

What A Month Of May For The Chapter

MG McClain Gives MOAA Update, Installs 2019 Chapter Officers

Story and photos by Phil Raschke

Over 44 members and guests attended the May luncheon at Patriots Landing which featured special guest MG Kay McClain, USAF (Ret) and a member of the MOAA National Board. Following lunch, McClain presented a detailed update on MOAA's 2019 goals which include stopping the erosion of compensation and non-pay quality of life benefits, ending of financial penalties for military survivors, preventing disproportional TRICARE fee increases as well as insuring access to top-quality health care plus strengthening DOD-VA cooperation to include expanded support for women veterans.



McClain also highlighted the need for membership and advocacy as numbers speak loud to members of Congress of which only 17 percent have prior military experience. McClain also encouraged family members to take advantage of MOAA's excellent scholarship program as well as their extensive financial planning materials.

Following the MOAA update, MG McClain formally administered the oath of office to the Chapter's new officers. The slate of officers was approved at the Chapter's April meeting. Newly installed Officers included President Jerry Jackson; 1st VP Pat Campion; 2nd VP Ray Dotson; Secretary Bob Schwartz, and Treasurer, Paula McCarty. Directors are Doug Kotrba, Curt Atkinson, Doug Taylor, and Cheryl Toland.



To complete the slate, Chris Guppy was appointed Sergeant at Arms and Gail Porter and Alice Peeples Chaplains.

Following installation, President Jackson highlighted the Chapter's upcoming USO fundraiser set for June 23 at the Lakewood Playhouse's production of the hilarious comedy "The Producers" followed by a social at the nearby RAM Restaurant. Jackson also noted the annual Rainier's baseball game is set for Sunday, 21 July at Cheney Stadium and to check the newsletter for more events and details.



Mt. Rainier Chapter Receives USO Certificate of Appreciation

Story and photo by Phil Raschke

Chapter President Jerry Jackson along with MOAA National Board Member MG Kay McClain, USAF (Ret) proudly display a USO Certificate of Appreciation from the Shalikhavili Center located at McChord Field JBLM. The Center is named after General John M. Shalikhavili, USA (Ret) former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Chapter member and Steilacoom resident who passed away in July 2011.



The recognition was based on a recent Mt Rainier Chapter fundraiser that generated over \$1,600 in member donations for the Center.

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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.

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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

June 5, 1783 - The first sustained flight occurred as a hot-air balloon was launched at Annonay, France, by brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier. Their 33-foot-diameter globe aerostatique ascended about 6,000 feet. In September, they repeated the experiment for King Louis XVI, using a sheep, rooster and duck as the balloon's passengers.

June 6, 1944 - **D-Day**, the largest amphibious landing in history, began in the early-morning hours as Allied forces landed in Normandy on the northern coast of France. Operation Overlord took months of planning and involved 1,527,000 soldiers in 47 Allied divisions along with 4,400 ships and landing craft, and 11,000 aircraft. The Germans had about 60 divisions spread along France and the Low Countries. By the end of the day 150,000 Allied soldiers and their accompanying vehicles had landed with 15,000 killed and wounded.

June 9, 1898 - The British signed a 99-year lease for Hong Kong, located on the southeastern coast of China. Hong Kong, consisting of an area measuring 400 square miles, was administered as a British Crown Colony until July 1, 1997, when its sovereignty reverted to the People's Republic of China.

June 12, 1898 - The Philippines declared their independence from Spain. The islands were named after King Philip II. Once freed from Spain, the islands were then invaded and **occupied by U.S. forces**. They became an American colony and remained so until after World War II.

June 18, 1812 - After much debate, the U.S. Senate voted 19 to 13 in favor of a declaration of war against Great Britain, prompted by Britain's violation of America's rights on the high seas and British incitement of Indian warfare on the Western frontier. The War of 1812 lasted over two years and ended with the signing of the Treaty of Ghent in Belgium on December 24, 1814.

June 25, 1876 - General **George A. Custer**, leading 250 men, attacked an encampment of Sioux Indians near Little Bighorn River in Montana. Custer and his men were then attacked by 2000-4000 Indian braves. Only one scout and a single horse survived 'Custer's Last Stand' on the **Little Bighorn Battlefield**. News of the humiliating defeat infuriated Americans and led to all out war. Within a year, the Sioux Indians were a broken and defeated nation



MOAA National Honors Atkinson, "Northwest Patriot News"

Story and photo by Phil Raschke

MOAA National has honored the Chapter's "Northwest Patriot News" with its prestigious 2018 Col Marvin J. Harris Communications Award. The award was presented to newsletter editor LTC Curtis Atkinson, USA (Ret) by MG Kay McClain, USAF (Ret), MOAA National Board Member. The award presentation took place at the Chapter's May luncheon held at Patriots Landing in DuPont. McClain noted that producing an informative, high quality monthly newsletter "is very hard work" and Atkinson's dedication to the task was truly noteworthy.



Congratulations Curt!

WWII Veterans Al Jones and Alice Peeples Special Guests at May Luncheon

Story by Phil Raschke, Photos Lonnie Lai and Phil Raschke



Special guests at the May chapter luncheon were Col Al Jones (USAF Ret) former WW II pilot and Alice Peeples former Japanese POW.

Jones, who celebrated his 100th birthday in April started WW II as a Royal Air Force (RAF) pilot flying twin engine Wellington bombers. The Wellington was designed by the famous Barnes Wallis who also designed the bouncing bomb featured in the 1955 hit movie "The Dam Busters". Later in the war, Al flew Northrop P61 "Black Widow"

night interceptors for the U.S. Army Air Corps. After retirement he became a test pilot for Boeing Aircraft. Al currently lives at Patriots Landing in DuPont and is a fan of old west history.

Alice Peeples was only seven years old when the war started. Alice and her mother were visiting relatives stationed in the Philippines when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Unable to evacuate, they were captured outside Manila by Japanese forces in January 1942. Alice and her mom spent the next three and a half years as Prisoners of War working in Philippine labor camps, tin mines in China and as dock workers in Japan. Alice is the author of the book "Child POW" which chronicles her early childhood and wartime years. Other than her wartime imprisonment, Alice has lived in Lakewood since her father moved here in 1937.



The Mt. Rainier Chapter was honored to have both Al and Alice in attendance.

Retiree Appreciation Day 2019



What? Retiree Appreciation Day 2019; Where? American Lake Conference Center; When? May 17, 0730 to 1230.

WOW! A good and informative time was had by all. The Mt. Rainier Chapter was present represented by 2nd VP, Ray Dotson and President, Jerry Jackson. As in past years, the traffic by the Mt. Rainier booth was less than robust, however, we did have a handful of good connections along with great

networking with other Veteran Service Organizations and interested veterans groups. Other chapter members in attendance were General Don Brown and Chaplain Gail Porter.

Retiree Appreciation Day is an annual event sponsored by JBLM Directorate of Personnel and Family Services. This includes a Health Fair, Legal Services, ID Cards, and Vehicle Passes. The Washington State Department of Veterans Affairs as well as the Social Security Administration were present. The "Day" terminated with an inaugural bus tour of JBLM ending at the Lewis Army Museum. Madigan Army Medical Center provides an extensive service at the Health Fair. For all who have not attended, it is a great one stop shop. Look for the Mt. Rainier Chapter in 2020.

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ROTC / JROTC 2019 Graduation Cycle

The Mt. Rainier Chapter is among multiple Veteran Service Organizations in the area that provide recognition for deserving ROTC/JROTC members in our catchment area.



Chapter Member Heinz Haskins presents the MOAA ROTC Award to PLU Cadet Keon Payne

Included in that area is Pacific Lutheran University with one award along with 16 high schools with two awards one each for the Junior and Senior Cadets.

The difficult part of compiling the presentation data by school was again provided by Curt Atkinson who also graciously funds the certificates and medals.

Presenters for this year's cycle included chapter members: Heinz Haskins who presented at PLU, and high school presenters Pat Campion, Don Campbell, Ray Dotson, Wendell Dutt, Jerry Jackson, Gail Porter, and Cheryl Toland.

It is always interesting as an observer to witness the varied enthusiasm and commitment from today's high school students.

Chapter Chaplain Gail Porter presents the MOAA JROTC Award to Lakes High School Cadet Ivonne Varela



Chapter President Jerry Jackson presents the MOAA JROTC Award to Federal Way High School Cadet Christian Rollolazo



Looking forward to 2020, the chapter is always looking for new presenters. Being a board member is not required. Contact Curt Atkinson or Jerry Jackson if interested.

Council and Chapters Workshop- Northwest Region-May 2 & 4 2019

On May 3, 2019, 4 chapter officers elect travelled to Portland, Oregon for MOAA National's Northwest Region Council & Chapter's 2 day workshop. This included: Jerry Jackson, President; Pat Campion, 1st Vice President (Legislative Affairs); Ray Dotson, 2nd Vice President (Membership); and Cheryl Toland, Director (Surviving Spouse Liaison).

In total, there were 35 attendees from 16 Chapters in Washington, Northern California, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, and Oregon. The conference was led by MOAA National

President and CEO, Dana Atkins, Lt Gen USAF (Ret) assisted by Terri Coles, COL USA (Ret), Senior Director, Council and Chapter Affairs; Mrs. Kathy Partain, VP Membership & Marketing; Mrs. Gail Joyce, MOAA Board Member; Erin Stone, CAPT, USN (Ret), Program Director, Council & Chapter Affairs; and Mrs. Anne Hartline, Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee.

Workshop sessions included: chapter management for presidents and membership chairs, legislative forum for legislative chairs/liaisons, and surviving spouse liaison. Much information was disseminated that will assist the chapter going forward with member recruiting as always one of the focal points. MOAA's five year strategic plan includes brand awareness and communication tools necessary in today's electronic world.

Jerry Jackson, President, had the honor of accepting the Marvin J. Harris Five Star Level of Excellence Award for Communication to the chapter.



Look for the outcome of this workshop to be employed in chapter affairs in the months to come.

Memorial Day 2019 Ceremony— Mountainview Cemetery

Joint Services Memorial Day Ceremony was presented by Mountainview Cemetery and the Pierce County Veterans Advisory Council on Memorial Day, May 27, 2019. The weather was perfect with a temperature of 76 degrees and slight breeze that kept flags active.

Mt. Rainier chapter Director and PCVAC board member, Curt Atkinson, served as Master of Ceremonies. The ceremony was supported by 62 Pierce County area Veterans units along with Music Works 4 Veterans and the Buffalo Soldiers of Seattle. In addition to the traditional Wreath Ceremony, special wreaths were placed honoring General John Shalikashvili and Master Sergeant Llewellyn Chilson. Honored guests were recognized with the keynote speaker, Colonel Jonathan M. Chung, Commander, 2nd Stryker Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division at JBLM.



Attending the ceremony as flag bearers included Mt. Rainier chapter members 2nd VP, Ray Dotson, and President, Jerry Jackson. Board Director, Cheryl Toland, also attended serving as an unofficial chapter photographer.

An Emphasis on Supporting Spouses: Governor Inslee Signs Executive Order in Support of Spouses

By WDVA Director, Alfie Alvarado-Ramos

On May 13, Governor Inslee signed Executive Order 19-01 on Veteran and Military Family Transition and Readiness Support.

Washington State has a longstanding commitment to military families who are essential and vibrant members of Washington's culture, economy, and workforce. In 2013, Governor Inslee's very first Executive Order, EO 13-01, declared our state's support for veterans.



The new executive order directs the state's Military Transition Council to coordinate and support collaboration on the career assistance for veterans, transitioning service members, Reserve and National Guard members, and military families between federal, state, and local agencies, non-profit organizations, and businesses.

It also encourages work to support military-spouse-owned businesses, expansion of hiring campaigns to include military spouses, increased assistance with licensing, certifications and other services for military spouses—along with increased attention to military spouses in state hiring and state employee resource groups.

Hundreds of military families come to our state each month, and many choose to call Washington home long after their service. Supporting the employment of our military spouses ensures the readiness and wellness of our active duty service members, honors the contribution of military families, and ultimately benefits Washington's economy.

I'm excited about this new direction and hope you will visit www.dva.wa.gov/about-wdva/washington-state-military-transition-council-wsmtc to find out more about the Military Transition Council and read the new Executive Order!

Making VA, DoD Records Compatible Is an Immense Challenge: Contractor

Military.com | By [Richard Sisk](#)

"This won't be easy," the prime contractor said Tuesday of the \$16 billion effort to overcome decades of failure and finally make veteran and military health records compatible with a few computer clicks.

"This undertaking is immense. It carries risk, and we don't take the challenges lightly" in implementing Electronic Health Record Modernization (EHRM) programs across the [Departments of Veterans Affairs](#) and Defense, said Travis Dalton, president of government services for Cerner Corp. of Kansas City.

"We must deploy to 117 sites, train over 300,000 VA employees, collaborate with DoD, interoperate with the community, aggregate decades of clinical data and update technology," he told a hearing of the House Veterans Subcommittee on Technology.

In addition, the new system will have to link with additional community health care providers expected to come onboard with the [June 6 rollout of the VA Mission Act](#), which will [expand private health care options](#) for veterans, said Rep. Jim Banks, R-Indiana, the ranking member of the subcommittee.

"Interoperability with the community providers is still the elephant in the room," he said.

About 30% of veterans currently get health care at taxpayer expense in the private sector, and they "rightfully expect their records to follow them," Banks said. He said his main concern is that a "half-baked system" will be rushed into use.

Rep. Susie Lee, D-Nevada, chairwoman of the subcommittee, said that Cerner and partners Leidos and Booz Allen Hamilton are attempting to create "one seamless lifetime record for our service members as they transition from military to veteran status," but "this effort also has the potential to fail."

"The VA unfortunately does not have a great track record when it comes to implementing information technology," she said, "and it threatens EHRM."

Previous attempts to mesh VA and DoD records have either failed or been abandoned, most recently in 2013 when then-Defense Secretary Leon Panetta and then-VA Secretary Eric Shinseki dropped an integration plan after a four-year effort and the expenditure of about \$1 billion.

"This won't be easy, but it is achievable and we are making progress" in the overall effort to let "providers have access to records wherever they deliver care," Dalton said.

Jon Scholl, president of the Leidos Health Group and a [Navy](#) veteran, said the example to follow is the MHS Genesis system, the new electronic health record for the Military Health System. "MHS Genesis is the solution," he said at the hearing.

However, Lee said that "a suitable single management structure has yet to emerge" for EHRM since then-Acting VA Secretary Robert Wilkie [awarded a \\$10 billion, 10-year contract to Cerner](#) in May 2018. The cost estimate for the contract has since risen to \$16 billion.

At a hearing last month of the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee, Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan was challenged on the DoD's efforts to work with the VA on EHRM.

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Momentum Grows in Congress to Overturn Controversial Military 'Widow's Tax'

Military.com | By [Patricia Kime](#)

With momentum growing in Congress [to repeal a new tax hike on the families of some deceased service members](#), military advocates hope this will be the year another surviving [military spouse pay](#) issue -- the so-called "widow's tax" -- ends.

Spouses of service members who die on active duty or whose military member died of a service-connected illness or injury in retirement often receive monthly payments from both the Defense Department and the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#).

By law, the payments -- [Survivor Benefit Plan](#) annuities from the DoD and [Dependency and Indemnity Compensation](#), or DIC, from the VA -- are reduced for those who receive both, with SBP payments reduced dollar for dollar by the amount received from the VA. The reduction is known as the SBP-DIC offset.

Spouses and military family advocates say SBP, which is elective coverage paid by the service member, is similar to an insurance annuity and should be paid out regardless of additional income. They say the offset should be abolished, as it is unfair to widows or widowers whose [spouses](#) received [military pay](#) or retirement and disability compensation.

When a service member dies on active duty or in retirement with a disability rating of 100%, or from a service-connected injury or illness, the surviving spouse receives DIC, currently \$1,319.04 each month, with additional payments for any children.

If their military member purchased SBP, they may also receive SBP payments equaling 55% of their service member's [retirement pay](#).

More than 66,000 surviving spouses are affected by the offset and, while many receive another payment -- a Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance of \$318 per month to offset the offset -- it doesn't equal the estimated \$12,000 lost yearly by those affected.

"What other insurance policy sold in the United States is permitted to withhold a death payment to a legal beneficiary?" wrote retired [Navy](#) Rear Adm. Tom Jurkowsky, a board member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), [in The Hill in April](#). "Would this be allowed to happen if a company selling life insurance withheld death payments from beneficiaries? The courts would certainly intervene, as would Congress."

Joining MOAA on Capitol Hill to press for the offset's repeal are Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, the National Military Family Association and other military support organizations.

Two bills currently under consideration on the measure have widespread support: H.R. 553, the Military Surviving Spouses Equity bill, sponsored by Rep. Joe Wilson, R-South Carolina, has 280 co-sponsors, while S. 622, the Military Widow's Tax

Elimination Act, introduced by Sen. Doug Jones, D-Alabama, has 63 supporters in the Senate.

While such widespread support is not unprecedented -- Wilson's bill had 271 co-sponsors in the previous Congress -- the measure has previously failed largely due to cost. The Congressional Budget Office estimates it would add \$7 billion in mandatory spending in its first 10 years.

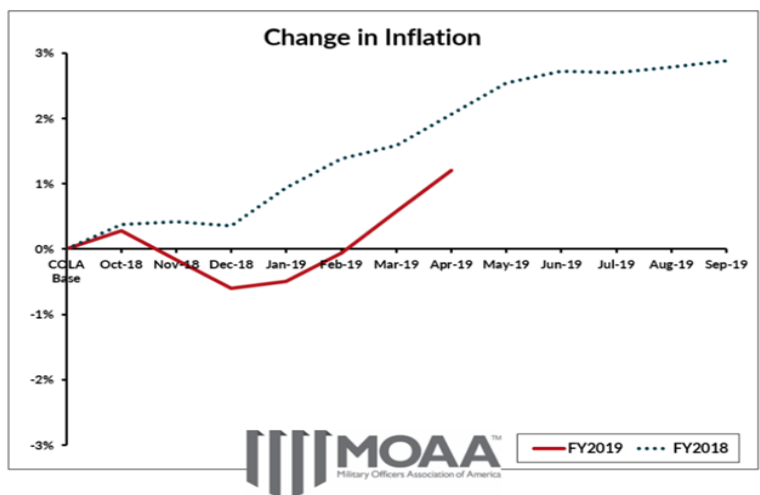
Joyce Raezer, executive director of the National Military Family Association, said Thursday that the military groups have been working with members of Congress to find a source to fund the cost and said that "one may be identified."

She declined to give specifics, saying the proposal is still in the works. But she is optimistic, she said, given the attention being paid to military widows and widowers who experienced large tax increases on their children's Survivor Benefit Plan payments this year.

"The planets are finally aligning. Everyone is up [on the Hill] to bring the story of the younger generation of surviving spouses and what this offset has done to them," Raezer said. "It's just time to do this. It's the right thing to do."

April 2019 COLA Watch

The April 2019 CPI is 249.332, 1.2 percent above the FY 2019 COLA baseline. The Consumer Price Index for May is scheduled to be released June 12. 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

"Honor and Sacrifice"

This beautiful month of June always begins for us with the phrase "D-Day, the 6th of June". It gives us a touchstone of memory to the greatest sea landing on an enemy coast ever in history. My own memory bank this month reminds me of the honor and sacrifice of a generation of Americans who perished in battle.



From our very beginning we have fought or negotiated for lands like The Louisiana Purchase from France and for Alaska from Russia. We have battled present friends, our English cousins; ourselves in the American War Between the States or Civil War; the Spaniards for The Philippines and their many colonial holdings in the Pacific and others as we felt the need.



The other side of our coin tells us about the war years 100 years ago in places like Ypres, the Marne, the Somme; countless battlefields where our dearest and best were laid to rest. Then a short 22 years and WWII

brought us the Battle of the Atlantic, around the world from Attu and Kiska, south to Guadalcanal, back to Anzio, then into Libya and the awful loss to Rommel at Tobruk in 1942. The long seafaring years of the early 40s in the Pacific decimated youths who joined up with fervor to hold their country free from subjugation by an Asian horde. The 40s flew past during the time of a true world war. Still to recall, the road is long to home.

Knowing that WWI was "the war to end all wars" according to the media of that time, and as WWII had been over for a short time, we became a bit relaxed. The country was economically booming. Veterans were using the GI Bill for houses, colleges, new cars, cocker spaniels, and even his toddler was now nearly a teen-ager.

Right after the high school graduation of the class of 1950, of which I am one, the North Koreans came over the border and we were at it again. It is 2019 and as of this date no armistice/cease fire has yet been declared. Korea was known as a United Nations Police Action. Specifically, we were all told



it was *not a war*. The earlier parts of the Korean action was fought in large numbers by men who had served in WWII and by youths who had wanted to grow to adulthood quickly. They had joined military reserve units with no understanding the world could come apart again.....so soon. Terrible weather, disadvantageous terrain all resulted in exaggerated numbers of casualties. It was not our war yet we supported and defended not just the square foot of land but our own enshrinement of the words from our Constitution that gives strength, peace, and the harmony of life to all who will use it.

Then there was Nam. A fools' errand where no victory was possible. Run by civilians from the other side of the world.

Fought with bravery often observed in all our other wars. So many times, ignored at the moment but remembered by those who carried weapons on the line. Hold on. There'll always be tomorrow.

For each grave in beautiful cemeteries in foreign countries, we are annually impressed as we review those places. Thousands may be buried in a cemetery I reviewed two days ago. I was impressed further that it was a French cemetery and fully maintained by the French. For the next half hour I watched TV videos of nearly identical cemeteries with the tens of thousands of graves laid in silent rows, in honor, by people whose language they probably did not speak but who had honored each American in the dark hours that follow death. A sign read: "Pro Deo et Libertate".

A beautiful sign with tracings of scroll work and imagery. "For God and Freedom". An American thought for Europe.

In his inaugural address, George Washington said, "Our cause is noble; it is the cause of Mankind". Yes. Amen.

God Bless America

Alice Peeples



Making VA, DoD Records Compatible Is an Immense Challenge: Contractor

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"I don't ever recall being as outraged about an issue than I am about the electronic health record program," Rep. Kay Granger, R-Texas, told him.

"Personally, I spend quite a bit of time on how do we merge together" with the VA on the records, Shanahan assured her.

He said pilot programs on making the records compatible are underway in Washington state at [Joint Base Lewis-McChord](#), [Naval Base Kitsap](#), [Naval Air Station Whidbey Island](#) and [Fairchild Air Force Base](#).

The "rollout and implementation" of the fix to the electronic health records has shown promise at those installations, Shanahan said, adding that the next step is to put the programs in place at California installations in the fall.

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.

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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~ John Thune

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AROWS

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.

Contact Carolyn Guppy (253) 581-2662 for any questions.



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