



# COLUMBIA VOYAGER

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## Photography and Greek Food

Our meeting on Tuesday, April 20, will feature world-renown photographer John Clement. His work is primarily landscapes of the mid-Columbia region.

John began his career in photography in the mid-1970s. He has degrees from both Professional Photographers of Washington and Oregon. He has received over 55 regional, national and international awards for pictorial and commercial work.

John's photography has been exhibited in numerous galleries and art shows over the past 20 years. Four of his prints were accepted into the Washington State University Museum of Art in 1989. John has 17 murals of the eastern Washington area installed in the Seattle Seahawk stadium and has had several other corporate purchasers.

Presently, he has nine prints in the Professional Photographers of America permanent loan collection. One print, "Red Dawn," was named one of the top photographs in the United States and was hung in the permanent collection of the International Hall of Fame of Photography.

John has co-published two books, *Palouse Country: A Land and Its People*, and *The Wenatchee Valley and Its First Peoples*, with author Richard Scheuerman, with

John providing all the photography for the Palouse and Wenatchee regions. John's work can be seen and purchased in select wineries throughout the Red Mountain area of Washington state and at Allied Arts in Richland.

We are meeting in a new venue for our chapter, Apollo, which features Greek food. Those of you who were stationed in Greece or who visited there will enjoy a bit of gustatory nostalgia. We will choose from four entrees at the restaurant. Reservations by Monday, April 19, to Bob Allen.

The Apollo is on Cullum Ave. in Richland, one block south of Lee just west of Jadwin—behind Three Margaritas.

## From Hq MOAA . . .

### Medicare/TRICARE in a Fix?

Senate leaders tried to get a vote on emergency legislation to delay the 21% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors, but the effort was blocked when Sen. Tom Coburn (R-OK) raised an objection that the fix wasn't paid for, and should be.

Faced with this procedural impasse, legislators left town on a two-week recess. As a result, the 21% cut officially went into effect on April 1. But in Washington, "officially" doesn't always mean "actually." This kind of

budget brinksmanship has occurred multiple times, and each time so far, Congress has found a way to prevent the cuts. The most likely scenario is that Congress will pass a retroactive fix when they return on April 12. [Note, I'm writing this on April 9]

Because Medicare can hold claims for up to ten business days, that gives Congress at least

until April 14 to get the job done.

For TRICARE, there's a little less problem, as it usually takes 30 days after Medicare changes rates for TRICARE to implement them. But the fix on the table only delays the cuts until May 1, which means legislators immediately will have to pass another fix within a couple of

weeks – and likely go through the whole funding drill again.

Patience is running out for this seemingly endless game of chicken. It's long past time for Congress to either agree to waive the budget rule or find the necessary offsets to pay for a long term fix.

Keep the pressure on your Senators.

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Military Officers Association of America  
106 Hills West Way  
Richland WA 99352-9446

Apollo  
620 Cullum Ave  
Richland

Social hour at 6:30  
Dinner at 7:00  
\$25 per person

*A reservation made  
is a reservation paid.*

## ***April Meeting***

**Tuesday, April 20**

Reservations by  
**Monday, April 19**

Bob Allen  
627-6226  
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## ***Menu***

Dinner choices:

Chicken Souvlaki  
Greek Shrimp  
Athenian Chicken  
Gyro Sandwich

Dessert choices:

Baklava  
Chocolate truffle cheese cake  
Spumoni ice cream

Beer & wine may be purchased.