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5 Star Chapter President's Message

By Dave Melges



We're a five star chapter for the 12th year running thanks to your 1,509 pieces of legislative correspondence, community service, recruiting, ROTC support and everything else!

Exclude Defense from Sequestration Now!

I hope you all enjoy the improved weather here in the Inland Empire. Please remember the residents of the hurricane ravaged areas of the USA. Smoke and hot weather aren't so bad when you consider Harvey and Irma.

The President's proposed budget and both the House and Senate versions of the FY2018 National Defense Authorization (NDAA) bills violate the spending caps of the Budget Control Act (BCA). The BCA sets strict caps on both defense and non-defense spending. In the past, Congress managed to make short-term compromises lifting the caps for a couple of years at a time. No such agreement applies to FY2018 NDAA.

We have seen the results of the budget cuts. Most of the deaths in all of the services can be attributed to the lack of adequate equipment maintenance and training. Budget cuts mandated by the BCA pose a threat to national security and will substantially impact active duty pay and benefits. These automatic cuts, known as sequestration, require 50 percent come from Defense, even though Defense makes up only 17 percent of the federal budget. These cuts were intended to be so punitive that Congress and the Administration would be forced to work together to find reasonable alternatives. Unfortunately, this has not occurred. Congress, and the White House have been consumed with partisan bickering and have been unable to come to a long-term budget agreement without sequestration cuts. Members are strongly urged to use the online <https://www.MOAA.org> to ask their legislators to exclude Defense spending from sequestration. **Click on Top Issues, Take Action.**



**Bring Something to
the 22 OCT Social
for the Raffle**

2017 Chapter Social Dates

19 Mar Ramada Inn Spokane Airport
23 Apr Red Lion Ripples on the River
25 Jun Highlands Golf Course
Grill & Tap House, Post Falls
17 Sep Northern Quest Casino
22 Oct Coeur d'Alene Resort
3 Dec Mukogawa Ft. Wright Inst.

**2017 Widows & Wives
Club Meeting Dates**

3 Jan Darcy's
7 Feb Luigi's Italian Restau-
rant
7 Mar White House Grill, Post Falls
4 Apr Ripples on the River—Red Lion
2 May Anthony's Homeport, CdA
6 Jun Olive Garden
11 Jul Luna
1 Aug Hunters Steakhouse, Post Falls
5 Sep Christ Kitchen
3 Oct Wine Grotto Café Corner Store
7 Nov Black Angus Steakhouse
5 Dec Northern Quest Casino



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Taps

LtCol Al Daniels, USAF (Ret.) (9/9/17)

LtCol Vince Kovacich, USAF (Ret.) (8/28/17)

Irene Thorstenson (Surv Spouse) 4/27/2015

Our Hat Is Off To:

Recruiter	Chapter	MOAA
Marilyn Hunt	4	8
Bob Imle	1	3
Betty Krafft	1	1
Dave Melges	4	4
Total	11	16

CHAPTER SCOREBOARD 2017

JROTC Scholarship Funds 4/8/17: \$1992

JROTC Support Funds 4/8/17: \$218

Legislative Letters, Postcards, Emails as of 8/2017:
1854

2017 Raffle Donations: MAR: \$205 Shriners Hospital;
APR: \$165 MOAA Scholarship; JUN: \$245 K-2 Equine,
Hayden ID SEP: \$150 Widows & Wives Wreaths Across
America; OCT: Spokane Veterans Home; DEC:
COL Spady Koyama JROTC Scholarships. To-
tal to date: \$765.



Widows & Wives: Second Harvest Food Bank \$186, Christ Kitchen \$100, Homeless Vets \$226.95 & 465 items, including 146 hand warmers, 91 travel size/10 large hygiene items for men & women, 8 cans peanuts, 20 cans meat, 153 Tide pods, 11 pairs of gloves, 15 razors, 5 pump soap, 6 rolls toilet paper, set of dishes for 12, unfinished wood items, acrylic craft paint, adult coloring books, markers, hangers, razors, magazines. Spokane Veterans Home \$20 & 344 items, including 100 "Thank you for your service" cards, small unfinished wood items, adults coloring books, & supplies, puzzle, disposable razors, & women's magazines. Wreaths Across America \$150 (from SEP 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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Widows & Wives Club Upcoming Events



DATE	LOCATION	CALL
3 Oct	Wine Grotto Café' 702 E. Prairie Hayden ID (208) 762-3123	Pat Connell (208) 772-2559
7 Nov	Black Angus Steakhouse 14274 E. Indiana Ave. Spokane Valley WA (509) 927-1177	Shirley Melges (509) 465-8867
5 Dec	River's Edge Buffet Northern Quest Casino 100 N. Hayford Rd. Airway Heights WA (509) 242-7000	Deanie Binsfield (509) 466-8006

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TIME

The following memberships expire 31 December 2017. Please continue to support our chapter in its efforts to impact legislators on behalf of those who have protected our nation by military service. Cost to renew is indicated for each group. Mail dues to chapter mailbox.

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP

Dues \$40 for three years, \$15 for one year



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Woolard, J. D.
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Yocom, Peter
Young, Charles
Young, Gary
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Dues \$25 for three years, \$9 for one year

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**Mr. Chad Salter MBA/HRM, MPA
Superintendent, Spokane Veterans Home
Speaker, Coeur d'Alene Resort
Sunday 22 October 2017**

Mr. Chad Salter was appointed Superintendent of the Spokane Veterans Home in October 2016. He's an eight year veteran of the United States Army, achieving the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He served at Landstuhl, Germany and Joint Base Lewis-McCord at the Madigan Army Medical Center teaching dental forensics as the Associate Director of the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Department. He also worked at Huron Healthcare Consulting, the Spokane VA Medical Center and several Spokane-area long-term care facilities prior to joining WDVA. He began his nursing home career as a nursing assistant and has a heartfelt passion for serving veterans and their families.

As a Washington State Licensed Nursing Home Administrator, Salter also holds two Masters Degrees, one in Business Administration with a Human Resource Management concentration and one in Public Administration, and a Bachelor's degree in Healthcare Administration.

Salter, his wife Aleshia Kienke, and three children live in the greater Spokane area.

U.S. Air Force Legal Assistance
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 with your legal needs.

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Sunday, 22 October 2017, Coeur d'Alene Resort
115 S. Second St., Coeur d'Alene
12:30 social time, 1:15 Meeting, 1:30 **SERVED MEAL**

Speaker: Chad Salter, Superintendent, Spokane Veterans Home

Mail early as reservations MUST be received in the chapter mailbox NLT Monday, 16 October 2017.

No late reservations or walk-ins, as each meal must be ordered in advance. No cancellations after food is ordered.

If you need to cancel a reservation, contact Rufus Hoefer (509) 443-6822 NLT Monday, 16 October for refund.

MENU: SERVED MEAL consisting of salad, rolls & butter, dessert, coffee/tea, no-host bar in room & choice of:

- 1) English Roast Beef atop fried buttermilk onion rings, plus mashed potatoes and fresh vegetables OR
- 2) Parmesan Crusted Chicken finished with Parmesan Reggiano cream, buttered red potatoes and fresh vegetables.

Cost is \$31.50 per person. Please reserve ____ places for the Sunday, 22 October 2017 social at the Coeur d'Alene Resort.

My check in the amount of \$_____ is enclosed (\$31.50 x ____ number of reservations). Make check to "**Spokane Chapter MOAA**" and mail to chapter mailbox above.

Name: _____ member/guest (circle one). **BEEF or CHICKEN (circle one)**

Name: _____ member/guest (circle one). **BEEF or CHICKEN (circle one)**

Sunday 22 October 2017, - 12:30 p.m. Coeur d'Alene Resort, 115 S. 2nd Street. DIRECTIONS: From I-90 eastbound, take Exit 11, turn right on Northwest Blvd toward City Center. Go about 2 miles to the Coeur d'Alene Resort, which will be on your right. You may park in the parking garage unless you have a tall vehicle. As you leave the luncheon, take your parking ticket to the front desk near the elevator and the attendant will validate your ticket. Insert the ticket in the machine. We will sign legislative letters & have a raffle.

Please bring:

- 3 postage stamps & 6 return address labels per person
- Something for the raffle which will benefit Spokane Veterans Home
- Canned meat (chicken, tuna, other protein) or cash donations to purchase items for homeless veterans would be welcome



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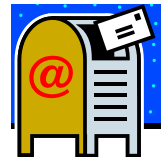
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In Case You Didn't Know...DFAS MAILING ADDRESSES HAVE CHANGED

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) mailing addresses for retired and annuitant pay changed on 1 May 2017. Mail sent via the U.S. Postal Service will be sent to Indianapolis where it will be processed and sent electronically to the DFAS facility in Cleveland. The new mailing addresses are:

Retired Pay correspondence:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Retired Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-**1200**

Annuitant Pay correspondence:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service
U.S. Military Annuitant Pay
8899 E 56th Street
Indianapolis IN 46249-**1300**



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Casualty Assistance Officer: Claudette Becker is the casualty assistance officer for Fairchild AFB and surrounding area. She's in Bldg. 240 at 7 W. Arnold St., 509-247-4488. If you leave a message, she will call you back.

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They need volunteers to work four hours per month.