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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Jack W. Bronka, LtCol, USAF, Retired, President

2022 greetings to all of the Michigan members. Certainly, we all hope 2022 leads to a better year than 2021. The EX-COM is in the final planning stage for our Annual Conference. It will be held on Saturday 23 April 2022 at Mulligans Golf course on Selfridge. At this time, we will have one ZOOM keynote speaker with the Theme: China and the US/Taiwan threat. We will have a knowledgeable speaker via Zoom as well as a zoom speaker from ROA National. Afterwards we will have the required, by bylaws, business meeting. EXCOM members will be attending in person and we will also have the conference available to all via Zoom. All active members are welcome to attend either in person or via Zoom. I encourage members who have never attended to join us either at Selfridge or by ZOOM. More specific details are enclosed in this news-



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letter.



ROA Conference 2022 Returns to Selfridge

A few updates on the state of the organization and our department. Currently the Department of Michigan has 729 members, 165 of them residing outside the state with 95% being life members. That puts us about in the middle in terms of size compared to the other departments. Since last year we have remained about the same size. More concerning is what is happening at the ROA national level. As of 12/31/21, ROA has lost 235 members this FY and currently, total membership is at 41,418. For those of us who have been long term members we remember membership in excess of 100,000.

I wish to thank the members who have contributed to our buck a year campaign. Thank you for your support and confidence that the department adds value.

I look forward to your inputs at bronkaj@comcast.net and hope to meet with you when we return to an in person annual conference in 2022. As always, our thoughts and prayers are with those serving and in harms way.

Jack





Navy, Marines, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, NOAA

Captain Ventz Potochnik, USN (Retired), Sea Services, Vice President

Flotsam and Jetsam

Army-Navy Game. Underdog Navy team defeats Army 17 to 13 on 11 December 2021. Only to be overshadowed by the magnificent victory of the University of Michigan Wolverines over THE Ohio State Buckeyes. Next year, we should gather at Mulligan's aboard SANGB and cheer for our respective teams. Maybe even Kalamazoo, Traverse City and Marquette. Air Force and Coast Guard can pick their own favorites. What do you think if ROA picks up the tab for draft beer and snacks?

New Year's Log Entry

On the first night of the New Year, an unofficially endorsed truce allows the sacrosanct veil of naval regulation to be pierced — if only for a brief moment. During the mid-watch from midnight to 0400 (and only during the mid-watch) it is permitted for a ship to record the first entry of the New Year in verse. In this annual, fleeting, first entry of the New Year, the deck log bears witness to a hint of individuality, personality and sometimes the mindset of shipboard life. And so as submitted by Captain Howard Rundell, USN (Retired) former Skipper of Patrol Squadron 93, the Executioners, and guiding hand to the VP-93 Alumni Society and the P-3B Orion, LH-02 home ported at the Selfridge Military Air Museum sends

**Ship's chronometer signals sixteen bells
as twenty-twenty two dawns.
A final check of the old and first of the new,
eyes to the future, trials past are bygone.
Painful partings of shipmates sadly "gone west,"
Lost but ne'er forgotten, resolve put to the test.
Patrol Squadron 93 with its core intact,
Is ready for tasking, eager to act.
Though the way may be choppy, wind puts objects adrift,
Orion high to winter's south, our course will not shift.
Powered by bonds few squadrons ever knew,
"99 Executioners" focus remains Hotel 2.
The airplane's but a symbol, though proud it may be,
Taking care of our shipmates is our proven decree.
So set five and ten ten, the New Year awaits,
Outings and Musters, you know the dates.
First weekend in August, the same in October,
"Executioners" gather to celebrate and remember.
Conditions are normal through the efforts of many,
First watch stander's entry is penned pride a'plenty.
BZ.**



US Coast Guard diver Petty Officer 2nd Class Derian Dunyea is lowered from a hovering helicopter to pull a body from a submerged vehicle stuck in rushing rapids just yards from the brink of American Falls in Niagara Falls (AP Photo Jeffrey T. Barnes) - Local Detroit Station



From the Army Vice President

Louis Wilson, LTC, US Army Retired, Army Vice President

America's New National Army Museum

In 1814, the U.S. Congress enacted legislation directing the Secretary of War “to gather symbols of combat” from the young nation’s military struggles. As the U.S. Army’s national landmark, the National Army Museum is an enduring effort to tell the Army’s story, and honor the accomplishments, sacrifices and commitment of American Soldiers. The Museum is the first comprehensive and truly national museum to capture, display and interpret more than 245 years of Army history. The Museum brings to life that history in times of war and peace, as told through the eyes of soldiers.

The museum is located at 1775 Liberty Drive, Fort Belvoir, Virginia 22060. Underdevelopment for decades, the 185,000 square-foot-museum, on an 84-acres site at Fort Belvoir, VA, originally opened in 2020, but closed due to Covid-19 restrictions. It has reopened. The artifacts and the galleries are laid out to focus on individual soldiers’ stories, while connecting the collective history of each war and campaign in which U.S. soldiers fought. The artifacts compliment the stories and bring them to life. The majority of the exhibits were stored and unseen for years in the Army’s vast collections. The oldest is a rapier discovered at Jamestown, Virginia dating from 1607.



Main entrance to the U.S. Army Museum.



“Soldier’s Story Pylons” dominate the lobby and flow into the main exhibit wing. They showcase stories of individual soldiers. The main exhibits include: Founding the Nation, Preserving the Nation, the Nation Overseas, Global War, Cold War, Changing World, Army & Society, Medal of Honor Experience, and a 9-11 virtual exhibit.



Soldier’s Stories pylons dominate the lobby entrance

The museum auditorium’s 300-degree movie screen and immersive sensory elements add an extra layer of sight, sound and movement to the viewing experience. Its film, *Of Noble Deeds*, details what it means to be a U.S. soldier, and includes footage of current operations and recreations of significant battles. Free timed-entry admission tickets are required to enter the Museum. These tickets assist with managing capacity and providing the optimum visitor experience. Walk-up tickets are not available. All tickets must be reserved in advance online. More information is available on the Museum’s Website at: www.thenmusa.org.





**RESERVE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
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DEPARTMENT OF MICHIGAN**

**2022 STATE CONFERENCE
23 April 2022
Mulligan Golf Center
Selfridge ANG, Michigan**

Keynote Presentation: China; Threat to the US and Taiwan

Schedule of Events

0945-1000 Conference Welcome & Introduction

1000-1045 Daniel Rice, Research Analyst, Mitchell Institute for Aerospace Studies

1045-1055 Break

1100-1130 ROA National Update by a national staff member

1130-1140 Break

1140-1230 Department Business Meeting and Lunch

All speakers will be via ZOOM#

COST: \$15 conference fee at the door to include light Continental breakfast and Lunch

Please confirm your attendance by either calling LtCol Bronka at 248-879-7357, or by email at bronkaj@comcast.net NLT 16 April 2022. If attending via Zoom, Zoom link will be provided at time of confirmation.



Member of the Week Nominations Members Only

Be Part of ROA's Centennial Celebration!

As part of ROA's Centennial Celebration, ROA Nation is searching for members to highlight as a "Member of the Week." Members will be featured on ROA's website and social media.

Highlighting a Member of the Week will put a personal face to our Association as we celebrate our Centennial.

Use the form found at <https://www.roa.org/page/MemberofWeek> to share your nomination to include image, comments on why you are proud to be an ROA member, and/or how ROA has benefitted you in your military or civilian career. If you are currently serving ROA in a volunteer role, feel free to mention that as well.

You may also nominate someone to be a Member of the Week. If you do, please be sure to provide your name and contact info in the comments.

The ROA Communications Committee will review all submissions and submit them for publication. Someone may be in touch if they have follow-up questions.

Don't be surprised if you receive compliments from your colleagues!

ROA Service Specific Priorities

ARMY NATIONAL GUARD - Heavy Expanded Mobility Tactical Truck (HEMTT) Wrecker. This 11-ton wrecker provides lift tow and flat tow capability and can recover other HEMTT vehicles as well as medium and light tactical wheeled vehicles.

ARMY RESERVE – Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV). They will only have 17 percent of the current JLTV requirement on-hand by the close of FY 2022. Currently 64% of the fleet does not meet the minimum force protection standards for global deployment to a non-permissive threat environment.

NAVY RESERVE – KC-130J. This aircraft would replace the 29-year-old C/KC-130T. It would serve as a connector between strategic airlift points and provide global logistics support while specializing in airlift for outsized cargo.

MARINE CORPS RESERVE – C-130J Super Hercules. The MCR currently maintains a mixed fleet of KC-130J and legacy KC-130T aircraft that have completely different logistics, maintenance and aircrew requirements which increases cost for maintenance and training. This aircraft has increased range and speed, lower cost per flight hour, better fuel efficiency, improved reliability, and better maintainability.

AIR NATIONAL GUARD – The C-130J requires the real-time in-cockpit situational awareness system for 28 aircraft, including the EC and MC-130Js. Upgrades to the hardware/software provide an airborne dynamic re-tasking capability and an integrated processor that will improve operational effectiveness.

AIR FORCE RESERVE – C-130J to replace C-130H aircraft. The C-130H aircraft was first deployed in June 1974. Updated C-130J aircraft are needed for the aerial spray mission in Youngstown, Ohio and the Modular Airborne Fire Fighting mission in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

COAST GUARD RESERVE – Base X Field Tents. Required by Port Security Units for tactical Safety and Security; PSU 311 in San Pedro, California requires 14 Base X units; PSU 307 in Clearwater, Florida requires 3



From the Air Force Vice President

Graydon W. Dimkoff, Lt. Col., USAFR, Retired, Vice President Air Force Section

KC46A Pegasus Basing

The department of Air Force selected March Air Reserve Base as the preferred location to host the next KC46A Pegasus aircraft.

The decision was made after conducting site surveys that assessed locations based on factors related to mission, infrastructure capacity, community support, environmental considerations and cost.

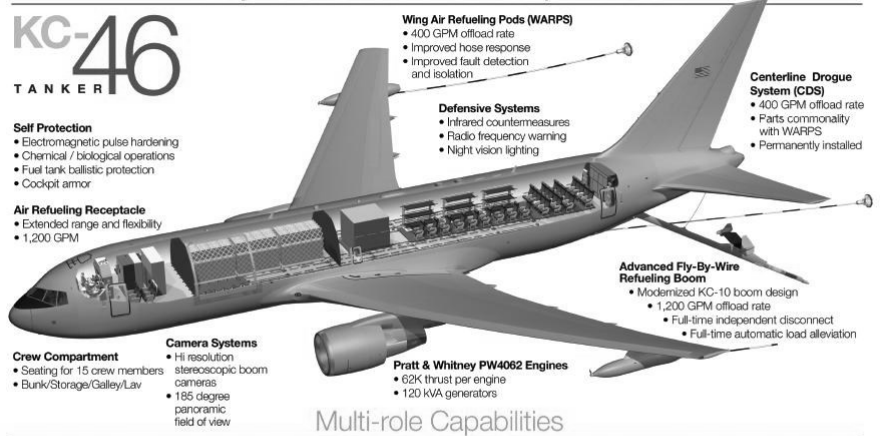


Twelve KC46-As will replace the KC135 Stratotankers at March ARB. The new tankers will bring many enhanced capabilities, such as boom and drogue refueling on the same sortie, worldwide navigations and communication, cargo capacity on the entire main deck floor, receiver air refueling, improved force protection and multi-point refueling capability.

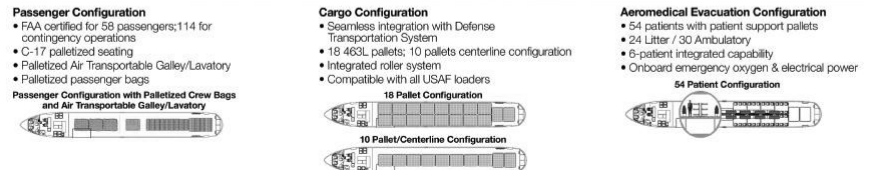
A final decision will be made after an environmental impact analysis, which is expected to take place in fall 2023. Grissom ARB, Indiana, and Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma are considered reasonable alternatives and will also undergo environmental analyses.



Key Features and Capabilities



Multi-role Capabilities





ROTC Director

ROA Department of Michigan, Colonel Keith Sousa, US Army Reserve (Retired)

With the ROTC programs in full swing for this academic year, even in the middle of the COVID-19 crisis, the focus of this paper is on one of the largest ROTC programs in the country, Texas A & M University (Texas A&M). Texas A & M, which is located in College Station, TX, was established under the Morrill Act (part of the National Defense Act) by Congress in 1862. It was designed to provide military tactics as related to Agriculture and Mechanic Arts, and was designated as Texas A&M on 17 April 1871. Instruction at the school began in 1876. At that time, all students were required to participate in military training. The school was known as “the Keepers of the Spirit and the Guardian of Tradition”. In 1963, the college began admitting women and minorities.

Texas A&M is one of only six senior military colleges, and has the largest body of military oriented students outside of the National Service Academies; West Point, Annapolis, Air Force Academy, Naval Academy, Merchant Marine Academy, and the Coast Guard Academy. A&M has produced more officers in the nation outside of the service academies. The university, which is located in College Station, TX, has an overall student population of over 50,000 students and offers Army ROTC, Navy ROTC (with a Marine Corps Contingent), Air Force ROTC. It also has annexes in San Antonio, TX. All programs offer scholarships and stipends. Prior Service Veterans can also earn VA benefits while attending school. Member of the cadet corps can also join a Reserve Component or National Guard unit and can collect additional money as part of Simultaneous Membership Program.



The Army ROTC program is the oldest program at Texas A&M, and it is also one of the largest in the country. It currently has over 2,500 cadets assigned. Cadets are given the opportunity to attend Airborne School, the Air Assault School, Jungle Warfare training, and other courses which will benefit the cadets as they become commissioned officers.

The Air Force ROTC program has the largest detachment of any senior military college in the U.S. and is one of the oldest Air Force ROTC programs in the U.S. The program, which was established in 1920 currently has over 700 cadets assigned. It has produced more officers for the Air Force than any other university, and is now contributing officers for the U.S. Space Command. The Texas A&M Navy ROTC program is one of the largest NROTC programs in the country. It also sponsors and advises special units such as SEAL platoon and RECON company. With the Marine Corps contingency, it also produces a large number of Marine Corps Officers each year. Only the Virginia Military Institute (VMI) and the Citadel have larger programs.

Texas A & M University is poised to continue to provide exceptional ROTC training programs resulting in commissioned officers for the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps well into the future. These ROTC programs also provide life skills for students, whether they continue a career in the military, or in the civilian sector.

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