



Above: Map reading and land navigation are highly perishable skills. Use it or lose it! At Longview Detachment's 8 AUG drill, SPC Kyle Frank led map reading training. Pictured are (L to R) CPL Zarubin, PFC Masterson, SPC Frank, and MAJ Allen. For more, see *Longview DET* report on [page 8](#).

WASHINGTON STATE GUARD LEADERSHIP



COL Joe Maassen
Commander
Washington State Guard



CSM Richard Stickney
Command Sergeant Major
Washington State Guard

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Roll Call

WASHINGTON STATE GUARD COMMAND:

Commander: COL Joe Maassen

Deputy Commander: LTC Peter Lukevich

CSM: Richard Stickney

DETACHMENTS (OIC, NCOIC listed):

Headquarters: 1LT Scott Roberts,

1SG John Sauer

Camp Murray: MAJ David Luxton,

1SG Gene Vetter

Marysville: MAJ Carl Chatfield,

SGM Stephen Bush

Longview: 1LT Jason King,

SFC Perry Eimen

Spokane: 1LT Ron Desmet,

SGM Butch McConnell

Yakima: 2LT Andrew Cochran,

MSG Eric Farmer

PRIMARY STAFF:

Chief of Staff: LTC Peter Lukevich

S1, Admin / Personnel: 1LT Scott Roberts (outgoing);

CPT Scott Livingston (incoming)

S2: Intelligence / Security: MAJ George Wheeler

S3, Training & Ops: LTC David Trujillo

S4, Logistics: MAJ John Adams

S5, Plans: MAJ Aaron Logan

S6, Comms/Cyber: LTC Stephen Kutz

SPECIAL STAFF:

Chaplain: CH (COL) William Toguchi

Commandant of Schools: LTC Jay Burnett

Medical Advisor: MAJ Dustin Colegrove

Public Affairs Officer: MAJ Carl Chatfield

Staff Judge Advocate: LTC Peter Lukevich, JD

THE WASHINGTON STATE GUARD MOTTO

Pro Civitas et Patria—For State and Country

COMMANDER'S WORDS

COL Joe Maassen, WSG Commander



I hope you all have had a great summer and are looking forward to the next training year in the Washington State Guard (WSG)!

I want to take this opportunity to review two key points, the mission of the WSG and my intent for conducting training.

Our mission: The WSG is an all-volunteer unit organized under the Washington Military Department (WMD). The WSG will be available to serve, at the call of the Governor in the place of the National Guard of the state of Washington under the provisions of title RCW 38.14.006 when the National Guard is in the service of the United States, or when otherwise ordered to active state service by the Governor.

My intent for conducting training in Training Year 25-26 is for all members of the WSG to be “Trained and Ready” to answer the call of duty. To respond to the call, the WSG will, when ordered, deploy skilled and trained personnel ready to carry out assigned missions in support of the WMD, addressing the needs of the State of Washington. Detachments will receive consistent, standardized training to enable all soldiers to meet the standard of readiness established by WSG leadership.

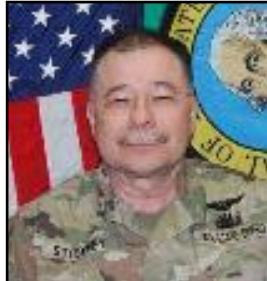
Mandatory training will be conducted to standard concurrently across all detachments. Mandatory training will be coordinated between the S3 and the detachments.

Many hands make the load light – keep recruiting! Our goal was to keep up our momentum from last year and grow to 120 Soldiers, at the rate we are going, we are falling short. Don’t be selfish and keep all of this fun to yourself – invite a friend to join! Thanks for all you do!

COMMAND SERGEANT MAJOR'S WORDS

CSM Richard Stickney, WSG CSM

No report this month.





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SITREP: CHIEF OF STAFF

Chief of Staff: LTC Peter Lukevich



I hope your summer has been filled with family and friends and making memories. It is always a wonderful time of the year to get outside and enjoy the beautiful Pacific Northwest. My travels have included Ocean Shores and attendance at many youth baseball tournaments around the Puget Sound. Go Mariners!

Let me take a moment to recognize all of the WSG soldiers that

have taken the time to support our recruiting efforts. From JBLM Retiree Days to the Lake City Summer Festival, to Sequim and the Unity of Effort celebration, then to the 2025 Cascade Crest 100 Race just to name a few events around Washington. You have been busy promoting the State Guard and spreading our message of service and commitment everywhere. Good job and continue to show our Colors when you can.

From 30 JUL to 3 AUG personnel from the Longview Det, Headquarters and Spokane Det were activated on SAD to support the JFHQ COOPEX conducted at Fairchild AFB. 1LT Desmet, 2LT Cochran, CW2 Manseau, and WO1 Morrison served throughout the exercise and CW4 Elliott, WO1 Lukevich and I joined the COOPEX for the Academics portion of the exercise on the first day. Once again, the combined efforts of the WSG soldiers produced outstanding results in the areas of COMMS, MILO support and INTEL. For example, our COMMS specialists successfully established HF radio contact with the Quinault Indian Nation EOC located in Taholah, WA, the Army Reserve Center at JBLM, the Aviation Support Facility (ASF1) at JBLM, the JOC at Camp Murray and even other WSG soldiers volunteering at the Lake City Summer Festival event in north Seattle. Outstanding effort by all the WSG personnel in support of COOPEX 2025!

Looking forward, as we close out another highly productive training year, we have begun planning for AT 2026 at the Yakima Training Center (YTC). Excellent staff work was begun in earnest during the July drill to identify AT training goals and objectives and to identify the necessary logistical support that will be needed to conduct a successful AT 2026. You can expect specific guidance from the S3 in the near future. It is exciting to think that we are seriously planning to conduct a controlled burn in the field to test our hand crew firefighting skills, using our sUAS aircraft to observe the training and provide feedback to the TOC/ICP, as well as conduct training in a field environment for our other METL tasks. This next

training year will be packed with great opportunities for our Detachments to prepare early and thoroughly for Annual Training 2026.

Please enjoy your Labor Day holiday and the unofficial end of summertime. More good weather is forecast, and we can continue to dream about the Seattle Mariners making the playoffs! Be safe and enjoy your family and friends.

SITREP: SECTION CHIEFS

S1, Admin/Personnel: 1LT Scott Roberts



As we prepare for the upcoming drill, I want to share some key updates and announce a leadership transition within the S1 shop. Beginning in September, CPT Scott Livingston will assume duties as the new S1. It has been my privilege to serve as Acting S1, and I am grateful for the support of leadership, staff, and all members of the Washington State Guard throughout this period.

With CPT Livingston stepping in as the new S1, the shop will continue to focus on personnel readiness, awards processing, training support, and recruiting outreach across the Washington State Guard. Please welcome CPT Livingston as he assumes these responsibilities.

The S1 shop processed several awards this month. For details, see [Awards](#) on [page 10](#).

S2, Intelligence / Security: MAJ George Wheeler



The S2 shop reminds all WSG soldiers to maintain strong physical and cybersecurity at all times. Threats are increasing as hostile actors continue breaching networks in schools, businesses, government, and other organizations to disrupt services and steal information.

To Protect yourself:

- * Use strong passwords with multi-factor authentication.
- * Avoid storing sensitive data on public or unsecured devices.
- * Report unusual activity ("See something, say something")
- * Stay alert in public.
- * Consider using a password manager to automate logins and reduce the risk of identity theft.

We all share the duty to be ready to fulfill WSG missions when called to serve.



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S3, Training and Operations: LTC David Trujillo



No report this month.

S4, Logistics: MAJ John Adams



Hello WSG soldiers!

We are nearing the end of summer. Red sunset tinged evenings await us. This means school is about to begin. Update and rehearse your emergency plans for a family which is geographically spread out. Repack your bags and be well!

S5, Plans: MAJ Aaron Logan



ICS 400 is being planned for 4-5 OCT at Camp Murray. If you are interested in taking this course, please contact MSG August at:

Randolph.August@mil.wa.gov

This course is required for MASTER MEMS certification.

S6, Comms/Cyber: LTC Stephen Kutz



No report this month.

SITREP: SPECIAL STAFF

Public Affairs: MAJ Carl Chatfield



In July and August the WSG fielded multiple public outreach missions. These missions helped spread the word about the WSG to a broad audience—including potential future WSG soldiers.

Following is a brief summary of these missions.

4 JUL: Citizen Naturalization Ceremony, Seattle

For the tenth consecutive year, the WSG Honor Guard posted the Colors and stood sentry at the annual event at Seattle Center. 500 new citizens were sworn in to the cheers of several thousand attendees.



Above: WSG Honor Guard flag bearers SPC Connor Paulson (L) and 2LT LeRoy LaBeach (R) prepare to post the Colors at the opening of the 2025 Citizen Naturalization ceremony on 4th of July at Seattle Center.



Above: WSG Honor Guard soldiers participated in the annual citizen naturalization ceremony.



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The new citizens included several active-duty US Armed Forces servicemembers in uniform, who rendered their first salutes as US Citizens to the Colors when retired by the WSG Honor Guard. What a day!

Soldiers who served on this mission include:

- * 1LT Chelsea Bailey
- * 2LT Alfonso Bautista
- * 2LT LeRoy LaBeach
- * CPL Peter Merz
- * WO1 Jared Morrison (mission OIC)
- * SPC Connor Paulson

2 AUG: Lake City Festival

WSG fielded the MOCC and led the parade at this annual civic pride event in the Lake City area of Seattle.



Above: LTC Burnett and 1LT Bailey (mission OIC) interact with the public at the street fair portion of the event.



Above: MAJ Chatfield and PFC Horn served as Color Guard at the front of the parade. They are pictured here with LTC Lukevich at the MOCC, which also drove in the parade.

Soldiers who served on this mission include:

- * 1LT Chelsea Bailey (mission OIC)
- * 2LT Alfonso Bautista
- * LTC Jay Burnett
- * MAJ Carl Chatfield

- * PFC Abigail Horn
- * LTC Peter Lukevich
- * WO1 Tom Lukevich
- * PV2 Hayden Marlow

9 AUG: Unity of Effort, Sequim

[Unity of Effort](#) is the Olympic Peninsula's annual celebration of military, law enforcement, first responders and security personnel. Our soldiers made several recruiting contacts on the OP; we expect some new recruits from this outreach.



Above: WSG soldiers worked the WSG booth and made recruiting contacts at Unity of Effort, Sequim.

Soldiers who served on this mission include:

- * 1LT Chelsea Bailey (mission OIC)
- * SGM Stephen Bush
- * SSG Chris Hills
- * PV2 Hayden Marlow
- * SGT Eric Rhodes

16-17 AUG: American Legion BBQ Competition, Dupont

This mission connected WSG soldiers with veterans. In fact WSG was invited to this event while attending the JBLM Retiree Appreciation Day in June. It's a great example of the more exposure we get, the more requests for more exposure we get.



Above: SGT Rhodes and 1LT Bailey represented the WSG at the American Legion BBQ Competition. No report on BBQ consumed.



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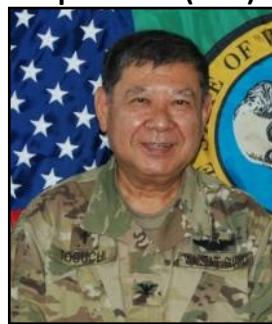
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Veteran's organizations such as American Legion and the VFW are great sources for prior-service recruiting for the WSG. WSG offers a unique proposition to veterans who'd like to get back in uniform and serve locally in a military organization.

Soldiers who served on this mission include:

- * 1LT Chelsea Bailey (mission OIC)
- * SGT Eric Rhodes

Chaplain: CH (COL) William Toguchi



In an April 2009 *New York Times* article, researchers noted the role of friendship in our overall health. It reports, "A 10-year Australian study found that older people with a large circle of friends were 22 percent less likely to die during the study period than those with fewer friends." A study of middle-aged Swedish men found that those with quality friendships were more likely to survive coronary heart disease. Another study of women battling breast cancer found that friendship circles had a dramatic influence on survival rates.

A few thousand years ago, the writer of Proverbs said that a good friendship is to the heart what oil and medicines are to the body. Encouraging our friends—and being encouraged by them—is a conduit of blessing to our lives. We should cherish and cultivate our relationships with our friends and loved ones.

In the Washington State Guard, we have an incredible opportunity to build and cultivate friendships with our fellow WSG soldiers. Together we can encourage and build one another. Together, we can meet the challenges that lie before us and make a difference to Washington and to our Country.

Schools: LTC Jay Burnett, Schoolhouse Commandant



The Schools cadre is committed to providing the best training and education we can. This sometimes requires additional time to prepare so that WSG soldiers get quality training. At this time, the Warrant Officer Candidate school start date has been tentatively reset to January 2026. We understand that applicants are chomping at the bit to get started. However, it's essential that the training that's delivered is the best that can be offered given the constraints of time, material, and personnel available for the course.

The quality of officers, both commissioned and warrant, that have come from the prior schools, has been a significant reason for the success of the WSG. In order to maintain that quality, the cadre is focused on doing the very best for the WSG and the students.

Be patient, and feel free to connect with any of the schools cadre with your questions or concerns.

Medical Advisor: MAJ Dustin Colegrove



Summer Safety

The summer heat really hit this month!

What to know to stay safe:

- * **Hydration:** The human body is 60% water. An easy rule of thumb for an average adult is "drinking 8x8." That's eight ounces, eight times per day. Note: if exercising or working in the heat, you need to keep up with fluid losses and drink much more than 8x8.
- * **Electrolytes:** Electrolytes are also important to replenish when replacing fluid losses. Sport drinks can also be rotated into your hydration schedule.
- * **Sun protection:** Apply sunscreen (SPF 30 and above) before outdoor activities. Reapply every two hours or sooner if in water or sweating.
- * **Heat avoidance (if possible):** Avoid outdoor activities in the afternoon when the sun/temperature is the most intense. Take frequent breaks.
- * **Listen to your body:** Monitor for signs of feeling overheated or exhausted.

SITREP: DETACHMENTS

Headquarters: 1LT Scott Roberts, OIC; 1SG John Sauer, DET SGT



As we continue settling into our new facility and expanding capabilities, HHD remains committed to mission readiness, professional development,

and supporting Washington State Guard operations statewide. I am proud of our Soldiers and look forward to the months ahead as we fully integrate into the new building and continue to strengthen our operations.



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Camp Murray: MAJ David Luxton, OIC; 1SG Gene Vetter, DET SGT



The Camp Murray Detachment remains focused on training and professional development.

During our August drill,

PFC Kauble-Swanstrom and PFC Landi provided comprehensive land navigation table-top instruction.



Above: PFC Kauble-Swanstrom and PFC Landi led a hands-on map reading course at Camp Murray DET drill, 9 AUG.

PFC Kauble-Swanstrom was also awarded his MEMS Basic qualification and a Recruiting ribbon, presented by MAJ Luxton. See Awards, [page 10](#).

The detachment is excited about this year's training plan and is undergoing preparation for our November FTX.

Marysville: MAJ Carl Chatfield, OIC; SGM Stephen Bush, DET SGT



Attendance at Marysville's 9 AUG drill was light with two soldiers on-mission at the Unity of Effort event in Sequim

(see PAO report, [page 4](#)) and two other soldiers on excused absence. SSG Honeyman served as detachment NCOIC.

At first formation we presented multiple MEMS qualifications.



Above: MEMS award presentations included SGT Brendon Blades and SSG Chandler Honeyman (MEMS Senior), and PFC Matthew Eng (MEMS Basic).



Above: MAJ Chatfield briefs assembled soldiers and visitors at Marysville DET's 9 AUG drill.

Back in the classroom, we focused on map reading. Soldiers led training modules on these subjects:

- * SPC Villata: Topographic symbols on a military map
- * SPC Paulson: Terrain features
- * SGT Blades: Grid coordinates
- * SPC Rangel Kuoppa: Distance measurements
- * PFC Eng: Determine azimuth with protractor
- * MAJ Chatfield: Mandatory training on Trafficking in Persons (TIP)
- * SSG Honeyman, SPC Paulson: D&C

MAJ Chatfield briefed our in-unit Initial Entry Training (IET) cadre SGT Blades (to be joined by SGT Love) and trainees PFC Eng, SPC Rangel-Kuoppa and PFC Harrison on expectations. We look forward to running IET organically; it will give all of our NCOs and officers opportunities to lead by example.

HF radio check-in was challenged by poor atmospheric conditions. Marysville made contact with Spokane, but could not reach Camp Murray or Longview.

At afternoon formation, we had the pleasure of swearing in PFC Lee "Harry" Harrison. See *Enlistments*, [page 10](#).



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Longview: 1LT Jason King, OIC;

SFC Perry Eimen, DET SGT



At August drill, the Longview Detachment was honored to laterally promote SPC Zarubin to CPL. CPL Zarubin was pinned by SPC Moten. Welcome to the NCO Corps

CPL Zarubin. Hooah! See *Promotions*, [page 11](#).

After first formation, SPC Frank taught Land Nav and map reading skills (see cover photo, [page 1](#)). SPC Frank is a highly skilled Land Nav instructor. CW2 Manseau then gave brief updates on the past MILO mission that the WSG was tasked with. Following lunch, SFC Eimen attempted radio comms. Due to atmospheric conditions, comms with the other DETs and the JOC were not successful.



Above: SPC Zarubin and PFC Masterson plot a location on a map, Longview DET drill 9 AUG.

Following Comms, PFC Masterson taught the WSG mandated training, "Combating Trafficking in Persons (CTIP)." This training is very timely and relevant, and prompted a lively discussion among the DET members. SPC Frank invited WSG Applicant Mark Owens. Mr. Owens is a highly accomplished engineer.



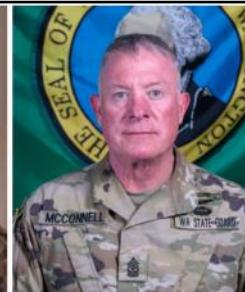
Above: The Longview Detachment was also honored to have CPL Zarubin attend the ICS-300 Class in Vancouver, WA, which was taught by Cowlitz County Emergency Management Director Larry Hembree.

As the Longview Detachment continues to grow, we strive to engage with the community and partner with local organizations to gain awareness of the missions and capabilities of the Washington State Guard.

Hard work creates opportunities. —ADM William McRaven

Spokane, 1LT Ron Desmet, OIC;

SGM Butch McConnell, DET SGT



It was nice return to drilling after Annual Training and no drill in July.

This month the Spokane and Yakima Detachments drilled at

the Spokane Readiness Center.

After first formation and a briefing we proceeded into Leadership training. Leadership training focused on "What is Leadership?" and methods of influence. Part of this leadership training listed principles and traits of leaders. Next month we will discuss them in deep detail.



Above: Spokane and Yakima DET soldiers train on digital HF radio communication. Pictured are (L to R) SPC Christopher Howard, SPC Kristoffer Newsom, 1LT Ron Desmet, and PV2 Ian Anderson.



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SPC Newsom presented our mandatory training this month on Trafficking in persons (TIP). He was notified of presenting shortly before drill due to a schedule change and as expected he learned the material and presented a professional quality training.

Following this classroom training, a couple of HF radios were set up and 2LT Cochran taught digital communications utilizing VARA FM—a digital modem used in amateur radio for data transmission, especially within the WinLink system. Digital contact was successful and is another capability we will continue to practice to maintain proficiency. With the radios set up, 2LT Cochran then guided participation in the HF Net.

The focus on EMCOMM in Eastern WA is paying off greatly. Our abilities have increased exponentially allowing us to not only contribute to the EMCOMM mission, but we are no longer lacking in a critical area of emergency management.

As part of IET Training, PVT Anderson presented on what impacted him the most in the first two chapters of the Blue Book. The subsequent discussion allowed for expansion and more in-depth learning on the subjects he presented.

As is our protocol we ended the day with Drill and Ceremony followed by clean-up. Drill next month will be at the Yakima Readiness Center.

Yakima: 2LT Andrew Cochran, OIC;

MSG Eric Farmer, DET SGT



Joint drill; see Spokane DET report on [page 8](#).

MEMS



The Military Emergency Management Specialist (MEMS) qualifications are defined by the [State Guard Association of the United States \(SGAUS\)](#). MEMS aligns with the mission set of the WSG and has

strong support from the Commander. MEMS is administered in Washington state by [MAJ Logan](#).

Qualifications Awarded This Month.

MEMS Master:

- * **1LT Ron Desmet**, Spokane DET, has earned the MEMS Master qualification.
- * **MAJ David Luxton**, Camp Murray DET, has earned the MEMS Master qualification.

MEMS Senior:

- * **SSG Chandler Honeyman**, Marysville DET, has earned the MEMS Senior qualification.
- * **SPC Christopher Howard**, Spokane DET, has earned the MEMS Senior qualification (earned in APR, presented in AUG).

MEMS Basic:

- * **PFC Matthew Eng**, Marysville DET, has earned the MEMS Basic qualification.
- * **PFC Kolton Kauble-Swanstrom**, Camp Murray DET, has earned the MEMS Basic qualification.
- * **PFC Shane Kwon**, Camp Murray DET, has earned the MEMS Basic qualification.

Summary

- * Awarded this month: 6
- * Packets in Progress: 2
- * Qualifications awarded YTD: 12

MEMS News

SGAUS has released a new edition of the [MEMS Student Guidelines manual](#). Please make sure to regularly check with the website for possible curriculum changes.

Special shout-out to MAJ Luxton and 1LT Desmet for earning their MASTER MEMS certificate. This is a major accomplishment and opens the way for them to pursue the All Hazards LNO badge.

For those looking to move to the 'next level' in emergency management, look into the Professional and Executive Emergency Manager programs through SGAUS. I can help with those certifications if you should decide to pursue.

Request MEMS Documents Before Starting Practicum

Team,

As the Washington State Academy Director for SGAUS MEMS certification, I want to ensure each Service Member (SM) pursuing a MEMS badge (Basic, Senior, or Master) has a smooth and successful experience completing their practicum.

To support this, **please ensure that all SMs request the following two documents before they begin work on their practicum:**

- * The appropriate MEMS Checklist (Basic, Senior, or Master)
- * The official WSG MEMS Practicum Template



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Using these documents from the outset ensures proper formatting, alignment with SGAUS requirements, and—critically—enables traceability for audit purposes. Additionally, this helps avoid hours of rework (for myself OR the candidate) and potential delays in certification.

For those working on your packets - please, make sure you are using a template that I provide.

Feel free to reach out to [MAJ Logan](#) directly to request the forms or if you have any questions about the process.

AWARDS

- * Multiple MEMS qualifications; see *MEMS* report, [page 9](#).
- * **CW2 Thomas Manseau**, Ridgefield DET, was awarded the Washington State Commendation Medal (WSCM) for outstanding SAD service in JUN 2025.
- * The following soldiers were awarded the Washington State Achievement Medal (WSAM) for outstanding SAD service in JUN 2025:
 - * **SFC Diane Noggin**, Camp Murray DET
 - * **2LT Andrew Cochran**, Yakima DET
- * The following soldiers have been awarded the Army National Guard Service Ribbon (NGSR) for five years of service or subsequent five-year increments of service:
 - * **MSG Eric Farmer**, Yakima DET. 3rd award; period of service: SEP 2008–SEP 2023.
 - * **MAJ Carl Chatfield**, Marysville DET. 2nd award; period of service: 2014–2024.
 - * **1SG John Sauer**, Headquarters DET. 2nd award; period of service: JUL 2015–JUL 2025.
 - * **CW4 William Elliott**, Ridgefield DET. 2nd award; period of service: MAY 2012–MAY 2022.
 - * **WO1 Jared Morrison**, Headquarters DET. 2nd award; period of service: MAY 2015–MAY 2025.
- * **PFC Kolton Kauble-Swanstrom**, Camp Murray DET, was awarded the Washington National Guard Recruiting Ribbon.

ENLISTMENTS

The Washington State Guard welcomes the following new members:



Above: The WSG welcomes PFC Lee “Harry” Harrison. Harrison is a US Army veteran and has been assigned to Marysville DET. Above, 1LT Viesse swears in Harrison at 9 AUG drill, Marysville. Harrison reports:

I am a Family man. I truly believe in God, Duty, Honor and Country. These beliefs were my primary reasons for joining the WSG. I look forward to growing friendships and fraternal associations with the fine members of the WSG.



Above: The WSG welcomes CPT Scott Livingston. Above, MAJ Wheeler swears in Livingston at 9 AUG drill, Camp Murray. CPT Livingston has been assigned to Primary Staff as S1 Personnel Section Chief.



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Livingston reports:

I served as a LT (O-3) in the U.S. Navy - Medical Service Corps for eight years, and most recently served as CPT in the Virginia Defense Force (VDF). There I had the role of Regional Liaison Representative to the VA Department of Emergency Management and as the Operations Section Officer for the 21st BN.

My background is quite diverse; I have a BS and MS degree in Physical Therapy, and a PhD in Sports Medicine and Education. I've worked as a college professor, high school and collegiate athletic trainer/sports physical therapist, medical researcher, program manager (for the USMC Wounded Warrior Regiment), and program director (for the Education Division of the Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center). I am currently working with the National Park Service as an Occupational Health and Safety Specialist at Mount Rainier National Park.

I joined the WSG to support my fellow Washingtonians across the state and in our local community. I have a strong interest in emergency preparedness and management, and working on completing my Incident Command System (ICS) qualifications for Safety Officer (SOF3). Like most veterans, our call to serve doesn't end when we leave active duty - our community, state, and country need our continued service. I am looking forward to serving as the WSG S1 and to working with all of you.

PROMOTIONS

The following individuals have been promoted to the ranks indicated:



* **Above:** Andrey Zarubin, Longview DET, was laterally promoted from SPC to CPL.

RETIREMENTS AND SEPARATIONS

The following individuals recently **separated** or **retired** (5+years of service) from the Washington State Guard:

- * **PV2 Alexander Chastain**, Ridgefield DET, has separated from the WSG. Period of service: 10 MAY—31 AUG 2025.

SAD MISSION FOR COOPEX 2025

Submitted by 1LT Ron Desmet

Continuity of Operations Exercise (COOPEX) 2025 was held at Fairchild AFB from 30 JUL 25 to 02 AUG 25. The purpose of this exercise was to simulate a Cascadia Subduction Zone (CSZ) event that required the Joint Operations Center (JOC) to move from Camp Murray to the JOC-East at Fairchild AFB. WSG participants at this event included LTC Lukevich, 1LT Desmet, 2LT Cochran, CW2 Manseau, WO1 Morrison, and WO1 Lukevich.

LTC Lukevich provided a briefing on the scope and capabilities of the WSG to exercise participants. 1LT Desmet was assigned as the mission Officer in Charge (OIC) and served as the Liaison Officer to the JOC-E commander for mission capabilities of the WSG and accounting of WSG personnel. 2LT Cochran was assigned to the J2, supporting air operations and briefing WSG UAS support capabilities and limitations. CW2 Manseau was embedded in the White Cell and provided mission injects to the JOC-E. WO1 Morrison was assigned to the J6, providing HF radio communications.

The event kicked off with a day of academics and briefings, and the exercise officially started on the second day. WO1 Morrison was able to adapt and overcome radio communication limitations, making contact with various Washington Readiness Centers and the Quinault Tribe with the help of SGT Blades at the remote site.

All WSG personnel performed with a high level of professionalism, demonstrating to the National Guard and Air National Guard the mission capabilities of the WSG. Overall, the mission was a great success; the contributions of the WSG members were well received and valued, and we look forward to the next exercise.



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WSG POLO SHIRT

WSG soldiers are authorized to wear the polo shirt when participating in events at which WSG affiliation is helpful for public awareness and recruiting purposes, but the standard OCP or ASU is not authorized (i.e. you're not "on orders"), or appropriate.



Left: MAJ Chatfield wears the WSG polo shirt, long-sleeve, with optional ASU name plate.

How to procure your WSG polo shirt

STEP 1. Select from these approved polo shirts in your preferred fabric and style. All are Propper brand, "Dark Green" color (approx. prices):

- * \$25: Men's Uniform Polo, short sleeve (100% polyester, "summer weight" fabric)
- * \$35: I.C.E. Men's Performance Polo, short sleeve (Poly/Spandex blend, heavier fabric)
- * \$50: I.C.E. Men's Performance Polo, long sleeve (Poly/

Spandex blend, heavier fabric)

- * \$25: Women's Uniform Polo, short sleeve (100% polyester, "summer weight" fabric)
- * \$30: I.C.E. Women's Performance Polo, short sleeve (Poly/Spandex blend, heavier fabric)

Add to the cost of the shirt the embroidery fee of \$20.

STEP 2. Contact [MAJ Chatfield](#) with your shirt preference and size. He'll procure the shirt, get it embroidered, and delivered to you. You reimburse Chatfield when he gets your shirt to you.

Below: Soldiers from Spokane and Yakima Detachments wore the WSG "soft uniform" of polo shirt and khaki cargo pants to a multi-agency exercise in Pasco, July 2023.



WSG members: Print this page and cut on the dotted line to produce the WSG recruiting flyer shown below. Post it in locations frequented by potential recruits **you would be proud to serve with**. Add your own contact info to the flyer if you wish to help recruit and onboard new members from your communities, and earn yourself a Washington State Recruiting Ribbon (WSRR).



JOIN THE WASHINGTON STATE GUARD



The Washington State Guard (WSG) is an all-volunteer, uniformed military element of the Military Department of Washington. WSG members train without compensation and serve within the state. The Washington State Guard serves at the direction of the state's Adjutant General, and the Governor is our commander-in-chief.

The Washington State Guard serves two major functions:

First, the WSG is the permanent cadre structure of the legally authorized state militia, which can be activated by the Governor in response to major disasters or other events.

Second, the WSG deploys highly trained volunteers for specific missions within the state-frequently in close coordination with the state's Army and Air National Guard. Our soldiers specialize in cyber security, emergency communications, domestic and tribal liaison missions, wildland firefighting, and more.

WSG members normally drill monthly as organized units stationed strategically throughout the state.

Interested in joining? For more information, visit: <https://mil.wa.gov/state-guard>

Email WSG Recruiting Officer MAJ George Wheeler at george.wheeler@mil.wa.gov



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TY25 TRAINING SCHEDULE

Below is the Training Year 2025 (TY25) training schedule. This schedule is applicable to all WSG units at garrison locations.

TY25		2024		2025															
		OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP						
DETACHMENTS	Head-quarters*	12-13*	12	7	11-12*	8	8	12-13*	10	3-day AT 6-8	NO DRILLS	9-10*	13						
	Camp Murray																		
	Marysville																		
	Longview/Ridgefield																		
	Spokane																		
	Yakima																		
SCHOOL-HOUSE	IET	IET Class 24-01:			Future IET training conducted at Detachment-level														
		19-20	23-24	7-8															
WSG Staff & DET Leaders Sync		9	13	4	8	5	5	9	7, 28	None	None	6	10						

NOTES:

* 2-day drill is required only for WSG Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD) at the beginning of each Fiscal Quarter.

TY26 TRAINING SCHEDULE

Below is the Training Year 2026 (TY26) training schedule. This schedule is applicable to all WSG units at garrison locations.

TY26		2025		2026										
		OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	
DETACHMENTS	Head-quarters*	18-19	18	6	10-11	7	14	11-12	Drill & AT DATES TBA**	NO DRILLS	8-9	8	12	
	Camp Murray													
	Marysville													
	Longview													
	Spokane													
	Yakima													
SCHOOL-HOUSE	WOC	Class 26-01:			17-18	14-15	14-15	18-19	TBA		18-19	15-16	19-20	
WSG Staff & DET Leaders Sync		15	5	3	7	4	11	8	TBA		None	5	9	

NOTES:

* 2-day drill is required only for WSG Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment (HHD) at the beginning of each Fiscal Quarter.

** AT 2026 expected to be held at Yakima Training Center (YTC); dates TBA.



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3 MONTHS OUT VIEW: DRILLS AND MISSONS

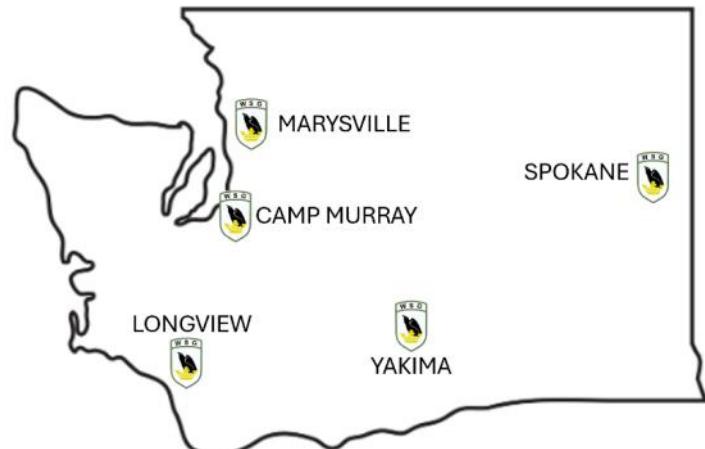
	DETACHMENTS						MISSIONS AND OTHER EVENTS (POC is listed; click for email)
	Head-quarters	Camp Murray	Marysville	Longview/ Ridgefield	Spokane	Yakima	
SEP	13	13	13	13	13	13	12: WMD-wide CSM Abby West Organizational Day, Camp Murray (Mr. Lukevich) 20: Thurston County Emergency Preparedness Expo, Olympia (MAJ Wheeler)
OCT	18	18	18	18	18	18	TBA
NOV	8	8	8	8	8	8	TBA



Drills are normally conducted at the following locations:

- * Headquarters Detachment: BLD 33, Camp Murray
- * Camp Murray Detachment: BLD 36, Camp Murray
- * Marysville Detachment: Armed Forces Reserve Center, Marysville
- * Longview Detachment: Longview Armory, Longview
- * Yakima Detachment: Yakima Readiness Center
- * Spokane Detachment: Spokane Readiness Center

If you're not sure where or when to drill, check with your chain-of-command.



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