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Congratulations to all of our members who helped us achieve the Five-Star Rating Award from National for the past year. The award is determined by a committee of the National Board of Directors who look at the chapter's participation in legislative affairs, recruiting/retention, personal affairs program, community affairs, and support for JROTC and WSCOC. The maximum points available are 240 and to achieve the Five Star rating you must have 220 or better. **So Well Done to all who helped us achieve this rating.**

Your help with recruitment, donations for our scholarship fund and Support the Troops program, proactive involvement with legislative affairs and attendance at our monthly meetings all helped us achieve this recognition. Al Laurie tracked the award requirements throughout the year and collected the necessary information; while Terry Babin consolidated the data into a polished award package. **Our thanks to Terry and All!**

Achieving this recognition actually shows the vitality of our chapter. Just think back three years ago when we were down to just one remaining officer at the end of the year and how far we have come back with a full slate of officers and committee members. **Terry Babin' leadership provided structure and organization to the**

chapter during his two-year tenure as president.

That structure was complemented with a "few good men" who stepped forward to fill the officer and committee positions for the past three years. The officer positions are for two-year terms and it is time to give some relief to those who have served so well. Our Treasurer, Slats Wolfe, has done an excellent job for the chapter and he has volunteered an extra year to offset the terms of the President and Treasurer, our two check writers.

His term will be up at the end of the year and we are looking for someone to fill his shoes. Also George Dashney has served as our Air Force rep on the board for many years now and is looking to step down this year. **Lets keep our chapter vital and fresh with some new recruits this year. The work is not very demanding and many times, very rewarding!**

Another way to keep our chapter vital and pro-active is to help with our **Give Me Ten recruitment program** this year. To date, we have two new national members and two existing members who are considering becoming life members. **One chapter position that every member occupies is that of Chapter Recruiter.**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued

Everyone knows of someone who is eligible to become a MOAA member. All it takes is the time to personally talk to them about MOAA and invite them to one of our meetings.

Share your MOAA magazine with them, tell them about the good we do for our community, the programs that we have, and that they can be part of a Five Star Chapter by joining today. This year we are applying the \$10 that MOAA gives us for every new member toward their membership dues. **Thus a new member can receive two years membership with National MOAA and one year with our Chapter for just \$14.**

See Ron Pastor's article on the Give Me Ten Program and become a recruiter today.

I hope to see many of you at our September BBQ at our house on Saturday, September 16th. The menu will be Teriyaki Chicken and Roasted Marinated Pork. This is a potluck with the chapter providing the drinks and the meat, so bring your favorite dish. We will also have the Third Annual Bocce Ball Tournament with Terry Babin and Marie Wolfe as the returning champions. Your donation of \$10 per person will also keep our scholarship fund healthy. **See you at the BBQ!!**

John J. Donnelly
President

Recruiting New Members for MOAA by Ron Pastor

There is strength in numbers" is an old maxim but as true as it's ever been. MOAA, as a national organization, maintains vigilance over the political process in Washington, fights for a strong national defense, and alone and with similar organizations constitutes an effective voice in influencing the executive and legislative branches of government when it comes to the protection of our rights and benefits as active duty, guard or reserve or retired members of the military.

But the strength of MOAA is very much dependent on its numbers. The more we are, the louder our voice. It doesn't take an actuary to realize that we lose members daily, particularly among World War II vets. Our numbers constantly need to be replenished. As such, MOAA has developed a "Give Me Ten" program, which asks each chapter to recruit at least 10 new members a year.

Hopefully, all members will consider themselves recruiters. If we give it some thought, each of us can come up with at least one potential candidate that we can talk to about joining. To aid you in your recruiting efforts, we have some enticements which will make it difficult to say no. First, for a \$24 annual membership fee, National MOAA will throw in a second year of membership for free. But as they say on late night television commercials, that's not all. For each new member, National will reward our chapter with a \$10 rebate. Our Executive Board has

voted to allow that rebate to be used to lower the cost of new membership from \$24 for two years to just \$14 and we will throw in the first year of chapter membership for free. If the new member is willing to pay the full \$24, we will use the \$10 rebate for our scholarship program or "Support the Troops" program of providing material assistance to our troops in combat zones. There seems to be an unbeatable combination of reasons to join, not the least of which is the monthly MOAA magazine, which in addition to the interesting and informative articles keeps us abreast of pending legislation affecting us all.

Perhaps, there is also a way for you to recruit yourself. While you may be a yearly member of MOAA, you may have not yet considered a lifetime membership. For every new lifetime member, National will rebate \$20 to our chapter plus there are exclusive benefits provided to lifetime members including lifetime membership protection for your spouse as an Auxiliary Member, expert benefits counseling, and use of a special access phone number. The fee for lifetime membership is based on a sliding age scale.

Contact **Ron Pastor** at 882-1275 or pastormr1@msn.com for more information, literature or membership applications.

Newsletter Distribution

We are now distributing our newsletter by e-mail so if you are receiving this via postal service and would prefer e-mail please notify our Chapter Secretary, Beth Brown, ebrownrn@pacifier.com

Even if you have an e-mail address but wish to continue receiving newsletters and postcards by regular mail may also notify Beth at ebrownrn@pacifier.com or 360-260-9845.

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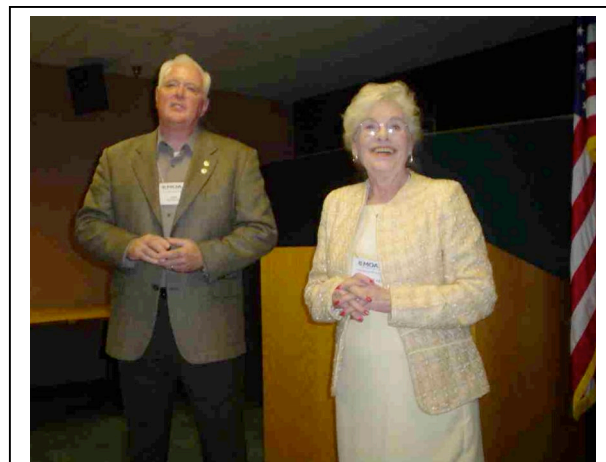
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VP Ron Pastor presented the JROTC Medal and Certificate for Cadets who have demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership to Battle Ground High School Cadet, **Alec Trout**. Alec, a junior, served as Flight Commander this past school year.



Pres. John Donnelly with **Pat Jollotta**, Vancouver City Councilwoman who talked about Clark County History at the April 2006 meeting.

CALENDAR

- 14 September Board Meeting – 8:00 AM - Cameo Cafe
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- 16 September: Barbeque and Pot Luck at the Donnelly home. RSVP – 260-7284
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- 26 October: Dinner at Bill's Chicken & Steak House
Program: Judy Stewart – Community Policing Specialist
Social 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM
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- 16 November: Lunch meeting at the Clark County Skills Center
Program: Dr. Clayton Kelly Gross
P-51 Mustang Pilot in WWII gives us an insight into being “Live Bait.”
11:30 AM Show – Noon Lunch
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- 10 December: **Christmas Party at the Wolfe's**
3403 NW 166th St, Ridgefield, WA
Social 6:00 PM – Dinner 7:00 PM
RSVP – 574-6675

September B-B-Q & Potluck

16 September

6401 Highland Drive

- ◆ Teriyaki Chicken – Marinated Roast Pork
- ◆ 3rd Annual Bocce Tournament
- ◆ Social 2:00 PM Dinner 3:00 PM
- ◆ \$10 for Scholarship Fund is requested to keep our scholarship fund viable
- ◆ RSVP – 260-7284 by 12 September
- ◆ The Donnellys will provide meat and beverages. Please bring a potluck dish.

Directions:

The Donnelly home - 6401 Highland Dr., Vancouver (across the Street from St. Joseph School)

From Hwy 14, take the Evergreen Blvd. exit and go north on Andresen Road. Turn left at the top of the hill on Highland Drive.

From Hwy 500 or Mill Plain Blvd, take Andresen Road south past St. Joseph's Church and turn right onto Highland Drive.

Eighth house on the left.

Volunteers and sponsors needed at McChord USO

Volunteers Needed The McChord USO is in need of volunteers looking for an opportunity to make a difference for deploying service members and their families.

The USO at McChord AFB is open 6 am - 6 pm, Monday through Saturday. In addition, they are available during major deployments and homecomings, providing volunteers who wish to be called as reserves the ability to help on a less restrictive schedule.

For information on becoming a volunteer at the McChord USO, contact Tracye Kakely at 253-589-8772.

Sponsors Needed The McChord USO is seeking the following sponsors to provide tax-deductible, in-kind services:

- Water Sponsor
- Coffee Sponsor
- Paper Products (plates, napkins, cups) sponsor

If your organization or business is interested in providing any of these items, please contact Tracye Kakely at 253-589-8772 for more information.