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5 Star Chapter President's Message

By Dave Melges



Since fall fell last month, winter must be knocking at the door. I hope covering my tomatoes will enable the 15 or so nearly ripe ones to mature. The BLTs are much better with home raised tomatoes; maybe they will be sweeter since it cooled off so quickly. I hope everyone's furnace is operational; I did an op-test of mine with satisfactory results last week.

I trust you're looking forward to our **2 December social at Mukogawa - Ft. Wright**; The "Windfall" women's quartet promises to regale us with Christmas songs we all remember, then they'll top it off with the National Anthem! This is our "**come as you were**" event where you're invited to wear your Class A, Service Dress or Mess Dress uniform if you can find it or it hasn't shrunk in the closet. Or you can wear your ribbons on your civilian clothes.



A couple bills were recently introduced in Congress that have the potential to affect all veterans who are currently receiving compensation from the Veterans Administration for disabilities associated with their military service. Senate bill **S 66**, the "Retired Pay Restoration Act," would authorize the immediate payment of concurrent receipt of full military retired pay and veterans disability compensation for all disabled retirees. Similarly **HR 303**, the "Retired Pay Restoration Act," would permit retirees with less than 50 percent disability rating to receive service-connected disability from the VA and either their full retired pay by reason of their years of military service or combat related special compensation. Currently, only disabled retirees with a rating of 50 percent or more are eligible for concurrent receipt. Also introduced was comprehensive concurrent receipt reform, **HR 333**, which includes disabled retirees with CRDP less than 50 percent and CRDP (Chapter 61) medically retired (less than 20 years of service). This bill is similar to the Senate bill and would have the same impact. These bills need our support and require action by all our members, so please take the time to write or e-mail your senators and representative urging them to back these bills.



Bring Something to the 2 DEC Social for the Raffle

2019 Chapter Social Dates Mark Your Calendar!

17 Mar	Ramada Inn, Spokane Airport
28 Apr	Darcy's, Spokane Valley
23 Jun	Highlands Golf Course Grill & Tap House, Post Falls
15 Sep	To be announced
27 Oct	Darcy's, Spokane Valley
1 Dec	Mukogawa Ft. Wright

2019 Widows & Wives Club Meeting Dates



8 Jan	Black Angus Steakhouse
5 Feb	Ripples on the River
5 Mar	Beverly's CDA Resort
2 Apr	Anthony's Homeport CDA
7 May	Tea
4 Jun	Radicci Italian Bistro, Hayden
2 Jul	Thai Bamboo
6 Aug	Tito Macaroni, CDA
3 Sep	Christ Kitchen
1 Oct	Bistro on Spruce, CDA
5 Nov	Twig's Bistro
3 Dec	Clinkerdagger

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Taps

LTC Garry Loeffler, USA (Ret.) (12 MAY 2016)

MAJ Gaylord McCabe, USAF (Ret.) (2 OCT 2018)

LtCol Clifford Slaton, USAF (Ret.) (11 OCT 2018)

In 2018 Our Hat Is Off To:

Recruiter	Chapter	MOAA
Andy Eernisse	1 (self)	1 (self)
Jon Hall	1 (self)	0
Marilyn Hunt	6	11
Bob Imle	0	5
Dave Melges	3	9
Shirley Melges	1	0
Total	12	26

CHAPTER SCOREBOARD 2018

JROTC Scholarship Funds 11/03/18 \$1217
Legislative Letters, Postcards, Emails as of
11/04/18: 1005

2018 Raffle Donations: MAR: \$230 Meals on Wheels; APR: \$150 MOAA Scholarship; JUN: \$170 Union Gospel Mission; SEP: \$150 Widows & Wives Wreaths Across America; OCT: \$150 Spokane Veterans Home; DEC: COL Spady Koyama JROTC Scholarships. **Total to date: \$850.**

Widows & Wives: Homeless Vets \$475.00 used to purchase 1580 items. Most recent items purchased: 108 cans of meat, 68 fruit cups, 8 peanut butter, 6 Hamburger Helper, 68 full size & 30 travel hygiene items, 35 disposable razors, 168 feminine hygiene products., 152 Tide soap pods.

Spokane Veterans Home 589 items, including 69 unfinished wood items, 22 AA batteries, 59 bottles acrylic paint, 21 paint brushes, 10 back packs, 4 camo ball caps, 9 USA ball caps, 7 disposable razors, 1 glue gun, 60 glue sticks, 50 hardbound novels, 70 magazines, 1 peg game, 22 pounds bird seed, 10 sheets peel & stick felt, 12 wall clocks, 1 toiletry bag, 2 fanny packs, 20 postage stamps, 2 adult coloring books, 10 note pads, 5 rosaries. Meals on Wheels \$219.50. Christ Kitchen \$100.00. Wreaths Across America \$311.00 (incl. \$150 from chapter social raffle).



MOAA Website and Membership:



MOAA website: www.moaa.org

MOAA "Take Action": www.moaa.org/takeaction/

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

Spokane Chapter website: 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.

SPOKANE CHAPTER IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!

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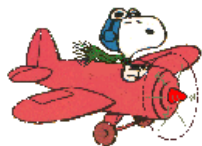
SIGN UP TODAY!

Widows & Wives Club Upcoming Events



DATE	LOCATION	CALL
4 DEC	Bramble Berry Cottage Tea Shop 206 E. Pacific Ave., Spokane (509) 926-3293	Pat Tolley (509) 953-6768
8 JAN	Black Angus Steakhouse 14724 E. Indiana Ave. Spokane Valley (509) 927-1177	Pat Tolley (509) 953-6768
5 FEB	Ripples on the River Red Lion 700 N. Division St. Spokane (509) 323-2557	Shirley Melges (509) 465-8867
5 MAR	Beverly's CDA Resort 112 S. Second Ave. Coeur d'Alene ID	Pat Connell (209) 772-2559

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CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

**IF WE MAINTAIN OUR CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AT 80% of OUR NUMBERS,
MOAA WILL SEND US \$250—HOW'S THAT FOR A FLYING SUCCESS?**

Chapter dues for Regular and Surviving Spouse members listed below expire 31 December. We need you to renew your dues now so we can qualify for this bonus. Chapter dues are separate from national dues. Only MOAA national has Life memberships.

**Please make check payable to Spokane Chapter MOAA and mail to:
ATTN: Membership Spokane Chapter MOAA, PO Box 466, Veradale WA 99037**

Regular Membership – Dues \$40 for three years, \$15 for one year

Baskin, Curtis	Hire, Claude	Rodgers, Brian
Benscheidt, Lisa	Hobbs, Fred	Romanick, Charles
Berg, Ronald	Jurvelin, Richard	Saylor, Arthur
Bertsch, Roger	Kline, James	Scott, Norman
Bishop, Henry	Kratt Jr., Jacob	Sealock II, Gratton
Capillupo, Frank	Mach, James	Shrigley, Ralph
Carney, Allard	McGaughy, Michael	Shrigley, Vincent
Cherrstrom, Matthew	Millard, Val	Stanicar, David
Christensen, Susan	Mogensen, Nannette	Strout, Robert
Colliton, Jeffry	Morozzo, Robert	Taylor, Steven
Comins, Donald	Murphy, Kenneth	Thiel, Cynthia
Conn, George	Nesbitt, William	Tuttle, Donald
Cresswell, Douglas	Olson, Stanley	Velasco, Mathias
Davis, Chester	Peck, Ann	Wallick, Marie
Deady, Ronald	Percy, Francis	Williams, Fred
Eminger, Paul	Petrin, Milton	Williams, Willho
George, Carl	Ponticelli, Theodore	Wilson, William
Hager, Frank	Povich, Michael	Young, Gary
Hall, Jon	Reed, Terry	Young, Randolph
Hargitt, Gerald	Rice, Donald	



Surviving Spouse Membership – Dues \$25 for three years, \$9 for one year

Burns, Patricia	Hagelin, Sharon	McDonald, Marilyn
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Geiger, Helen	Larson, Leila	Yocom, Charlotte

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Pat Burns, Personal Affairs Representative, Resigning

Much to our regret, but due to personal circumstances, Pat is stepping down. Please call Chapter President Dave Melges at (509) 465-8867 if you can take over her duties, which include:

- On a daily basis, compares obituaries in the Spokesman Review with the Spokane Chapter roster to track any deaths of chapter members.
- Reports any deaths of chapter members to 1) Spokane Chapter Board of Directors and 2) MOAA, Sounding Taps.
- Sends a condolence card to the family of any deceased member or spouse.
- Sends a report to the Spokane Chapter Board of Directors prior to each Board meeting, detailing any Personal Affairs activity since the previous meeting.
- Prepares annual list of chapter deceased to be honored at the April social.



Wreaths Across America



Our Widows & Wives club supports the Wreaths Across America effort at Washington State Veterans Cemetery at Medical Lake, WA. You may make donations online at <https://www.wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/21044/Overview/?relatedId=14984&modSw=donate> until 3 December 2018 that will be recorded for MOAA. The cost of each wreath is \$15.00 and our Widows & Wives are still doing the buy two get one free option. Wreaths will be laid on Saturday, 15 December at 12 noon. If you have any questions or wish to mail a check, please call Shirley Melges at 509-465-8867.

Stamps, Cards, Gifts for Spokane Veterans Home

Residents at the Washington State Spokane Veterans Home could use certain things that would make their lives much more enjoyable. They would like postage stamps, unused greeting cards for birthdays and anniversaries, small gift items for residents to celebrate family occasions, magazines and craft items. If you could donate any of these items, please call Shirley Melges at 509-465-8867 or give them to her at the next chapter social.

Need To Have your ID Card Renewed or Replaced? If the Answer Is Yes, Keep Reading.

Remember the days when you could walk into a certain office at Fairchild AFB, wait for your number to be called, and then get a new ID card? Well, if you do that now, you might not even be seen on the *same day*. Nowadays you need to make an appointment online, then show up. Here's what you need to do:

1. Go to <https://rapids-appointments.dmdc.osd.mil/appointment/building.aspx?BuildingId=764>
2. Click on an underlined date in the calendar to set up an appointment 0730-1430 M-F.
3. Make note of your **confirmation number** and bring a copy of the confirmation page.
4. Ensure you have two picture forms of identification that are not expired when you go to Building 2040, 7 West Arnold Street, suite 109.



Legislative Contacts

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Sunday, 2 December Chapter Christmas Social
Mukogawa Ft. Wright Institute Commons Building
12:30 Social, 1:00 Entertainment, 1:30 Buffet

Entertainment: "Windfall" Women's Quartet will sing Christmas songs we can all remember,
Then they will sing the National Anthem as a finale!

You're invited to wear your Class A, Service Dress or Mess Dress uniform, or just wear your ribbons on your civilian clothing.

Please mail reservation early so we receive it no later than Thursday, 29 November 2018

If you need to cancel a reservation, contact Rufus Hoefer (509) 443-6822 NLT Thursday, 29 November for refund.

MENU: Buffet of sliced roast turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans w/red onions, green salad/Arcadian mix, fresh fruit medley, cranberry sauce, rolls & butter, chocolate cake. Free beer & wine. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Please reserve _____ places for the Sunday, 2 December 2018 social at Mukogawa Ft. Wright Institute. My check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed (\$25.00 x _____ number of reservations). Make check to "**Spokane Chapter MOAA**" and mail to chapter mailbox above.

Name: _____ member/guest Name: _____ member/guest

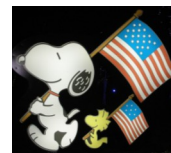
Name: _____ member/guest Name: _____ member/guest

Directions: SUNDAY 2 December 2018 – 12:30 p.m. Mukogawa Fort Wright Institute, 4000 West Randolph Rd, Spokane. From I-90, Maple St. exit North, turn left on 4th Ave, then left on Sunset Blvd. Stay in the right-hand lane. After the bridge, turn right onto Government Way, and right onto Fort George Wright Drive, go only .1 mile, turn left onto Randolph Road and continue to the roundabout at the end. Mukogawa is wheel chair friendly. Feel free to wear your Class A, Service Dress or Mess Dress uniform if it hasn't shrunk in the closet!

Questions? Call Rufus Hoefer (509) 443-6822.

We will sign **legislative letters** and have a **raffle** in support of the JROTC Scholarship fund. Please bring:

- 3 stamps and 6 address labels per person
- Something for the raffle which will benefit the COL Spady Koyama JROTC Scholarship Fund.
- Something for homeless veterans: gloves, hats, white tube socks, hand warmers, canned meat, hygiene items, or cash donations to purchase items.



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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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Ralph Shrigley 208-623-2671



We're Making Progress! Thank You!



Success! So far, we've received \$1125.00 in donations to the chapter! A big THANK YOU to those members who've gone above and beyond the call of duty to help support our chapter. We truly appreciate your generosity.

Background: Last month we explained that chapter assets were declining and, if left unaddressed, will be a significant problem in a few years. Rather than raise dues, another solution would be for members to make donations. These donations are tax deductible because the chapter is a 501(c)(19) entity. However, it is NOT possible to make donations from an IRA Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) because the recipient must be a 501(c)(3).

Requested Action: There's still time to make a 2018 tax-deductible donation to the chapter. If you would like to do so, please write a check to Spokane Chapter, MOAA and mail it to P.O. Box 466, Veradale WA 99037. Note on the check that it's a donation.

Estate Gift: Another idea that would benefit the chapter in future years is to include Spokane Chapter, MOAA as a beneficiary of your estate. Please speak with an attorney to determine how to do this.

Casualty Assistance Officer: Erica Kerin, Bldg. 240 at 7 W. Arnold St., 509-247-4488. If you leave a message, she will call you back.

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