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I hope this first newsletter of 2014 finds you well, healthy, and prospering.

While 2013 was a good year for the stock market it was another year of challenges for active duty and retired military members. 2014 promises to be more of the same--at least more challenges for military related issues.

Our active duty military starts 2014 with a pay cut. Despite Congressional established metrics that determined our

active duty (who by the way are still in a combat zone in Afghanistan) should receive a (paltry) 1.8% pay raise, the President reduced it to a 1% pay "raise" by Executive Order. Compare this to social security annuitants and retired federal workers who received a 1.5% COLA increase. Now, add to this the fact that if you are retired and below age 62 COLAs will be reduced by 1% annually starting in 2015 with no grandfather clause. Would you be willing to accept a career filled with frequent separations, moves, and pay that is 13% behind your civilian contemporaries? Would you recommend the military to your son or daughter? One percent raise--really!

Hello! First class postage alone just went up 6.5%!

This is exactly why we need you (and your spouse) to stay politically active. Our Congress and our

President have their own agendas, but the power of your opinion can make a difference--but only if you are consistent and relentless--those who want to take away your benefits certainly are. If every MOAA member and spouse weighs in, then MOAA nationally should have over 700,000 e-mails on significant issues.

On a lighter note, the OWC just sponsored another tremendous lunch event at the Touchmark. COL Joe Williams, USA, Ret, made a very informative and compelling presentation about the progress of the USO facility at Portland International Airport.

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20 February Thursday Luncheon
1130: Meet & Greet
1200: Luncheon
Clark County Skills Center \$15 per person
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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE continued**

After 40 plus years since the last USO here closed, COL Williams is optimistic the new facility will open this summer and is looking for volunteers to staff the center. If you are interested, go to [www.usovolunteer.org](http://www.usovolunteer.org). Choose "Oregon" and "Northwest" on the subsequent menus. All training and orientations will be conducted locally at PDX.

Another great and fun way to support our veterans is by attending the Clark County Veterans Therapeutic Court Luau and Concert on February 22 (please see flyer in this newsletter). It will be a great day of entertainment and great food with a special veterans presentation at 6 PM. I hope to see you there.

Thanks to many months of hard and knowledgeable work by our distinguished newsletter editor, **Rich Wersinger**, our web site is operational. To go to the website, type [www.moacolumbiariver.org](http://www.moacolumbiariver.org) into your browser. Also, please see the separate article about the website in this newsletter. It gives you more information about the site and a question we need you to answer about putting a chapter roster on the website.

**Dave Casteel**  
**President**

***New Chapter Website:***  
***www.moacolumbiariver.org***  
***by Dave Casteel***

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We are pleased to announced we now have a new chapter website thanks to the hard work by **Rich Wersinger**. Rich started working on the website in October and we now have launched it so that members can access timely information about events and potential members can learn about us.

The current banner menu includes the following pages:

"Home" and "About Us," as well as  
"Our Leadership" with photos and brief bios of chapter leaders--elected and appointed

"Newsletters"--current and previous year's newsletters--so you can always find them

"Legislative Affairs"--State and Federal elected officials contact information as well MOAA's 2014 goals, and issues de jour

"Personal Affairs"--helpful planning articles plus what you need to know to have your affairs in order for the next of kin

"Calendar"--12 monthly calendars of all chapter and board activities and meetings. Includes time, location, and speaker

"Events"--Next event updated monthly

"Event Photos"

"Chapter contacts"--board member contact info

"Blog"--current issues for your information or that we invite your comments about (dialogue)

"Stories"--your chance to share (and archive) your military experience

Some of these pages are static and won't change much, others will change frequently as issues /events change.

I received a suggestion to put the member roster (names, address and phone number) on the website so other members can make contact. I will only do so if we can secure access to members only. That is, if each member has a password to access the roster. If we do this we will test it first and offer you the opportunity to opt out. I will put this question in the "Blog" page so you can give me your opinion.

***Newsletter Editor***

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

Chapter Secretary John Donnelly coordinates calendar inputs and newsletter distribution.

***Newsletter Distribution***

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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 Chapter Secretary, John Donnelly, [donnelyj@comcast.net](mailto:donnelyj@comcast.net) or 360-904-8966

## **Officer Nominations for 2014-2016**

*by Rod Williams*

*Immediate Past President & Nomination Committee Chair*

Each year in February, at our annual meeting, we nominate, elect, then install the newly elected officers. We stagger terms each year so the entire board is not up for reelection each year.

Our five elected positions are President, 1st VP, 2nd VP, Secretary and Treasurer.

This year at our annual meeting, February 20th at the Clark County Skills Center, we need to elect a chapter president and a chapter secretary.

**Dave Casteel** is finishing his first two year term as president and has agreed to serve again for a second two year term.

**Sally Boley** has agreed to run for the chapter secretary position to replace John Donnelly who has served multiple terms and is stepping down as secretary, but will remain our Public Affairs Chair.

Therefore, as chair of the nomination committee, it is my honor to enter into nomination to you **Dave Casteel** for the position of president, and **Sally Boley** for the position of secretary for 2014-2016.

Voting will be conducted by a quorum in attendance at the annual business meeting.

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### **NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT**

## **CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS of the COLUMBIA RIVER CHAPTER**

**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

All voting members of the Columbia River Chapter, Military Officers Association of America, are hereby notified in accordance with Article XV of the Chapter's Constitution and By-laws that the following amendment to our Constitution and By-Laws is proposed.

The proposed amendment will be placed before the Chapter for a vote at the regularly scheduled annual business meeting in February 2013, or as soon thereafter as possible. A two-thirds vote of the

required quorum is necessary to approve the amendment.

The following amendment is proposed:

**Motion:** *That the name for the Standing Committee currently designated as the "Retention and Personal Affairs Committee" in Section 2, Article X, of the Chapter's Constitution and By-laws be re-named as the "Membership Services Committee" throughout the document.*

**Discussion:** This re-naming more accurately summarizes and reflects the new mission and responsibilities of this committee as part of the Chapter's reorganization authorized in 2013 by Amendment 1 to our Constitution and By-laws.

**Submitted by:**

B.T. Babin

Chairman, Retention and Personal Affairs  
Committee

Columbia River Chapter, MOAA

## **Membership Recruitment Update**

*by Evelyn Brady*

We continue to be a relevant, active, and vibrant chapter of MOAA. In order to sustain our local enthusiasm and excellence, we need to attract new people to our chapter. Today our political influence is very important as we struggle to maintain and preserve our earned benefits. When you are talking to a prospective member, mention that we give back locally, and we make a difference nationally. Don't forget to mention what a great group it is to socialize with! We have one new member for 2014 already, and if we recruit only one new member per month we will meet our goal for 2014! See you at the meeting!

**Evelyn Brady**

**Membership Recruitment Committee**

**(360) 696-1592**

**evelynbrady@rocketmail.com**

## **Most TRICARE Beneficiaries Meet ACA Coverage Requirements**

*Submitted by John Donnelly*

Defense Health Agency

FALLS CHURCH, Va.— The Affordable Care Act, also known as the health care law, was created to expand access to affordable health care coverage, lower costs, and improve quality and care coordination for all Americans.

Under the health care law, people will have health coverage that meets a minimum standard (called “minimum essential coverage”) by January 1, 2014, qualify for an exemption, or may be required to pay a fee if they have affordable options, but remain uninsured. Because of this, many TRICARE beneficiaries may be wondering how this new law will affect them and their families.

Simply speaking, the Affordable Care Act will have very little impact on TRICARE beneficiaries. The biggest change they will notice may be an extra letter in their mailbox every January, and an extra box to check on their tax forms every April.

Beneficiaries who receive TRICARE benefits, whether at no cost, by electing to pay an enrollment fee, or by paying monthly premiums, have minimum essential coverage under the Affordable Care Act. This includes: TRICARE Prime, Prime Remote and Standard; TRICARE Reserve Select (TRS); TRICARE Young Adult (TYA); TRICARE Retired Reserve (TRR); and the Continued Health Care Benefit Program (CHCBP).

Eligibility alone for premium-based TRICARE benefit plans – TRS, TYA, TRR and CHCBP -- does not constitute minimum essential coverage. Eligible beneficiaries must purchase and be in good standing, by paying their premiums to have coverage in force, in order for these TRICARE programs to qualify as minimum essential coverage. There are two groups of TRICARE beneficiaries who do not meet the minimum essential coverage requirement: those getting care for line of duty only related conditions, and those only eligible to receive care in military hospitals or clinics.

Beginning with the 2014 tax season, and every tax year after that, the Department of Defense will

send every TRICARE beneficiary the same information it sends the Internal Revenue Service. This notification will detail whether sponsors and their dependents had minimum essential coverage during the previous year. Sponsors can then use this information when they file their tax forms.

Because the information sent to the IRS is generated using beneficiaries’ Social Security numbers, it’s essential for sponsors to make sure their family’s Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) information is correct and up to date.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR AUXILIARY MEMBERS** by Terry Babin

If you are receiving Survivor Benefit Plan annuity pay, family members or your personal representative need to know that the annuity ends with your death. Prompt reporting of your death can help avoid possible financial and administrative issues since any unearned benefits must be repaid. The following steps should help avoid later problems in settling your estate:

1. Notification needs to be made as soon as possible to the Defense Finance and Accounting Center (DFAS) at 1-800-321-1080.
2. Follow up by sending a copy of the death certificate (showing cause of death) to:  
DFAS U.S. Military Annuitant Pay  
P.O. Box 7131  
London, KY 40742-7131  
Fax: 1-800-982-8459
3. Inform the bank, or financial institution, receiving the payment, about the death of the annuitant.

The following agencies should also be contacted:

- Social Security Administration: 1-800-772-1213, [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)
- Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System: 1-800-538-9552
- Department of Veteran Affairs: 1-800-827-1000 for annuitants receiving Dependency Indemnity Compensation, [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov)

## **NOROVIRUS PREVENTION MEASURES**

*by Roger DeRoos (USPHS Ret.)*

You have most likely heard of another recent norovirus outbreak on a large cruise liner. The norovirus is very contagious, and fast acting, and often causes outbreaks where there are large concentrations of people in institutional settings, such as schools or nursing homes. The virus can spread directly by being contaminated with feces or vomit from an infected person, by consuming contaminated food or water, and by contact with surfaces which have become contaminated with the virus. Norovirus can be found in the stool of a person a short time before they become ill, and the virus can remain in the stool for a couple weeks following recovery. Those who become sick are most contagious for a period of three days after onset.

To quote from the US CDC (Centers for Disease Control): “You can become infected with norovirus by accidentally getting stool or vomit from infected people in your mouth. This usually happens by

- eating food or drinking liquids that are contaminated with norovirus,
- touching surfaces or objects contaminated with norovirus then putting your fingers in your mouth, or
- having contact with someone who is infected with norovirus (for example, caring for or sharing food or eating utensils with someone with norovirus illness).”

Since there is no vaccine for norovirus, prevention of infection occurs by preventing ingestion of the virus.

After handling diapers or contaminated linens, or toileting, washing hands frequently and thoroughly with warm soapy water is a must. Alcohol based sanitizers are a helpful adjunct, but should not be used as a substitute for hand washing. Hands should also be washed before eating, preparing or serving food.

Food such as fruits and vegetables should be thoroughly washed prior to serving. Because Norovirus withstands fairly high cooking temperatures (140 degrees F), food should be well cooked. Quick steaming processes like those often used for shellfish, are not adequate. If it is suspected that food is contaminated, it should be disposed of.

Norovirus is also fairly resistant to disinfectants. If surfaces become contaminated from diarrhea or vomiting, following cleanup, household chlorine bleach can be used to disinfect surfaces using 5 to 25 tablespoons per gallon of water. Contaminated materials used in cleanup should be carefully disposed of using disposable gloves to avoid contact. Similarly, contaminated laundry should be handled with care: do not agitate, use rubber gloves and containment for transport (plastic bags), and launder with longer cycles and hot water.

For those of you who want additional information and details regarding norovirus and prevention measures, please check the following website:

<http://www.cdc.gov/norovirus/about/transmission.html>

Additional links covering other aspects of the norovirus will be provided on our CRC website.





## 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)

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

<http://herrerabeutler.house.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/>



Washington, DC Office: U.S. House of Representatives 1130 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515 Phone: (202) 225-3536 Fax: (202) 225-3478	Vancouver, WA Office: O.O. Howard House 750 Anderson Street, Suite B Vancouver, WA 98661 Phone: (360) 695-6292 Fax: (360) 695-6197
Contact Congresswoman Herrera Beutler via email: <a href="https://herrerabeutler.house.gov/contact-me/email-me">https://herrerabeutler.house.gov/contact-me/email-me</a>	

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

<b>WASHINGTON, DC</b> 511 Dirksen Senate Office Building Washington, DC 20510 202-224-3441 202-228-0514 - FAX 202-224-8273 - TDD	<b>SW WASHINGTON</b> The Marshall House 1313 Officers Row Vancouver, WA 98661 360-696-7838 360-696-7844 – FAX	<b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b> 915 Second Avenue Suite 3206 Seattle, WA 98174. 206-220-6400 206-220-6404 - FAX
Contact Senator Cantwell via email: <a href="http://cantwell.senate.gov/contact/">http://cantwell.senate.gov/contact/</a>		

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

<b>WASHINGTON, DC</b> 173 Russell Senate Office Building Washington, D.C. 20510 Phone: (202) 224-2621 Fax: (202) 224-0238	<b>SW WASHINGTON</b> The Marshall House 1323 Officer's Row Vancouver, Washington 98661 Phone: (360) 696-7797 Fax: (360) 696-7798	<b>SEATTLE, WASHINGTON</b> 2988 Jackson Federal Building 915 Second Avenue Seattle, WA 98174 Phone: (206) 553-5545 Toll Free: (866) 481-9186 Fax: (206) 553-0891
Contact Senator Murray via email: <a href="http://murray.senate.gov/email/index.cfm">http://murray.senate.gov/email/index.cfm</a>		

## Vancouver Area Washington State Legislative Districts and Representatives

Legislator	District 49	District 17	District 18	District 14
<b>Senator</b>	Annette Cleveland 786-7330	Don Benton 786-7632	Ann Rivers 786-7634	Curtis King 509-952-4667
<b>Representative, Position 1</b>	Sharon Wylie 786-7924	Monica Stonier 786-7121	Brandon Vick 786-7850	Norm Johnson (509) 452-1328
<b>Representative, Position 2</b>	Jim Moeller 786-7872	Paul Harris 786-7976	Liz Pike 786-7812	Charles Ross 786-7856

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](http://www.leg.wa.gov/legislature)

**Federal Legislative Affairs:**  
*submitted by Roy Korkalo*

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**THE COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT  
(COLA) CONTROVERSY**

A lot has happened since the December 18, 2013 U.S. Senate approval of the Bipartisan Budget Act and the U.S. Congress approval of the Defense Appropriation Bill on January 16, 2014. And hopefully, more changes are still to come.

This is a recap and contains a collage of facts, figures and thoughts from the Military Officers Magazine, the Army Times and MOAA correspondence from Headquarters and other MOAA Chapters.

The Bipartisan Budget Act approved a 1% lower COLA until age 62. Legally mandated pay raise was 1.8%, but the “fiscal emergency” proposal said 1%. The 1% results in losses of up to 12% for retirees, varying by rank and age. One source says this could be nearly a 20% loss. Sure, when the retiree reaches 62, a “catch up” clause recalculates the pay, but the financial loss between retirement and age 62 is lost. This loss for an E-7 retiring this year with 20 years of service would amount to \$83,000 by age 62. The impact on a retiring O-5 would be a \$124,000 loss.

This COLA decrease goes into effect in 2015 and is not grandfathered. So, retired military members are affected as well as those now in uniform contemplating a career. Many in uniform may reconsider their career choice.

The 2014 COLA just received was 1.5% for most retired military, Survival Benefit Plan annuitants, and for recipients of Social Security and VA disability.

The Defense Appropriations Bill approved by Congress January 16, 2014 includes a 1% pay raise and restoration of full raises for medical retirees (over 63,000 personnel) and for survivors whose annual COLA would have been capped under the Bipartisan Budget Act.

MOAA continues to support a military pay raise that will keep pace with the private-sector wage

growth. The pay gap reported last year showed that the military is still 13% behind.

The Legislative Contacts in this Newsletter gives you phone numbers and e-mail addresses to contact our two U.S. Senators and our U.S. Representative. It also shows the Legislative Hotline in Olympia, WA as 1-800-562-6000 and the MOAA Capitol Hotline as 1-866-272-6622.

An e-mail from MOAA just arrived in time for this Newsletter. It stated a Senate bill (S. 1950) will be introduced as soon as possible for a full repeal of the military retired COLA pay cuts established by the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2013. Encourage our Legislators to support this repeal by going to [www.moaa.org/colafight](http://www.moaa.org/colafight). Scroll down and click on the red tab, CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATOR. Then fill out the personal information and send the MOAA prepared message to our Legislators.

**Roy Korkalo**  
**Legislative Affairs**  
**(360) 892-7189**

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**Scholarship Update:** *by Paul Crosby*

This month I would like to talk about the opportunity for qualified applicants to receive college financial assistance from MOAA. I provided the following information to Clark College and Washington State University – Vancouver so it could be included on the scholarship and/or financial assistance pages of their web sites.

“The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) provides interest-free loans and grants to children of former, active, or retired officers or active or retired enlisted military personnel who are working on their first undergraduate degree for up to five years of undergraduate education at an accredited two or four year college or university. Students (applicants) must be less than 24 years old when applying, have a minimum 3.0 GPA, and be attending or planning to attend an accredited 2-or 4-year educational institution as a full-time student. Selection is based on the student’s academic accomplishments, extracurricular activities, and financial need.

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**Scholarship Update continued**

Students attending a military academy are not eligible. If accepted, students can receive up to 5 years of educational assistance, or until they complete their first undergraduate degree. Applications are accepted from early November until Noon (EST) on March 1 of a given year. The application and more information can be found at [www.moaa.org/education](http://www.moaa.org/education).”

This year the application process ends on March 3rd, the first working day after March 1st.

Thanks go to Wendy Luikart, a program analyst at MOAA, who assisted with this article by answering my questions and offering suggestions on the final product.



**Clark County Veterans Court Board**  
*Helping SW Washington Veterans*

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is pleased to present a

## LUAU DINNER & Concert 4 Vets

**Saturday, February 22, Noon - 9 pm**  
**St. Joseph Church, Marian Event Center**  
400 S. Andresen, Vancouver, WA 98661

**Some of Our Entertainment:**

 <b>Dayzsha Ab-Rahman</b>	 <b>Moriah Smith</b>	 <b>Bhanu Kaur</b>	 <b>Tom Mann</b>
 <b>Ernesto Quilban</b>	 <b>Groove Nation</b>	 <b>The Young Marines</b>	 <b>Ricky Lee Jackson</b>
			 <b>Mark Stevenz</b>

**\$20 Advance Purchase, \$30 at the door**  
**Children 12 and under \$10**  
Tickets online at  
[www.ClarkCountyVetsCourtBoard.org](http://www.ClarkCountyVetsCourtBoard.org)  
and at Parish Office, 6600 Highland Drive  
Vancouver WA 98661  
Call (360) 696-4407 or (360) 601-8850

Noon 1 pm 2 pm 3 pm 4 pm 5 pm 6 pm 6:30 pm 7:30 pm	Groove Nation ~ Rose Garden Performers Art Miller ~ Ragtime & Jazz Old Time Fiddlers Tom Mann ~ Nashville Performer Ernesto Quilban ~ Acclaimed Guitarist Mikaele Band Pageant Ladies & Young Marines Ricky Lee Jackson Band Mark Stevenz as Elvis
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## The ABCs of Writing to Members of Congress

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- **Always be respectful – our legislators and their staff work long hours and on weekends too. Start your messages with expressions of thanks for their work on your behalf.**
- **Be Persistent – send letter after letter, email after email, and phone calls every week – asking them about the status of the bill you want to be passed into law. Soon they will remember your name, and what’s important to you.**
- **Care about your issue – share your personal story and be passionate about it!**

Letters and email are the most popular choices of communication with a congressional office. You may also call or send a fax. Regardless of how you contact elected officials, these tips will help make sure your representative knows where you stand. (When using email, include your name and address in the message)

~ State the purpose of your letter or email in the first paragraph. If it pertains to a specific bill, identify it by the bill’s name or bill number; such as House Bill (H.R.\_\_\_\_) or Senate Bill (S.\_\_\_\_).

~ Be courteous, to the point, and include key information using personal examples to support your position.

~ Address only one issue in each letter or email; and if possible, keep the letter to one page.

~ Ask for the Congressional member to support your position, to provide his/her position on the issue, and if he/she disagrees, to state the reason for disagreement.

### **Addressing Correspondence:**

#### **To a Senator**

The Honorable (Full Name) United States Senate Washington, D.C. 20510  
Dear Senator (Last Name)

#### **To a Representative**

The Honorable (Full Name) US House of Representatives Washington, D.C. 20515  
Dear Representative (Last name)

#### **The President**

The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW Washington, D.C. 20500  
Dear Mr. President:

**2014 CHAPTER CALENDAR**

20 February  
Thursday **Luncheon Meeting at the Clark County Skills Center**  
 ~ 1130 Gather, Brunch at 1200, \$15/person  
 ~ Annual Business Meeting with Installation of Officers, Annual Financial & Committee Reports  
 ~ RSVP: Call or e-mail Ron Pastor NLT 13 February 882-1275 [pastormr1@msn.com](mailto:pastormr1@msn.com)

15 March  
Saturday **Brunch at Club Green Meadows**  
 7703 NE 72nd Avenue, Vancouver WA  
 ~ 1030 Gather, Brunch at 1100, \$15/person/reservations requested  
 ~ Program: Combat Wounded, the living experience  
 ~ Speaker: CPT Troy Givens. He will talk about being injured in Afghanistan and his journey home.

17 April  
Thursday **Luncheon Meeting at the Clark County Skills Center**  
 ~ 1130 Gather, Brunch at 1200, \$15/person/reservations requested  
 ~ Program: Washington State Medical Board - their responsibilities for regulating and licensing physicians in our state.  
 ~ Speaker: Major General Burger, MD., USA Ret.

15 May  
Thursday **Dinner at Orchard Hills Country Club, Washougal**  
 ~ Program: Unclassified presentation on the functions of Insitu  
 ~ Speaker: Jerry McWithey, Director of Operations at Insitu.  
 ~ Details: TBD

June **Annual Wine Tasting and Picnic Lunch at Bethany Vineyard & Winery**  
 Details TBD

20 February 2013  
Thursday

**Luncheon**  
1130: Meet & Greet  
1200: Luncheon

**Clark County Skills Center**  
12200 NE 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Vancouver, WA 98682

Donation for raffle drawing welcome!

**Program**

**Annual Business Meeting  
Installation of Officers  
Financial & Committee Reports**

**Cost:** \$15.00 per person

**RSVP:** NLT 13 February  
To Ron Pastor: 882-1275  
or [pastormr1@msn.com](mailto:pastormr1@msn.com)

