



# Northwest Patriot News

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## Links of Interest

[www.mountrainiermoaa.org](http://www.mountrainiermoaa.org)

[www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

<http://takeaction.moaa.org/>

[www.dva.wa.gov](http://www.dva.wa.gov)

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## From the President

Welcome to June. Hope everyone in the Mt. Rainier Chapter world is still enjoying life to its fullest in spite of sheltering in place. We were able to hold a chapter meeting in May on Zoom and had approximately 30 in attendance with an interesting and informative presentation by Sean Dennerlein, Pierce County Veterans Programs Director. Current board members Curt Atkinson and Doug Taylor were reelected to the board for a two year term. We expect to do the same for the next meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Come on out and enjoy the fun.

Jerry Jackson, President

## Events Update

Patriots Landing is still in a holding pattern as a meeting site. We are happy to report that all residents are well. The upcoming business calendar remains a work in progress. The following is current as we know it – subject to change:

28 June – Zoom

12 July – Rainier baseball

23 August – Heritage Hill picnic

20 September – Back to Patriots Landing

18 October – Oktoberfest

8 November – “Ragtime”/USO Fundraiser

4 December – Christmas Gala

Look for email updates as time goes by. Presently we have 104 active members of whom 3 do not have email addresses. In reviewing and updating the membership, it became evident that some email addresses were out of date and/or had changed. Please endeavor to keep the chapter apprised of any changes.



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## From National

**Travel** - <https://www.moaa.org/content/topic-and-landing-pages/military-officer-magazine-live-and-play-2020/>

**Survivor's Checklist** - <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/survivor-checklist-detail/>

**Military Tax Scam** – <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/beware-of-this-possible-military-tax-scam/>

**Military Spouse Employment Guide** -

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/Military-Spouse-Employment-Guide-Detail/>

Under “Links of Interest” note the MOAA “Take Action” link. Please review that often for legislative action important to MOAA members.

## Surviving Spouse Liaison Corner

**“Help Your Survivors Now”**: A guide to planning ahead walks you through potential financial benefits such as the Survivor Benefits Plan, continuing entitlements such as TRICARE, and includes a checklist for when a servicemember dies: <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/help-your-survivors-detail/>

## Why **MOAA**? Why Storm the Hill?

For a short informative Utube video addressing both issues see Dan Merry, MOAA Vice President Government Relations:

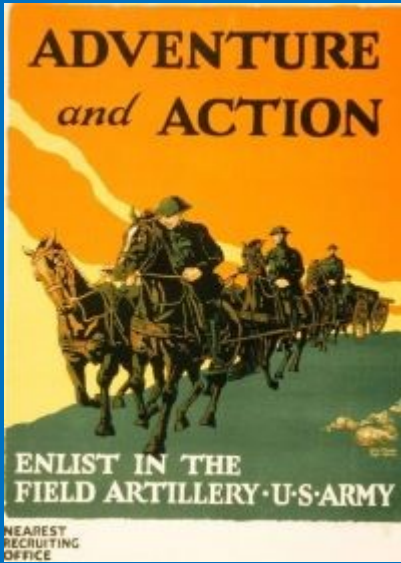
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uuHiFOAT0IQ>

## So. Sound Military & Communities Partnership

The Mt. Rainier Chapter is a member of this partnership whose mission is: *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.* SSMCP recently held an Elected Officials Council virtual event which included Colonel Erin Staine-Pyne, Commander, 62<sup>nd</sup> Airwing at JBLM. I attended this event and found Col. Staine-Pyne’s comments regarding stationing criteria at JBLM to be interesting. There were four primary points: housing, schools, dependent employment opportunities, and child care. One other note of interest from this event is that Freedom Fest may be scheduled for August 21 – 25.

Jerry Jackson





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## Memorial Day 2019 From the Past



Curt Atkinson and Ray Dotson - Memorial Day 2019 - Mt. View Memorial Park

## Virtual Memorial Day 2020

**For a virtual presentation of the 2020 PCVAC/Mt. View ceremony including one of our own raising the flag, go to:**

[https://viewneral.zoom.us/rec/play/tZ15cuj8\\_G83E9Kd4wSDAKNxW9S6eq-s2nJL-fENzxmV3VRNgWiM7IbYuvzf6GJpnYe55IPLa-Fbdb6](https://viewneral.zoom.us/rec/play/tZ15cuj8_G83E9Kd4wSDAKNxW9S6eq-s2nJL-fENzxmV3VRNgWiM7IbYuvzf6GJpnYe55IPLa-Fbdb6)

## Chaplain's Corner

**He who flows after righteousness and mercy find life, righteousness, and honor**

**Proverbs 21:21, Modern English Version**

**When there is a multitude of worries within me, Your comforts delight my soul.**

**Psalms 94:19**

**My prayer for each one who reads these is a closer walk with the God who is always in control, even when things seem out of control.**

## Did You Know?

**That June 14<sup>th</sup> is the Birthday of the United States Army? Also, George Washington was appointed Commander in Chief on the 15<sup>th</sup>.**

