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### 5 Star Chapter President's Message

By Rufus Hoefer

We're having our **21 SEP social** at a place where we've never been - the **Highlands Golf Course Grill and Tap House in Post Falls!** Please join us for a tasty Italian buffet, no-host bar, and lively guest speaker, **Theresa Hart**. She will tell us about **Newby-ginnings**, which provides essential household items **FREE** of CHARGE to veterans, active military, and Gold Star families. Please come and learn how you can donate items that will help you **clean out and downsize!** See p. 3 for more details and p. 5 for the reservation coupon.

The Spokane Chapter was awarded its **NINTH consecutive 5 Star Chapter level of excellence award!** Many thanks to all of you for the things you did to make this possible. My sincere appreciation to Marilyn Hunt who has authored all nine applications. She emphatically states that it's only possible because you give her so much to write about.

Congratulations also to **Col Brian M. Newberry** on his retirement as the Wing Commander 92 Air Refueling Wing and from the US Air Force at the end of July. He has accepted a position as Executive Director of Leadership Spokane. I also want to welcome **Col McDaniel, USAF**, the incoming 92 ARW Commander, arriving from Chadian Air Base, Japan.

Army Captains and Army Majors might not be feeling too happy. To hit Army 2015 year end strength targets, **"pink slips" will be going out to approximately 1200 Army officers.** News stories surfaced regarding the way the Army handled the notifications to these involuntarily selected to be separated, some while deployed in combat zones.

Grassroots legislative power is directly related to the number of MOAA members who stay informed. **Go to [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org), and in the upper left hand corner click on Take Action, then click on Weekly Legislative Updates** to sign up (see article on p. 4 for more detail). If you have difficulties, call the MOAA Member Service Center at 800-234-6622 who will review your personal information and settings with you over the phone.



**Bring Something to  
the 21 SEP Social for  
SUPPORT THE  
TROOPS**

#### 2014 Chapter Social Dates

16 Mar Northern Quest Casino  
27 Apr Mukogawa Ft. Wright  
8 Jun Longhorn BBQ  
21 Sep Highlands Golf Course  
Grill & Tap, Post Falls  
26 Oct Coeur d'Alene Resort  
7 Dec Mukogawa Ft. Wright

#### 2014 Wives & Widows Club Meeting Dates



7 Jan	Toro Sushi Bar & Grill
4 Feb	Davenport Hotel Tower Safari Rm
4 Mar	Twigs North
1 Apr	Grill from Ipanema
6 May	May Tea at the Silver Spoon
3 Jun	Dockside—Coeur d'Alene Resort
1 Jul	Twigs Bistro & Martini Bar
5 Aug	Beachouse Bar & Grill—CdA
2 Sep	Corbin Park picnic
7 Oct	MAX—Mirabeau Park Hotel
4 Nov	P.F. Chang's China Bistro
2 Dec	Anthony's Restaurant

## Now Hear This!



### Welcome New Members

CAPT Dean Crandell, USN (Ret.) & wife Barbara, Spokane



### Taps

LT Dick Carson, USN, Ret. (6/5/14)

MAJ Wally Connally, U.S. Army, Ret. (6/8/14)

Janet Sarat, wife of Capt Bart Sarat, USAF (Ret.) (6/23/14)

Jeanne Watts, AUX (6/19/14)



### Spokane Chapter, MOAA

**2013 First Prize Winner  
Best Legislative Coverage for  
Website  
Sixth Consecutive Year!  
&  
2013 Website 1st Runner-Up!**



### Senator Crapo (R-ID) Will Co-Sponsor SBP/DIC Legislation

Senator Mike Crapo (R-ID) has decided to co-sponsor S. 734, which would repeal the SBP/DIC offset. This was announced by his aide, Sierra Forbes, at the American Legion in Post Falls on 8 August. Under current law, the surviving spouse of an active or retired service member who dies from a service-caused condition is entitled to \$1,233 per month in Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from the VA. If a military retiree also chose to enroll in the Survivor Benefit Program (SBP), DIC is deducted from the surviving spouse's SBP annuity. S.734 would repeal this offset.

### Our Hat Is Off To:

Member Recruiters	Chapter 2014	MOAA 2014
Clif Collier	1	
Marilyn Hunt	2	4
Bob Imle		4
Dave Melges		3
Dick Oates		3
Chuck Young	1	
Gary Young	1 (self-recruited)	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>14</b>

### CHAPTER SCOREBOARD 2014

**JROTC Scholarship Funds on hand as of 8/17/14:** \$171.

**Legislative Letters, Postcards & Emails:** 1021 as of 15 Aug 2014.

**2014 Raffle Donations:** MAR \$180 COL Spady Koyama JROTC Scholarships; APR \$352 Widows & Wives (for Wreaths Across America); JUN \$145 Fisher House; SEP MOAA Scholarship Fund; OCT Spokane Veterans Home, DEC ROTC/JROTC Unit Support..

**Total 2014 raffle donations:** \$ 677

**Widows & Wives:** Spokane Food Bank \$230 & 53 lbs. food. Spokane Veterans Home: 643 items total: stationery, puzzles, magazines, calendars, gloves, cards, socks, hangers, squeeze balls. Homeless Veterans: 786 items total: socks, hand warmers, shower curtains, soap bars, razors, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, toothpaste/brushes/floss, toilet paper, Kleenex, pens. Wreaths Across America: 40 wreaths



### WIDOWS & WIVES CLUB

By Beth Ann Daigre

The Widows and Wives club meets each month on the first Tuesday at 1:00 PM. We go to various restaurants, changing locations from north Spokane to the Valley and over to Idaho. In June we enjoyed the fine dining at the Coeur d'Alene Resort in the Dockside Restaurant. July we ate at Twigs in the Valley in their private room and it was the best service we have ever had and the food was very good. Our waitress, Bev, refilled coffee cups and brought the tea drinkers fresh hot pots of water without interrupting us, and then she even contributed cash to our collection for socks for the Homeless Veterans Program. In August we went back to Coeur d'Alene, for our first visit to the Beachouse and ended up having a private room. The staff there was great and the food was good.

On 2 September we are trying something different, picnicking in Corbin Park, Spokane, and ordering our box lunches from Christ Kitchen. Shirley volunteered to bring some folding tables and we each will bring our own chair. Kay White is our hostess; you can make your reservation and meal selection by calling her 509-315-9684. It will be fun, so plan to end the summer with us!

Our widows and wives are a cut above and I am so proud to be the leader of this great group of women. So far this year we have donated 786 items to the Homeless Veterans Program; 643 items to the Spokane Veterans Home; \$230 to the Food Bank; and ordered 40 wreaths from Wreaths Across America for the Washington State Veterans Cemetery here in Spokane County. The wreaths will be placed on Saturday, 13 December at noon. All are welcome to attend and place a wreath or two.



The 7 October luncheon will be in the MAX Restaurant at the Mirabeau Park Hotel, 1100 N. Sullivan Road, Spokane Valley. Pat Tolley is the hostess and can be reached at 509-953-6768.

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### Theresa Hart of **NEWBY-GINNINGS** Guest Speaker for 21 September Social



There's a new service for veterans, active duty personnel and Gold Star families in the Coeur d'Alene area called **NEWBY-GINNINGS**. It was established last year by Theresa Hart in honor of her son, SPC Nicholas Newby, who was killed in action in Baghdad Iraq on 7 July 2011.

#### **NEWBY-GINNINGS MISSION**

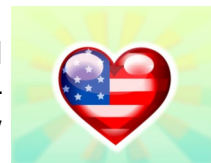
**HUMBLE SUPPORT AND STEADFAST HONOR TO THOSE WHO SERVED AND SACRIFICED**

**NEWBY-GINNINGS** provides basic necessities and essential household items **FREE** of **CHARGE** to veterans, active military, and their families, as well as Gold Star families at absolutely no cost to them. It is a 501c(3) tax-exempt charitable organization.

Theresa accepts donations from the public and passes them on to veterans who visit her facility. She needs furniture, cookware, dishes, silverware, bedding, towels, clothing and shoes, unopened personal hygiene items, kitchen appliances, large appliances, TVs, DVD players, radios, mattresses and mobility items such as walkers, wheelchairs and canes. Right now, she especially needs chests of drawers. She could also use dressy men's clothing that can be worn to job interviews.

There are **NO** income eligibility requirements and one does not have to prove need. All that is required is proof of military service, either past or present, for oneself or an associated family member.

A classic example of those Theresa has recently helped include homeless veterans who are provided housing by Goodwill Industries through their Supportive Services for Veterans Families (SSVF) program. Goodwill gives them a place to live, a mattress and whatever is in their backpack. They may choose whatever they need from **NEWBY-GINNINGS** to furnish their new living space.



Another example: recently, when Theresa arrived at the shop at 0700, a 70 year-old veteran was sitting outside in his vehicle. He was homeless, so she referred him to Goodwill who took him into their SSVF program. By that night, he had housing, a new queen size mattress and a backpack. He later came to **NEWBY-GINNINGS** and received free of charge everything else he needed to furnish his apartment.

**Theresa specifically asks that we NOT bring any donations to the September social, but rather, deliver them directly to NEWBY-GINNINGS at 147 E. Aqua Circle, Unit 2, Dalton Gardens ID 83815 (you'll think you're in Coeur d'Alene). This is your golden opportunity to clean out and downsize!**

**Directions:** From I-90, take Exit 12 in Idaho (Hwy. 95) and go north about three miles to Prairie Ave. Turn right and go .2 mile to Government Way. Turn right on Government Way and take your first left, which is Aqua Circle. It's the second building on the left. It sits back from the street and has a beautiful maroon awning with bold white letters that say

#### **NEWBY-GINNINGS.**

This venture is providing Theresa with pride and purpose. She is taking the strength she didn't know she had and turning it into a new beginning. **Please join us on 21 September at the Highlands Golf Course Grill and Tap House** to learn how you can help her provide basic necessities, comfort items, dignity and respect for veterans.



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### Auxiliary Corner

By Beth Ann Daigre, Auxiliary Liaison  
Spokane Chapter and Washington State Council of Chapters



When the *Military Officer* magazine arrived this month, it was exciting to see the yellow cover-wrap with the big letters VOTE. For those of us who are surviving spouses in MOAA, it is the first time we've been included in voting for new members of the Board of Directors and for MOAA resolutions. I'd actually never seen the resolutions before, so I sat down and read them all.

For example, here's No.1: "...MOAA, through its chapters, sponsor efforts to educate America's schoolchildren on the origin and meaning of the flag, the importance of patriotism and proper respect for the flag and the protocols for its displaying and disposal." Each resolution has merit, and I support and voted for all. No. 14 got highlighted in my copy "...promote development of and membership/leadership in local MOAA chapters as a primary means of sustaining community, communication, camaraderie, and service among all officers of all ages, and be it further...MOAA headquarters staff, state councils, local chapters, and individual members join in striving to set an honorable example of civic participation and service for the greater good of our nation, communities, and follow citizens."

We, as taxpaying citizens, sometimes complain about what Congress is not doing. The fourteen resolutions enumerate the items we need to be addressing with our congressional senators and representatives. Please get signed up with MOAA to receive their legislative alerts. Go to MOAA's home page, [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org), and in the upper left hand corner click on Take Action, then click on Weekly Legislative Updates. Here you can sign up to receive the alerts composed by the legislative staff and their proposed letter that pertains to the subject. If you register correctly, your information will be filled in for you and all you have to do is hit "send." Please, everyone sign up for this wonderful service. Better yet, run for elected office. We need more veterans and military spouses in Congress and our state legislatures.

My closing remark is this – I'm tickled to see a friend of mine, Joyce Harte, on the slate of candidates for the MOAA Board of Directors. I served with her during my last year on the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee and her first year. She would do a fine job on the board for all of us.

### FAFB Retiree Appreciation Day



The annual Fairchild AFB Retiree Appreciation Day will be held on Friday, 5 September at the Red Morgan Event Center (formerly Fairchild Club near the Exchange). Registration begins at 0800, with the program starting at 0900.

Spokane Chapter MOAA will be represented by various members of the Board. Other activities normally include a Health Fair including flu shots (when available), information tables with representatives from veterans service organizations, government agencies such as the Social Security Administration, TRICARE, the Exchange and the Base Medical Clinic. The program also includes a series of speakers presenting topics of interest to the military retirees. Contact our new chapter member, Dean Crandell, for more information at (509) 443-1534.

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Sunday, 21 September 2014  
Highlands Golf Course Grill & Tap House  
5600 E. Mullan Ave., Post Falls, Idaho  
12:30 Social time, Meeting 1:00, 1:15 p.m. buffet

**Guest Speaker: Theresa Hart of "Newby-ginnings" of North Idaho, Inc.**

**Mail your reservation early; we must receive it by Saturday, 13 September. No late reservations or walk-ins.**

**To cancel a reservation, contact Ralph Shrigley (360) 951-2660 or Barbara Thornbrugh (509) 466-2108**

**NLT Sunday 14 September for refund. No refund after food is ordered.**

**Menu: Italian Buffet with fresh Caesar salad, garlic bread, spicy meatballs, chicken mushroom & broccoli fettuccini, and Chef's choice of dessert. All non-alcoholic beverages are included in the cost. There will also be a no-host bar.**

Cost is \$19.50 per person. Please reserve \_\_\_\_ places for the Sunday, 21 September 2014 luncheon at Highlands Golf Course Grill & Tap House. My check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (\$19.50 X \_\_\_\_ no. of reservations). Make check payable to "Spokane Chapter MOAA" and mail to chapter mailbox above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ member/guest Name: \_\_\_\_\_ member/guest

**Directions: Sunday 21 SEP 2014 – 12:30 p.m. Highlands Golf Course Grill & Tap House, 5600 E. Mullan, Post Falls, Idaho. From I-90 in Idaho, take exit 7 (Hwy. 41 N. to Rathdrum). If westbound, after exit get in left lane, turn left at light onto Hwy. 41, then get in the right lane and go .3 mile to light at Mullan. If eastbound, get in left lane after exiting I-90, turn left at light (onto Seltice Way) and get in second lane from left. Turn left at light (onto Hwy 41), go under I-90. Stay in right lane and go .4 mile to light at Mullan. FOR ALL: Turn right on Mullan, go .2 mile and turn right on Sterling at concrete "Highlands" sign, go uphill & take first left onto Inverness. Follow Inverness for one mile through housing area until there is a large parking lot on your right. The Grill is at the back of the parking lot. We plan on being outside, but will be inside if there is inclement weather. Paved walkways, plenty of parking, convenient restrooms, wheel chair friendly.**

**Questions? Call Ralph Shrigley 360-951-2660 or Barb Thornbrugh 509-466-2108.**

**We will sign legislative POSTCARDS (instead of letters).**

**Please bring: \$1 per person (to defray pre-stamped postcards) and 3 address labels per person**  
Something for the raffle and Support the Troops or Homeless Veterans



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**MOAA Remarriage Guide & Survivors Information**

By Beth Ann Daigre and Marilyn Hunt



The new MOAA **Remarriage Guide** is filled with lots of information. Go to the MOAA homepage, [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org), click on *Publications* and then *Books and Guides*. Scroll down to *Remarriage Guide*. You can download it for free if you're a Premium (annual) or Life member. Some of the highlights include:

- SBP/DIC, CHAMPVA, Social Security
- TRICARE and TRICARE for Life as well as commissary and exchange privileges
- Space-available ("Space A") travel on military aircraft
- Dependents' Educational Assistance (DEA)
- VA Home Loans
- Death Pensions for surviving spouses with dependent children
- Surviving spouse who is a patient in a nursing home, in need of the regular aid and attendance of another person, or permanently housebound



MOAA also has a **Survivors** button at the bottom of their homepage. Click on that and you will see a publication for planning ahead in the event of your demise, as well as booklets for surviving spouses.

**Casualty Assistance Officer:** Bernie Fritz is the casualty assistance officer for Fairchild AFB and surrounding area. He is in Bldg. 240 at 7 W. Arnold St., 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!