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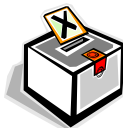
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**5 Star Chapter President's Message**  
**By Ralph Shrigley**

We're headed to the Coeur d'Alene Resort for the 17 October social (*meal served at your table*). At a time when we're beginning to hear challenges in Washington re: the expense of honoring prior commitments to disabled veterans and retirees, we are fortunate to have as our speaker **MG Leslie Burger, US Army, MC (Ret.)**, as our guest speaker. Following 33 years of service in the US Army, including a tour as CG Walter Reed AMC, Dr. Burger served as an executive with the VA overseeing medical services in Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Alaska. He is Chairman of the Washington State Medical Quality Assurance Commission and a consultant to the Washington State Veterans Affairs Advisory Council.

Also on the agenda for the social will be election of Chapter Officers and Directors. I am pleased to report that we will be introducing several individuals who have stepped forward to join the board. Please remember to bring items and contributions for the Support the Troops box. The deadline to send packages off to the troops in time for Christmas is nearly upon us.



The election season is approaching, and I would like to draw your attention to the article on page 4 concerning the strictly nonpartisan nature of MOAA and how to preserve that status while we exercise our freedoms.

Please take a look at [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org), MOAA national's website. It is an excellent source of current information on the growing debate on the issue of veterans' and retiree benefits. Our service men and women in uniform are beginning the 9<sup>th</sup> consecutive year of combat operations against a fanatical, transnational enemy unlike any our nation has faced in the past. We are meeting this challenge with a relatively small all-volunteer force. While this fight continues, our nation is trying to dig out of a major financial crisis and there are several efforts afoot to reduce the huge deficits. Once again we see efforts to balance the budget by reducing promised benefits to military retirees and disabled veterans. **We as members of MOAA will be a major force in influencing the direction of this debate.** In addition to your continued, active membership I ask that you stay informed of the progress of this debate and make certain to let our legislators and the President know your views.

**Chapter Wives & Widows Club**  
**2010 Meeting Dates**

- 2 MAR: Vintages
- 6 APR: Chaps Coffee Co. & Good Eats
- 4 MAY: High Tea
- 1 JUN: Arbor Crest Wine Cellars Cliff Hse.
- 6 JUL: Dockside, CDA Resort
- 3 AUG: Harvest House
- 7 SEP: Ci Shenanigans
- 5 OCT: PF Chang's China Bistro
- 2 NOV: Christ Kitchen
- 7 DEC: Peacock Room, Davenport Hotel

**BRING SOMETHING TO THE**  
**17 OCT SOCIAL FOR**  
**SUPPORT THE TROOPS**

**2010 Chapter Socials**

- 21 MAR- Northern Quest Casino
- 25 APR - Mukogawa Ft. Wright
- 13 JUN - Bob & Maggie Imle's
- 12 SEP - Ferraro's Italian Rest.
- 17 OCT - Coeur d'Alene Resort
- 5 DEC - Mukogawa Ft Wright

## Welcome New Members

## Now Hear This!

LCDR Michael Waters, USNR and wife Julie, Spokane

### TAPS

Ellen Burnham, wife of Charles Burnham 1/8/10  
 Lisa Michelle (Hausmann) Manley, daughter of  
 Louanne and John Hausmann 9/2/10  
 CDR Ronald Moreland, USN (Ret.) 8/18/10



**Spokane Chapter, MOAA  
 2009 First Prize Winner**

**Best Legislative Coverage for  
 Website**

## Ladies & Gentlemen of the WA State Cemetery

The Ladies and Gentlemen have begun publishing an incredible newsletter! Our own Joy Fahmer (new MOAA member) is the editor and she is doing a wonderful job. If you would like to receive a monthly email copy, please send your address to Joy at joyfbf@msn.com. Put "L&G newsletter" in the subject line. To receive it by U.S. Mail, write a check for \$7 to Ladies and Gentlemen WSVC and send it to me at 2620 South Bolivar Road, Veradale WA 99037-9370. Beth Ann Daigre, Founder and Chair LGWSVC P.S. To volunteer one day per month, call me at 509-220-6508.



## Widows and Wives Club

On 7 September we met at Ci Shenanigans and, although the weather did not allow us to eat lunch on the patio as we had hoped, we had the large lounge area by the fireplace mostly to ourselves.

The planning committee met on 16 September to select the 2011 meeting places. I'll send out the new calendar to the dues paying members (\$10/ year) via email or snail mail. Of course, it will also appear in each issue of our chapter newsletter.

In August our club purchased ten wreaths from Wreaths Across America for our new Veterans Cemetery. They will be delivered the week of 5 December and placed at grave sites on Saturday, 11 December at noon. All are welcome to attend the ceremony.



Our next luncheon will be 5 October at PF Chang's China Bistro, 801 W. Main, Spokane. We start at 1 PM. To save your place at the table, please call Elaine Anderson 509-328-5556. St. John's Cathedral tours are only on Wednesday. Since our luncheon is on Tuesday, we will not be able to go there.

Our gathering on 2 November will be at Christ Kitchen 2410 N. Monroe Street, Spokane at 1 PM. We will have a Box Lunch for a cost of \$10.87. Your choices are: Chicken Salad or Tuna Salad Sandwich; garden side salad or Caesar side salad; brownie or sugar cookie; bottled water. Simple but tasty! Call your reservation and food order to me (Beth Ann Daigre) at 509-921-9581. I do not yet have an answer about touring Christ Clinic (right next door).

### Our Hat Is Off to:

Member Recruiters	Chapter YTD 2010	Give Me 10 YTD 2010
<b>Convert to Life:</b> Vince Shrigley George Bombel		2
Beth Ann Daigre		5
Marilyn Hunt	2	21
Bob Imle	1	10
Margaret Imle	1	10
Ralph Shrigley		1
Pat Tolley	1	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>49</b>

**Support The Troops:** \$267 donations. 8 boxes (64.3#) sent to 44 men & 32 women in Iraq & Afghanistan (USAF, USMC, Army).

**Legislative Letters:** 1083 sent as of 15 September 2010.

**Raffle Donations:** March: AF&A Museum \$200, APR: Ladies & Gents of the WA State Cemetery \$160, JUN: \$190 MOAA Scholarship Fund, SEP: \$175 Support the Troops

**Chapter Donations:** \$100 to Washington State Veterans Cemetery

**Widows & Wives Food Bank Donations:** 69 pounds of food, \$7 cash. They also sent 15 get-well cards to a soldier at Walter Reed who was recovering from a roadside IED explosion in Afghanistan.

### NEED a RIDE to a SOCIAL?

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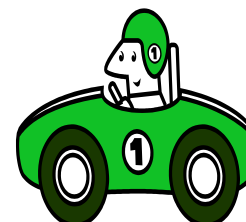
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Chapter dues expire on 31 DEC 2010 for those listed below. If you will send a check with this coupon, it will save over \$200 in paper, postage and printing. Chapter dues are separate from National dues. There are no Life Chapter Memberships.

Chapter Dues: Regular member \$40/3 yrs. or \$15/ 1 yr. Auxiliary member \$25/ 3 yrs. or \$9/ 1 yr. (Auxiliary member is the surviving spouse of a deceased member). **MAKE CHECK TO SPOKANE CHAPTER MOAA.**

**MAIL TO: SPOKANE CHAPTER MOAA, P.O. BOX 466, VERADALE WA 99037.**

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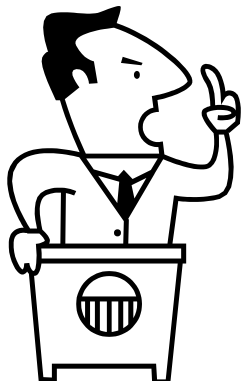
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Battaglia	Denniston	Humphreys	Miller	Secor
Beaman	Dickinson	Jackson, Daniel	Minkler	Selberg
Bennett	Dowers	Jackson, Douglas	Mogensen	Simpson
Billingslea	Duncan	Jacobson	Moore	Skarka
Black	Eller	James II	Moreland	Stark
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Blair	Ferro	Jenkins	Murphy	State
Blake	Fey	Johnson	Neary	Sundholm
Boot	Fitzgerald	Jordan	Neil	Thie
Bowman	Fliger	Jose	O'Leary	Thompson
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Burdett	Frakes	Kelly	Peck	Trotter, Thomas
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**Don't Jeopardize MOAA's Non-Profit Status  
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We hope this finds you engaged in the debates and issues involved in the current election season. There are some guidelines, however, that are important to remember.

The fact that you are a MOAA member or chapter officer does not preclude you from engaging in campaign activities on behalf of candidates of your choice, ***BUT*** do not make any references to, or mention, MOAA while performing campaign activities. If your name appears in an advertisement favoring a candidate, the advertisement must not mention your MOAA membership or any MOAA office that you hold, or may have held.

MOAA is strictly a nonpartisan organization. For both legal and practical reasons, our chapters and individuals must steer clear of any activities that associate MOAA with a political party or the election or defeat of a political candidate.



Practically speaking, electoral advocacy by MOAA (including any chapter or individual member), could endanger our favorable tax status, which MOAA utilizes in management of chapter affairs. Regardless of the outcome of the 2010 elections, MOAA national will be meeting with the elected officials soon after final election results are known. Some of those elected officials will be reelected incumbents and some will be newly elected. It is important that all view us as nonpartisan advocates for our issues.



**Wow! The Winners Are...  
Dick & Dorothy Carson, and  
Hobart Jenkins!**

Long time chapter members and supporters **Dick and Dorothy Carson** were recently honored to learn that the neighborhood park at the Merkel Complex will be named Carson Park! Dick was Chairman of NW Neighborhoods for three years. In addition to that, he established the Gonzaga Prep Kiwanis Key Club and Circle K at Gonzaga University. He also spearheaded the establishment of a paid Chaplain for the Spokane Police Department and got Kiwanis to pay for it for the first year, was involved in the Boy Scouts for 60 years, and taught aeronautics at Arcadia High School. Best of all, he was our Chapter President in 1998, and on the Board for many years!

As for **Hobart Jenkins**, Spokane Community College is naming the new Jenkins Wellness Center after him! Slated to open in January 2011, it will recognize his contributions up through 1974, first as Dean of Instruction and then SCC President. When he first arrived on campus, the school was scattered in houses, garages and shops. During his tenure, they built the Student Union Building and gym, and created nursing facilities, an auto shop and library. Hobie was also the "prime mover" behind the construction of the Community Center in Bayview, Idaho, and he arranged for us to have our June 2009 social there and a tour of the Naval Acoustic Research Detachment.

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Sunday 17 October 2010 at Coeur d'Alene Resort  
1230 Social time, 1315 meal service begins  
DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT YOUR TABLE

We MUST receive reservations in the chapter mailbox NLT 8 October; no late reservations or walk-ins, as each meal must be ordered in advance. Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for Sunday, 17 October 2010 . My check to "Spokane Chapter MOAA" in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$27 times the number of reservations) is enclosed. **Menu: (1)** Angus Beef Pot Roast w/Yukon Gold mashed potatoes & gravy or **(2)** Pan Roasted Chicken Supreme w/Roasted Garlic-Mushroom Marsala Sauce & Tagliatelle pasta noodles. Included are vegetables, Iceberg-Romaine salad, matchstick carrots, wheat and French tea rolls, coffee, iced tea, or Tazo hot tea, and Chef's choices for dessert. Guest speaker MG Leslie Burger, US Army, MC (Ret.).

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ member/guest (circle one) (BEEF or CHICKEN) (circle one)

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Future program suggestions (food, location, speakers, etc. ) \_\_\_\_\_

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**Directions** to the Coeur d'Alene Resort: From I-90 – Exit 11, turn right on Northwest Blvd toward City Center. This will take you to the lake and the Coeur d'Alene Resort. You may park in the parking garage unless you have a tall vehicle. When you leave, tell the attendant that you were at the MOAA social.  
Please call with any questions: **Bob Imle @ (509) 701-3342..**

**REMINDER: Please bring the following:**

- **3 postage stamps and 6 address labels for EACH person attending (for legislative letters)**
- **Something for the raffle or for our troops serving in harm's way (\$\$ for postage also welcome).** Troops appreciate beef jerky, hand & foot warmers, popcorn, ramen soup, socks, baby wipes, toothbrushes, miniature packages of cookies, candy, chicken or tuna with crackers, gum, lotion, lip balm, small deodorant, shampoo, lotion & soap (like a motel provides), neckcoolers & female hygiene products. No books please!

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### **Used Car Salesman Looking for Former Military Doctors & Dentists**

**By Marilyn Hunt—cinc@frontier.com or (208) 773-1074**

Is your doctor or dentist a former U.S. military officer? If so, they're eligible to join MOAA and the chapter. I know I sound like a used car salesman, but this is the best time to do it. Why? Because membership in MOAA national is normally \$31 a year. But former officers can join for *two* years for \$28 under MOAA's Give Me Ten program AND we'll give them a \$10 discount on a chapter membership. Their discounted chapter membership price is \$5 for one year or \$30 for three. (Normal price is \$15/one year or \$40/three years). My husband Bob says that if your doctor or dentist has saved your life or your teeth, you owe it to them to buy them a membership. I say call me and tell me who you want to recruit. I'll do the paperwork and you'll get the credit.

**Bottom line: two years of MOAA membership and three years of chapter membership for \$58 instead of \$102—a total savings of \$44—or 43%! And they get the *Military Officer* magazine every month, the chapter newsletter six times a year, Pentagon Federal Credit Union credit card with 5% savings on gas purchases, 20% discount on Garrett Financial Planning, Vanguard 529 savings plan, MOAA Travel discounts, high-value insurance programs, discounts on Dell computers & Apple products, MOAA sponsored mortgages, exclusive money market account & market-leading money market CDs.**

**Casualty Assistance Officer:** Bernie Fritz is the casualty assistance officer for Fairchild AFB and the surrounding area. His office is in Bldg. 240 at 7 W. Arnold St.. He can be reached at 509-247-4488. If you leave a message, he will call you back.

#### **FAFB Retiree Activities Office**

**Bldg. 240, 7 W. Arnold St., 509-247-4029**

The Retired Affairs Office needs volunteers. Serving at the RAO is a perfect excuse to travel out to the base and visit the exchange/commissary at the same time. Call them!

**Chapter Speakers Bureau:** If you're willing to speak about your military experience, call Chuck Latimer (509) 326-2978.