debs and socks underneath her seat in every plane she flew, Stranburg said.

"She'd date a new man every night and go dancing, dump them and take off on her next plane," Stranburg said.

When the WASPs disbanded in 1944, Olsen had to pay her own way from Long Beach back home.

Stranburg said after the war, Olsen got a job flying war-weary

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## University Place Woman Who Was A Daredevil Flier With WASPs During WWII Dies At 103

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— aircraft deemed no longer safe for combat missions. She once worked with two other men and flew planes to Wyoming. “They got into a snowstorm and were low on fuel,” Stranburg said. “The men wanted to turn back and mom said, ‘No, you’re taught never turn back.’”

She said they knew the airport was near, but weren’t sure where. The townspeople heard them flying over head and directed the pilots to the landing strip using car headlights.

“She had so many close brushes with death but managed to slide by so many times,” Stranburg said.

Olsen later married Harold W. Olsen, a Washington State trooper, and settled down in University Place.

Stranburg said her mom was always fair, particularly when Stranburg and her brother Kim would fight growing up. One time Olsen told her kids to clean up dog vomit in the kitchen, but neither wanted to.

“She walked up there, took her hand, and (split it in half). ‘You clean that, and you clean that,’” Stranburg said.

Stranburg said her mom didn’t fly after she and her brother were born and didn’t even think of flying commercial or private planes.

“She said, ‘Why would I want to fly a Cessna when I’ve flown a P-51?’” Stranburg said.

Olsen never lost her flying spirit, though. She often “drove with authority,” neighbor Duncan Foley said with a chuckle. “She drove like she was driving a fighter jet.”

According to her memorial obituary on the [Edwards Memorial website](#), that spirit landed her a speeding ticket in her 1965 poppy orange Mustang.

website, that spirit landed her a speeding ticket in her 1965 poppy orange Mustang.



Dorothy Olsen, 94 tries on her old pilot’s uniform from World War II on January 11, 2010, as she stand with a painting of herself – on of a thousand WASP’s - Women’s Airforce Service Pilots - in 1943 and 1944 , at her home in University Place, WA.

Stranburg said flying was the highlight of her mom’s life, and that she loved to look at clouds and remember flying through them.

“Every sunny day when you see clouds, think of mom,” Stranburg said. “She’s up there doing slow rolls in a P-38.”

Before Olsen was laid to rest, Jennings read the poem “[Celestial Flight](#)” by WASP Elizabeth MacKethan Magid, which is “now required reading at all WASP departures.”

The first verse is:

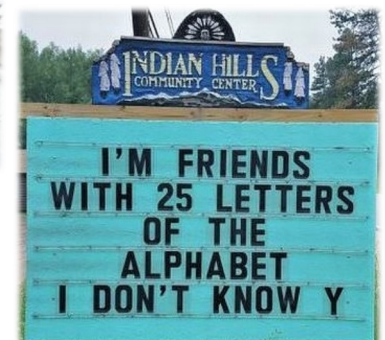
*“She is not dead —  
But only flying higher,  
Higher than she’s flown before,  
And earthly limitations will hinder her no more.*

## What A Play On Words



He made his first sign as an April Fools prank and has never looked back.

The man behind the jokes is Colorado native and volunteer at the community center, Vince Rozmiarek.





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## Senate Approves Budget Deal Before Leaving Town

The Senate voted to send a two-year budget deal to President Donald Trump's desk for signature. The agreement sets new spending levels for FY 2020 and FY 2021 and suspends the debt limit until July 2021. The House has also approved the agreement.

With the budget deal under wraps, senators have headed home for the August recess. This is an invaluable time for you, as a constituent, to meet with your elected officials to discuss important matters of national security. There are two topics MOAA encourages you to talk to your legislators about while they're home.

The deal sets a broad framework of top-level spending numbers for federal agencies, making it easier for lawmakers to write individual appropriations bills. The budget agreement is separate from the defense authorization bill, an annual piece of legislation outlining the things on which DoD can spend money, like military pay, health care, and survivors benefits.

When Congress returns in early September, they'll begin a mad dash to pass spending bills before the start of the new fiscal year Oct. 1. If they fail to pass spending bills before the start of the new fiscal year, Congress will have to rely on a stopgap measure known as a continuing resolution in order to maintain operations, or it will shut down.

House lawmakers already passed 10 of the 12 annual appropriations bills before heading home for the August recess. But with new topline spending numbers in the budget deal, lawmakers will have to go back and find ways to trim about \$15 billion in non-defense spending and add about \$5 billion to defense accounts.

To expedite the budget process, leaders on the Senate Appropriations Committee want to combine DoD spending with other federal agencies, like the departments of Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education.

If Congress is successful, this would be the second year in a row the Pentagon received a completed budget before the start of the fiscal year. The Pentagon has routinely had to start new fiscal years under continuing resolutions, leading to cost overruns, delays on starting new programs, and an erosion of military readiness.

## Nearly 70 Senators Call For Full Repeal of Widows Tax in New Letter

Nearly 70 senators have made a passionate plea to repeal the "widows tax," the unfair law that forces surviving military spouses to forfeit part or all of their Survivor Benefit Plan when they begin to receive the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation.

Sens. Doug Jones, D-Ala., and Susan Collins, R-Maine, have led efforts to pass the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act of 2019. Now they are joined by senators from both parties, asking that the final National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal 2020 includes a provision for full repeal of the widows tax, also known as the SBP-DIC offset.

"We have an obligation to make sure that we are taking care of our military families who have sacrificed so much," the letter

reads. "This problem goes back decades, but this year we can finally solve it once and for all. It is our time to do our duty not only to support the brave men and women of our military, but also to support their families."

MOAA has long fought for the repeal of the deduction, including making it a hallmark advocacy issue during our [2019 Storming the Hill event](#) in April, when more than 150 MOAA members from across the country met with federal lawmakers. MOAA is again pushing for full repeal as part of our 2019 Summer Storm: <https://www.moaa.org/summerstorm>. Opposing lawmakers have cited concerns as to how to fund a full repeal.

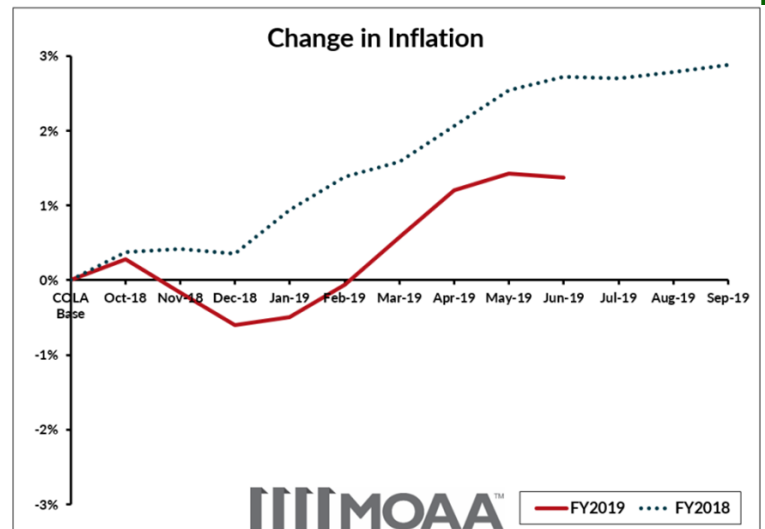
Under the widows tax, a surviving spouse receives the DoD's Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), which is annuity paid to dependents after a retiree's death, but it is deducted from the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC), which is a tax-free monetary benefit paid to survivors who died from a service-connected injury or disease. The deduction offset affects about 67,000 survivors, who lose up to \$12,000 a year.

"There has never before been more bipartisan support in Congress for repealing the SBP-DIC offset," the letter reads. "Currently, there are 75-cosponsors of legislation to repeal the widows tax in the Senate and 371 co-sponsors in the House."

That marks the highest number of co-sponsors ever for each version of the legislation.

## June 2019 COLA Watch

The June 2019 CPI is 249.747, 1.4 percent above the FY 2019 COLA baseline. The Consumer Price Index for July is scheduled to be released Aug. 13. The CPI baseline for FY 2019 is 246.352.



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# Chaplain's Corner

## "Parents"



A moment with Chaplain Jeffery from September 2006. With the passing of Chaplain Peeples I take this opportunity to highlight one of Padre Jeff's missives. In the coming months, Chaplain Porter will be providing our words of thought and inspiration.

The day was cold and wet and slightly blustery. Not a good day for being a tourist, but when I had the chance - I took it. We were touring the Vancouver, BC, Canada area. The driver knew more than how to drive. He knew and loved the area. We were able to see and be told about more than the standard tourist fare.

He took us to a nice housing area. Turned the bus to a very small spot of land and asked us to look at a statue. All of us had seen statues before, so what gives with this one?

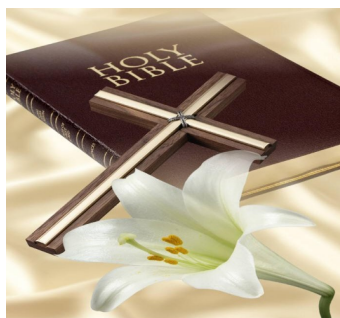


He told us to look at the clothes. The woman was wearing clothes of the WW II era. He asked us to look at the children: the woman was holding one hand of the boy and one of the girls, each in one of her hands. He asked us to look at the face of the woman. We did and we could comprehend the sadness. Her head was bowed. He said there were tears coming from her eyes that you could see if you got up close.

He then told us that this was a memorial to the mothers who had lost their children in the various actions of World War II.

Those of us who were parents were very moved by the reality of the statue. As parents we always want our children to be in the handholding stage. But they grow. And they die. Sometimes in ways and manners almost too horrible to describe.

As I looked at the statue, I wondered if there was a statue of a father in similar mode. The fathers love their children - even when not saying so. Time after time, I have had military men show me the pictures of their children. Some were in playpens. (The children, not the fathers.) Other pictures were of them in one or the other of our sister services. A halting voice would say that the children were in combat. And nothing more was said. We knew the cost of combat.



So, where is the statue of the Father with his children? There should be one. Our Judeo-Christian scriptures are very intent on the teaching by the Father of his children. He is to love them and teach them the ways of the God and Father of us all. There

should be a small spot of land to place the father, holding the hand of his boy on the right and his girl on the left. A father, crying for the loss of his children.

## Padre Jeff



## Understanding Current Receipt

MOAA has been fighting for concurrent receipt, the ability to receive both retired pay and VA compensation in full each month, since the early 2000s. We won legislation to receive both for some retirees, and [we're still fighting the battle](#) for the others.

Though concurrent receipt programs have been around for 15 years, they're hard to understand, so some people still don't take advantage of them. Here's a breakdown of the options available to you:

**Option 1: if you're a retiree with 20 years or more of service and have a VA rating of 50% or greater.** This program is called Concurrent Retirement and Disability Pay (CRDP). You get full retired pay and full VA compensation. CRDP removes the VA waiver from your retired pay, allowing you to collect all your *taxable* retired pay. If you have a VA rating of 40% or less, your retired pay is still docked by the VA waiver amount. [\[More About CRDP\]](#)

**Option 2: if your injuries or disabilities are combat-related.** Even if you qualify for CRDP, you might get a better benefit from Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC). You can receive full, *tax-free* retired pay for "time served" and full VA compensation, regardless of your years of service or your VA rating. There are three catches:

1. Your situation must be combat-related (this standard has some flexibility).
2. Your retired pay restoration is limited to "time served." For example, say a person is medically retired from service due to a disability. His service disability rating is 60%. He has 5 years of service at medical retirement. Technically, retired pay for a person like this is figured at 60% of base pay due to their service disability rating. But if his retired pay were figured based on "time served," it would be: 5 years X 2.5% = 12.5%. So CRSC would restore retired pay up to 12.5% of base pay, but not the whole 60% of base pay he was awarded. He would lose everything over 12.5% to the VA waiver. This is because, everything over 12.5% is based on his service disability rating. All of the VA comp is based on a disability rating. Double dipping laws prevent two payments for the same event.
3. Your retired pay restoration is limited to your combat-related disability rating, which could be less than your VA rating. As additional background information: The VA rates all service illnesses and disabilities — combat or not. Under CRSC, the service rates only the combat portion of your illnesses and disabilities. It's not unusual for someone to have a higher VA rating than a combat-related rating because the combat specific issues can be a subset of the greater VA rating. [\[More About CRSC\]](#)

Whether you're eligible for CRDP or not, search the web for CRSC and your branch of service for details on how to apply for it. You must apply to your service for CRSC. Remember, you have nothing to lose.

**IF YOU HAVE A PROGRAM IDEA, PLEASE CONTACT RAY DOTSON, 253-209-8274. YOUR IDEAS ARE NEEDED TO KEEP THE CHAPTER 'FUN' TO ATTEND, YET INFORMATIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE.**

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**18 August 2019:** Picnic at Heritage Hill, McChord Field. Picnic starts at 2:00 PM. More to follow. POC for reservations are Pat Campion, [campionpe@yahoo.com](mailto:campionpe@yahoo.com) Phone (253) 370-5064

**15 September 2019:** Tammie Perreault, Northwest Regional Liaison, Defense – State Liaison Office DOD, Military Community & Family Policy

**20 October 2019:** Oktoberfest at Bruno's. Kommen Sie und genießen Sie gutes Bier und gutes Essen.

**17 November 2019:** Open, possible joint meeting with MOWW.

**13 December 2019:** Our annual Christmas Gala at the American Lake Conference Center, JBLM. More information to follow. Christmas and New Years is coming!!



**Happy Birthday Wishes to Our Treasured Friends**

- 8/1 Donald Brown
- 8/2 Genevieve Deich
- 8/9 Andrew Marcantonio
- 8/10 Robert Brown
- 8/13 Lauren Dammeier (Wife)
- 8/14 Patrick Campion
- 8/14 Paul Kutz
- 8/14 James Newman
- 8/16 Audrey Stacy
- 8/17 E. Arthur Larson
- 8/19 Burleigh Cubert
- 8/20 John Simpson
- 8/22 Joan Shalikhshvili
- 8/24 Sammy Smith
- 8/25 Linda Decker (Wife)
- 8/25 Michael Doctor

8/25 Cathy Jean Emmons



***“The English winter - ending in July, / To recommence in August.”***  
*~ Lord Byron, English poet*

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The ladies of AROWS (Associated Retired Officers Wives), an auxiliary of the Mt. Rainier Chapter of MOAA, has members from every branch of the service. They meet monthly from 11:00 to 13:00 hours on the 3rd Thursday every month at Patriot's Landing. Reservations are required.

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