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### 5 Star Chapter President's Message

By Dave Melges



Our June social is going to be very exciting! We're going to the **Naval Acoustic Research Detachment in Bayview, Idaho on SATURDAY, 11 June!** We will see large scale models of submarines that they use for tests and evaluations in the deep waters of Lake Pend Oreille, plus one of a destroyer known as Sea Jet. We'll have lunch at the Bayview Community Center beforehand. (Lunch will consist of assorted hoagie sandwiches, potato salad, iced tea, coffee and brownies). All retired military and active duty can get on base with their ID card. All others, including spouses of retired & active duty personnel and surviving spouses, must send us the enclosed SECNAV Form 5512 AND present certain forms of identification when we go aboard the base. Don't let this intimidate you. It's not as hard as it sounds. See page 3 for details. **The 5512 and your social reservation must be received in the chapter mailbox NOT LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE. No exceptions!**



The House "Express Appeals Act" (H.R. 800) would establish a new, voluntary five-year pilot program to allow appeals to VA disability decisions to be resolved in a much more timely manner. Disabled veterans who filed a claim but appealed the outcome should not be penalized by having to wait two or more years for a decision. Entrance into this program would be completely voluntary and a veteran would be able to exit the express appeals process at any time, then re-enter the traditional pipeline at the end of the line with no adverse consequences. Please contact your representative about this.



**Bring Something to  
the 11 JUN Social for  
the Raffle & Thank You  
Notes for Spokane**

**Veterans Home (see p. 2)**

### 2016 Chapter Social Dates

13 Mar	Northern Quest Casino
24 Apr	Anthony's, Spokane Falls
11 Jun	NARD Bayview ID
18 Sep	Darcy's, Spokane Valley
23 Oct	Coeur d'Alene Resort
4 Dec	Center Place, Spokane Valley

### 2016 Widows & Wives Club Meeting Dates



5 Jan	Thai Bamboo
2 Feb	Twigs Bistro & Martini Bar
1 Mar	Beverly's—CDA Resort
5 Apr	Anthony's Restaurant
3 May	Sargents Restaurant & Lounge
7 Jun	Dalia MAX Mirabeau Hotel
5 Jul	Ripples on the River—Red Lion
2 Aug	Dockside, Coeur d'Alene Resort
6 Sep	Corbin Park picnic
4 Oct	La Peep Restaurant, CDA
1 Nov	Brambleberry Cottage & Tea Shop
6 Dec	Peacock Room, Davenport Hotel

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### Welcome New Members

Col Matthew Fritz, USAF, & wife Stacy, Fairchild AFB

LtCol Richard Wright, USAF (Ret.) & wife Beverly, Spokane



### Taps

Elizabeth Duble, Surviving Spouse (4/18/16)

Ronald Scharff, LTC, U.S. Army (Ret.) 3/22/16

Esther Starkey, Surviving Spouse (4/4/16)



### MOAA Website and Membership:



**MOAA website:** [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)

**MOAA "Take Action":** [www.moaa.org/takeaction/](http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/)

**MOAA Legislative:** <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/#Legislative-Action-Center>

**Spokane Chapter website:** [www.spokanemoaa.org](http://www.spokanemoaa.org)

Membership in Spokane Chapter and MOAA national is open to present and former commissioned officers and warrant officers (including retirees) with honorable service in any of the United States seven uniformed services (including National Guard and Reserves) of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. MOAA and Spokane Chapter, MOAA are nonpartisan.

### Our Hat Is Off To:

Member Recruiters	Chapter 2016	MOAA 2016
Marilyn Hunt	2	2
Jason Mayne	1	1
William Nesbitt (self)	1	
Mathias Velasco (self)	1	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>

**Thank You Notes:** Widows & Wives want to give "Thank You for Your Service" notes to Spokane Veterans Home residents for July 4th. Those coming to Bayview on 11 June are asked to bring with you 1 or 2 prewritten thank you notes to help Widows & Wives have enough for the 100 residents at the home.

### Widows & Wives Club Upcoming Events



DATE	LOCATION	CALL
7 JUN	Dalia (Board Room) MAX in Mirabeau Hotel 11 N. Sullivan Road, Spokane (509) 922-6252	Shirley Melges (509) 465-8867
5 JUL	Ripples on the River – Red Lion Hotel 700 N. Division St., Spokane (509) 326-5577	Pat Tolley (509) 953-6768
2 AUG	Dockside – Coeur d'Alene Resort, 122 S. Second Ave. Coeur d'Alene ID (800) 688-5253	Pat Connell (208) 772-2559
6 SEP	Corbin Park picnic w/box lunches from Christ Kitchen (509) 325-4343 51 W. Park Place, Spokane Bring a chair.	Shirley Melges (509) 953-6768

### CHAPTER SCOREBOARD 2016



**JROTC Scholarship Funds 3/30/16:** \$2022

**JROTC Support Funds 3/30/16:** \$218

**Legislative Letters, Postcards, Emails as of 4/30/16:** 576

**2016 Raffle Donations:** MAR: \$140 Shriners Hospital; APR: \$160 MOAA Scholarship; JUN: Union Gospel; SEP: Widows & Wives Wreaths Across America; OCT: Spokane Veterans Home; DEC: COL Spady Koyama JROTC Scholarships. **Total to date: \$300**

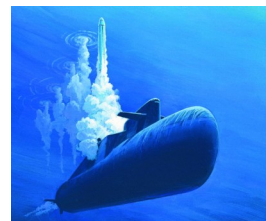
**Widows & Wives** . Second Harvest food bank \$68.00, Homeless Vets \$661.84 & 1009 items, Spokane Veterans Home \$80.50 & 521 items

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### SATURDAY, 11 JUNE SOCIAL—Naval Acoustic Research Detachment, Bayview, Idaho

Our June social is a RARE and golden opportunity to go aboard the Naval Acoustic Research Detachment in Bayview, Idaho on SATURDAY, 11 June to see the following:

1. Large scale submarine model Cutthroat (LSV 2) - 1/3 scale Virginia class submarine
2. Buoyant submarine model Dolly Varden – 1/5 scale submarine
3. Advanced Electric Ship Demonstrator (AESD) Sea Jet – ¼ scale destroyer



Prior to going to the base, we will have lunch at the Bayview Community Center (in town) and listen to a presentation by NARD Director, Alan Griffiths, who will give us an update on the NARD mission. There will be a fair amount of walking involved, but the tour will be wheelchair accessible. **NO CAMERAS or taking pictures allowed.** Everyone must leave their cameras and cell phones in their car once they come aboard the base.

### Security measures have changed in recent years, so we need to do a few special things.

1. **Social Reservation:** Fill out the reservation coupon on page 5, attach a check, and mail it to the chapter PO Box so we receive it NOT LATER THAN Wednesday, 1 June.
2. **Base Access:**
  - a. **Retired Military or Active Duty:** Present military ID card or CAC when we go aboard the base. (CAC = Common Access Card, an ID that allows civil service and active duty personnel to go aboard any base).
  - b. **Everyone else, including all spouses of retired & active duty personnel, & all surviving spouses:**
    - 1) Fill out the enclosed SECNAV Form 5512 and mail it to the chapter mailbox so we receive it by Wednesday, 1 June. (Send it with your social reservation). See note below for filling it out online.
    - 2) Answer to question 25 on Form 5512: Alan Griffiths, (208) 683-2321
    - 3) Bring the proper forms of ID **with you on 11 June.** These can be one thing from List A OR one thing from List B AND one from List C. The most common things you can choose from are the following:

LIST A	OR	LIST B (one item)	AND	LIST C (one item)
Current Passport		Military dependent's' ID card		Social Security Card
		Driver's License		Certified copy of Birth Certificate
		State ID card		

Note: If preferred, you can fill out SECNAV Form 5512 online, print it off and mail it to us. To do that, go to this website address: Remember, we must receive it no later than Wednesday, 1 June 2016.

[http://www.ivnavyleague.org/PDFs/SECNAV\\_5512\\_1\\_11787%20APPROVED%20AC%20PASS%20ID%20FORM%2005282014\\_NLUS.pdf](http://www.ivnavyleague.org/PDFs/SECNAV_5512_1_11787%20APPROVED%20AC%20PASS%20ID%20FORM%2005282014_NLUS.pdf).



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### Proposed Amendments to Chapter Bylaws

At the June social, we will vote on amendments to the chapter bylaws which have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Reasons for these amendments are as follows:

- ❑ MOAA national has officially changed the title "Auxiliary" to "Surviving Spouses."
- ❑ To allow (but not require) the Widows and Wives Club to nominate the Surviving Spouse board member.
- ❑ To allow a Surviving Spouse who is already a board member to represent the Surviving Spouses on the board, and to specify that no person may exercise multiple votes.
- ❑ To allow a Director to simultaneously serve as Secretary and/or Treasurer.

Proposed amendments to the chapter bylaws which will be voted on at the June social (changes are in *italics*):

1. Change the term "Auxiliary" to "Surviving Spouses" throughout (in six locations) as follows:
  - a. Change Article 3, Para. 2 to read as follows: *Surviving Spouse Members*. Widows and widowers of deceased officers, who would, if living, be eligible for membership. Chapter *Surviving Spouse* members will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of regular members.
  - b. Change Article 4, Para. 1 to read as follows: 1. The Board of Directors consists of the elected officers, the immediate past president, the *Surviving Spouse* Liaison, and at least five (5) and not more than six (6) elective Directors.
  - c. Change Article 5, Para. 2 to read as follows: Officers and the *Surviving Spouse* Liaison shall be elected by the voting membership, and shall hold office for one year, unless sooner removed or otherwise disqualified. The *Surviving Spouse* Liaison shall be a *Surviving Spouse* member of the chapter in good standing.
2. Modify Article 5 paragraph 1 to read as follows: "Officers of the organization shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. *A Director may also serve as Secretary and/or Treasurer until a suitable replacement for one or both positions is found. A Board member who is a Surviving Spouse may also serve as the Surviving Spouses Liaison. No person may exercise multiple votes.*
3. Add the following sentence to Article 5 paragraph 2: *The "Widows & Wives Club may nominate (not elect) the Surviving Spouse board member.*



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Fairchild AFB Wing Headquarters  
(509) 247-2838**

**Legal Assistance Tuesday and Thursday 0830-0930  
Notary and Power of Attorney hours Monday—Friday 0830-1600  
Call to find out if they can help your legal needs**

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**SATURDAY, 11 June, Bayview Community Center & Naval Acoustic Research Detachment (NARD), Bayview, Idaho**  
12:00 noon Lunch, 1:45 NARD tour

**See article on page 3 for complete details on ID you must bring with you to go aboard NARD.**

**Mail reservation (and SECNAV Form 5512 if applicable) so we receive it by WEDNESDAY, 1 JUNE. No Exceptions!**

*If you need to cancel a reservation, contact Barbara Thornbrugh, (509) 466-2108 NLT Wednesday, 1 June for a refund.*

**Lunch at the Bayview Community Center will include** assorted hoagie sandwiches, potato salad, iced tea, coffee and brownies. Please reserve \_\_\_\_ places for the SATURDAY 11 June 2016 luncheon at the Bayview Community Center. Cost is \$10.00 per person. My check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (\$10 X \_\_\_\_ no. of reservations). Make check to "Spokane Chapter MOAA" and mail to chapter mailbox above.

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

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

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

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

**Directions: SATURDAY 11 June – 12:00 p.m. (noon). Bayview Community Center. BRING ID WITH YOU. TO GO ABOARD NARD AFTER THE LUNCHEON. SEE PAGE 3 FOR WHAT YOU MUST BRING.**

From I-90. take Idaho Exit 12 & go north on Hwy. 95 approx. 18 miles. Turn right (east) at the Athol intersection onto Hwy. 54, proceed to Bayview. Stay on Main Street, which will curve to the left in town. Look for the "Bayview Center" on the left—20298 Main Street. From Hwy. 95 south, turn left at the Bayview turnoff or continue to Athol and turn left on Hwy. 54. Follow the directions as above. You can also drive east through Athol on Hwy. 54 and continue straight across Hwy. 95. Two parking levels at the Community Center—upper is best for access. Questions? Call Rufus Hoefer (509) 443-6822. .

We will sign **legislative postcards**, have a **raffle**, & donate **thank you cards** . Please bring:

- \$1.00 per person to cover cost of pre-stamped postcards
- Something for the raffle which will benefit the Union Gospel Mission
- 1 or 2 pre-written "Thank you for your service" notes for Spokane Veterans Home (see p. 2 for details)



**Membership Chair/Committee**  
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**EMAIL REQUEST, CHANGE OF ADDRESS or PHONE, or TEMPORARILY AWAY:**

**Clip and complete this form and send it to the address on the left so we can update our database. Thank you.**

**NOTE: We do not send junk email or spam. Also, we do not give away, sell or trade your email address.**

**Member name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

☐ **I would like to be added to the chapter email list. I specifically request to (check all that apply):**

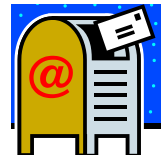
- ☐ **Receive the chapter newsletter by email**
- ☐ **Receive important information in a timely manner.**

☐ **My email address is** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print clearly)

☐ **My mailing address, email address, and/or phone number has changed to:**

☐ **I will be temporarily away** starting \_\_\_\_\_ and returning \_\_\_\_\_. I do / do not (circle one) wish to receive the newsletter while I'm away. If "do" please send it to:

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_





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**IDAHO**

Ralph Shrigley 208-623-2671



**HOW YOU CAN BE PART OF OUR 5 STAR CHAPTER APPLICATION**

Remember what we said in the April 2016 newsletter: If you do **volunteer work**, this counts as **Community Involvement** in our 5 Star Chapter application that we'll submit early next year. We can include a summation of what you do this year. All we need from you is a description of your activity, how often you've done it and the hours/miles involved. **Just keep track of what you're doing this year and submit a summation in JANUARY 2017 to Marilyn Hunt.** It can be as simple as the table below.

**5 Star Chapter Community Service Record 2016**

Date	Activity	Hours	Miles

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**FAFB Retiree Activities Office (RAO)**  
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**They need volunteers to work four hours per month.**