**Columbia River MOAA Foundation—CRMF Update** by Dave Casteel (shilohcamas@comcast.net)

I don’t know about you, but it’s hard for me to believe Thanksgiving 2022 has come and gone and we are already hustling to find the perfect Christmas gifts for our loved ones.

We want to thank two members whose generous donations to the Fall Appeal came in after the last newsletter was published: **Sally Cowles** and **Larry Smith, In Memory of Patti**. Thank You both very much.

Talking about donations, some of you like to make year-end gifts--especially if you are now taking your RMD. A Qualified Charitable Distribution (**QCD**) from your RMD is a win-win. Not only do you help support our Scholarship and/or Support the Troops work, but as the old cereal commercial used to say, “Try it, you’ll like it…hey, Mikey likes it…” You will like it too, because your AGI is reduced by the amount of your QCD. Simply instruct your financial adviser to make out your QCD payable to: **Columbia River MOAA Foundation (CRMF)** and mail to same at PO Box 1872, Vancouver, WA 98668. If you follow up with an email to me to advise me how you wish for us to apply the funds, we will know which fund you want to support and to expect your QCD. (Note, undesignated gifts are divided equally between the Scholarship fund and our Support the Troops fund). It can take several weeks for your financial institution to process and mail your QCD, so if you plan a year-end QCD, we urge you not to wait because, to count for 2022, it needs to clear by December 31st.

Of course, we also gladly accept your donation by check. You can mail it to the same address, or if you attend our Christmas Scholarship social on December 18th, you can donate when you arrive PLUS you will get to meet our great Scholarship recipients!

Speaking of our scholarship recipients. This year, **Christopher Wannamaker**, is our recipient of the Colonel **Paul** S. and **Ivadell** M. **Crosby** Columbia River MOAA Foundation Scholarship from WSU-V. An Army veteran, **Chris** is majoring in Business Accounting and will graduate in the spring. From Clark College: **Megan Harris** is receiving the Colonel James Chriss scholarship and is majoring in Psychology and Counseling. She wants to become a mental health therapist. **Tara Naipo** is receiving the Captain Robert Fenning scholarship and majoring in Nursing. Her plans are to obtain a MS in Nursing and teach new nurses.

Unfortunately, our Colonel Daniel Doty scholarship recipient (a US Army veteran with children in college) had to withdraw from Clark and did not receive the scholarship. We are attempting to contact him to offer some of our Support the Troops assistance to him to assist him if we can. On a good note, Clark College believes they have a worthy candidate to award the Doty scholarship to who is both the daughter of a veteran and a veteran herself.

Our Support the Troops fund just donated $500.00 in WinCo family-friendly gift cards to US Coast Guard junior enlisted families at Swan Island c/o **Paulette Fryar**, 2020-2021

AFI Military Spouse of the Year. Her husband, USCG Captain (select) **Troy** **Fryar** is a new chapter member who was recently stationed at Swan Island. The cards will be given out to junior enlisted families in need at “Breakfast with Santa” at the Base on December 10th. Thank you, **Paulette**, for coordinating this.

Hope to see you at our December 18th Christmas Scholarship social at the Old Spaghetti Factory.