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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

Hello Mt. Rainier, welcome to “Mini One of Twenty-One”. Here we are in February not wishing time away but looking forward to March, Spring, and more progress to normalcy. How are you doing out there? Been vaccinated yet? The members that I have heard from are posturing for either shot #1 or #2. Considering demographics, virtually the entire chapter should be in that category. Let us know if you are having difficulty scheduling an appointment – we may have some answers.

Mt. Rainier Chapter did you know that you are hiring?

Your President, VP Legislative Affairs, VP Chapter Affairs, and Secretary all go out to pasture in April. In addition, one Director position will be open. It is time for all chapter members to consider what kind of chapter you want going forward and put forth candidates for these positions. It is time to volunteer, step in the water at the chapter level and contribute to a national organization committed to supporting veterans.

The board has had Zoom meetings as scheduled and is moving towards the day we can all connect in person. We are attempting to schedule a face-to-face meeting in February which we should be able to announce the second week in February. Absent that, we will defer to March in an effort to resume business/social meetings.

With all that it is time to “Valentine”.

Jerry Jackson, President





Events Update

Chapter meetings continue to be a work in progress. *Zoom is always an option but we are endeavoring to return to face-to-face as soon as possible. Remain alert to change.*

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20 February - Washington State Patriotic Day live has been cancelled. A virtual presentation is being offered at 1:00 PM at the following Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/880803874?pwd=QnFycEhJQTVaZmpkamhoQkdJRmRoZz09>

21 March – Zoom/F2F? Presenter: Rochelle Hicklin, JBLM, Directorate Personnel & Family Readiness

25 April - Election of Officers

16 May - Installation of Officers

27 June - TBA

XX July - Baseball! TBA

15 August – Heritage Hill, JBLM, Picnic

From National

Advocacy in Action: Details on MOAA's Spring Campaign

The big event this year is Advocacy in Action, the new name for our annual legislative push on Capitol Hill.

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/advocacy/advocacy-in-action-details-on-moaas-spring-campaign/>

It's Time to Verify Your Tax Withholding

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/its-time-to-verify-your-tax-withholding/>

VA Under New Leadership: How the New Secretary's Priorities Align

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/advocacy/va-under-new-leadership-how-the-new-secretarys-priorities-align-with-moaas/>

MOAA's 2020-21 TRICARE Guide:

<https://www.moaa.org/micro/tricare-guide/>

The Latest on Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/the-latest-on-getting-a-covid-19-vaccine/>

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



Chaplain's Corner – Gail Porter

Abraham Lincoln's final words of the Gettysburg Address reflect words from the final sentence of the Declaration of Independence. Each affirms our nation's existence as being "under God" and with "...a firm reliance on the protection of divine Providence..."

God is still in the business of answering heartfelt prayer. Please pray with me that America may again understand its foundational principles and move forward in this understanding.

Surviving Spouse Liaison Corner - Cheryl Toland

Please refer to the two following programs for assistance:

The Respite Relief for Military and Veteran Caregivers program is expanding nationwide with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation and the VA to give veteran family caregivers a break by providing no-cost, short-term aid in their homes during the COVID-19 pandemic
MOAA - No-Cost, Short-Term Caregiver Respite Program Expanding Nationwide.

<https://blogs.va.gov/VAntage/77676/support-veteran-caregivers-covid-19/>

TAPS, Tragedy Assistance Program For Survivors provides comfort, care and resources to all those dealing with the death of a military loved one. Through TAPS since 1994 there is found many supporting networks & connections for help 24/7 at no cost to surviving families and loved ones.

<https://www.taps.org/join>

<https://www.taps.org/mission>

Since snow is in the forecast, let's close out this issue of the newsletter with a little wishful thinking along with that getoutoftownitis

