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Wow! It's time for our kickoff scholarship fundraiser already! Our summer sped by, slowed down only by me breaking my left foot on Memorial Day. So much for lots of yard work.

I am excited to share with you some of the happenings since June. We had a nice turnout for our social on June 9 where we welcomed new members **Ray and Maureen Williams**. We were well represented at Costco's Heroes Night and recruited **Joel Levine** and **Jon Arnett**. I look forward to getting acquainted with them on September 7 at the **Casteel's** home.

Please note some changes on our calendar for previously announced meetings. We are not able to have our Holiday/Scholarship Party at the 40 et 8 Chateau this year. We will be celebrating at Club Green Meadows on Thursday, December 5 from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. We have included directions to the **Casteel's** for September 7.

MOAA has been actively advocating for the repeal of the Widows Tax and maintaining military medical billets in order to properly care for our service members. Please continue to advocate with our members of Congress for these issues. MOAA.org is a good place to start to "Take Action". **Dave Casteel** and I visited

with the staff of our members of Congress on August 13 with leave behind position papers. **Buck Marr** has succinctly summarized what has occurred over the summer in his article.



Chapter member **Lew Meyer**, whose specialty is knife sharpening, has been volunteering with Repair Clark County to provide free repairs to the community. They focus on six categories: sewing, sharpening, electronics, appliances, bicycles and other, which includes jewelry and home décor. They set up each month at different locations and that information is available at www.repairclark-county.org. Kudos to **Lew** and all our members who volunteer.

**7 September
Saturday
Scholarship
Fundraiser & Kickoff
BBQ
At Casteel's Home
3 – 6 PM
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Speaking of volunteering, it's time we get serious about our succession plan for chapter leadership. As of this newsletter, we have several board vacancies, and in January, there will be several more. Each of us is only one person, we can't do everything, but we can do something. When positions and chairmanships are left vacant, our chapter loses its energy and enthusiasm.

I believe that our mission has value both for our local community and for our national community. Because of healthy and active local chapters and individual members, MOAA has influence on Capitol Hill. The current board members are willing to partner with you and help you learn the position of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Program Chair, Personal Affairs, etc. All of us have different strengths and talents, and together we can continue to have a terrific chapter.

Never Stop Serving!

**Evelyn Brady
President**



Chapter President **Evelyn Brady** and WSCOC President **Dave Casteel** met with the staffs of **Senators Murray and Cantwell** as well as **Congresswoman Jaime Herrera Beutler** in their Vancouver offices as part of MOAA's Summer Storm 2019. They discussed finally ending the unfair "widows tax" and DoD's proposal to cut 18,000 medical billets. Both items are in the FY2020 NDAA. **Evelyn** is pictured with **Bryan Stebbins** and **Keshia Blandford** in **Senator Murray's** office.



Summer Reflections and Notes:

by Terry Babin, Chairman, Membership Services Committee

Another summer almost over, and three months have passed since the last newsletter. Here are some thoughts and information gathered recently.

Change of Address: First, a reminder sent to me by **Dave Casteel**: *Our Chapter cannot make address changes to the national MOAA roster. If you have an address change, you can notify the national office by logging into www.moaa.org, or calling 1-800-234-6622. A third option is to e-mail your address change to msc@moaa.org.* Do not forget to provide your MOAA membership number (it is on the mailing label of your MOAA magazine). Also let our Chapter Secretary know about your address change, or changes in e-mail address or phone number (Chapter Secretary's phone number is provided on the first page of the Chapter Newsletter).

Personal Affairs: On the personal affairs topic, two items:

- Arlington National Cemetery (ANC): A reminder that usually the funeral director will make the necessary contacts for arranging military funeral honors. If you are interested in burial at ANC, however, a family member must contact ANC directly. The following link provides information about documentation and scheduling: <http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/Funerals/Scheduling-a-Funeral>.
- Survivor Benefit Plan—Remarriage: Thank you to **Marlene Laurie** for passing on information about a terrific article in the Air Force's *Afterburner* news for retired personnel. The article, titled "**Remarriage Affects a Retiree's Survivor Benefit Plan Coverage**," is the best article I have seen regarding spouse and child coverage when the spouse dies, or there is a divorce or annulment—and the retiree later remarries. There are a lot (and I do mean a LOT) of rules and restrictions under the provisions and administration of the SBP legislation. If you had a divorce or annulment at any time during, or after, your active duty time or reserve service, and enrolled in SBP, I recommend you read this article. Go to www.retirees.af.mil. The first screen you will see says: "Air Force

Retiree Services." Click on the "Library" tab on this first screen, and scroll down to choose (i.e., click) "Afterburner." The second screen you see says: "Afterburner Archives." On this second screen, go to the block which says "2019." Click on this section where the screen shows: "Afterburner Spring-Summer 2019." The article is on the cover page and continued on the second page.

New Phone Call Reminder Program: The Chapter's Executive Board approved a new activity reminder program *for members who do not have e-mail* that was proposed by Joel Scott. Currently, only members who have e-mail addresses on file with the Chapter Secretary receive a "reminder" notice about upcoming events and RSVP deadlines. Now, members who do not have e-mail can "elect" to receive a phone call reminder. Letters have been mailed to all members who currently receive the Newsletter by postal service. If you do not have e-mail service, and have not received a letter dated August 13th with a return postage-paid postcard, please call me.

Keeping Connected Program: About mid-September we will again do our Chapter's semiannual phone calls ("Keeping Connected" Program) to members. If you do not want to receive these calls made during spring and autumn, you can be added to the Do Not Call List by calling me. A reminder that these calls are made by Chapter volunteers to:

- Ensure that Chapter records of your contact information are correct.
- Confirm that you are receiving the Chapter newsletter.
- Ask for input on Chapter operations and activities, and recruiting leads.
- Determine if there is something (e.g., information, questions you have, etc.) that can help a member.

Scam Advisory: The Keeping Connected program is never used for the purpose of soliciting donations or dues, or otherwise asking you for money. If you receive such a call, it is scam—let me know ASAP (360) 608-7789.

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Newsletter Publication Dates: Another matter discussed at the June Executive Board meeting was minimizing confusion about “when” the Chapter Newsletter is published. The Board agreed that a *forecast* of the date(s) for future editions should be included in each Newsletter. This way, you know about when to expect your next newsletter.

Finally, a few thoughts to share:

About this time 15 years ago the Chapter was in a severe leadership crisis with only one elected officer position (Treasurer) left to operate the Chapter. At the November 2004 luncheon meeting (the first held in half a year), there were only two feasible options. 1. Chapter members needed to “step up” to fill the positions to keep the Chapter going; or 2. Fold the Chapter. I would hate to see Columbia River Chapter get into such a dire situation again. We are, however, trending that direction.

We have not been able to fill all five elected officer position for several years now. We are finishing 2019 with a President who has energetically led us for almost 4 years, and has not had either Vice President position filled much of the that time as well as a lengthy time without a Chapter Secretary. Other members of the Executive Board have filled the administrative and operational gaps for many years now. Unfortunately, **we are reaching the point where too few have had to do too much for too long.**

Many of us who in the past stepped up to revitalize the Chapter 15 years ago, are still trying to keep it going, but even we have an expiration date. We are an award winning chapter because we do things smart and we do the right things. We are now at the point of having a critical need for others to step up this year—before 2004 repeats itself.

In 2004 and 2005 we successfully revitalized the Chapter because so many members volunteered that we were able to spread the workload so no one had to put in more than about 2-5 hours a month to get us back up and running at full speed. At the end of that two-year Chapter rescue effort, we received our first ever 5-Star Chapter of Excellence award from National MOAA.

Most Chapter work is done conveniently from the home, and can be worked as best fits an individual’s schedule—no need for driving and attending frequent meetings.

Please contact **Evelyn Brady** or me to inquire about how you might be able to help keep the Chapter going. The clock is again ticking on the Chapter’s future.

Terry Babin contact info: 1-(360) 608-7789 or tbear06@comcast.net



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.

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.

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.



Scholarship Corner: *by Paul Crosby*

This calendar year has been very good for our **Chriss, Doty, and Fenning** scholarships at Clark College. The MOAA Scholarship Endowment increased from \$66,069 on December 31, 2017 to \$75,287 on December 31, 2018, including match money. As a result, the payout from the endowment toward our three \$1,000 scholarships increased from \$1,689 last year to \$1,800 this year. Therefore, the Scholarship Fund only had to contribute \$1,200 for the three scholarships.

Once again, this year the Clark College Foundation offered to match any additional contributions (up to \$5,000) toward the endowment. We were able to meet the full match requirement, which increased the endowment by \$10,000. Clark College then withdrew our \$1,200 contribution for the scholarships, netting a final increase of \$8,800 in the endowment.

We're also happy to report similar good news at WSU-Vancouver, where we have been funding an annual \$1,500 James Allan Scholarship, but have no endowment. With an opportunity to match our contribution through a WSU Giving Day program. The Board decided to jump-start an endowment by contributing \$2,100, which was then combined with a significant gift from **Paul and Ivadell Crosby**. The goal was that the Giving Day match would then be enough to allow us to meet the minimum amount for an endowment, a long-time chapter goal. While the Giving Day match was not as fruitful as we had hoped for, we were able to both fund this year's scholarship and set up a Current Use Fund, the precursor to funding the endowment. The final result is that we now have a balance of \$12,892 in a Current Use Fund, more than half the amount we need to fund an endowment. Based on the Crosby's generous contribution to this project we also renamed the James Allan Scholarship as the **Colonel Paul S and Ivadell M Crosby MOAA Scholarship**.

The chapter still has two scholarship goals. The first is to make our Clark College scholarship program self-sustaining by continuing to grow that endowment. The second is to establish the scholarship endowment at WSU. The progress toward these goals has been achieved through the generosity of chapter members and it will be that generosity that allows the chapter to reach those very achievable goals. Thank you for that support.



Vets Helping Vets:

*by Rhonda Morin, Clark College Foundation
13 August 2019*

Buck Marr was approached by his friend, **Les Burger**, a retired major general and medical doctor, who was working with **Clark President Robert Knight**, private donors and other partners to create the vision they held—establishing the first-ever Veterans Resource Center (VRC) at the college.

“I jumped at the chance,” said **Marr**, 73, a retired major general in the United States Air Force, of that conversation he had with Burger.

“We were interested in putting the VRC on the Clark map as an integrated, nonacademic activity to support the college,” said Marr, whose last military post was as Chief of Staff for the U.S. Joint Forces Command in Virginia.

The center officially opened on May 22, 2014, with a color guard demonstration and student **Petya Grozeva** singing the National Anthem.

Marr joined VRC’s advisory board—one of 12 currently on the board—and found his place at Clark by volunteering and financially supporting the institution.

“I have dug in,” he said, adding, “I have found my niche at Clark by volunteering and financially supporting Clark’s student veterans.”

He really means it. **Marr** is devoted to Clark; he’s even read extensively about guided pathways, a national framework that community colleges—like Clark—have carried out across the country to improve graduation rates and boost equity on campuses.

Two tenets of guided pathways resonate with **Marr**. He recalls hearing them during **Knight’s** State of the College address last January. One of the fundamentals **Knight** stressed was fulfilling the equity needs of students as opposed to the equality needs.

Equality programs provide the same services to all students, while equitable programs go further by filling the specific needs of each student, **Marr** recalls **Knight** saying.

“This philosophy fits student-vets as they have different needs than traditional students,” said **Marr**.

“The VRC is an extremely important nonacademic program for student veterans.”

The second tenet is that guided pathways values nonacademic and academic programs equally. Programs like the VRC, Clark’s international program, disability services, Penguin Pantry and a host of other nonacademic programs all play an essential part in assisting students along their educational path.

Marr has volunteered for a dozen different boards in his lifetime. Clark is special to him.

“I believe in this institution and what it’s doing. If you don’t, you won’t be successful as a volunteer for the college.”

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Article courtesy of Clark College

**Rhonda Morin**, APR, is the editor in chief of Clark Partners.

See: <https://www.clarkcollegefoundation.org/vets-helping-vets/>



**Buck Marr**, USAF retired, is a Clark Veterans Resource Center adviser and donor

## ***Columbia River MOAA Foundation Update:*** ***by Dave Casteel***

Thank you to the twelve families who shop at Fred Meyer and have designated the Columbia River MOAA Foundation (CRMF) as recipients of your Rewards donation dollars. This year we have received \$47.62 to date. Its easy to support the foundation this way. All you do is get a Rewards Card at the Customer Service desk and then link it to the Columbia River MOAA Foundation (**Fred Meyer fund number AU238**). After that, just tell the checker your phone number (or type it in yourself if) at checkout. Hope to see more of you doing this method. What could be simpler?

Maybe **Smile.Amazon.com** is simpler! We are now registered with Smile.Amazon.com so when you shop online at Amazon our Foundation receives money! To get started, click on our unique charity link, which takes you directly to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) where you are automatically asked if you want to support Columbia River MOAA Foundation--CRMF. **Our unique charity link** is: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/47-4776049>.

This is simple and painless. For future purchases though, you must use [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and NOT Amazon prime (same company, same products, you just need to use this web address). I have saved [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) as a favorite on my browser, so I will remember to use it for all my online Amazon purchases,. Hope you will also.

Sample page that you will see:







## 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/>

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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<br>786-7696 | Lynda Wilson<br>786-7632 | Ann Rivers<br>786-7634   | Curtis King<br>786-7626     | John Braun<br>786-7638     |
| <b>Representative,<br/>Position 1</b> | Sharon Wylie<br>786-7924      | Vicki Kraft<br>786-7994  | Brandon Vick<br>786-7850 | Chris Corry<br>786-7810     | Richard DeBolt<br>786-7896 |
| <b>Representative,<br/>Position 2</b> | Monica Stonier<br>786-7872    | Paul Harris<br>786-7976  | Larry Hoff<br>786-7812   | Gina Mosbrucker<br>786-7856 | Ed Orcutt<br>786-7990      |

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 CRC friends and patriots. I hope everybody is healthy and happy and enjoying the pre-rainy season.

As I predicted in the May newsletter, the world of Federal legislation has been exciting this summer. Here is a summary of five high-level issues.

**Defense budget:** After incredible public disagreements (and a first ever HASC NDAA published on a partisan basis as opposed to the tradition bi-partisan process), Congress ultimately reached a budget deal on August 1 which offers stable and predictable funding for FY2020 and FY2021 and suspends the debt limit until July 2021. That would negate the ominous possibility of government shutdowns and sequester.

The agreed on \$738B defense spending plan fell short of the President's request but is a visible commitment to a strong national defense.

**Blue Water Navy Update:** In the last newsletter, I commented that MOAA/VSO advocacy was successful in gaining disability benefits for the "Blue Water" veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange.

The Bill was signed into law June 26<sup>th</sup>. That's the good news. On the other side of the ledger, VA Secretary Wilkie announced on 5 July that due to lack of resources...people and dollars, no claims under the new law will be considered before 1 January 2020. The estimated required funding is \$6.7B.

On 31 July, MOAA and 17 other organizations sent a letter to Congressional leadership calling on them to provide the resources necessary to fully implement Blue Water claims as soon as possible.

**SBP-DIC:** As you probably have read recently, support for passage of the Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act of 2019 which proposes a full repeal of the SBP-DIC offset is at a record high.

Currently, there are 75 co-sponsors of legislation to repeal the widow's tax in the Senate and 371 co-sponsors in the House. For the first time in history, repeal of the widow's tax is included in the House NDAA (FY2020). For many years, lawmakers have

included partial fixes to the problem in the annual defense authorization act. But the House this year included in their draft of the budget policy measure a complete fix, albeit without a way to pay for the changes. The estimate for eliminating the widow's tax is \$5.7B over ten years.

It's headed for the FY2020 Conference Committee to resolve. The Senate NDAA version did not include a repeal provision. Members of both chambers are hopeful that they can reach agreement on a consensus bill.

**Military Medicine:** This topic has zoomed to the forefront over the past few months. DoD submitted in their FY 2020 budget proposal a cut of 18,000 military medical positions; a 20% force reduction.

Virtually, every military medicine expert...past and present opposes that reduction based on several counts not the least of which is the significant improvement in saving lives of battlefield wounded. The proposal would necessitate a complete revamping of the military health system.

Prudently, the full House has voted to prohibit any cuts until a thorough analysis is completed. However, the Senate has remained silent on the issue which generally indicates support for an issue. The FY2020 NDAA Conference Committee will have its work cut out on this issue for the usual reason-money. The Defense Department's FY2020 proposed budget did not include the money to fund these billets.

Thus far, MOAA and 17 medical associations have signed a letter to the HASC and SASC encouraging Congress to stay with the House language to intervene on DoD's proposed cuts.

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**Federal Legislative Update continued**

**Parole in Place (PIP) for Military Families:** This topic is relatively new and unfamiliar to most of us but it has streaked up the priority list. PIP allows the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to “parole in place” undocumented members of a deployed servicemember.

Historically, PIP has protected designated family members of U.S. military personnel and veterans from targeted immigration enforcement and removal from the United States.

Service members with undocumented family members were secure in their knowledge that their family members will not be deported while they are serving outside the U.S. DHS is currently reviewing

this policy to determine whether or not to keep this protection for military families.

MOAA co-signed a letter with 27 other agencies to the Secretaries of Defense and Homeland Security and the acting Director of Citizenship and Immigration Services stating their support for leaving the policy untouched.

Lots going on folks---keep your advocacy lines of communication open to elected officials.

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



**2019 CHAPTER CALENDAR**



7 September  
Saturday      **Scholarship fundraiser and kick off BBQ at Casteel's home.**  
3:00 – 6:00 pm. Meats provided, pot luck with your favorite sides, beverages.  
We also appreciate you bringing your free will donation to our Scholarship Fund.  
26308 NE 34<sup>th</sup> St, Camas, WA 98607 (360) 834-2448. Directions attached.!  
The **Casteels** have graciously agreed to host it again.

12 September  
Thursday      **Executive board meeting.** 0900 at Bingo Hall. Everyone is welcome

10 October  
Thursday      **Executive board meeting.** 0900 at Bingo Hall. Everyone is welcome

17 October  
Thursday      **Membership meeting luncheon** at the Boxcar at 40 et 8 Chateau.  
Our speaker, **Mark Hanneman**, is a DOE Counterintelligence Officer from Hanford.  
We will have a raffle, so bring your donation. The cost is \$15 per person.

14 November  
Thursday      **Executive board meeting.** 0900 at Bingo Hall. Everyone is welcome

21 November  
Thursday      **Membership meeting luncheon** at Cascadia Technical Academy at 11:30.  
Our speaker is **Howard Lim** and he will discuss cyber warfare  
and the repatriation of Korean War U.S. service members remains.  
We will have a raffle. The cost is \$15 per person.



5 December  
Thursday      **Our Holiday/Scholarship Party** will be at Club Green Meadows from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.  
Please join us for this celebration and meet our scholarship recipients.  
We will have a buffet dinner and a bar available for purchase of adult beverages.  
The cost TBD, however, it will not be more than \$25 per person.



12 December  
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18 January  
2020  
Saturday      **Annual business meeting** at Club Green Meadows at 1030 am.  
We will have a brunch buffet, then conduct the chapter business including annual reports and  
installation of new officers.  
Please mark your calendars now.

Don't forget to check our [Chapter Website](http://www.moacolumbiariver.org/events-3/) for more events and the latest event details  
See: <http://www.moacolumbiariver.org/events-3/>



**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**  
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**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  
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**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  
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