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Another year, another successful event! On August 9th – a warm, clear day in Sequim – thousands of families and individuals from across the Olympic Peninsula and beyond gathered at SSNW HQ to celebrate and recognize our first responders, law enforcement, and military personnel. We owe these brave, selfless men and women much for keeping our families and communities safe. We're glad so many members of our community showed up to show their appreciation. Flip through this newsletter to see more photos of the event!



SECURITY SERVICES NORTHWEST – "WORK HARD, BE KIND"

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For 25 years now, SSNW has been hosting Unity of Effort on the Olympic Peninsula. Since moving our headquarters to Sequim in 2017, we've had the pleasure of putting on the event in our field right outside the main office. There was plenty of room not only for the mainstage and almost 50 vendors, but for the thousands of lovely people who turned up from all around. Above are some drone shots, taken by our very own Jeff Rasco. They were taken earlier in the day, but even then you can see the cars begin to pile up. Also, splendid shot of the American flag, hoisted to the heavens by one of Clallam County's firetrucks!

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As always, there was plenty to do and see at this year's Unity event. Every year, one of the biggest highlights is all the transportation machinery that's brought to the fore! Multiple military branches and other private entities fly in helicopters, which members of the public were able to enter inside and see how they functioned. Pictured here is a Textron 2020 helicopter, managed by the nonprofit Life Flight Network. What a pretty shade of blue it is!



It wasn't only flying machines that touched down at Unity! Many of our local first responder departments brought the trucks and other motor vehicles used in the carrying out of their duties. This included everything from hospital ambulances to bomb defusal unit vans! Pictured here are a few kids examining some equipment from the aforementioned departments.

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Though there is lots of fun to always be had at Unity, first and foremost, we host the event to not only recognize our first responders and military personnel, but to support those of them who may be struggling. For example, pictured below is the tent that was run by the Permission To Start Dreaming Foundation. They're a nonprofit dedicated to helping veterans and first responders throughout the Pacific Northwest to access treatment for PTSD, and general support for them and their families.

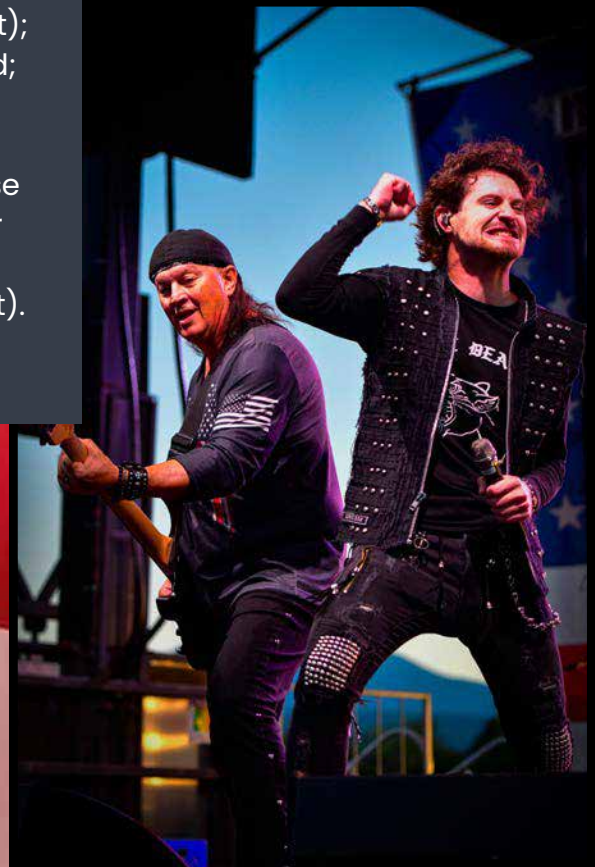
Not only do we celebrate our first responders - we present opportunities for members of our community to join them! Several law enforcement entities and prison centers came to promote job openings in their departments. For example, below is a tent that was run by the Port Townsend Police Department, who are on the lookout for fresh faces to join their team. We hope at least a few individuals found their calling and career at one of these booths!



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Music has always been a key part of our Unity celebrations. For 2025, we were once more able to round up a gaggle of talented singers and musicians to perform some excellent tunes for the crowds. This included Unity regular Pearle Peterson, who sang the National Anthem at the MLB multiple times (bottom left); the America's First Corps Band; the Buck Ellard Band (Jim Shepherd, the band bassist, pictured top left); Chelsea Rose and Rick Casson; the Scooter Brown Band; and FireHouse (pictured top and bottom right). More photos on the following page!



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America's First Corps Band

Rick Casson & Chelsea Rose



Scooter Brown Band

MISS FORT DISCOVERY

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We are pleased to introduce our next Miss Fort Discovery - Bethany Knapp! For the past two years, Ms. Knapp has been a valuable part of your company. She has worn several hats with us, from working in HR to serving as an Armed Officer on some of our most high-profile sites. This experience and knowledge makes her a good fit for representing the products and services offered by Fort Discovery, SSNW's sister company.

Bethany's quite the active individual outside of work, too! As well as being a student pilot, Bethany spends lot of time hiking and volunteering at her church. We are glad to have Bethany be the face of Fort Discovery this coming year!



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As is tradition at Unity of Effort, Joe took a moment to thank the two women in his life who have been there for him from the beginning. His wife, Jamie D'Amico (top left) and mother Pennee D'Amico (bottom right) both received beautiful bouquets, as just a small token of gratitude for all the amazing things they've done over the years. Greta Cowan (top right) also received recognition for all her hard work in bringing this year's Unity to life. Thanks, ladies!

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This is just a taste of the fun we had at Unity of Effort this year. We want to extended a huge thank you to all the food vendors and local business/organizations that showed up and made it such a great time. Even more than that, we want to say thanks to the people this event is all about: our first responders, who put their lives on the line every day to ensure we can continue living peaceful and prosperous lives. Let's never forget their sacrifice, and be sure to show them our gratitude - not just at Unity of Effort, but in our day-to-day lives. Hope to see you all here next year! Also, huge shoutout to local photographer Steve Pachal for all the amazing photos!

