

**The Emerald Empire Chapter holds no general membership meetings in July or August.**



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The Board of Director’s nominating committee will be starting its search for next year’s leaders. Officer positions, as well as board and committee member positions, are available. Now is the time to find out what is involved. Contact any board member if you would like more info.

**MOAA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS MANY**

**2025 CHAPTER OFFICERS (all 541-)**

President	Floyd Bard	688-4172
1st Vice Pres	John Toensing	345-7535
2nd Vice Pres	Dick Kimbell	915-0405
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**The picnic was our last general membership meeting until our luncheon on Wednesday, 10 September. Have a great summer.**

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 25 Jun 2025

The following are excerpts from the complete minutes which are available attached to the newsletter's distribution email.

The meeting was called to order at 1204 with 10 board members attending.

The treasurer reported the following funds available:

## **BALANCE ON HAND (June 24, 2025):**

Chapter Operations	\$ 4622.91
Veterans Services Fund	\$ 2534.05
ROTC Scholarship Drive 2026	\$ see 501 (c)3 account
ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund	\$ 6829.84
Cadet Dinner Fund	\$ 187.40

## **UMPQUA 501 (c)19 ACCOUNT BALANCE (June 24, 2025) \$ 14174.20**

**NOTES:** The ROTC Scholarship Drive for 2026 has begun. The 2025 Funds are moved to the ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund, with distribution for the scholarship(s) in September.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

1. 501(c)(3) progress, Bank Account Change. – Ken, Elaine.  
We will completely merge the (c)(19) and (c)(3) within 90 days; then close the (c)(19) account.
2. Picnic – month, location, menu, changes needed. Who to head the picnic – Floyd, John.
  - A. John Toensing has been officially relieved to the picnic chairmanship. Not for cause, but just because he (and Lynne) have been the primary driving force for the last eight year and John is ready to hand the chairman job over.
  - B. LTC Joe Snyder volunteered to take over the planning and preparation for the annual picnic. Floyd Bard will assist and provide the equipment.
  - C. The board discussed the time and location of the picnic and decided to stay with Jasper State Park on the first Saturday of June to coincide with Oregon State Parks Day, a free parking day.
3. Dues amount, non-payers – Elaine.
  - A. We still have only 59 regular members who have paid their 2025 dues, which brings only \$1,475 into our operating fund.
  - B. In 2024 we paid \$2,121 for administrative expenses, e.g., building rent, website fees, insurance, and government fees. We expect to spend about \$2,400 in 2025 due to directory expenses.
  - C. We have not raised our annual dues since 2019.
  - D. A MOTION was made by Jonathan Landon: Because our usual expenses exceed our dues income, we move to increase the annual dues \$10 to \$35 starting on 1 January 2026. The motion was seconded by Tom Kulick and passed unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

New Nominating Committee - Floyd, Pat.

- A. We need to establish a Nominating Committee to prepare a slate of officers and board members for 2026. Dick Norton, who has performed that function for the past eight years is no longer able to continue. The board acknowledges Dick's extraordinary service, realizing that most of the current board was recruited by him.
- B. President Bard will begin the search for the committee chair, focusing on those with a sales background and the inability to hear or understand the word "NO".

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**



## BRIEFS AND BOOSTERS

MINUTES, Continued from page 2

1. LTC Snyder reported that the U of O ROTC program made 13 Second Lieutenants this year and that they will have 17 cadets in summer training.
2. LTC Snyder also announced that on 1 March 2027 he will retire as a Lieutenant Colonel.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING:** Wednesday, 23 Jul 2025, 1200 hours, Vets Bldg.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 1315 hours

**Do you know how this chapter works?** Who decides how we generate income and disperse it? What must be voted on by the general membership and what power can the Board of Directors wield on their own? Sit in on a meeting. See the Board Minutes on page 3 to find out when and where the next meeting will be held.



### Atomic Veterans Day, 16 July

July 16 is National Atomic Veterans Day, honoring the brave service and sacrifice of the members of the U.S. Armed Forces who participated in nuclear tests or were exposed to radioactive material from 1945 to 1962. On this day, Americans are called upon to remember the service of these brave individuals and to honor their sacrifices made for the safety and security of the nation.

**ROTC Boosters** The Emerald Empire Chapter ROTC Boosters provide the scholarship monies normally awarded at the annual Cadet Dinner during the May General Meeting. We have zeroed out the 2025 Booster Fund and are now accepting donations for the 2026 scholarships. Here are those who have donated to the 2025 ROTC Booster Fund so far:

Patrick Harris, CAPT, USCG (Ret) Elaine Callahan, CAPT, USPHS (Ret) Ken Evans, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)

**Booster contact is John Toensing (541) 345-7535. Checks may be given to the Treasurer at meetings or mailed to:** Emerald Empire Chapter, P.O. Box 767, Eugene, Oregon 97440-0767.

## New Members Welcome

If you know someone who is eligible to join MOAA, just ask them to come out and have lunch with us. What can it hurt? First meal is free to prospective members. Our next meeting is on Wednesday, September 10th.

### "The Emerald Voice"

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The Emerald Empire Chapter of MOAA is a Eugene-based 501(c)(19) veterans organization that meets regularly at the Veterans' Memorial Building at 1626 Willamette Street. We have 141 regular and associate members made up of active, retired and former members of the nation's seven uniformed services and their surviving spouses. We, and the national organization, are a non-partisan advocate on military personnel matters, especially proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community and veterans of the uniformed services. As a local chapter, we focus more on the local military community, e.g., gathering clothing and personal care items for the patients in the VA Hospital in Roseburg. Other areas of emphasis can be found at <http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/>. An application to join our local chapter or the national MOAA organization can be downloaded from our website's ABOUT US page.



## OUR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

**John Toensing, our 1st Vice President... the Picnic Master... did it again... the planning, the shopping, the gathering, the transporting and the cooking... not**



**to mention the set-up and break-down. He did it all... and a lot of people pitched in to make it happen.**

**Ken Evans, our Membership and Legislative Affairs Chairs, brought TWO grills this time and helped set up and cook.**



**Chapter President Floyd Bard, handled all the beverages, putting out an awesome display and even remembering a bottle opener.**

**Newish members Dan and Nancy Shawver got to enjoy their first MOAA picnic.**



**A special thanks for Ann Watkins and member Ginger Banks for their unflagging efforts to dress up the tables at all of our general membership meetings.**

**Fighter Pilot Emeritus Dick Heyman with three wars under his belt, joined the crowd just after his 101st birthday.**



**Ginger Banks, our erstwhile webmaster, just can't help but try to show Barbara Heyman a thing-or-two about her phone. John Toensing is looking on to try to pick up some pointers.**

**What... you don't remember seeing The Duck at the picnic? Well, this picture was actually taken at the U of O ROTC Dining Out on May 29th. That's why Elaine Callahan and Ken Evans are all dressed up.**



# THOUGHTS FROM A CURRENT BOARD MEMBER

Submitted by Pat Harris... the current Secretary

Did you read the item at the bottom of page 2 of this newsletter about forming a Nominating Committee? Well, you should, because that committee could be looking at you to assume a more active role in the chapter. The average tenure of our current Board of Directors is just a bit more than five years. We have three past presidents on the Board who account for eight years in that position, one going back to 2010. These folks are not going to be able or willing to stay in these positions forever.

You may ask if you need any special skills to assume one of these positions and the answer is, of course, yes. You need to have been trained and performed as an officer in the service of the United States of America. That is 100 percent the make-up of the current Board.

You may ask how much time this will take from your busy month and that depends on the position you take. Board members spend about an hour-and-a-half at a Board meeting once a month; nothing more unless you participate in a committee. Officer positions can take from two-to-ten hours a month depending on duties. Many committee chairs only work as the need arises, yet others can put in ten-to-twenty hours per month. Of course, we would also hope you would attend the general membership meetings.

Here's a job description of one position that many be available... [and some comments from me.](#)

## **SECRETARY**

- Keep the minutes and records and conduct the correspondence of the Club, [\(that's the basics\)](#)
- Take minutes at board of director. and "annual" meetings, and any meeting requiring a vote by the general membership; preparing draft documents for review, revise, send to newsletter and file. [\(takes an hour or two after each meeting\)](#)
- Issue notices of meetings of the chapter and the Board of Directors and issue a final report at the Annual Meeting of the chapter. [\(tell the newsletter editor what to put in the next edition\)](#)
- Produce yearly book of permanent records, minutes and newsletters. [\(about one inch thick of the documents you have on file... must be able to use a three-hole punch\)](#)
- Maintain Bylaws. [\(electronic files\)](#)
- Stock directives, envelopes, letterhead stationery, award certificates, business cards, applications. [\(most forms are electronic; there is a small stock of business cards and envelopes\)](#)
- Maintain electronic files. [\(just keep it all on the computer\)](#)
- Advise all members of meeting dates through the newsletter and website, giving adequate notice of board, and annual meetings and any meeting requiring a vote by the general membership. [\(go through the calendar for the next year and choose meeting dates; let the board put in their two cents, then tell the newsletter what to print... in November-January newsletters\)](#)
- Purchase paper goods, printer ink and stamps as necessary. [\(not much\)](#)

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The Secretary is also a member of the Board of Directors, and hence: "shall have the power to elect members and from time to time to fix the annual dues; to make and enter into such contracts as in its judgment and discretion may be deemed for the best interest of the chapter; to designate depositories for the funds of the chapter, and the persons by whom checks drawn on such depositories shall be signed; to make, alter, amend and enforce rules for its own government and, generally to do and perform every act and thing whatsoever which it shall deem necessary, expedient or applicable, to carry out the purposes and objects of the chapter in accordance with the Articles of Incorporation and our Bylaws. The funds of the chapter shall be paid out only by the authority of the Board of Directors."

**The functions of the chapter do not just happen... someone has to take the initiative to guide the rest. Shouldn't that someone be you?**

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**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**

MOAA is the largest veterans' organization for military officers in the United States, with approximately 364,000 members.

The organization represents those on active duty, former officers, members of the National Guard, Reserve, Retirees and their surviving spouses.

**Chapter Mission Statement:**

The mission of the Emerald Empire Chapter of MOAA is to advocate for our military community and connect it to the nation we serve.

*Happy  
Birthday!*



**On the other  
hand, the USPHS  
Commissioned  
Officer Corps'  
birthday is  
January 4th.**

**U.S. Public Health Service  
July 16th**