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As we begin America's annual holiday seasons including Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Years, we often reflect on

family, friends and our blessings. Our Thanksgiving luncheon at the Cascadia Culinary Academy featured Clark County's expert in Cyber Security, Detective **Jon Shields**. And our Holiday event at the Old Spaghetti Factory features both MOAA's National visit by **Frank "Tank" Michael**, US Navy Retired, and also recognizes our scholarship recipients.

Note: After our Thanksgiving luncheon, I shared discussion learning that **Jon Shields**, a Desert Storm Combat Veteran himself, had lost their son serving in Afghanistan. Gold Star Families always carry a special place in our hearts. ★



Supporting our community, your Chapter assisted in Veteran's Day at Fort Vancouver funding the new flags carried by the Sea Scouts leading the parade and manning our MOAA table inside the historic hanger. **John Donnelly** provided a personalized tour for our members of the hangers, historic aircraft and the other displays. Unknown previously to me, **John** directed the Pearson Air Museum before responsibilities moved to the US National Park Service. I have asked **John** to provide a future presentation on historic Pearson Field as the US National Park Service prepares for a 100-year anniversary next year.

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Sunday, Dec 8th
Holiday Scholarship Social
Celebration
Old Spaghetti Factory
Vancouver, WA
3:00 pm
Please RSVP soonest
See Page 12 for details

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Leah Davis, Larry DeVries, Toby Claremont and I attended the MOAA West Coast Workshop in Reno on 15-16 November. This was a very busy 2 days of travel, National MOAA presentations and gaining valuable information. The separate "specialist" meetings added expertise in Spousal Benefits, Legislative Advocacy, Membership and Leadership.

For those of us new to our Chapter roles, the National MOAA West Coast Workshop provided valuable information and an opportunity to receive feedback directly from our Chapter representatives. The CRC Annual Business Meeting in February will provide an opportunity to share more information and feedback.

Your CRC dedicated staff continues to bring quality events with excellent programs focusing on camaraderie, fine foods and helpful information to our membership.

Programs early in the new year include presentations on the continuing community growth of Vancouver's Waterfront and also the arrival of new F-15EX fighter aircraft at the Oregon Air Guard 142nd Fighter Wing.

Also in planning is the annual CRC Business Meeting as well as a presentation on Emergency Preparations. A Bavarian theme luncheon at Gustav's Restaurant and our chapter's annual Wine Tasting planned for Spring.

And best holiday wishes to all!

Roger "Ramjet" Rosenberry

Never stop serving!



Federal Legislative Update:
by Bob McFarlin

Another Federal Legislative year is about to come to a close. Both the House and Senate are on a short break before returning on December 2(Senate) and December 3 (House) for a short three week session. There is not a lot of time left for them to get all of their work done. The new congress convenes on January 3, 2025. Our congress woman and two senators were reelected so they should already be familiar with the issues of importance to MOAA.

Of particular importance is the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare Improvement and Benefits act. This bill has been passed overwhelmingly by the House but still waits approval by the Senate. Since there are so few days left for the Senate to act this year please send a letter or call Senators Murray and Cantwell right away and advocate for this bill. As you all know the squeaking wheel gets the oil so the more of us who sound off the more we will be heard.

Our legislators need to know what we want prioritized in these last days of the session.





Legislative Contacts

MOAA Legislative Action Center

<https://moaa.quorum.us/issueareas>

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

White House

Comments: 202-456-1111 Switchboard: 202-456-1414
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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/>

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Representative, Position 2	Monica Stonier 786-7872	Paul Harris 786-7976	Greg Cheney 786-7812	Gina Mosbrucker 786-7856	Ed Orcutt 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

Overview of Reference Information About Adult Immunizations

CAPT Roger L DeRoos (USPHS Ret.) MPH, PhD.

Toby Clairmont BSN, CEM.

The purpose of this article is to provide access to information so that you can assess your own immunization status and make informed decisions in consultation with your healthcare provider. It is not meant to provide specific recommendations for individuals. The first link below provides an overview of adult immunizations.

Consider a scenario where you anticipate a routine annual medical exam. You want to give some thought to questions you wish to ask during the exam. Hopefully some of the reference material in links below will help you formulate your questions. Before you begin, it might be helpful to have a list of your current immunizations in hand.

The following link lists immunizations for adults, with some breakdown by age group. We suggest you scroll down through the entire document for an overview before selecting other links along the way.

Take some time to review the table near the bottom of that page. Tap on the link for a specific vaccine on the left-hand side of the table and see what displays. Also check the footnotes, e.g. TDAP.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-schedules/adult-easyread.html>

Then we would suggest scrolling up to the blue shaded area near the top, left side.

The blue shaded area begins with “Download the Schedule”; a two-page PDF of the table you previously observed. A printout might serve as a useful reminder list for discussion with your health care provider.

By answering a few questions in the “Adult Vaccine Assessment Tool”, some guidance is provided for immunizations which are more specifically related to your own circumstances: perhaps a starting point a discussion with your health care provider.

Some of you may have seen the recent article on The Columbian about reemergence of Whooping Cough in Washington and our own Clark County community (see following link).

<https://www.columbian.com/news/2024/oct/17/how-bad-is-was-whooping-cough-outbreak-clark-county-has-the-most-cases-at-318/>

After reading, you may be prompted to look up your own immunization status and read a little more about which vaccine applies. More detail is provided in the “Vaccine Information Statement” (VIS) for TDAP (Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis).

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/vis-statements/tdap.pdf>

You can also view other VISs by selecting the following link.

<https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/hcp/vis/current-vis.html>

Hopefully the information presented above will help you determine what applies to your own needs.

Finally, we realize how important travel is to many of you, so we decided to end with a link which specifically addresses this subject; “need travel vaccines, plan ahead.” Happy Travels!

<https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/travel-vaccines>



Columbia River MOAA Foundation (CRMF) Update by Dave Casteel CRMF President

Can't believe it is already December and Christmas decorations, and the tree are going up. Before we know it, we will be ringing in 2025!

The end of the year also brings the end of the 2024 tax season. If you haven't taken all of your RMD, do it soon so you don't get hit with a penalty from our friends at the IRS. One great way to do this is by designating a 501(c)3 charity (like the CRMF) as a recipient of a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). Doing this not only benefits the charity, but also reduces your AGI dollar for dollar on the front side of your IRS 1040 form by the amount of your QCD. Don't delay, some financial firms take up to three weeks to process and deliver your request. Simply make the QCD payable to: **Columbia River MOAA Foundation (CRMF)** and mail it to same at our **PO Box 1872, Vancouver, WA 98668**. It's that easy! If you have specific instructions how you want it used, please contact **Frank** or me and we will make it happen. What could be easier?

In November, we were able to take advantage of a MOAA matching scholarship opportunity at Clark College. We donated \$1,500 for which we received a dollar-for-dollar match, thereby adding \$3,000 to our Endowment balance! Regarding endowments, we just received our annual statement from Clark College and expect our first annual endowment statement from WSU-V this month. **Frank** will report these balances at our annual meeting in February.

In addition, we supported the greater Portland area Sea Cadets request for a set of Colors for the Veterans Day parade here in Vancouver. The parade is organized and presented by our local Community Military Appreciation Committee (CMAC).

By the time you read this, you will have met all four of our scholarship recipients if you attended the December 8th dinner at the Old Spaghetti Factory (OSF).

Recipients from Clark College are **Gabriela Jecan** and veterans **Donald "Ray" Jackson** and **Eric Morton**.

From WSU-V: Iraq combat medic **Simon Kirpa**. **Simon** was awarded the single Clark College President's award to WSU-V and was featured in a full-page article in the Fall/Winter 2024 Penguin Partners magazine.

Copies of the Scholarship winners thank you letters follow our Calendar Events and start on Page 13.

In other recent activity, **Frank** has contacted the Fisher House, the VA transplant Lodge, and CCVAC to determine how we can best support them at the end of the year.

If we don't see you at the OSF, cherish your Christmas with your loved ones and have a happy and safe New Year's Eve celebration. Most of all, we wish you a healthy New Year in 2025.



If you have questions or need additional information please contact **Dave Casteel** at 360-834-2448, shilocamas@comcast.net or CRMFpresident@comcast.net, or **Frank Hill** at 360-241-8252, hillhouse2@comcast.net.

The Columbia River MOAA Foundation (CRMF) is an IRC 501(c)3 public charity to which donations are tax deductible. Our Federal tax ID# is 47-4776049. We encourage you to consult with a tax advisor for complete information about the tax deductibility of your gift.

Importance of MOAA Life Membership, by Leah Davis, Surviving Spouse Liaison

As the Surviving Spouse Liaison for our MOAA Columbia River Chapter, I had the pleasure of attending my first National MOAA Western Region Leadership Training Workshop on November 15th and 16th, 2024, in Reno Nevada. There were twelve Western States represented. **YEAH**, Washington State had the most attendees of all the other regional states.

Maj. Gen. Ondra L. Berry USAF (Ret) Adjutant General for the State of Nevada was our dynamic keynote speaker. In addition, there were breakout sessions were available to all regarding Legislative Action, Surviving Spouse Liaison and Chapter Management Session that involved Presidents & Membership Chairs. Every session was packed **FULL** of valuable information.

I attended the breakout session for Surviving Spouses.

One topic of concern was the importance of a Surviving Spouse being a recipient of their spouse's **LIFE** Membership to the National MOAA Organization as well as belonging to your local MOAA Chapters.

WHY is it important to have a **LIFE** MOAA Membership? The importance for the spouse to have a MOAA **LIFE** Membership allows that membership to be transferred upon the members death to their surviving spouse. The surviving spouse will continue to enjoy the many benefits. My husband had a **LIFE** Membership and, as a surviving spouse, there were times that I relied upon MOAA to guide me. Even though we were very prepared for the inevitable, and as much as you think you have it all together, there will be times when "you don't know what you don't know."

The National MOAA, as well as our local Columbia River Chapter were only a phone call away to help me navigate the system. National MOAA was instrumental in getting me in touch with our local MOAA Columbia River Chapter.

Hence, the reason, I became involved.

There are advantages in having a **LIFE** Membership with MOAA and your local chapter.

Just to name a few.....

1. **MOAA's** Greatest Mission has been to protect your earned military benefits. They work on behalf of our Armed Forces in keeping our elected congressional representatives updated on the needs of our troops and their families,
2. You have easy access of making your voice heard on Military issues through their Legislative Action site,
3. Stay informed - get the latest information and changes to our military and benefits,
4. Spouse Protection,
5. Financial Education & Consumer Advice,
6. Networking with other Surviving Spouses once a month via Zoom,
7. They help to navigate through the Dependency & Indemnity Compensation (DIC) process,
8. Value added: - our local chapter sponsors interesting programs and opportunities to networking with fellow officers,
9. Interact with our local community leaders,
10. Giving back to your community - Chapter members are ambassadors in their communities making a difference in the lives of others.

Visit the website [MOAA.org](https://www.moaa.org) to see the advantages of having a MOAA **LIFE** Membership. It would be a gift from you to your spouse in their time of need.

NEVER STOP SERVING!!!!

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MOAA Columbia River Chapter Name Badges by Rich Wersinger

At our fantastic Annual BBQ at our President’s home, some of us were asking about obtaining MOAA Columbia River Chapter name badges.

Recently, I identified a local source for our name badges. I easily ordered and received my name badge, below.



You may order yours through Aloha Badges in Portland, Oregon, formerly known as Portland Badge Company. <https://alohabadges.com/>

To easily order your badge, you may contact them by email badges@alohabadges.com or by phone, (503) 430-0234

They already have our MOAA logo on file, so there is no setup fee.

Make sure you specify the “registered mark” logo, with rounded corners. Also that you are with the Columbia River Chapter. Although my badge looks beige in the photo, it’s actually white.

Prices: for 3x1.5 inch: \$6.75.

You may specify fasteners. I ordered magnets, works fine for me.

Fasteners/Backers

- Magnets \$1.25 ea.
- Pins \$0.50 ea.
- Swivel Clip \$1.25 ea.
- Extra Strong Magnets \$2.50 ea.

After you order, they will send a photo of your badge. After you are happy with the proof, they will mail the badge and invoice you for payment.

If you need any assistance with your badge don’t hesitate to call on me,

Rich Wersinger, editor@columbiariver.org or phone/text, 360-901-1915.





By John Donnelly

Vancouver's 36th Annual Veterans Day Parade at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site

Men, woman and children all lined the streets to honor the nation's veterans as marching bands, scouting troops and community organizations all marched in the parade. The Historic Trust hosted the event, along with an open house at the end of the parade at Pearson Air Museum; where coffee, hot cocoa, hot dogs and ice cream were served.

CMAC again played a large role at the open house, setting up and organizing the tables for the two dozen organizations that came out to greet the parade goers. Our own **Jay Williams**, wife **Maureen**, and **Rod Williams** played a big part in that organizational set up, teardown and clean up! Nice job



Our MOAA Chapter had a booth with information about who we were and what we do to hand out to potential new members. We also had a prize to raffle off at the end of the day. It was a patriotic Corn Hole game with the American Flag on the boards, which was donated by **Rod Williams** for the event.

Each organizations table had some give-a-way and a few had free raffles for the people to participate in, which made it a very festive event.



Our MOAA Chapter also donated the funds to purchase new flags for the local US Navy Sea Cadets Corps pictured above marching in the parade. **Larry DeVries** is shown reimbursing **Lt. John Jones**, adult leader for the Sea Cadets. (left)

The Sea Cadets sent their heartfelt thanks to us. (right)

Vancouver has a long-established tradition of honoring our military history and the parade is meant to celebrate the service and sacrifice our local veterans have made for freedom!



Vancouver's 36th Annual Veterans Day Parade at the Fort Vancouver National Historic Site (continued)

Our President, **Roger Rosenberry**, drew the winning raffle ticket at the end of the day and the winner was **Stacey Vorgas**. **John Donnelly** delivered the Corn Hole game to **Stacey** the next day and it was much appreciated.



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, Space 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 more than 350,000 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, **Jim Morse**, coordinates calendar inputs and newsletter distribution. You can contact him at 360-433-5605 or email him at jlmorse77@gmail.com

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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 **Jim Morse**, our Chapter Secretary at 360-433-5605 or jlmorse77@gmail.com.



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Columbia River Chapter Membership 2024-2025 Calendar Events

Date	Event	Program/Speaker
8 December Sunday	Holiday Party	Speaker: Capt. Frank J. Michael , USN (Ret), MOAA Program Director, Council and Chapter Affairs Location: Old Spaghetti Factory, Vancouver, WA RSVP
16 January 2025 Thursday	Membership Meeting	Vancouver Authority “Waterfront Happenings” Location: Cascadia Tech Center at 11:30 am
20 February Thursday	CRC Annual Business Meeting	Cascade Culinary Academy. 11:30 am
20 March Thursday	“142nd Wing Regarding F15EX”	Cascade Culinary Academy. 11:30 am
17 April Thursday	Membership Meeting	German Food Gustav’s Rest 11:30am 1705 SE 164th Ave, Vancouver



YOU ARE INVITED TO
THE MOAA COLUMBIA CHAPTER
HOLIDAY
SCHOLARSHIP SOCIAL CELEBRATION



WHEN: DECEMBER 8th, 2024 @ 3pm
WHERE: OLD SPAGHETTI FACTORY
 730 SE 160th Avenue
 Vancouver, WA 98684
PROGRAM: **David Casteel**, CRMF President, presents Scholarship Awards to Clark College & WSU-V recipients
 followed by:
Capt. Frank Michael, USN (Ret) MOAA National Headquarters, Senior Director for Councils and Chapters

CRC Newsletter Schedule	
First week of month	
February	November
April	December
June	
September	



Recipients' Thank you Letters: Scholarship Awards to Clark College & WSU-V



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November 14, 2024

Dear David,

Thank you for making such a difference in the lives of Clark College students! The financial support that scholarships provide lift students and support their opportunity to flourish. By giving to scholarships, you are investing in the future of our students and our community in Southwest Washington.

Since 1973, Clark College Foundation has helped secure financial support for Clark students. When you joined us in that endeavor, **you and your generosity** became an invaluable part of our team. I am so grateful that you have trusted us with your investment.

I'm enclosing some student information to illustrate the impact your support is making. Together, we are changing lives here in the Penguin Nation. Thank you!

Go Penguins!

Kristina Martin
Director of Stewardship
Clark College Foundation
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2024 Recipient of
Military Officers Association of America, in honor of Colonel James V.
Chriss, U.S. Army Scholarship

Donald "Ray" Jackson

Cybersecurity Major

Dear Military Officers Association of America,

About 30 minutes ago I received an email from Clark College congratulating me on being awarded a scholarship from the Military Officers Association of America, in honor of Colonel James V. Chriss, U.S. Army. Thank you very much for recognizing the journey towards success and sharing this blessing with my family. We are extremely thankful for your generous contribution. We value that your family understands the importance of education in living a more fulfilled life. Your gift will make our summer vacation to Bend this year extra special. Thank you again for your love and generosity. I am looking forward to attending a MOAA meeting and sharing my journey.

I am currently pursuing a BAS in Cybersecurity. I hope this will help me start my career as a Cybersecurity Engineer where I will help organizations with risk management solutions.

I have been interested in the IT industry since I was first introduced to computers back in elementary school. Throughout my life, I have been fascinated with technology and what the near future has in store for humanity. I have grown my experience with IT over the years by helping friends and family with their technology problems. I enjoy solving problems and helping others. I think these skills are extremely important in the Cybersecurity field where new problems arise almost constantly. My attention to detail will allow me to notice small issues that are often overlooked.

After completing my AAT in Machining Technology at Clark College in 2021, I struggled to find childcare for my daughter. This made it difficult for me to start my career as a Machinist. In December 2021, I earned my first IT certification, CompTIA A+. I decided to return to Clark College and pursue an AAT in Networking Technology. A career in IT Networking presents a great opportunity to work remotely. This flexibility would allow me to spend more valuable time with my family. After completing my NTEC degree, I was convinced that I wanted to work in Cybersecurity. Cybersecurity focuses on the security side of IT Networking. While earning my NTEC degree, I learned a great deal about how devices communicate across networks. The CBAS program consists of the 300 and 400 level Networking courses that will expand my existing knowledge base. This alongside my passion to solve problems, will help me to be successful not only in the program, but also in my future career.

Very Respectfully, Ray Jackson Veteran, USN

**Recipients' Thank you Letters:
Scholarship Awards to Clark College & WSU-V**

2024 Recipient of
Military Officers Association of America, in honor of Colonel Daniel W.
Doty, U.S. Army Scholarship

Gabriela Jecan

Business Administration Major

I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for being awarded the Military Officers Association of America, in honor of Colonel Daniel W. Doty, U.S. Army. I am deeply honored and immensely grateful for your generous support.

This scholarship will significantly alleviate my financial burden and allow me to focus more on my studies and personal development. It is a tremendous encouragement as I pursue my academic and career goals, and it has inspired me to strive for excellence.

Thank you once again for your kindness and investment in my future. I am committed to making the most of this opportunity and giving back to the community in the future.

With sincere thanks,
Gabriela Jecan

Recipients' Thank you Letters: Scholarship Awards to Clark College & WSU-V

2024 Recipient of
Military Officers Association of America, in honor of Captain Robert C.
Fenning, U.S. Navy Scholarship

Eric Morton

Culinary Arts Major

I hope this letter finds you in good health and high spirits. I am writing to express my heartfelt gratitude for the MOAA scholarship that I have been fortunate enough to receive. Your generosity has made a significant impact on my educational journey, and I am truly honored to be a recipient of this award.

As a student veteran pursuing culinary arts at Clark, I am living out a dream 25 years in the making. However, the financial challenges associated with higher education often feel like insurmountable barriers. Your scholarship has not only alleviated my financial burden but also provided me with renewed hope and motivation moving forward.

The Impact of Your Support:

With the scholarship funds, I can now focus more on my studies and actively participate in extracurricular activities.

It has allowed me to purchase essential textbooks, attend workshops, and explore research opportunities.

Knowing that someone believes in my potential has boosted my confidence and determination.

My Educational and Professional Goals:

In the short term, I aim to excel academically and maintain a high GPA. I am currently involved in my summer internship at a local restaurant run by an alumnus, which aligns with my interests and long-term goals.

Looking ahead, I aspire to expand my small business. Whether it's conducting research in the kitchen, networking with potential clients, or working in concert with more established companies. I am constantly aiming to learn and grow, whatever it takes, I am committed to building a successful business.

Your scholarship has brought me closer to achieving these goals by providing the necessary resources and support.

How This Scholarship Will Help Me:

Covering tuition fees and educational expenses: Your contribution ensures that I can continue my studies without financial stress.

Networking and mentorship opportunities: I look forward to connecting with professionals in my field, thanks to events organized by the culinary program.

Building a strong foundation: With your support, I am confident that I will graduate well-prepared for the challenges I face ahead.

In closing, I want to express my deepest appreciation. Your kindness has not only impacted my life but also inspired me to pay it forward someday. I promise to work diligently, honor your trust, and make the most of this incredible opportunity. Thank you once again for being the benefactor of my educational journey. Your belief in my potential means the world to me.

Sincerely,

Eric John Morton, Culinary Management