



# Northwest Patriot News

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[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 our first effort at an electronic newsletter in brief form to keep you all updated in a punctual manner. Your comments as we progress are welcome in order to make this forum as effective as possible. Before commenting, however, please review the format and links to articles of value understanding that this newsletter is simply an expeditious and hopefully informative communication tool and will continue to be a work in progress.

The board's intent is to publish a newsletter in its multi-page form that you are accustomed to on the first month of each quarter throughout the year. Interim months will be in this format. You will notice that we will include links to much of the information that you have enjoyed in the past to the Mount Rainier Chapter website. If you have not been on the chapter's website for some time, click on it. Director Doug Taylor's wife, Sarah, is our new webmaster and has done a wonderful job in restructuring the site.

You will find my email address and telephone number under contacts. Do not hesitate to contact me with comments or concerns.

Jerry Jackson, President

#### Events Update

As you are aware, we cancelled our March 15, 2020 brunch. Patriots Landing cancelled all events for the month of March due to the COVID-19 problem. Our next meeting will be on April 19 at Patriots Landing assuming no change in venue – stand by. At that meeting, we will be taking nominations for two Director positions for the next two years. Look for a complete annual event schedule on the website.

#### New Members

We are in the midst of reviewing our membership rolls to bring current. Many of you have received either email or surface mail from either me or our membership chair, Ray Dotson, regarding present or future membership status. We continue to pursue new members in order to keep the chapter vibrant. Thank you to all who have renewed their membership. We welcome Terrie Perreault who many of you will recall was our speaker at the January brunch.

## WSPD

Washington State Patriotic Day was on February 22, 2020. Many of your chapter members attended including: Pat Campion, Bob & Karen Schwartz, Ray & Coti Dotson, Cheryl Toland, Don Campbell, Gail Porter, and Jerry & Penny Jackson. There were 95 organizations in attendance. There were 12 of us who adjourned to the Rein Haus for some post event camaraderie including getting acquainted with a relatively new member, Kevin Ballard. Again, go to the website for a pictorial of the presentation.

## From National

Copy and paste the following for direct link to:

- **MOAA Shares its Priority List with Congress:**  
<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/whats-next-for-the-va-moaa-shares-its-priority-list-with-congress/>
- **Surgeons General Voice Concern About Health Care Reforms:**  
<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/service-surgeons-general-voice-concern-about-military-health-care-reforms/>

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

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