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Links of Interest

www.mountrainiermoaa.org

www.moaa.org

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

www.dva.wa.gov

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From the President

Here we are in May and still *Sheltering in Place*. In addition to the good work that MOAA does on behalf of veterans at the national level, one of the primary benefits of being a chapter member is the friendship and camaraderie that prevails among members. One of my foremost concerns during this trying time in our world is to ensure that we find a forum to retain relationships in the Mt. Rainier Chapter family. Towards that end, we will endeavor to hold a virtual meeting for May – please see Events Update for more.

Jerry Jackson, President

Events Update

Patriots Landing cancelled all events for the month of May and quite likely June, however, we intend to hold a virtual meeting via *ZOOM on May 17th at 1:00 PM*. Look for an invitation via email. At that meeting, we will be taking nominations for two Director positions for the next two years and expect to vote on same at that meeting. Look for a complete revised annual event schedule as things change on the website.

Upcoming activities that the chapter is usually involved with which have been modified in accordance with the Governor's directives include: Memorial Day Ceremony at Mt. View Memorial Park to be *VIRTUAL* – check their website for details; the June *RAGTIME* play/USO fundraiser at the Lakewood Playhouse to be rescheduled; and R/JROTC award presentations are either cancelled or virtual. National's annual *Storming the Hill* this year will be virtual – see *Military Magazine* for updates and email information from the chapter.

New Members

Our membership continues to ebb and flow. Currently, we have 103 regular active members, 2 social members, and 2 honorary members. This continues to be a work in progress. National has sent an email to all non-chapter members in the state inviting them to consider joining a chapter. We are hopeful of capturing some of those members.



WSPD

Just in case you were not aware. This year's Patriotic Day streaming video is available to watch on YouTube at this address: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mPgirhQ7Cps&feature=youtu.be>

From National

E Newsletter Topics:

Advocacy – Stay posted on MOAA's legislative efforts and congressional votes affecting you and your benefits.

Health Care & Earned Benefits – Keep up to date on TRICARE and VA changes, along with other health care and military benefit issues and updates.

Transition & Career – Get information and resources from MOAA experts to help you transition through every stage of life and career: active service, military retirement, civilian career, and full retirement.

Finance – MOAA's financial insiders and experts offer unbiased financial, investment, and retirement news, advice, and guidance. We'll also alert you to military discounts on travel packages, for Veterans Day, etc.

Recommended Reads – Military-themed must-reads, including interviews, book reviews, history, policy and operational news, and more.

Spouse & Family – Hear from MOAA military spouses about challenges and solutions affecting your life and career on the home front.

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

Chaplain's Corner

The coming of spring weather is especially exciting for me this year. World events that began in late winter have presented us with change even greater than what began on 11 September 2001. My prayer for each of us in the Rainier Chapter is that God's mercy in all of this is seen ever more brightly, even as the sun becomes brighter and brighter in the spring season.

Did You Know?

That the Month of May includes: National Military Appreciation Month; Loyalty Day; Silver Star Service Banner Day; National Day of Prayer; Military Spouse Appreciation Day; Children of Fallen Patriots Day; Armed Forces Day; Memorial Day; and of course Mother's Day.