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As you read this, we will have submitted our chapter for the national MOAA Levels of Excellence Award which recognizes vibrant and active chapters like ours. The award judges a chapter based on both objective and subjective criteria ranging from maintaining and chapter submitting

rosters to areas like legislative activity, recruiting, and programs--which carry the most weight. As you can see from our chapter flag, we have been recognized eight consecutive years. We thank YOU for your active legislative involvement and support of our Scholarship and Support The Troops programs as well as participation at our meetings and community events.

Our State President and National Director "Stormed the Hill" in April and our national Chairman testified Congress in May. These presentations,



especially combined with your calls, letters, and e-mails can and do make a

> difference. When vour spouse also writes, calls, and/or hits "send" on Legislative Alerts. this doubles your voice. government Although revenues are climbing as we slowly start to surface from the "great recession" the military, retirees, and veterans are still under attack as the administration wants to slash DoD via sequestration cuts, pay cuts, commissary cuts. base

# 21 June **Saturday** Wine Tasting

Noon to 1430

### **Bethany Vineyards** Ridgefield, WA

Tasting Fee - \$10 Box Lunches - \$12

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### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued**

This is why we need every chapter member and spouse to keep up the constant and unrelenting active education of our elected officials. Remember, there are those who release misinformation that the media does not challenge, so it up to us to set the record straight.

As we soon enter the "Dog Days of Summer" I ask you to stay plugged in to issues and to respond. Many of you will be on vacations--some for extended lengths, but these days, nearly everyone is on a computer, tablet, or smart phone and can easily hit "send." When U.S. Representative, Jaime Herrera Beutler, is on vacation back in the district, we hope to meet with her to discuss pertinent issues with her while Congress is in recess.

Hope you can join us for our annual wine tasting social at beautiful Bethany Vineyards on Saturday, June 21. If you have not attended this before, this year is the one to attend. Not only will we be the first group to dine and relax on their new dock patio, but we anticipate many new members will attend. It will be a good chance to meet new members. Marilyn and I always look forward to this relaxing event.

After this, our next chapter event will be the much enjoyed fall kickoff social barbecue event hosted by John Donnelly on Sunday, September 21. Please mark your calendar.

Have a great summer.

Dave Casteel President

## Membership Update by Evelyn Brady

April was a great month for chapter recruitment with 4 new members! Please welcome these new members to our chapter: Sally Cowles, MD – former Navy, Les Burger, MD - retired Army, Rob Ash – former Air Force, and Bill Craig – retired USNR. Keep up the good work with referring potential members and talking up the benefits of belonging to our local chapter.

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### Newsletter Editor

Newsletter Editor: Rich Wersinger. You can contact him at 360-901-1915 or e-mail him at rich@rjwconsulting.org.

Past Chapter Secretary John Donnelly coordinates calendar inputs and newsletter distribution.

## **Newsletter Distribution**

We continue to distribute our newsletter by e-mail, so if you are receiving this via postal service and would prefer e-mail please notify our Past Chapter Secretary, John Donnelly, donnellyj@comcast.net or 360-904-8966



## Chapter Programs: by Paul Crosby

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I thoroughly enjoyed the May program at Club Green Meadows on May 15th. The buffet was excellent and program by Jerry McWithey on Insitsu and drones was informative. However, the attendance was disappointing with only 35 individuals in attendance.

I say disappointing because I am at a loss for words on what the chapter needs to do to increase attendance at our monthly meetings. We have a strong membership and I think interesting speakers and topics but the attendance at our events tells me the members don't agree for whatever reason.

We have already penciled in our programs and locations beginning in September. But it is not too late to change, so I would like our members to answer the following three questions.

- 1. Do I approve of the location and time/date of the monthly meetings?
- 2. Do I like the meals that are offered at the monthly meetings?
- 3. Do I like the speakers and topics that are offered at the monthly meetings?

If you answered no to any of the three questions, please contact your service representative or any other member of the board and offer your feedback and/or suggestions. This is your chapter and we want to see you at our monthly meetings.

My phone number is 360-666-8871, my email address is <u>b66navigator@yahoo.com</u>. I look forward to hearing from you.

# Early Childhood Development Guidelines Keep Parents and Kids on Track: submitted by John Donnelly

This month, many organizations offer tips for caregivers and their children. From keeping kids active to feeding them properly, there are a variety of ideas on how to make sure our military children are happy and healthy. There is no one size fits all approach because each child is unique and develops at his or her own pace. There are benchmarks, however, to help you determine if your child is developing at a pace similar to their peers and it is

important for parents to be aware of these markers to get help when they need it.

According to the National Institutes of Health, your child will have more pediatric well-child visits when they are younger and developing the fastest. Health care providers will record your child's height, weight, and in some visits, hearing, vision, and other screening tests. These "other" tests examine whether your child is meeting normal growth and developmental milestones for their age. Age groups are typically divided into five categories:

- ~ Infant/newborn
- ~ Toddler
- ~ Preschooler
- ~ School-age child
- ~ Adolescent

These visits are prime opportunities for communication with your child's health care provider. It is important to take an active role in the care of your child, especially if you believe he or she may have a developmental delay. Write down questions and bring them with you to your appointments. Additionally, you can expect to be given information about normal development, nutrition, sleep, safety, diseases that are "going around," and other important topics such as what to expect as your child grows up.

TRICARE covers visits, immunizations and vision screenings for beneficiaries from birth to age six as part of well-child care. For more information about this benefit, visit <a href="www.tricare.mil/well-child">www.tricare.mil/well-child</a>. For a list of developmental milestones, visit the <a href="NIH's Developmental Milestone Record">NIH's Developmental Milestone Record</a> (<a href="http://tinyurl.com/l9622dt">http://tinyurl.com/l9622dt</a>)

# Membership Services Committee News by Terry Babin

### **Keeping Connected.**

During late April or early May you should have received a telephone call from our Chapter's volunteer callers. We appreciate the time so many of you took to help us update information for our Chapter roster, and confirm you were receiving the newsletter. About a quarter of you had changes which are very useful to help us keep you informed about the Chapter's activities and events. If you still have a voicemail from one of our callers, we would still like return call from those with whom we still have not connected.

We are still looking for two more volunteer callers to help keep each Call List to 10 or less members. Feedback from our callers was that these recent calls were quite easy to do, and interesting and fun.

A special "thank you" to the callers: Bob Cross, Nancy Fritz, Nancy Patella, Peggy Pastor, Marie Wolfe, Marlene Laurie, Caty Hart, Jim Morse, John Hill, Rich Wersinger, Joel Scott, Rod Williams, and Paul Crosby.

### Other Services.

The mission of the new Membership Services Committee is to develop and support Chapter activities and services which encourage active participation in the Chapter and long-term membership. We have merged the Personal Affairs Committee with the functions of "retention" to provide a more robust approach to meet your needs. Marie Wolfe, as Auxiliary Representative, serves on the Committee as well as our liaison to the Program Committee. We hope you will contact Marie, your assigned caller, or me if you have ideas for programs or activities that interest you. Otherwise, we are just shooting in the dark trying to figure out what is worth your time to attend one of the Chapter meetings.

We remain active in personal affairs (i.e., casualty planning and assistance). This is one of our most frequently requested types of assistance. Other services being put together include assigning "sponsors" for new members, having occasional

new member socials and orientations, helping arrange rides to Chapter events for those no longer drive (particularly at night), and otherwise serving as a resource to Chapter members.

### Reminders.

- \* June 21<sup>st</sup> is the Chapter's annual wine tasting. See details in this newsletter. Do not drink? Neither do I. You can still have fun to enjoying one of Bethany's low cost cheese or hummus plates, or sandwich lunch with Chapter members in a beautiful setting.
- \* While the Chapter will have its traditional summer break in July and August, the Membership Services Committee is always available if you have questions or need personal affairs assistance. If you cannot get a hold of me, contact a Service Representative or our Auxiliary Representative. Contact information is on the front page of this newsletter.

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# CHARLES "STAN" STANLEY WETHERELL June 13, 1922 ~ May 1, 2014

Stan was a LIFE member of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and long time chapter member. He served on the board of the Columbia River Chapter of MOAA as our Coast Guard Service Representative until his health precluded him from doing so.

He was a knowledgeable member and asset to our chapter. We will definitely miss him. We thank him for his service to our chapter and our nation and send our sympathy to Grace and his family.



Stan Wetherell, born in Cheney, came with his family to Vancouver, WA when he was quite young and made it his home ever since. He graduated from Vancouver High School in 1939 and went to college at Reed and the New York State Maritime Academy

World War II interrupted Wetherell's schooling. He spent the war in the merchant marine; his travels took him from Murmansk to Australia and many ports between. He was proud that he once navigated across the Pacific and hit the Golden Gate dead on. On June 4, 1944, Stan married Grace Matthews in Vancouver, WA.

After the war, Wetherell worked several jobs while retaining his love of the sea. In 1956, he was called to active Coast Guard duty as a Lieutenant and served until his retirement in 1982 from the Office of Captain of the Port in San Diego with the rank of Captain, USCG.

Stan and Grace returned to Vancouver in 1983. Stan worked part time as professional sailor in West Coast shipping. He gave much of

his time to the local Sea Scouts and to Kiwanis. With friends and family, he led several extended canoeing trips. Stan and Grace enjoyed square dancing and world traveling together.

Stan noticed that Washington was the only state without a street named for it in Washington DC. He successfully lobbied Congress so that Washington would not be alone without this honor; there is now a Washington Street in Washington DC.





# WSCOC Meeting with VADM Ryan by Dave Casteel

I realize this is rather lengthy, but contains important information.

The Spokane Chapter hosted the Washington State Council of Chapters (WSCOC) semiannual business meeting the last weekend in April in conjunction with their 40th Anniversary Lunch on Sunday. Our state president, COL David Slotwinski ("Slots"), USA, Ret, chaired the business meeting of chapter presidents and state officers. This year, VADM Norb Ryan, USN, Ret--MOAA President and CEO, attended the entire business meeting. He and National Director, Maj Gen "Buck" Marr, USAF, Ret, both actively participated in dialogue during the meeting.

General Marr gave a brief update of the issues he and Slots discussed and presented to seven of our elected principals and five staff assistants during their eight plus hours Storming the Hill. He praised MOAA for the excellent job they did in providing comprehensive preparatory education prior to the event. He said MOAA is working on providing more information and training for chapter Legislative Affairs liaisons. He highlighted the numerous accomplishments of MOAA over the past year (please see list at end of this article). He also singled out and thanked Beth Ann Daigre for all she has done in the area of Auxiliary Affairs--now and for her past accomplishments on the national board as Auxiliary Liaison.

Each chapter president gave reports on the areas of 1) Status of chapter leadership / succession, 2) Recruiting and retention, 3) Current programs, 4) Contacts and campaigns to contact Congress and local state legislators, and 5) Other issues or concerns.

Since I went first, I probably took up more than my share of time. I gave a very positive report on the chapter's overall health. I mentioned that I just started the first year of my last two year term as president, but that neither current vice president would be moving up to the office of president. One will be moving to Longview and the other is out of town six months of the year. So, we have a need to recruit new members for these positions soon.

Slots mentioned that WSCOC has reorganized the state VP positions so that one VP is in charge of Legislative efforts and the other VP oversees "Chapter Development" activities which include recruiting, retention, chapter officer transitions, and community blue print coordination. Slots asked chapters to adopt this model. This restructuring is probably the next reorganization the chapter should undertake over the coming year to realign with the state especially as we bring on new chapter vice presidents.

I also brought up a few questions our members had. One question I asked was why grandchildren of members are not eligible for MOAA grants or scholarships. Admiral Ryan responded that the board felt this would be "double dipping." They feel funds should go to help members serving and children of members. He did say he would talk with the board about the idea of grandchildren of LIFE members being eligible for MOAA grants or scholarships.

We heard presentations from the our Governor appointed member to the Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee and the MOAA representative to the State Veterans Legislative Coalition (VLC). The VLC reported two significant accomplishments. First is that parents of GIs whose son or daughter dies on active duty are eligible to live in state retired soldiers homes. Second, veterans have the one year residency requirement waived for in-state tuition at state schools.

Slots also brought up a national MOAA issue concerning having a chapter in every Congressional District in the nation (or an area that has eligible members but is too far from a current chapter) and asked us to look at Washington State for possible new chapters or satellite chapters. Two areas under study are in the greater Seattle area and around Longview.

Admiral Ryan thanked the chapters for all they do to advocate for members and veterans as well as active community involvement. He said more important than being CEO is being CLO--i.e., "Chief Listening Officer," as he learns much from listening to chapters' comments that can help other

### **WSCOC Meeting continued**

chapters. He updated us on MOAA's Veterans Service Officers now helping veterans with disability claims in the greater Virginia/DC area. MOAA hopes to expand this across the nation. Chapters have been asking MOAA for e-mail addresses of potential prospects to aid in recruiting. He said MOAA now has 250,000 e-mail addresses (i.e., of eligible national members who are not affiliated with a chapter) but needs these members to give authorization for these e-mails to be released to the chapter before they can share them. At this point, 20,000 have given permission. Also, because of the importance of legislative advocacy efforts, MOAA will be inviting Legislative Affairs chairpersons to upcoming Regional Symposiums for helpful instruction and provide them with useful template materials.



Dave Casteel presenting thank you memento to guest Speaker Jerry McWithey, Dir Flight Ops, Insitu, at May 15 dinner at Club Green Meadows.

# General Marr's Quick Overview of 2013 MOAA Accomplishments:

- -Blocked shifting \$25B in health care costs
- -Avoided 24% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to providers
- -Won two-year relief to sequestration driven cuts
- -Blocked Chain-CPI proposals
- Membership Model showing positive tractiongrew active by 4.5%/Life and Basic memberships up
- -Chapter membership up 2500
- -Chapter legislative chairs up 36%
- -Increased networking on LinkedIn by 20,000
- -Career transition program reached 12,000
- -Grant by Dole Foundation enabled publishing Care Giver Guide
- -VSO volunteer program up and running
- -\$100,000 grant by JP Morgan enabled two Spouse Symposium
- -\$9.5M in scholarships disbursed to 1700 students
- -New revenue initiatives on track: Foundation and Corporate Sponsorships
- -MOAA named Top military related advocacy organization -7<sup>th</sup> year in a row by The Hill newspaper
- -Non-Profit Times named MOAA a "Best Non-Profit to Work For."
- -10 Print and Digital Awards (APEX and W3)
- -Member Service Center receives top marks in member survey



L=R: Diane & Jerry McWithey (Guest speaker), Pat Williams, Liz Cross, Marilyn & Dave Casteel

# AFJROTC Medal Update:



Chapter President Dave Casteel presents MOAA JROTC leadership medal to Cadet Major Ryan Williamson at Battleground High School JROTC awards ceremony. He was selected for exhibiting high potential for military leadership.



# MOAA Urges White House to Create VA commission Submitted by Dave Casteel

Alexandria, Va. (May 16, 2014) — Retired Navy Vice Adm. Norb Ryan, president of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) wrote to the Commander in Chief, President Barack Obama, urgently recommending he establish an independent, high-level commission to examine the VA health care system for the nation's veterans in the 21st century.

MOAA members are deeply concerned over recent reports that a VA hospital in Phoenix, Ariz. was keeping two waiting lists for veterans seeking care.

A 'secret' list allegedly was used to deny access to care for veterans so that overall numbers would look good. A retired VA physician alleges the list led to the untimely deaths of as many as 40 veterans. The VA Inspector General is investigating the charges.

In writing to the President, Ryan noted, "We believe the current situation concerning allegations of secret waiting lists at the VA Phoenix hospital presents a unique opportunity to take a fresh look at VA health care in the 21st century. The VA health care system delivers consistently high quality care to our nation's veterans with few exceptions, once veterans can get in. However, as the current crisis has shown, our veterans' access to care is often thwarted by bureaucratic red tape and inefficiencies."

The VA healthcare system is the largest integrated system in the country with nearly 10 million veterans enrolled, 6.5 million seen each year, and 220,000 visits per day in 1,825 locations including 152 hospitals, 800 Community based clinics and 300 veteran centers. Two million new enrollees were added in 2013 resulting in a net gain of 1.4 million new patients system wide.

The last comprehensive review of VA health care was done nearly 20 years ago. It led to the transformation of the VA health system so that veterans are seen today for routine, primary care needs as well as specialized care associated with their wartime disabilities.

"As health care delivery continues to evolve across the nation with decreasing reliance on inpatient services and facilities, MOAA believes that veterans and their families would benefit over the long term by an independent, strategic assessment of health care delivery modalities in the 21st century," Ryan wrote. "We must act now to understand the challenges that lie ahead so that the VA is prepared for the long-term needs of the millions of veterans who have served our nation during the last 12 years of war."

# Thoughts About Lyme Disease (As The Summer Months Begin) by CAPT Roger DeRoos. USPHS Ret.

Lyme disease is transmitted to humans from deer tick bites, which is the only known means of transmission to humans. On the West Coast we have our own type of deer tick, called Ixodes pacificus. The good news for those who live in the Pacific Northwest; the incidence of Lyme disease is low compared to some other areas of country. According to the Washington State Department of Health website, only 7 to 26 cases have been reported in Washington the last few years, and the count is even lower for cases of tick bites which originate in our own state (0 to 3 per year). Most cases occur in the Northeast, mid-Atlantic and upper Midwest. The black legged deer tick in these locations is called Ixodes scapularis, and the bacteria transmitted from the infected tick is called Borrelia burgdorferi. If you go on vacations in these upper Midwest or Atlantic areas during the summer or fall, be sure to take precautions to prevent exposure from tick bites.

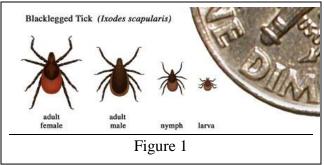
Lyme disease can be effectively treated with antibiotics. If left untreated, more serious long-term effects can occur in the joints, heart, and nervous system. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website states that "the tick must be attached for 36-48 hours or more before the Lyme disease bacterium can be transmitted." Although not always present, a telltale sign of the disease is a "bull's-eye" rash in one or more locations, accompanied with fever, headache, and muscle and joint pain.

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### Thoughts About Lyme Disease continued

The first step for prevention is to avoid exposure to deer ticks. Staying away from tall brush or grass will help. If you like to hike in areas where there are ticks, stay in the middle of the trail. colored clothes will help you spot ticks early, and long-sleeved shirts and tucking pants into socks will help prevent exposure. Also, an insect repellant and Permethrin applied to clothing with DEET. will help. The Permethrin kills the tick. Be sure to follow labelled instructions.

The deer tick is small, and the nymph is most likely to attach during warmer months. The nymphal stage more actively feeds during the summer months and adult ticks are more active during cooler months. They tend to hide in the folds of our bodies, so check carefully. The CDC that: "In general, adult ticks states approximately the size of a sesame seed and nymphal ticks are approximately the size of a poppy seed." The CDC website portrays relative size of stages in Figure 1.



Because it is important that they be removed correctly, I will quote directly from the CDC website about removing a tick: "1. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp the tick as close to the skin's surface as possible. 2. Pull upward with steady, even pressure. Don't twist or jerk the tick; this can cause the mouth-parts to break off and remain in the skin. If this happens, remove the mouth-parts with tweezers. If you are unable to remove the mouth easily with clean tweezers, leave it alone and let the skin heal. 3. After removing the tick, thoroughly clean the bite area and your hands with rubbing alcohol, an iodine scrub, or soap and water." CDC also recommends that you: "Avoid folklore remedies such as "painting" the tick with nail polish or petroleum jelly, or using heat to make the tick

detach from the skin. Your goal is to remove the tick as quickly as possible--not waiting for it to detach "

Finally, CDC indicates that " If you develop a rash fever within several weeks of removing a tick, see your doctor. Be sure to tell the doctor about your tick bite. recent the bite when occurred. and where you most likely acquired the tick."



The typical "bull's-eye" rash is shown in Figure 2 (Photo: James Gathany, CDC).

For those of you interested in more information regarding Lyme disease, I recommend the following websites:

This first link includes several well illustrated fact sheets (English and Spanish) addressing special circumstances for exposure: children, pregnant women, golfers, hikers and those who work in outside locations.

# http://tinyurl.com/mw9ydkh

The second link to the CDC Lyme disease website addresses a broad array of topics; from the basics to prevention, diagnosis and treatment. http://www.cdc.gov/lyme/

The third link provides more locally-based information from the Washington State Department of Health. On the right hand column there is a "tick photo gallery" which provide some excellent illustrations of the *Ixodes* and some other disease related ticks. http://tinyurl.com/mfzsfgx

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## **Legislative Contacts**

### **MOAA Legislative Action Center**

http://www.moaa.org/Legislative/

MOAA Capitol toll free hotline at 1-866-272-6622

### **White House**

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Vancouver Area Washington State Legislative Districts and Representatives

Legislator	District 49	District 17	District 18	District 14	District 20
Senator	Annette Cleveland	Don Benton	Ann Rivers	Curtis King	John Braun
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Representative,	Sharon Wylie	Monica Stonier	Brandon Vick	Norm Johnson	Ed Orcutt
Position 1	786-7924	786-7994	786-7850	(509) 454-7210	786-7990
Representative, Position 2	Jim Moeller 786-7872	Paul Harris 786-7976	Liz Pike 786-7812	Charles Ross 786-7856	Richard DeBolt 786-7896

Note: All phone numbers are 360 area code, except where otherwise noted. Toll free 1-800-562-6000 \* Party Caucus Phone Number until Official Swearing-in. More info at www.leg.wa.gov/legislature

# Legislative Affairs: by Roy Korkalo

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First, be sure to look carefully at the Washington State Legislative District map below. Also, the Contact Information page includes some new information so you may accurately call our Washington State Legislators.

Redistricting caused some changes. Clark County is covered by five State Legislative Districts. Districts 49, 17, and 18 are entirely in Clark County. District 20 encompasses some of the County on the North while District 14 takes in some of Eastern Clark County.

The Contact Information in previous Newsletters remains the same for U.S. Representative Jaime Herrera Beutler, U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell and U.S. Senator Patty Murray.

Here is the updated Contact Information for our Washington State District Legislators.

- **District 49**: Senator Annette Cleveland. 360-786-7696. In Vancouver, 360-571-2732. Representative Sharon Wylie. 360-786-7924. Representative Jim Moeller. 360-786-7872.
- **District 17:** Senator Don Benton. 360-786-7632 Representative Monica Stonier. 360-786-7994. In Vancouver, 360-260-6375. Representative Paul Harris. 360-786-7976.
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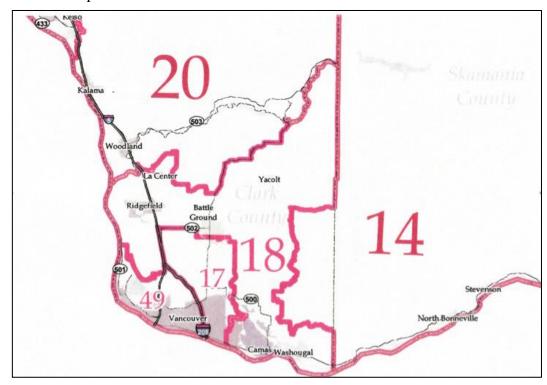
  Representative Brandon Vick. 360-786-7850. In Camas, 360-210-7070.

  Representative Liz Pike. 360-786-7812. In Camas, 360-210-4534.
- **District 14:** Senator Curtis King. 360-786-7626. Representative Norm Johnson. 509-454-7210. Representative Charles Ross. 360-786-7856.
- **District 20:** Senator John Braun. 360-786-7638.

  Representative Ed Orcutt. 360-786-7990.

  Representative Richard DeBolt. 360-786-7896.

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### 2014 CHAPTER CALENDAR

21 June Annual Wine Tasting at Bethany Vineyard & Winery Saturday Followed by a private lunch on the lake for MOAA members.

1200 - 1400 Details Below

21 September Sunday

BBQ time at John Donnelly's home

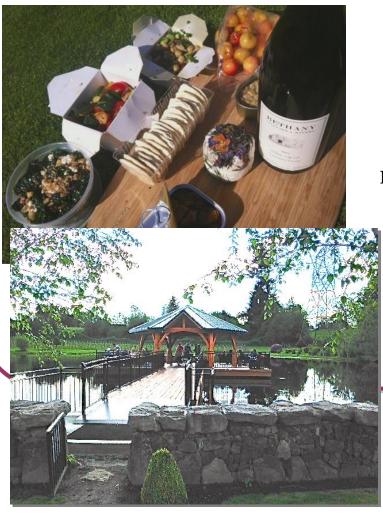
16 October
Thursday

Luncheon Meeting at the Clark County Skills Center
Program: Veteran Affairs in Washington State

**Speaker:** Lourdes E. Alvarado Ramos (Alfie) Director WA Department of Veterans Affairs

20 November Luncheon Meeting at the Clark County Skills Center.

Thursday **Program TBD** 



Bethany Vineyards Wine Tasting
21 June – Noon to 2:30
On Their New Floating Patio
Tasting Fee - \$10
Box Lunches - \$12
4115 NE 259<sup>th</sup> St.
Ridgefield WA 98642
Take I-5 to Hwy 502 exit, turn
Left on 10<sup>th</sup> Ave and right on 259<sup>th</sup> St.
New Members - Tasting fee will be
Paid by the Chapter – Welcome!
RSVPs for Box Lunches needed!
By 16 June – pastormr1@msn.com
Or (360) 882-1275