

Chapter Learns About Santa's Castle

Story by Jerry Jackson

On a sunny September 15th, 27 members and guests gathered to listen to Santa's Castle President, Shelly Hinzman, accompanied by their parliamentarian, Donna Handoe. Santa's Castle is celebrating its 25th anniversary providing Christmas since 1994 to the children of Army, Air Force, Navy, Marine, Coast Guard, National Guard and Reserve families (Primarily E-4 and below) experiencing financial difficulty.

Their motto: "Believe in your inner ELF!"

Much of their work, all by volunteer elves, is presented on their website <https://www.jblmsantascastle.org/> and Facebook page.

Toys are selected by an adult family member during a two-week period prior to Christmas. Approximately 16 families per hour were received last year totaling 2075 children from 921 families. Support organizations for Santa's Castle include: Amazon "Smile" Program and the Roughnecks Toy Ride. Donations are warmly accepted – log onto their website for ease of participating.



Photos with Santa will be taken this year on site on November 1st and 2nd.

TRICARE Moves Toward Chiropractic Coverage

Chiropractic and acupuncture services could be covered by [Tricare](#) under a new policy set to be proposed in the next several months.

Currently, Tricare does not cover any chiropractic or acupuncture services for military family members.

The proposal will be issued in an official regulation change notice no later than early next year, according to a document

distributed to military support organizations this week and obtained by Military.com.

Following a mandatory public comment period, the proposal will be returned to the Defense Health Agency (DHA), where a final policy will be developed. Coverage would likely not be available to Tricare users until 2021 or early 2022, the document states.

Currently, chiropractic care is offered only to active-duty troops and activated Guard and Reserve members at 65 of the Defense Department's 54 military hospitals and 377 clinics. While Congress in 2000 ordered the DoD to provide the service to those users, it did not address coverage for military family members or retirees. Acupuncture is now offered on a limited basis through some military treatment facilities.

Just what will be covered under the new Tricare policy remains a mystery. To be covered, the services "must be proven safe and effective," according to the document, and could include "chiropractic care for certain types of pain or acupuncture for oncologic-related nausea."

Tricare officials did not respond by deadline to requests for comment.

It is estimated that adding the coverage will cost Tricare \$60 to \$70 million annually, the document states. Reimbursement rates for providers will be included in the proposed regulation, which will be published in the Federal Register, the government's official process for documenting upcoming rule changes.

The proposal comes on the heels of a [new Defense Department report](#) mandated by Congress that shows chiropractic care reduces lower back pain and may increase fitness among troops. The report was submitted to Capitol Hill this month, almost 10 years after it was first ordered.

What Tricare covers is set either by regulation developed by military health officials, such as the one being proposed, or by laws passed by Congress. Two separate laws proposed this year on Capitol Hill would order Tricare to add chiropractic coverage for certain groups, but neither has received the momentum needed to pass.



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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.

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

October 1, 1908 - [Henry Ford's](#) Model T, a "universal car" designed for the masses, went on sale for the first time.

October 2, 1967 - Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993) was sworn in as the first African American associate justice of the U.S. Supreme Court. He served until 1991 and was known for opposing discrimination and the death penalty, and for championing free speech and civil liberties.

October 4, 1582 - The Gregorian Calendar took effect in Catholic countries as Pope Gregory XIII issued a decree stating the day following Thursday, October 4, 1582, would be Friday, October 15, 1582, correcting a 10-day error accumulated by the Julian Calendar. Britain and the American colonies adopted the Gregorian Calendar in 1752.

October 6, 1973 - The Yom Kippur War started as Egypt and Syria launched attacks on Israeli positions on the East Bank of the Suez and the Golan Heights.

October 13, 1775 - The United States Navy was born after the Second Continental Congress authorized the acquisition of a fleet of ships.

October 15, 1945 - Pierre Laval, the former premier of Vichy France, was executed for collaborating with Nazi Germany during World War II.

October 19, 1781 - As their band played *The World Turned Upside Down*, the British Army marched out in formation and surrendered to the Americans at Yorktown. More than 7,000 British and Hessian troops, led by British General Lord Cornwallis, surrendered to General George Washington. The war between Britain and its American colonies was effectively ended. The final peace treaty was signed in Paris on September 3, 1783.

October 21, 1915 - The first transatlantic radio voice message was made by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company from Virginia to Paris.

October 24, 1861 - The first transcontinental telegram in America was sent from San Francisco to Washington, addressed to President [Abraham Lincoln](#) from the Chief Justice of California.

October 28, 1949 - Helen Anderson became the first woman ambassador, appointed by President Harry Truman to be Ambassador to Denmark.

October 31, 1968 - During the Vietnam War, President Lyndon Johnson ordered a halt of American bombing of North Vietnam.

Chapter Member Phil Raschke Visits National World War I Museum

Story and Photos by Phil Raschke

During a recent trip to Kansas City, MO, Chapter member Phil Raschke took time to visit the National World War I Museum and Memorial. The museum is open Tuesday to Sunday from 10 am to 5 pm and features a café, wonderful gift shop and free parking. Admission to the museum and memorial tower is \$20 regular and \$16 for veterans and seniors. Children 6 - 12 are \$12 and under 6 are free. You can get directions from the museum website. A couple of sample photos of the museum's outstanding exhibits are below.



Modern battlefield weapons such as the Browning M1917 machine gun, long range precision artillery, tanks and aviation revolutionized the battlefield.

America entered the war on 6 April 1917 and by the Spring of 1918 large numbers of American troops began arriving on French battle fronts. The image of Joan of Arc was used to encourage American women to support the war by buying war saving stamps (WSS).



Chapter member Phil Raschke points out commemorative military markers lining the entrance way to the museum. Memorial Tower is in background.

Also, the Truman Presidential Library is only a short drive away should you have some extra free time.

New Association of Privatized Housing Companies Pushing Back on Some Reforms

In the wake of withering criticism about how they have maintained the military base housing they run, five companies have formed a new coalition to represent their interests. And some have ramped up how much they spend to lobby Congress.

One of their first actions of this coalition, called the Military Housing Association, has been to meet with and send a letter to congressional staff members voicing objections to some of the [proposals for military housing reform](#). That's raised the concern of some advocates, who are already alarmed by the Trump administration's objections to the changes.

The Trump administration "strongly objects" to significant changes outlined in the Senate bill, according to their Sept. 4 letter to the armed services committees. It specifically notes issues with altering the terms of existing legal agreements

with the privatized companies.

Lawmakers heard [testimony of military families](#) earlier this year about mold, lead-based paint, water leakage and damage, vermin and host of other problems with their military housing; their frustration in getting their privatized housing company to fix them; and the lack of assistance from the military in getting their problems fixed. In a [survey](#) earlier this year conducted by the Military Family Advisory Network, more than half of the 14,558 privatized residents who responded reported having a negative experience with their housing.

The Military Housing Association, formed this year, includes the larger privatized housing companies -- Balfour Beatty Communities, Corvias, Hunt Military Communities, Lendlease Communities and Lincoln Military Housing, according to a spokeswoman for the organization, who declined to be named. The companies contacted referred questions to S-3 Public Affairs, which is an arm of S-3 Group, also a lobbying firm.

The new association's core goal "is to provide high quality housing, community amenities, and responsive property management to improve the quality of life of service members and their families who live in privatized military housing communities," the spokeswoman said, in response to questions about the association's purpose and focus, and actions taken.

As the problems with housing came to light, defense and service officials have been working with privatized housing companies to immediately address issues. The housing companies have taken a number of steps to improve services, including hiring more personnel, adding more subcontractors, finding more transparent and efficient ways to process work orders and listening directly to tenants' concerns with town halls and informal forums, the spokeswoman stated.

Committee staff members contacted by Military Times declined to comment, citing the ongoing negotiations process as House and Senate lawmakers reconcile differences in their proposals.

But Sen. Tim Kaine, D-Va., who has been vocal about his concern regarding military families' housing problems, said the bottom line is fixing the problem.

Kaine "appreciates feedback from anyone affected by the proposed changes," said Sarah Peck, a Kaine spokeswoman. "However, his number one priority is ensuring military families no longer have to endure dangerous conditions in their own homes, and that's what will determine which policies he supports."

Some of the proposals would be "legally and practically impossible to implement," stated the Trump administration's letter, from the Office of Management and Budget. The proposals would also create unfunded requirements; and, to the extent that the measures could even be implemented, would be "overly prescriptive and burdensome," officials stated.

"The provisions erroneously assume that privatized housing project entities operate as DoD contractors and that

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7 Good Reasons to Join Your Local MOAA Chapter

This has been presented before but it is worthwhile to have so that when we talk to prospective members we have good talking points.

1. Make yourself heard. MOAA's chapters provide critical grassroots support for MOAA's national legislative agenda. Our benefits are under attack and MOAA is in the fight to preserve them. Chapter members let their legislators know what's on their minds and open doors for MOAA's legislative team in Washington, D.C. In these difficult times, MOAA members need to stick together and our chapters are the best way we know to do that.

2. Giving back to the community. Chapter members are MOAA's ambassadors in their communities, supporting countless programs that make a difference in the lives of others. These members continue their "officership" service and are giving back in the truest sense.

3. Value added to chapter member lives. MOAA chapters sponsor interesting programs and opportunities to interact with civic, political, military, and business leaders on issues important to members.

4. Networking with fellow officers. Chapters include second career members in the work force and retired Service members who have contacts in their communities that can be valuable to transitioning officers.

5. Stay informed. Chapter newsletters, websites, and meetings provide you the latest information on local, state, and national issues and changes to military benefits.

6. Influencing state legislation. Most states have a council of chapters that unites every MOAA chapter in the state. These councils and independent chapters in states without a council often lobby for and pass state-level legislation that affects military members and their families, such as exempting military retired pay from state income tax or increasing funding for state-run VA programs.

7. Camaraderie with a purpose. Many chapter members miss the camaraderie and core values of military service and want to develop close and lasting friendships with other members with similar backgrounds and interests.

Open Season Is Coming: Are You Ready?

By: Paul Frost

Are you happy with your TRICARE Prime Military Treatment Facility (MTF) or Network? Or do you want more flexibility to see specialist medical providers that TRICARE Select allows?

Are you frustrated with reaching your catastrophic cap each year with TRICARE Select and want to start being seen in a nearby MTF clinic or hospital? Have you considered a medical insurance supplement?

Well, the time for changing your plans is right around the corner. Unless you have a *qualifying life event**, your medical choices (TRICARE, Dental and Vision) can only be changed during the 2020 Open Season, which begins Monday, Nov. 11, and ends Monday, Dec. 9, 2019. Changes will go into effect Jan. 1, 2020.

Did you feel rushed making your initial FEDVIP (Federal Employee Dental & Vision Insurance Program) dental or vision insurance plan decision? Are you thinking of switching plans to one that is either cheaper or more comprehensive (higher premiums, but lower co-pays for specialty care like crowns or implants)? You can make changes to those plans on those dates, as well.



Let MOAA help you navigate the decision-making process with a one-hour interactive webinar. As always, MOAA monthly webinars are open to the entire military community; you don't have to be a MOAA member to register and dial in. To register or for more information, click [here](#).

Our financial/benefits subject matter experts, Shane Ostrom, CFP® and Paul Frost, AFCE will help guide you through the [BENEFEDS website**](#), plan comparison tool, and beneficiary eligibility requirements.

Not available for the live webinar? No worries: If you register for a MOAA webinar but don't dial in, you'll receive an email with a link to the recorded program about 48 to 72 hours after airing. This link will be active for about 30 days – watch at your leisure.

Take advantage of our counselors' knowledge and expertise! [Register now!](#)

*A qualifying life event (QLE) includes: retirement, move, marriage, divorce, birth of a child, death of a beneficiary. Learn more at [TRICARE's QLE webpage](#). Learn more about FEDVIP QLEs [here](#).

** <https://www.benefeds.com/> contains the required information and tools to help you make the best decision on which plan(s) are best for you and your family. It is also the primary method for enrolling and telling BENEFEDS, the government's authorized FEDVIP manager, how you intend to pay for your plan. Use of the website is much easier, and less time consuming, than enrolling over the phone.

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2020 FEDVIP Dental and Vision Plan Prices Released

By: Paul Frost

In preparation for the upcoming open season, the Office of Personnel Management has released calendar year 2020 Federal Employee Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) pricing. Plan comparisons and pricing are now available on the www.benefeds.com website [using the FEDVIP comparison tool](#).

Overall, FEDVIP dental rates will rise by an average of 5.6% for 2020; vision premiums will increase an average of 1.5%. The change in dental premiums range from a decrease of -5.9% to an increase of 9.5% depending upon your location. OPM states that the two primary factors drove increases this year; the health care insurance providers' fee, which had been suspended in 2019 but reinstated in 2020, and an increase in utilization of services in a number of dental plans.



The average monthly Dental Premiums:

Self \$39.29

Self Plus One \$77.00

Self and Family \$112.88

The average monthly Vision Premiums:

Self \$11.09

Self Plus One \$22.13

Self Plus Family \$31.99

The 2020 TRICARE and FEDVIP open season will run from Nov. 11 to Dec. 9.

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legislation can alter the terms and conditions of previously executed legal agreements.”

That statement from the administration is of particular concern, if in fact legislation wouldn't be able to change legal agreements made with the housing companies, said Eryn Wagnon, director of government relations for the Military Officers Association of America. “As the [Army Inspector General] put it, these deal structures present unique challenges to the Army and all the services, and highly favor the companies.”

Wagnon also expressed concern that the administration's position may make some lawmakers apprehensive about pushing key and important provisions, and that the housing companies' positions on key parts of the bills might also present a barrier.

However, Wagnon said, “We're pretty confident the armed services committees are taking into consideration what they heard from families through the hearings, and through statements for the record, and that they're looking out for families' best interests.”

The Military Housing Association supports a number of provisions in the bills, such as those requiring a tenant bill of rights, processes for dispute resolution, and for designation of chief of housing officers. But they cited objections to six provisions, including one that would allow the military services to renegotiate the privatized housing contracts at least every five years.

In a position letter to staff members of the House and Senate armed services committees, the Military Housing Association stated that if the agreements were structured as five-year deals rather than the current 50-year agreements, it could affect companies' ability to do future renovations or build new homes, and could set a precedent that will make it difficult to get private-sector financing in the future.

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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.



More Veterans See Improvements in VA Health Care, VFW Survey Finds

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

More veterans are giving a thumbs up to how they are treated when seeking [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) health care, according to the annual "Our Care" survey released Friday by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

And they are feeling positive so far about the new Mission Act, with its private-care options, which went into effect in June, it found.

The survey of nearly 7,000 VFW members showed 74% reported seeing improvements at their local VA, compared to 64% in 2018. And 91% said they would recommend VA care to other veterans, compared to 80% in 2018.

The VA still has a long way to go on a range of issues, but the overall trend is in the right direction, said VFW National Commander William J. "Doc" Schmitz, who was a door gunner and crew chief in Vietnam.

"Veterans turn to VA for high-quality, individualized care, but there is always room for improvement, especially in the areas of access to quality care inside VA medical facilities and outside in the communities," Schmitz said in a statement.

Veterans who are eligible for VA care but do not use the system cited varying reasons in the survey.

Those veterans "either had additional options within their community; had a bad experience with the VA health care system; or were turned off from the benefit by the preponderance of bad stories related to delivery of VA care," the survey states.

It also found a gender difference among veterans over using VA health care.

"When comparing VA health care usage of eligible veterans by gender, female veterans were less likely to report they used VA health care [70%] than male veterans [82%]," the survey states.

When it came to the types of VA health care services used, about 86% reported using VA health benefits for primary care; 75% used specialty care; 31% used mental health care; and 27% used emergency care.

In addition, about 77% of veterans reported using VA pharmacies to receive prescription medication, the survey found.

The survey also appeared to back up the report to Congress earlier this week by Dr. Richard Stone, executive in charge of the Veterans Health Administration, on implementation of the Mission Act, which went into effect June 6 to expand private-care options for veterans.

In testimony to the House Veterans Affairs Subcommittee on Health, Stone said that the fears initially expressed by the VFW and other veterans service organizations that the Mission Act would lead to the privatization of VA health care had not been realized.

Although more than one million veterans have consulted with the VA about private care, there has been no mass exodus of veterans from VA health care thus far, he said, adding that enrollments in VA health care actually increased.

The VFW survey found that "the innovations over the past year may have expanded non-VA care options, but the response has been more veterans enrolling in the VA for more care and choosing to receive that care through VA, not an outside provider," Schmitz said.

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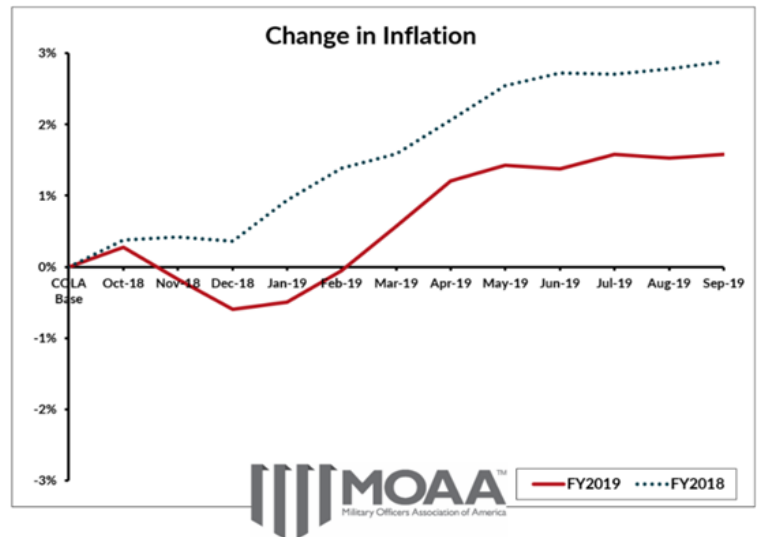
[Let's Put an End to the Widows Tax](#) It is not to late, click this link to send your message to Congress.

Lawmakers are preparing to finalize their work on the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act. The House version of the annual defense bill contains a provision to end what's commonly referred to as the widows tax.

September 2019 COLA Watch

The September 2019 CPI is 250.251, 1.6 percent above the FY 2019 COLA baseline. The 2020 COLA adjustment increase for military retirees and other government benefits will be 1.6%. COLA increases are based on the inflation measurement period of the 3rd quarter (July, August, and September) compared to the previous 3rd quarter. The 1.6 percent cost-of-living adjustment will begin with benefits payable in January 2020.

The Consumer Price Index for October is scheduled to be released Nov. 13. The CPI baseline for FY 2019 is 246.352.



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Chaplain's Corner

"A Letter of Gratitude"



Our Chapter Chaplain will return in the near future. Until then I found this inspirational piece worth pondering.

One Thanksgiving some years ago, while watching a football game, a successful businessman reflected on his life and thought of all the people who had been influential in helping him become who he was. He decided to write each person a thank you card telling him or her of his gratitude for their influence on his life.

His fourth grade teacher quickly came to mind for her insistence in striving for excellence in every endeavor. She pounded it into her students, be it regarding homework, tests, or class projects. So he sent her a thank-you note.

One day, just after the new year, he received a return letter from his former teacher. She apologized for not replying sooner, but stated that his letter took some time getting to her, since she had moved in with her daughter after retiring from 66 years of teaching grade school. She told him how thankful she was to have received his card and how it cheered her to find out he had learned so well his lessons in excellence. She went on to say that in her 66 years of teaching, this was the first thank you card she had ever received, and how grateful she was that he had taken the time to remember her.

So who is it that needs to hear from you during this holiday season?

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The Military Housing Association cited objections to these proposals:

- ◇ **Allowing the tenant to request their basic allowance for housing to be withheld from the privatized housing landlord, and requiring the Defense Finance and Accounting Service to hold it in escrow until matters are resolved, if the landlord hasn't met maintenance guidelines, or if the unit is deemed uninhabitable according to state and local law.** "They could request to withhold their BAH at any time for any reason – and DFAS is required to grant their request," the housing association stated, contending it could harm the financial viability of the project. They instead proposed a different "orderly and fair process" in which the company would withhold the BAH.
- ◇ **Requiring the landlord to pay all medical bills for a tenant of a housing unit, if service officials have determined that the company hasn't maintained the minimum standards of habitability.** If the companies have lifetime liability for medical bills, this could result in the housing

project's insolvency, the companies stated, adding that military families have the option of requesting mediation or arbitration as required by state law, and residents have the ability to take the case to court.

- ◇ **Requiring a 10-year maintenance history of the home to tenants.** Instead, the housing companies propose the prospective tenant receive the results of the move-out inspections, using a proposed hazard assessment tool in the House proposals.

- ◇ **Requiring DoD to publish all the financial details of each contract in the Federal Register.** The companies aren't opposed to sharing important financial information with their DoD partners and with the congressional defense committees, they noted. They're open to further disclosure and financial transparency -- assuming such disclosures are reasonable and don't jeopardize sensitive business information, they stated, noting their contract documents already require "significant disclosure" of financial information.

- ◇ **Diverting 3 percent of BAH to pay for DoD housing inspectors.** "We are strongly opposed to using BAH as a funding mechanism for other DoD priorities. BAH is the revenue source that drives the [housing privatization] program," the companies stated, and is not profit for the companies. Rather, it's used for maintenance, debt payments and long term sustainment of the housing. The proposal would divert millions of dollars of BAH revenue, and DoD would be, in effect, asking service members to subsidize the DoD's cost of doing business, the companies stated.

A search of the nonprofit Center for Responsive Politics' website [OpenSecrets.org](https://www.opensecrets.org) indicates that some of the five members of the Military Housing Association have apparently stepped up their lobbying spending this year. For example, Balfour Beatty Communities had increased spending on home builder lobbying from \$20,000 in 2018, to spending \$120,000 through July 24 of this year. But of note, Balfour Beatty Communities include more than military housing, such as other multifamily communities and student communities, so it's unclear whether there were military-specific issues of interest. There were no lobbying expenses cited for 2017.

Lincoln Military Housing has already increased its spending on real estate lobbying by 57 percent in the first seven months of 2019, compared to all of 2018. They've spent \$220,000 through July 24, compared to \$140,000 in 2018. No lobbying expenses were listed for 2017.

Corvias Military Living is on track to spend about what they did in the last two years on "miscellaneous defense" lobbying. They've spent \$60,000 as of July 24, compared to \$120,000 in each of the last two years.

Lendlease Corporation is also on track with last year's numbers, spending \$120,000 in the first seven months of 2019 on general contractors lobbying, compared to \$240,000 in all of 2018, and \$160,000 in 2017. This company also has a broader portfolio than military housing.

Hunt Companies so far this year is spending less on real estate lobbying: \$160,000 in the first seven months, compared to \$575,000 in all of 2018. In 2017, the company spent \$160,000. The company has been named in lawsuits filed by military families at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss. (Of note: Hunt Military Communities is part of the larger Hunt Companies.)



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.

Happy Birthday Wishes to Our Treasured Friends

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| 10/26 Peter Franklin | |
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"September is dressing herself in showy dahlias and splendid marigolds and starry zinnias. October, the extravagant sister, has ordered an immense amount of the most gorgeous forest tapestry for her grand reception."

~ Oliver Wendell Holmes

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 253.691.5766, Pat Campion at campione@yahoo.com or 253-847-7068.

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

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

10 November 2019: Joint meeting hosted by MOWW. The guest speaker is CAPT Megan Dean, Chief of Staff, 13th District U. S. Coast Guard, Seattle. RSVP to President Jackson, contact information above.

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

As we work to establish programs for the new calendar year, please contact any of the officers or directors with your ideas. We look forward to your assistance in making our programs informative and our gathering enjoying for all.

Time to get ready beer and polkas



Northwest Patriot News

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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
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Mount Rainier Chapter 2018 Col Marvin J. Harris Communication and Level of Excellence Five Star Awards

