



# COLUMBIA RIVER CHAPTER NEWSLETTER

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Another summer has flown by! And it has been a scorcher. It has been an eventful couple of months for our chapter, despite not having meetings. **Al Laurie** passed away and was laid to rest at the Willamette National Cemetery in July. **Dick Ionata** beat some nasty cancer and is planning on attending our Scholarship BBQ on September 8.

Our Foundation has been busy too. **Dave Casteel** and I met with the new director of the Clark College Veterans Resource Center (VRC), **Dave Daly**. He is a former Marine, but I didn't hold that against him. There have been some impressive improvements since we last visited,

including a bigger and more functional space. This allows for a tutoring area, printers, computers, and a small break area. Donated snacks and food are always welcome. What do you think about having a donation box at our meetings for the VRC the way we used to do for Fisher House?

On July 12, following a Columbia River MOAA Foundation Board meeting, **Frank Hill**, **Terri Whisenant**, and I visited the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center. We presented **Judy Russel**, Executive Director, with a check for \$500 from our Support the Troops fund. We were

very impressed by how they do so much with so little. They serve up to 18 breakfasts and lunches 5 days a week, with donated food prepared by the volunteers in their own kitchens! These volunteers then transport the food back to the Center for distribution. Amazing!



Our chapter has been notified that we have been recognized as a 5 Star Award winner for 2017. We have a history of excellence, and I believe we can continue to be an outstanding chapter. We have some challenges ahead of us and I hope we can meet those challenges. The future depends on what we do in the present. Currently, the chapter doesn't have a Membership Recruitment Chair, and we have had a dismal year so far in regard to new members.

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**8 Sep  
Saturday  
Scholarship BBQ  
Dave & Marilyn  
Casteel's Home  
3:00 PM  
Camas, WA  
RSVP by 5 Sep  
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**President's Message continued**

In July, I sent a letter to 120 Life members in our vicinity inviting them to join us. I hope to see several prospective members at the September 8 BBQ and I know we will make them feel welcome. Keep in mind that we are all recruiters and that we have a special chapter.

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming events. The meeting will be a nice blend of community service, general interest, and socializing. Check the last page of this newsletter for details. I'm looking forward to seeing you on September 8<sup>th</sup> at the **Casteel's**. Please don't forget to bring your generous donation to our Scholarship Fund.

**Evelyn Brady  
President**



President Evelyn Brady and Chapter Members Terri Whisenant, Surviving Spouse Representative, and Frank Hill, CRMF Treasurer, present our check to Judy Russel, Executive Director of the Clark County Assistance Center



## ***Chapter ~ Membership Eligibility***

Chapter membership is open to active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, and former commissioned officers and warrant officers of the following uniformed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Surviving spouses of deceased officers are also eligible to join.



## ***Columbia River Chapter ~ Affiliate***

Our chapter is an affiliate of the 390,000 member national MOAA which is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. MOAA and the chapter are nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organizations. Our chapter is an IRC 501(c)19 war veterans organization.



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## ***Newsletter Editor***

Our Chapter Secretary, **Chris Rubadue**, coordinates calendar inputs and newsletter distribution.

Newsletter Editor: **Rich Wersinger**. You can contact him at 360-901-1915 or e-mail him at [rich@rjwconsulting.org](mailto:rich@rjwconsulting.org).

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## ***Newsletter Distribution***

We continue to distribute our newsletter by e-mail. If you are receiving this via postal service and would prefer e-mail please notify **Chris Rubadue**, our Chapter Secretary at (425) 269-1902 or [clrubadue@comcast.net](mailto:clrubadue@comcast.net).



## **Retired Uniformed Service Members-- TRDP (Dental) is ending—Your action required** *by Dave Casteel*

### **TRDP–to–FEDVIP transition**

First, some background. You may remember MOAA led the charge for years recommending the elimination of unnecessary duplication of health care and consolidation of military medical health care under one umbrella agency. The FY2017 NDAA did just this and made major changes to the military health care system. Chief among them, the reorganization (i.e., consolidation) of individual service's medical agencies under the Defense Health Agency (DHA). As of October 2018, DHA formally takes over all military medical facilities.

As a result, new plans and costs will be available for us to review in October 2018 as we come under the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDVIP) January 1, 2019. Because of this, TRICARE Retiree Dental Program (TRDP) will end on December 31, 2018. Retired uniformed service members and their families who were eligible for TRDP will be eligible for FEDVIP dental coverage, effective January 1, 2019.

**One big change for TFL beneficiaries is you will no longer be automatically enrolled in a plan for 2019. You must enroll during the Federal Benefits Open Season November 12–December 10, 2018.**

### **Vision coverage is available!**

For the first time ever, vision coverage is available to you and your family members! Retired uniformed service members and their families who were eligible for TRDP, and who are enrolled in a TRICARE health plan, will be eligible for FEDVIP vision coverage. Coverage is effective January 1, 2019, if you enroll during the Federal Benefits Open Season.

### **How to prepare**

Research 2018 plans. Plan details and premium rates for the 2019 plan year will be available in October 2018. You can [compare current 2018 plans and rates](#) by going to <https://www.tricare.benefeds.com> and select “[Compare current 2018 plans and rates.](#)” I put in my Zip code and found 10 dental plans and 8 vision plans. These may or not be available in 2019, but it will

give you an idea of what to expect including costs and co-pays.

You can also participate in a [TRICARE online webinar](#). Experts will hold two webinars focusing on different plans and the enrollment process on Oct 3 and Nov 14, respectively. Sign up for updates on the TRICARE website to receive alerts of key dates.

### **Don't miss your opportunity to enroll!**

If you'd like dental and/or vision coverage next year, effective January 1, 2019, you must enroll during the next Federal Benefits Open Season: [November 12–December 10, 2018](#)

### **Premium payment:**

Once you enroll in FEDVIP, TRICARE will automatically set up an allotment with your pay provider to pay your premiums post-tax. In the event that you do not have enough available funds or allotments to cover the cost, they will default your payment method to a recurring electronic funds transfer (EFT), which we refer to as an automatic bank withdrawal (ABW).



## ***Late Summer Information*** by Terry Babin ***Membership Services Committee***

Every summer there are nice to know pieces of information circulating around, but nothing big enough to warrant a special publication to the MOAA membership. This is this summer's collection.

- On my list of *Most Helpful Publications* is MOAA's Personal Affairs Guide: A Personal inventory for Peace of Mind. If someone—even someone who did not know you well—needed to help your survivors through the very difficult challenges in the first few days of your passing, this publication and the information recorded therein can save time, frustration, and future problems.
  - This publication is free to National MOAA Life and Premium members.
  - Just have your MOAA membership number ready, and call 1-800-234-6622
- One of the best resources for navigating the VA bureaucracy has been our local VFW Veteran Service Officer at the VA Campus on 4<sup>th</sup> Plain Blvd, Vancouver. **Mr. David Groda** is the current contact at (360) 696-4583.
- To replace or renew your military identification card, two forms of identification are now required.
  - You need a valid photo ID such as an unexpired passport, driver's license, or military ID card;
  - And, a secondary ID such as another photo ID listed above, or a social security card (**not** your Medicare card), or voter registration card.
- If you are a Surviving Spouse receiving Survivor Benefit Plan annuity benefits, make sure a family member or other person who will represent your interests/estate, knows to notify the Defense Finance & Accounting Service (DFAS) at 1-800-321-1080. DO NOT wait until the death certificate has been issued.
- Likewise, if you are a Surviving Spouse receiving Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefits, make sure a family member or other person who will represent your interests/estate

knows to notify the Department of Veteran Affairs (VA) at 1-800-827-1000. Again, DO NOT wait until the death certificate has been issued.

- Our semi-annual "*Keeping Connected*" Chapter phone call series for the coming autumn will begin this mid-September. We hope to conclude all calls and contacts by mid-October.
  - This next call series will complete the 5<sup>th</sup> year of our program which has not only helped the Chapter keep in contact with many members who are unable to attend our events and activities, but also helped as a service for all members to ask questions [This includes getting answers to those questions], get assistance, make suggestions, and keep their contact information current. The Chapter has taken action on almost 200 queries and inputs since the program started.
  - We certainly could use a few more "Alternate Callers" to help make calls when a primary caller is unable to participate for a specific call series—usually because of travel or other "away" commitments. Many members have had enough experience on the receiving end of these calls that you will find it easy to fill in as an alternate. If interested (even if not prepared to commit), call me at (360) 608-7789.
  - If you did not receive a call (or e-mail if we could not reach you by phone) by October 15th, AND you have not requested to be on our "DO NOT CALL" list, then please let me know a good phone number or e-mail address to both update both our Call Lists, and Chapter records.
  - My contact information:  
**Terry Babin** (360) 608-7789 or [tbear06@comcast.net](mailto:tbear06@comcast.net).

***Foundation Update*** by *Dave Casteel*

Thank You, Thank you, Thank You!  
Did I say, "Thank You?"

Thanks to those of you who have linked your Fred Meyer Rewards card to our Foundation, we have received \$60.91 since January 2018 from you shopping there using your rewards card phone number. Slow starting, but growing, (woo hoo!) and a painless way to donate. Ask your friends and relatives to link their card also. Do it TODAY.

Not yet a Fred Meyer Rewards member? Simply ask to be enrolled on you next visit to Fred Meyer. Then bring your card home and go online to

1. Go to [www.fredmeyer.com](http://www.fredmeyer.com)
2. Select the Rewards tab and scroll down to Fred Meyer Community Rewards
3. Scroll down to (and click on) "re-enroll or link your Rewards Card now"
4. Sign in to your account using the user name and password you set up when you received your Rewards Card (or click "forgot password").
5. A screen will appear entitled "Find Your Organization." In the box that asks you to enter "your organization's number or at least 3 letters of the organizations name," enter "Columbia River MOAA Foundation" then click search. Our new nonprofit organization number is **AU238**.
6. When the search finds the Columbia River MOAA Foundation simply put a click in the "O" in front of Columbia River MOAA Foundation (CRMF)
7. Then click "enroll"
8. Use your phone number as your alternate ID each time you shop and YOU and the Columbia River MOAA Foundation BOTH receive cash rewards EACH time you shop

**Clark College Veterans Resource Center:**

The Foundation donated \$1,000.00 to the Clark College Veterans Resource Center. The new manager, **David Daly**, and his **wife** will be at our September 8th scholarship barbecue to talk to about all the great new things happening there. **David** and his **wife** are personally stocking a nonperishable pantry for student veterans. We can help by donating some of these items at all our meetings starting in September:

- Tuna packets or cans
- Chicken salad packets or cans
- Dinty More soups
- Mac and cheese
- Hamburger helper (Dave says he keeps several pounds of hamburger available in his home that he brings in when needed)
- Rice-a-roni
- Canned veggies
- Cereal cheerios, Kix, Chex
- Pretzels sticks
- Dried fruit rolls
- Canned fruit mixes
- Crackers
- Shelf stable or powdered milk
- Peanut butter
- Plus, just think what nonperishables you ate in college...

**Clark County Veterans Assistance Center:**

After our May dinner presentation, the Foundation also donated \$500.00 to the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center (see photo on page 2 of this newsletter and on our Face Book page "Columbia River Chapter-MOAA") Like us and see updates as they occur.

This fall, with your continued support and generosity, we expect to donate to more veterans organizations including our primary Support The Troops charity, the **Vancouver Fisher House**.

Last but not least, we are pleased to announce that **Lee Golden** has volunteered to serve as our Foundation Secretary. Welcome **Lee**.



## Legislative Contacts

### MOAA Legislative Action Center

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

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

### White House

Comments: 202-456-1111 Switchboard: 202-456-1414  
FAX: 202-456-2461 E-mail: [comments@whitehouse.gov](mailto:comments@whitehouse.gov)

The U.S. Government's Portal: <http://www.usa.gov/>  
U.S. Senate: <http://www.senate.gov/>  
U.S. House of Representatives: <http://www.house.gov/>

### Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler Washington's 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District

<http://herrerabeutler.house.gov/>



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Contact Congresswoman Herrera Beutler via email:  
<https://herrerabeutler.house.gov/contact/>

### U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell <http://cantwell.senate.gov/>

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Contact Senator Cantwell via email: <https://www.cantwell.senate.gov/contact/email/form>

### U.S. Senator Patty Murray <http://murray.senate.gov/>

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Contact Senator Murray via email: <https://www.murray.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/contactme>

## Vancouver Area Washington State Legislative Districts and Representatives

Legislator	District 49	District 17	District 18	District 14	District 20
<b>Senator</b>	Annette Cleveland 786-7696	Lynda Wilson 786-7632	Ann Rivers 786-7634	Curtis King 786-7626	John Braun 786-7638
<b>Representative, Position 1</b>	Sharon Wylie 786-7924	Vicki Kraft 786-7994	Brandon Vick 786-7850	Norm Johnson (509) 454-7210	Richard DeBolt 786-7990
<b>Representative, Position 2</b>	Monica Stonier 786-7872	Paul Harris 786-7976	Liz Pike 786-7812	Gina McCabe 786-7856	Ed Orcutt 786-7896

Note: All phone numbers are 360 area code, except where otherwise noted. Toll free **1-800-562-6000**  
More info at [www.leg.wa.gov/legislature](http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature)

**Federal Legislative Update:***by Buck Marr*

Happy Summer Columbia River-ites. Here's hoping that everybody is having a great summer and that the web feet you formed during Spring's long rainy season have healed and returned to their normal five toe human configuration.

The federal legislation process has bumped its way through Congress. Despite events such as tariff disputes, discord with the European Union, roller coaster foreign diplomacy, polarized immigration rhetoric, North Korean discussions and mid-term election campaigning etc., the FY2019 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) has emerged on time for the 57<sup>th</sup> consecutive year.

It is always important to remind ourselves that the NDAA is a policy document and not an appropriations bill. The FY19 Appropriations Bill is still in work but slightly ahead of previous years' schedule. The really heated debate has begun with about a month's worth of work days remaining before the start of FY19.

There were several key NDAA issues which could have gone either way but in the end a tsunami like MOAA advocacy effort coordinated with other influential VSO's created several important wins.

For example, The NDAA contained a full 2.6% military pay raise matching the administration's request. This is the largest raise in eight years. This raise keeps pace with private sector wage growth leaving the active duty with only a 2.6 % pay gap.

The NDAA continues a growth in personnel end-strength. And, the often and hotly contested proposal to cut the housing allowance was defeated—no cut!!

Also, good news in the form of NO TRICARE fee increases. The Senate backed a provision to significantly raise these fees and worse yet, end the historic habit of grandfathering those members who were already serving. MOAA led an aggressive campaign to defeat these proposals which would have been the second major fee increase in two years for retirees under 65.

Many of you have read that MOAA's advocacy produced 17,000 letters to Congress. There is strength and power in numbers! Another interesting feature of

the NDAA was the most comprehensive change to the military officer personnel system in 38 years.

As is always the case in the legislative world, we don't win all our issues. We were disappointed to see Congress take no action to repeal the SBP-DIC offset. We will continue to press for repeal in the next Congressional session along with fixing concurrent receipt for Chapter 61 retirees.

Naturally, there have been several other interesting activities coming out of the Hill during the past two months. **Robert Wilkie** was confirmed as the new Veterans Affairs Secretary by a vote of 89-9 filling the position which has been vacant since March. What is interesting is that never before in history have any Senators voted against the President's VA nominee. Nine Senators said "NO" which is another indicator of the pitched battle going on between the Administration and the Legislative Branch.

Another fairly important initiative working its way through the House without a lot of fanfare is a plan to create a new branch of Veterans Affairs Operations. The idea is for this branch to focus on veteran economic opportunity, employment and education programs within the Department of Veteran Affairs. Veteran advocates feel that the benefits branch is overwhelmed working claims and pension issues preventing them from working education programs, post-military employment and other resources aimed at helping veterans' transition from the services back to civilian life.

As you can see, despite many legislators being on summer break, a lot has happened which affects the active force and retired veterans. MOAA encourages us to never take our "eye off the ball."

Indications from the White House and Pentagon hint that the 2020 President's Budget proposal will not raise the budget ceiling. Hefty pay raises which helped close the gap with the civilian sector will likely settle back to more normal ones so that excess monies can be identified to spend on high tech initiatives like hypersonics.

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### **Federal Legislative Update continued**

FY2020 is an extremely important year for the Trump Administration since it will be the first budget built on the bedrock of the newly minted National Defense Strategy. This plus the results of the mid-term elections will make it a competitive year on the Hill.

In sum, I give a big shout out to those of you invested in participating in MOAA's advocacy strategy and processes. You and your MOAA comrades made a difference in the recent NDAA. Hooah.

**Buck Marr**  
**Federal Legislative Affairs**

### **Navy Establishes U.S. 2nd Fleet, Vice Adm. Lewis Assumes Command**

Story Number: NNS180824-07

Release Date: 8/24/2018 10:59:00 AM

From U.S. Fleet Forces Public Affairs

NORFOLK, Va. (NNS) -- Chief of Naval Operations Adm. John Richardson presided over a ceremony establishing U.S. 2nd Fleet and naming Vice Adm. Andrew "Woody" Lewis as the commander during a ceremony aboard the nuclear aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77), Aug. 24, at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia.

"Although deeply consequential, the meaning of this establishment can be summarized simply as a dynamic response to a dynamic security environment — a security environment clearly articulated in the National Defense Strategy," said Richardson. "We first need to understand this competitive security environment and why it demands every ounce of our tenacity, ingenuity and fighting spirit. Then we can focus on the mission and how best to accomplish it; 2nd Fleet will enhance our capacity to maneuver and fight in the Atlantic, and as a result, help to maintain America's maritime superiority that will lead to security, influence and prosperity for our nation."

Lewis assumed command as the first commander of the re-established C2F, after his confirmation by the Senate June 28. U.S. 2nd Fleet will be headquartered in Norfolk. All of Lewis's operational command tours

have been on the East Coast making him intimately familiar with operations in the Atlantic. Most recently, he commanded Carrier Strike Group 12 and deployed with USS Theodore Roosevelt (CVN 71) to the U.S. 6th and 5th Fleet areas of operation.

"I am truly honored to lead this fleet. U.S. 2nd Fleet has a storied history, and we will honor that legacy," said Lewis. "However, we will not simply pick up where we left off. We are going to aggressively and quickly build this command into an organization with operational capability. We will challenge our assumptions, recognize biases, learn and adapt from failures so as to innovate in order to build a fleet that is ready to fight. Ready to fight – so we don't have to."

U.S. 2nd Fleet will exercise operational and administrative authorities over assigned ships, aircraft and landing forces on the East Coast and the North Atlantic. Additionally, it will plan and conduct maritime, joint and combined operations as well as train and recommend certification of combat ready naval forces for maritime employment and operations around the globe. U.S. 2nd Fleet will fall under operational control of U.S. Fleet Forces Command.



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NORFOLK (Aug. 24, 2018) Vice Adm. Andrew "Woody" Lewis departs through the Navy ceremonial red carpet bullets and sideboys after assuming command of U.S. 2nd Fleet aboard the nuclear aircraft carrier USS George H.W. Bush (CVN 77). U.S. 2nd Fleet will exercise operational and administrative authorities over assigned ships, aircraft and landing forces on the East Coast and North Atlantic. U.S. Navy photo Mass Communication Specialist 1st Class Gary Prill/Released)

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## 2018 CHAPTER CALENDAR

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8 September  
Saturday      **Scholarship Barbecue** at the Dave and Marilyn Casteel's Home!  
26308 NE 34<sup>th</sup> St, Camas, WA 98607  
3:00pm to 6:00 pm.  
Chapter will provide meat and beverages,  
Members are invited to bring side dishes and desserts.  
Also your free will donation to our scholarship fund.



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13 September  
Thursday      **Executive Board Meeting:** Open to everyone.  
9:00 am Bingo Hall on 78<sup>th</sup> Street, Vancouver

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18 October  
Thursday      **Chapter Luncheon**  
**Venue:** Touchmark      **Guest Speaker:** Greg Kimsey to talk about upcoming elections  
**Meet & Greet:** 11:30 am  
**Lunch:**                    12:00 pm



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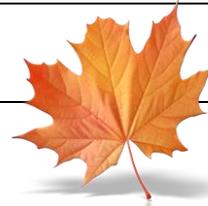
6 November  
Tuesday      **General Election**

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10 November  
Saturday      **Veterans Day Parade** – details will be posted at CMAC website and our own [Columbia River Chapter website](#)

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11 November  
Sunday      **Veterans Day Ceremony** at 1100



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15 November  
Thursday      **Chapter Luncheon**  
**Venue:** Cascadia Technical Academy  
**Meet & Greet:** 11:30 am  
**Lunch:**                    12:00 pm

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2 December  
Sunday      **Holiday party and meet and greet scholarship recipients.**  
**Plan on:** 3:00 to 6:00pm.      **Details TBD**



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### Scholarship Barbecue

8 September 2018  
Saturday

**Dave and Marilyn Casteel's Home**  
26308 NE 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
Camas, WA 98607

**Join us:** 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

**Program:** Having fun together!



**Cost:** None per person

Chapter will provide meat and beverages,  
Members are invited to bring side dishes and  
desserts.

Also, your free will donation to our scholarship  
fund.

**RSVP:** To Dan Sockle by 5 September

Call 360-624-4478

or e-mail [dsocket@gmail.com](mailto:dsocket@gmail.com)

**Directions to David & Marilyn Casteel  
26308 NE 34th Street Camas, Washington 98607  
(360) 834-2448**

**Coming from Vancouver via SR 14 (about 25-30 minutes)**

1. Follow SR 14 until Exit 10 for SE 192nd Avenue
2. Follow SE 192nd Avenue for 3.4 miles  
(go past Wal-Mart and Home Depot on left and Costco on right)
3. Turn Right on NE 13th Street (traffic light 1/2 mile north of Costco)
4. Follow road for 3.6 miles (changes name several times)
5. Turn Left on 259th Avenue  
(if you come to Fern Prairie Market you have gone too far)
6. Follow 259th Avenue about 3/4 mile  
(it jogs right and becomes 29th street and left becoming 261st avenue)
7. Road goes downhill
8. Turn right on 34th Street after old white fence ("private road" dead end sign)
9. Third house on the left facing road (2nd driveway gray ranch style)

**Coming from Camas / Washougal (15 to 20 minutes)**

1. Go due north out of Camas on Everett St / WA 500 past Lacamas Lake  
(or pick up WA 500 taking Crown Road to SE 7th St)
2. Turn Right after Camas Cemetery and go past East County Fire & Rescue and Grove Field
3. Follow WA 500 past Fern Prairie Market as road curves left.
4. Over crest of hill turn right on 259th Avenue (comes quick, hard to see until last moment)
5. Follow 259th Avenue about 3/4 mile  
(it jogs right and becomes 29th street and left becoming 261st avenue)
6. Road goes downhill
7. Turn right on 34th Street after old white fence ("private road" dead end sign)
8. Third house on the left facing road (2nd driveway gray ranch style)

**Coming From North (e.g. Battleground) (about 30 minutes)**

1. Take WA 503 South to NE Fourth Plain Blvd
2. Go East (Left) on NE Fourth Plain Blvd / WA 500 about 8 miles to "T" Intersection.
3. Turn Left on NE 28th St (@ Charlene's Tanning Studio)
4. Go East 1 mile (road changes name to Brunner Rd) and Turn Left on 259th Avenue  
(if you come to Fern Prairie Market you have gone too far)
5. Follow 259th Avenue about 3/4 mile  
(it jogs right and becomes 29th street and left becoming 261st avenue)
6. Road goes downhill
7. Turn right on 34th Street after old white fence ("private road" dead end sign)
8. Third house on the left facing road (2nd driveway gray ranch style)

**(Continued) Directions to David & Marilyn Casteel  
26308 NE 34th Street Camas, Washington 98607  
(360) 834-2448**

**Coming from Mill Plain Blvd (about 25 minutes from Peace Health Medical Center)**

1. Follow Mill Plain Blvd East to 192nd Avenue
2. Turn Left, and go north past Home Depot and Costco
3. Turn Right on NE 13th Street (traffic light 1/2 mile north of Costco)
4. Follow road for 3.6 miles (changes name several times)
5. Turn Left on 259th Avenue  
(if you come to Fern Prairie Market you have gone too far)
6. Follow 259th Avenue about 3/4 mile  
(it jogs right and becomes 29th street and left becoming 261st avenue)
7. Road goes downhill
8. Turn right on 34th Street after old white fence ("private road" dead end sign)
9. Third house on the left facing road (2nd driveway gray ranch style)

**Coming from Longview (about 60 minutes)**

1. Take I-5S to I-205
2. Exit onto WA 500 East
3. Follow to NE Fourth Plain Blvd (signs to Camas) about 1.5 miles or so
4. Turn Right onto NE Fourth Plain Blvd (WA 500 E)
5. Go East (Left) on NE Fourth Plain Blvd / WA 500 about 8 miles to "T" Intersection.
6. Turn Left on NE 28th St (@ Charlene's Tanning Studio)
7. Go East 1 mile (road changes name to Brunner Rd) and Turn Left on 259th Avenue  
(if you come to Fern Prairie Market you have gone too far)
8. Follow 259th Avenue about 3/4 mile  
(it jogs right and becomes 29th street and left becoming 261st avenue)
9. Road goes downhill
10. Turn right on 34th Street after old white fence ("private road" dead end sign)
11. Third house on the left facing road (2nd driveway gray ranch style)

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