

## Mount Rainier Chapter Elects New Officers

Story and Photos by Jerry Jackson

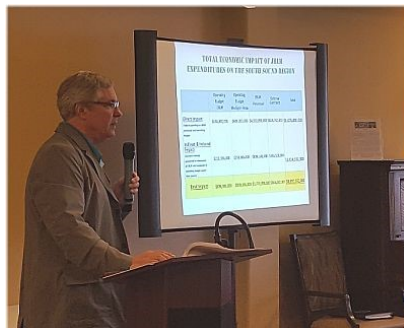
On a warm Spring Sunday in April, 35 MOAA Mt. Rainier members gathered at Patriots Landing for the monthly brunch. Two events were the primary agenda items to include election of officers for 2019 – 2021, and Bill Abramson discussing the South Sound Military and Civilian Partnership.

Past President Deryl McCarty presented the slate for officers to include: President, Jerry Jackson; 1st VP, Pat Campion; 2nd VP, Doug Taylor; Secretary, Bob Brown; Treasurer, Ray Dotson; Director, Doug Kotrba; and Director, Bob Schwartz to fill out the balance (1 year) of Doug Taylor’s term. The slate was elected unanimously with installation to occur at the 19 May 2019 chapter meeting to be performed by MG Kay McClain, USAF Retired, MOAA National Foundation Board Member.



Major General McClain received a bachelor's degree in secondary education from Oklahoma State University, a master's degree from Troy State University in Alabama, and is a graduate of executive level-national security courses at Harvard University in Massachusetts, Syracuse University in New York, and Seminar XXI with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. A career personnel officer, she had staff tours as well as operational command tours at Air Force group, wing, and center levels. Her final active duty assignment was commander of the Air Force Personnel Center. In retirement, she is a consultant and active volunteer at local public schools.

The South Sound Military and Civilian Partnership, SSMCP, presented by Bill Adamson, Program Director, COL, Retired, is an organization established per their mission statement: “To foster communication, understanding and mutual benefit by serving as the most effective point of coordination for resolution of those issues which transcend the specific interests of the military and civilian communities of the South Sound region”. As background, in early 2010, the Department of Defense’s Office



of Economic Adjustment awarded a grant for the region to study the military growth impacts in the area. A planning document emerged called the JBLM Growth Coordination Plan. The Plan recommended establishing a new JBLM regional partnership, which was created in May 2011 via a memorandum of agreement (MOA) as the South Sound Military Communities Partnership, or SSMCP. The SSMCP provides a framework for collaboration in the South Sound region between local governments, military installations, state agencies, and federal agencies to better coordinate efforts in areas such as: military relations; transportation and land use planning; environmental protection; emergency preparedness; loans applications ; health care; population forecasting; workforce development; education; housing; and economic development.



SSMPC includes many public and private organizations, non-profits, as well as individuals in their structure. Go to their website at: <https://cityoflakewood.us/south-sound-military-and-communities-partnership/> for expanded information.

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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**

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**Your Monthly History Note**

**May 2, 2011** - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East.

**May 5, 1961** - Alan Shepard became the first American in space. He piloted the spacecraft *Freedom 7* during a 15-minute 28-second suborbital flight that reached an altitude of 116 miles (186 kilometers) above the earth. Shepard's success occurred 23 days after the Russians had launched the first-ever human in space, cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, during an era of intense technological competition between the Russians and Americans called the Space Race.

**May 7, 1992** - The 27th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, prohibiting Congress from giving itself pay raises.

**May 13, 1943** - During World War II in North Africa, over 250,000 Germans and Italians surrendered in the last few days of the Tunis campaign. British General Harold Alexander then telegraphed news of the victory to [Winston Churchill](#), who was in Washington attending a war conference. The victory re-opened Allied shipping lanes in the Mediterranean.

**May 18, 1980** - Mount St. Helens volcano erupted in southwestern Washington State spewing steam and ash over 11 miles into the sky. This was the first major eruption since 1857.

**May 22, 1947** - Congress approved the Truman Doctrine, assuring U.S. support for Greece and Turkey to prevent the spread of Communism.

**May 25, 1994** - After 20 years in exile, Russian author Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to his homeland. He had been expelled from Soviet Russia in 1974 after his three-volume work exposing the Soviet prison camp system, *The Gulag Archipelago*, was published in the West.

**May 29, 1453** - The city of Constantinople was captured by the Turks, who renamed it Istanbul. This marked the end of the Byzantine Empire as Istanbul became the capital of the Ottoman Empire.

**May 30, 1922** - The Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C., was dedicated. The Memorial was designed by architect Henry Bacon and features a [compelling statue](#) of "Seated Lincoln" by sculptor Daniel Chester French.





## Consumer Magazine Gives Military Commissaries High Marks

Story from Military.com, [Patricia Kime](#)

Defense Department commissaries continue to rank highly on a Consumer Reports survey of the country's best supermarkets, on par with stores such as national wholesaler Costco and regional groceries Publix and Fareway.

A survey of 75,000 readers of the consumer magazine ranked Defense Commissary Agency stores in the top 10% of 96 grocery chains. DeCA stores received a score of 86, up a point from a similar 2017 survey.

Retail outlets are judged on cleanliness, prices, prepared food options, checkout speed, helpfulness of employees and the quality and selection of goods.

According to the report, commissaries received excellent reviews for pricing, cleanliness and offerings of international products. They also were noted for checkout speed, meat and poultry quality, and the quality of store brands.

Commissaries received across-the-board "good" reviews for quality and selection of produce, prepared foods, prices of organic groceries and selection of health options. They fell short, receiving a "fair" rating, for availability of locally grown products.

According to the survey, issued in Consumer Reports' April 16 issue, Central Market, a Texas chain, was ranked No. 1 on the list, with a score of 91. Wegmans ranked second, scoring 90. Trader Joe's, another national chain, ranked 4th, tied with two other markets with a score of 87. DeCA's score of 86 tied with Costco, Publix and Fareway, essentially placing it 5th on the list.

The report noted that commissaries offer competitive prices for the 38,000 items they sell, and "prices here are generally good year-round."

Rear Adm. Robert J. Bianchi, the DoD special assistant for [commissary](#) operations, said the praise of pricing makes sense, validating the commissaries' mission of offering savings to military families, veterans and retirees -- an average 24 percent compared with civilian grocery stores.

"It's no secret among our patrons that their commissaries deliver a valuable benefit, especially when it comes to product

pricing," Bianchi said. "I'm quite proud of the DeCA team for achieving these results."

More than 75,000 readers responded to the Consumer Reports survey, which included their average scoring on stores' cleanliness, competitiveness of pricing, fresh-store prepared foods, staff courtesy, checkout speed, produce quality and variety, meats/poultry quality, store brand quality, selection of healthy options, prices of organic options, selection of locally produced products, and available variety of international and multicultural products.

Bianchi pointed out that the commissary continues to expand its offerings, including a continued rollout of an online ordering and [curbside pickup program called CLICK2GO](#) at some stores and discount products under the commissary brands Freedom's Choice and HomeBase.

"Although we enjoy the publicity from this survey, we are not standing still on our merits," he said. "Commissaries will continue to improve and evolve so that they can deliver the best possible benefit for our patrons. That's why we exist."

## Oldest Units in the Military muster together after 382 years

By Sgt. 1st Class Laura Berry, Massachusetts National Guard

SALEM Mass. - Every April, in a coastal city north of Boston, Massachusetts, the Salem Muster is commemorated. For the ceremony this year, the overcast mild day was welcomed, as in the past, the unpredictable New England weather has gone from snowy or rainy to hot and sunny.

Onlookers gather in Salem Commons for the event while the four oldest units in the National Guard and organized militias "muster," just like the earliest militias in the United States military did during the first muster in 1637.

In 2013, President Barack Obama signed legislation sponsored by Massachusetts Congressman John Tierney designating Salem as the birthplace of the National Guard.

"What we do here every April is incredibly, incredibly important," said Maj. Gen. Gary W. Keefe, Adjutant General of the Massachusetts National Guard as he addressed his troops and the ceremony attendees. "Salem, Massachusetts is recognized by executive order as the birthplace of the National Guard. We have the four oldest military units in the Nation's armed forces. What I would ask you to do is learn more about the other organized militia units we have here today. The Ancient Honorable, the Second Corp Cadets, the Lancers, the YD (Yankee Division) Alumni. Get to know them. Their history goes back as far as ours in the Massachusetts National Guard and further than the Nation's."

One of the organized militia, the Second Corp Cadets Veterans Organization (SCCVO), tied in with the Second Corp Cadets, has a lineage founded in 1785 by General Stephen Abbott.

The Second Corp Cadets lineage is tied into the Field Artillery, which was the 102nd Field Artillery in Salem. Now, it is part of the 101st Field Artillery which is one of the four oldest units in the National Guard.

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The first day of the Regular 2019 Legislative Session was January 4, 2019 and the session lasts until April 28, 2019.

| Bill                      | Status           | Brief Description  | Original Sponsor                                  | Bill Action Information  |
|---------------------------|------------------|--|---|--|
| <a href="#">SI 1000</a>   | S SGTEDP         | Concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion.   | <a href="#">People of the State of Washington</a> | Apr 25 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary at 12:00 PM. (2019) |
| <a href="#">HI 1000</a>   | H Civil R & Judi | Concerning diversity, equity, and inclusion.   | <a href="#">People of the State of Washington</a> | Apr 25 Executive action taken in the House Committee on Civil Rights & Judiciary at 12:00 PM. (2019) |
| <a href="#">HB 1137</a>   | C 66 L 19        | Concerning national guard pay in state active service for wildland fire response duty.                                       | <a href="#">Leavitt</a>                           |  |
| <a href="#">ESHB 1138</a> | C 23 L 19        | Concerning the armed forces exceptions for giving notice of termination of a tenancy.  | <a href="#">Ryu</a>                               |  |
| <a href="#">SHB 1197</a>  | S Pres Signed    | Concerning gold star license plates.   | <a href="#">Riccelli</a>                          |  |
| <a href="#">SHB 1210</a>  | C 72 L 19        | Allowing nonresident children from military families to enroll in Washington's public schools prior to arrival in the state. | <a href="#">Kilduff</a>                           |  |
| <a href="#">2SHB 1448</a> | S Pres Signed    | Creating the veterans service officer program.   | <a href="#">Maycumber</a>                         |  |
| <a href="#">HB 1688</a>   | Del to Gov       | Concerning resident student status as applied to veterans.   | <a href="#">Morgan</a>                            |  |
| <a href="#">HB 2058</a>   | Del to Gov       | Concerning Purple Heart license plates.  | <a href="#">Callan</a>                            |  |
| <a href="#">ESSB 5160</a> | H Rules R        | Concerning property tax exemptions for service-connected disabled veterans and senior citizens.                              | <a href="#">Dhingra</a>                           |  |
| <a href="#">SSB 5612</a>  | C 85 L 19        | Concerning Holocaust education.  | <a href="#">Rivers</a>                            |  |
| <a href="#">SSB 5748</a>  | H Passed 3rd     | Creating an account to support necessary infrastructure nearby military installations.                                       | <a href="#">Conway</a>                            |  |

**Reference to "C & L" in the bill status above indicates the bill has been acted upon by the Governor. The C provides the Chapter number for the measure, and L indicates what year the measure was passed.**



## Widows Tax Bill Reaches Senate Milestone, But More Work Needs Done

Three more senators signed on as cosponsors of [a bill to eliminate the "widows tax,"](#) giving the bill enough support to surpass a critical legislative hurdle.

S. 622, the Military Widow's Tax Elimination Act, introduced by Sen. Doug Jones (D-Ala.), now has the backing of an additional 60 senators – enough to end debate on the bill and move to a vote.

"This is a fantastic development, and we thank Sen. Jones for his steadfast support of military families," said MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret).

Under current law, survivors of deceased military members must forfeit part or all of their purchased Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity when they are awarded the VA's Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC). The loss of any portion of the SBP annuity is known as the widows tax, and for approximately 66,000 military survivors, it makes SBP the only insurance product in the country that you pay into but are legally prohibited from collecting.

SBP is a voluntary, member-purchased annuity provided by DoD, allowing a continuation of a portion of military retired pay upon the death of the servicemember. According to DoD, the intended purpose of SBP is to "ensure that the surviving dependents of military personnel who die in retirement or after becoming eligible for retirement will continue to have a reasonable level of income."

Coverage later was expanded to active duty personnel who die from a service-connected injury or illness.

DIC is a VA-paid monetary benefit for eligible survivors whose sponsors died of a service-connected injury or disease. These separate benefits are paid for separate reasons and should not be construed as duplicative compensation.

"Ending the military widow's tax is long overdue," Jones said in a prepared statement. "These families have sacrificed more for our nation than most people can ever fully appreciate, and they deserve to get the full survivor benefits to which they are entitled and have paid for."

Before the bill can go to the floor for a vote, it must first advance out of the Senate Armed Services Committee. Sen. Jim Inhofe (R-Okla.), chairman of the committee, is a cosponsor of Jones's bill.

"We are encouraged by the level of support we've seen and urge Sen. Inhofe to allow this bill to go to the Senate floor for a vote," said Atkins.

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"Having retired from the National Guard myself, I think it is important that the public appreciate the sacrifices that you make and that we made," said Cpt. Jim Sweet, current commander of the Second Corps Cadets Veterans Association, Vietnam Veteran and retired battery commander of the 102nd Field Artillery, Massachusetts National Guard. "So this brings it to the front and says remember, remember! These are the men and women who aren't home a lot, who have to train. They have to do difficult things. They get hungry, they get cold, they go deploy overseas and they do it so that you can be happy at home. When I was in the National Guard when I was the battery commander, I used to tell the young soldiers, you're only in for a short while. Six years is not a long time in your life. Serve so you can hold your head up with honor."

Gov. Charlie Baker, governor of Massachusetts attended the muster, but also attended a wreath-laying ceremony that morning at St. Peter's Church Cemetery.

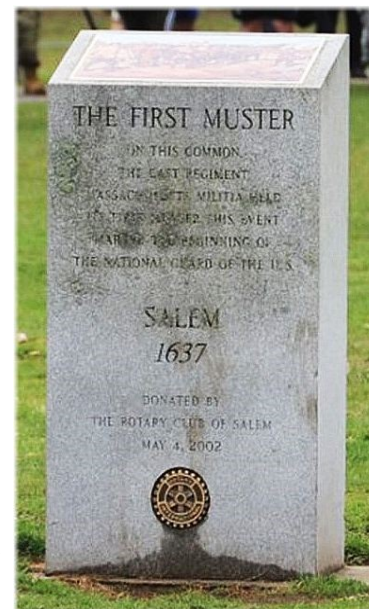
"One of the most powerful and poignant moments that take place at every one of these events is when we go to the cemetery, several folks in uniform make the trip up to the family members who are left behind present them with an American flag and tell them it's from a grateful nation," said Baker. "It is incumbent on us all to remember and to appreciate the sacrifice and the commitments that were made by those who came before us."

The crowd looked on as the formations of troops performed a "pass in review", where all of the Soldiers and militias move past Gov. Baker and Maj. Gen. Keefe for a visual examination. As they passed, each saluted the reviewing stand.

"It's a wonderful day of celebration, service, history," said a Salem dad who brought his son and daughter out to watch the Soldiers. "It is a tradition for us."

There was also a 19-round howitzer salute fired in honor of the governor and a Legion of Merit Awards ceremony for three Massachusetts National Guardsmen, Col. (Ret.) Charles Cody, Chief Warrant Officer 4 (Ret.) Lawrence Waters and Sgt. Maj. (Ret.) Peter Chase.

"This is where the first muster was held, it was the start of a dialogue and a series of events that led to a war in which a band of citizen soldiers took on the biggest, brawniest, strongest military force known to man at that time to seek their freedom," said Baker. "Over the course of several years, grit, imagination, perseverance, guts, courage and commitment, they fought their way to the free United States of America."





## VA, DoD Electronic Health Records Still Aren't Compatible, and Lawmakers Are Angry

Military.com, [Richard Sisk](#)

Acting Defense Secretary Patrick Shanahan was grilled by lawmakers Wednesday on the lengthy and costly effort to develop compatible electronic records systems between the Defense Department and the [Department of Veterans Affairs](#).

"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 Shanahan at a House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee hearing on the DoD's proposed fiscal 2020 budget.

She said a hearing last month with DoD and VA health program managers on the progress of meshing the records "was terrible." "I can't believe that these program managers think that it is acceptable to wait another four years for a program to be implemented when we've spent billions of dollars and worked on it for over a decade," Granger said.

"For 10 years we've heard the same assurances" that the electronic health records problem will be solved," Rep. Hal Rogers, R-Kentucky, said. "It's incredible that we can't get this fixed." Veterans are suffering "because of bureaucratic crap," he said.

In response to Granger, Shanahan said, "First of all, I apologize for any lack of performance or the inability of the people that testified before you to characterize the work of the department in this very vital area." He added that he personally spent "quite a bit of time on how do we merge together" with the VA on the records.

He said pilot programs to make 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, and the next step is to put the program in place at California installations this fall.

"I can give you the commitment that these corrective actions and the lessons learned will be carried forward," he said.

"There's a degree of inoperability" between the VA and DoD systems that has defied solution over the years, Shanahan said. "The real issue has been [the] passing on of the actual records. I can't explain to you the technical complexity of that.

"We owe you a better answer," he told the committee, "and four years is unacceptable" as a time frame for making the records compatible. He promised to help DoD "deliver" a fix.

Rogers recalled past promises from the VA and DoD and said he is skeptical that the latest attempt at solving the problem will be successful.

He cited the case of a service member from his district who was badly wounded in Iraq. He lost an eye, but military doctors in Germany saved his other eye, Rogers said.

The good eye later became infected. The service member went to the Lexington, Kentucky, VA Medical Center, but doctors there could not get access to his medical records in Germany.

"They could not operate because they didn't know what had been done before," Rogers said. As a result, the service member lost sight in the good eye.

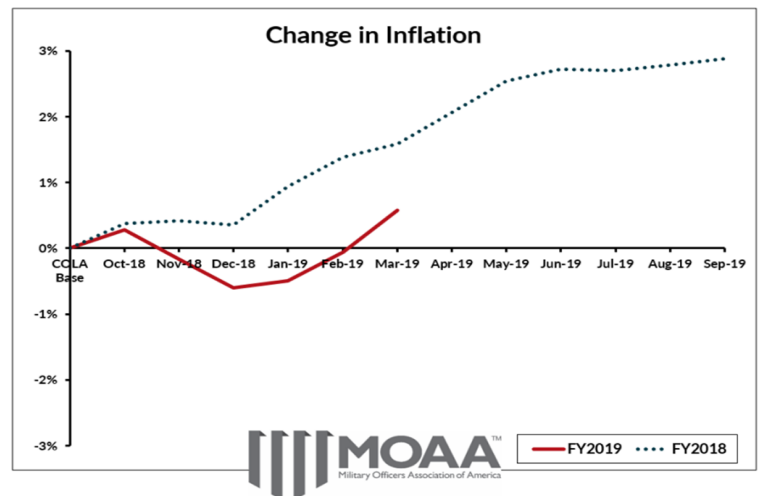
"Why can't we have the computers marry? Can you help me out here? Don't promise something you can't deliver," he told Shanahan. "I can't believe that we have not already solved this problem."

In the latest effort to mesh the records, then-Acting VA Secretary Robert Wilkie in May 2018 [awarded a \\$10 billion, 10-year contract to Cerner Corp.](#) of Kansas City to develop an integrated electronic health record (EHR) system, but related costs over the course of the contract are estimated to put the total price at about \$16 billion.

Previous attempts to mesh the EHR systems 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.

## March 2019 COLA Watch

The March 2019 CPI is 247.768, 0.6 percent above the FY 2019 COLA baseline. The Consumer Price Index for April is scheduled to be released May 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

## "Memorial Day"

It's just over two years now since we honored one of the last great soldiers of World War II, Dan Figuracion, who died April 10. Dan was a soldier's soldier. He was brave, not just beyond his call of duty, but because he believed in what he was fighting for. He loved his country, his flag, and the patriotic beliefs honoring them. He had the courage of his forefathers which helped him survive the Bataan Death March, prison camps and a time that was all too dangerous and dismal for any young man. He was the epitome of the Lord's child who fought for decency through faith. In our hearts and thoughts we each have those people we cherish and honor when any thoughts of war times are remembered. Be it relatives or friends or even widely known figures of those times, we shall never forget, nor do we want to forget them or their deeds.



This day we celebrate now as Memorial Day was first called "Decoration Day of the Graves of Our Glorious Confederate Dead" in 1866 and then evolved to simply

"Decoration Day" when Northern Ladies Groups wanted to do the same at their predominately blue uniformed graves. I remember Alabama families who were dearly close friends of my grandparents who emigrated from Scotland to Wyoming via Alabama as servants indentured for seven years. These sweet southerners did "decorate the dead, both butternut and blue" while continuing to use the original old phrase long after Congress designated May 30 as our nation's Memorial Day in 1967.

Regardless of the day of week upon which it fell it was considered a "bank holiday". All graveyards of type were adorned with flags and flowers by family members and organizations. Speeches were given, bands played martial music, and horse parades rolled by. This was a time of remembering the dead and how they made this country grow to be what it is. The quiet dead lay in their long rows, brothers together forever. Near them the tears of grief were shed by loved ones because of life cut short before the thrill of youth had bloomed.



Now Dan has joined them and they ride the heavenly paths of their Pacific islands on their pet horses they were forced to eat when that was all there was to staunch starvation. Dan did not die in foreign climes but rather in the country of his adoption at age 96. His local grave will be honored and visited with smiles and tears on Memorial Day as compatriots who served in the camps with him remember. He is remembered by we few who were with him there as a courageous young fellow who sought to maintain a presence of military order while he held fast to his faith. So many Dans in so many graveyards around the world. My family and I will pray for Dan who came to aid us with no thought of his own safety. Will you join us in prayer for this very special man and his group of friends? Or will you try to visit his grave and give a blessing prayer?

There was a sadness when modern times revised the date. We now have a movable day to assemble our memories. Does it really matter? Probably not. Do we fail to see what these memories were first based upon? We grieve every day, not just a Saturday nor a Wednesday. What difference does it make what day we suspend normal activity in favor of celebration of this country's restoration of peace in some foreign place in the world? Why are we holding picnics, going to the beach, or celebrating anything? Must we put all common sense behind us regarding the horror and dreadful tragedy of the wars we have been called to? Why must we continue to disagree to the point of warfare when we know our enemy is so barbaric? What will this teach them? We are the ones who learn, over and over, war after war, that while death comes with honor, the greater part learned is that death brings a terrible absence and the emptiness of loneliness.

Does anyone remember the lesson from Deuteronomy 33:27 "*The eternal God is your refuge. And underneath are the everlasting arms; He will thrust out the enemy before you.*" If we have faith, as taught to us as children, we will survive. If we lose that faith, we will cease and not flourish.

There is nothing in my personal remembrance like the shriek of hatred permeating our country now. There are people of goodness attacked. There are churches, temples and synagogues attacked all because of a few who have been taught to hate rather than to love. Others, sadly, have been taught to love the haters and have become equally evil. We must stop this hate: To hate is like taking poison yourself but expecting your enemy to die. It doesn't work that way.

Let us decorate our graves and remember. Let us demonstrate the love and faith for which this country has been a lighthouse for the world. Let us not offer any support to those who would lash out with hatred for any conceivable reason. Let us remember our dead and be grateful for their one-time presence on this earth and most of all let us be thankful to Our Creator for each blessing He has bestowed upon us. We shall remember as far back as memory can recall. We loved them and we remember them.

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*Alice Peeples*





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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](mailto:gerald.jackson1@comcast.net) or 253.565.6409, Steven Schenk at [steven.schenk@comcast.net](mailto:steven.schenk@comcast.net), or Chris Guppy at [guppyc@comcast.net](mailto:guppyc@comcast.net).

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

**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.



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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.



**Happy Birthday Wishes to Our Treasured Friends**

5/2 Bonnie Gilligan

5/3 Diane Ferluga

5/4 Edward Crosbie

5/7 Milton Bertrand

5/7 Charles Nelson

5/14 Pastor R.W. Johnson

5/18 Harley Moberg

5/19 Pierre Peltier

5/22 Leah Belts (Wife)

5/25 Cindy Thoma (Wife)

5/26 Michael Lacadie



**Happy Mother's Day !**

*“Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May, And summer's lease hath all too short a date.”*

*~ William Shakespeare*

**Mount Rainier Chapter Has Been Selected as a 2017 Four Star Chapter**

