

APRIL GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, 9 April 2025

11:30—12:00 Social / 12:00 Lunch, \$20

Veterans Memorial Building, 1626 Willamette Street

MENU

Fresh Green Salad with 3 Dressings

Southern Fried Chicken

Mashed Potatoes and Chicken Gravy

Green Beans with Onions and Bacon

Grandma's Rolls and Butter

Peanut Butter Bars

PROGRAM

Aaron Orlowski, EWEB Communications Supervisor

Dams, brown-outs and tax breaks on energy saving upgrades

Remember, if you make a reservation and do not cancel it by Sunday,

6 April, you are still responsible for the cost of the meal.

Guests are always welcome, but we must have a reservation.

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**We still have 13 members
who have not paid their
2025 dues of \$25.**

**Write a check and bring it
to the April 9th luncheon
OR**

mail it to Emerald Empire MOAA
at
PO Box 767, Eugene, OR 97440

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
Secretary	Pat Harris	290-0814
Treasurer	Elaine Callahan	968-1746
Chaplain	Jonathan Landon	946-3888
Membership	Ken Evans	914-6235
Newsletter	Pat Harris	290-0814
Webmaster	Ginger Banks	484-3336
Surviving Spouse	Michael Pace	636-3745
Liaison		

**Don't forget the ROTC
Recognition Dinner on
Wednesday, May 7th**

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 26 MARCH 2025

PRESENT: Officers: 1st Vice President John Toensing, 2nd Vice President Dick Kimbell, Secretary Pat Harris, and Treasurer Elaine Callahan. Board members: Frank Balazs, Scott Sandgathe, LTC Joe Snyder, Michael Kennedy, Jonathan Landon, Ken Evans and Tom Kulick. Members Eric Watkins and Dick Norton were also present. A quorum was established.

OPENING: 1st Vice President Toensing called the meeting to order at 1201 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Michael Kennedy gave an opening prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 26 February 2025 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT for February 26 – March 25, 2025

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTC SCHOLARSHIP 1 JUNE 2024 TO 25 MARCH 2025

Umpqua Account	\$ 2942.00
Benton Community Foundation Endowment Fund	\$ 1500.00
TOTAL FOR THE 2025 ROTC SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE	\$ 4442.00

UMPQUA ACCOUNT

Chapter Operations:

Beginning balance as of February 25, 2025	\$ 6751.83
Deposits: to Chapter Operations	\$ +852.00
Expenses include the movement of funds to new account, (see notes). Also luncheon , door prizes, plaques, website fees, tax filing, reimbursement for 2024 picnic.	\$ -2591.49

Chapter Operations as of March 25, 2025 **\$ 5012.34**

Veterans Services Fund: added \$0 in donations **\$ 2534.05**

ROTC Scholarship 2024 Drive: added \$25 in donations **\$ 2942.00**

ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund **\$ 3478.84**

Cadet Dinner Fund: added \$0 in donations; -\$79 in expenses **\$ 652.30**

UMPQUA CHECKING ACCOUNT Grand Total as of Mar 25, 2025 **\$ 14619.53**

BENTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (BCF)

EMERALD EMPIRE MOAA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance Forward (December 31, 2024) **\$ 58192.99**

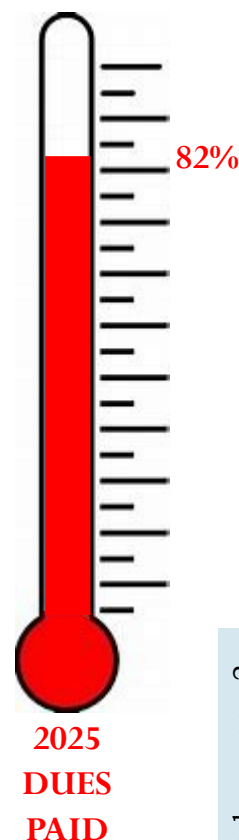
Change in Value of Investments **\$ 1320.23**

Administrative Cost **\$ -123.45**

BCF Balance (January 31, 2025) **\$ 59389.77**

NOTES: The BottleDrop account now has \$603.34, to be used for Veterans Services.

A new Umpqua Account has been established for the Emerald Empire Chapter MOAA 501(c)(3), (EIN 99-4901005). It is anticipated that all funds will be transferred to this new account next month, with a residual remaining in the 501(c)(19) account to cover any outstanding checks/debts, then eventual closure of the original account.



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The Emerald Empire Chapter of MOAA is a Eugene-based 501(c)(3) veterans organization that meets regularly at the Veterans' Memorial Building at 1626 Willamette Street. We have 93 regular and surviving spouse 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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (continued)

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The following is a brief report:

Treasurer's Report for February 26-March 25, 2025

EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER OF MOAA, a 501(c)3, UMPQUA ACCOUNT, EIN 99-4901005

Opened March 12, 2025

Chapter Operations, funds added March 12, 2025

\$1035.00

BALANCE ON HAND March 25, 2025

\$1035.00

OLD BUSINESS:

- 1, Progress report on our new non-profit corporation - Ken, Michael, Elaine
 - A. IRS Form 1023 filed online requesting non-profit status. If usual timeline holds, it should be approved within two weeks and a final Letter of Determination (LOD) should be received in 30-60 days. We will wait for final LOD before soliciting additional donations.
 - B. Letter sent to our liability insurance to change our name to Emerald Empire Chapter MOAA.
2. ROTC Update, scholarship selection status – LTC Snyder
 - A. Successfully completed the Winter FTX at Camp Najaf. Training included dismounted Platoon STX lanes for 48 hours including patrol bases overnight. Ranger Challenge competition was conducted, and our two teams competed to the best of their ability. Finally, 8 Cadets and 1 Cadre attended the Bataan Memorial Death March this last weekend at the White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.
 - B. Emerald Empire Chapter Scholarship Nominees
MSII: CDT Nicholas Walker; Ranger Challenge, Air Assault, future Airborne
MSII: CDT Eden Fisher; 68W, EMT,
MSII: Third recipient will be determined today and the standby.
 - C. UPCOMING EVENTS
April 26th, UO Spring Game
April 27th, Eugene Marathon and Half Marathon
May 7th MOAA ROTC Dinner: 10 Commissioning Cadets, 3 Scholarship Awardees, 1 additional Cadre
May 15-18th, Joint Spring FTX with Central Washington University, Camp Rilea, OR
May 29th ROTC Dining Out at Camp Harlow; Guest Speaker is Don Essig, "The Voice" of the Ducks
June 17th, ROTC Commissioning at Ford Alumni Center; Presiding Officer is BG Brandon Anderson, NTC Command General
3. Status of preparations for the May 7th ROTC Recognition Dinner - Pat, LTC Snyder
 - A. All materials are on hand. Once all names of scholarship winners are received, medals and certificates will be prepared. Checking to see who will handle presentation checks.
 - B. Solicitation emails will go out to past donors of additional door prizes for the ROTC dinner and an article will be placed in the newsletter.
 - C. It was suggested that the gold bars be handed out to the cadets at our dinner by chapter members who are sharing their table with any cadets. It was also suggested that the graduates each give a short bio, including their new assignments, after their medallions are presented.
4. "Thoughts from the Board" schedule – Pat

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (continued)

Michael Pace has delivered his article for the April newsletter. LTC Snyder will provide an article for the May newsletter (due 23 Apr).

5. Dues update – Elaine

A. 60 of 73 regular members have paid their dues.

B. LTC Richard Briggs, USA (Ret), has dropped his membership due to age-related challenges.

6. Earth Week bottle drop campaign – Ken

A. Our can and bottle recyclers have started a campaign honoring Earth Week where they will add 20 percent to any returnables dropped off between 15 and 26 April. An article promoting the drive will be added to the newsletter encouraging members to bring in their collections at the next general membership and Board of Directors meetings.

B. The current balance in our bottle drop account is \$603.34.

7. Substitute cashier for 9 April luncheon – Elaine

Michael Kennedy will act as the Treasurer at the 9 April luncheon.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. We need a project officer for the June 7th annual picnic - John, Pat

John Toensing stated the need for someone to step up and work with him on the picnic this year with the goal of taking the project on. The workload only takes a phone call on the first work day after the new year to reserve the picnic space, and two-to-three days before the picnic to gather materials and shop.

2. Guest speakers for April and September – John

Aaron Orlowski of EWEB will speak at our April luncheon of energy management and programs available to help save money on home energy costs.

1st VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: John Toensing - Personal Affairs (Health, Welfare, Surviving Spouse), House Committee, Newsletter, Webmaster, Purchasing Projects): No additional report.

2nd VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Dick Kimbell - Membership, Awards, Legislative, Benton Community Fund (BCF)

Membership chair reports communications with national MOAA indicates that we will gain access to the Committee Module database on 24 April. We should then be able to download Near Real Time (NRT) reports showing us all the national MOAA members who live in our area but are not chapter members. We can then attempt to bring them into the chapter.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT/GOOD OF THE ORDER:

1. John Toensing state that the average life expectancy of men is now 78.5 years and asked who would be left in our chapter in 10 years.

2. He emphasized the need to actively recruit new, younger members.

3. He suggested staffing a MOAA table at the U of O Spring Game.

NEXT GENERAL MEETING: Wed, 9 Apr 2025, 1130 hours social, 1200 lunch; Vets Bldg.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wed, 23 Apr 2025, 1200 hours, Vets Bldg.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 1311 hours

Patrick Harris, Secretary

THOUGHTS FROM THE BOARD AND BRIEFS

Greetings from Michael Pace, from the Personal Affairs office. We hope this finds you happy and healthy. Please remember to take advantage of the information we have to offer. We can answer or give some advice how to access information on health care, local senior services, recreation opportunities, I.D. cards, and rides to clinic appointments; to name a few.

Today I would like to suggest a tip for your mental well being—for the short run and the long run. It involves some homework, but don't let that scare you, the benefits will be huge! It will take as long as it takes. An hour or so? Days? You may have to revisit it and change it a time or two. Don't wait until it is too late or you will not be able to do it. Keep at it. Your biggest critic will be yourself!

Write a symphony. Label it "My Symphony." Be honest with yourself or it will be meaningless. When you need it the most, play it in your mind. It will comfort you and make you sigh with a contended smile, or it might make you a bit sad. Being sad is O.K. If you want to share it with others, that's fine... most people don't. It is your symphony and only you will be able to sway to its music and only you will understand the words.

I have not finished my symphony yet but I am giving you an example. I didn't write this so I take no credit. It is an example so you will understand what is being asked of you. I "borrowed" this from various sources. Writer(s) unknown.

My Symphony

"To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury, and refinement rather than fashion; to be worthy, not respectable, and wealthy, not rich; to study hard, think quietly, talk frankly; to listen to stars and birds, to babes and sages, with open heart; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasion, hurry never; in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common: this is to be my symphony."

MOAA... Who We Are

We have 93 regular and surviving spouse members made up of active, retired and former members of the nation's eight uniformed services and their surviving spouses. An application to join our local chapter and/or the national MOAA organization can be downloaded from our website:

www.emeraldempiremoaa.org/ABOUT-US.

TAPS LTC Cabot H Clark, USA (Ret), passed away on March 5th. He served from June 1956 to December 1957, February 1961 to July 1966, and February 1981 to September 1997. Cab was a pharmacist who graduated from Oregon State. He was a member of the Forty and Eight. He leaves behind his spouse, Dianna.



BottleDrop, the program that receives our returnable bottles and cans, is having an Earth Week Give campaign. Items deposited between 15 and 26 April will receive a 20% match of funds so it would greatly add to our more than \$600 balance.

So, how can you help? Gather as many returnable bottles and cans from anyone you know, load them into the blue bags that Ken Evans or John Toensing will have available at our April 9th luncheon. Just make sure that Ken or John gets them back before the 26th.

Current balance in our BottleDrop account is \$603.34. Thank you.

BRIEFS

ROTC DINNER DOOR PRIZES:

Every year we gather as many door prizes as possible for the ROTC dinner in May... concentrating on the types of prizes that students seem most interested in, like gift certificates from restaurants and grocery stores. This year is no different.

Last year we scored almost \$600 worth of gifts from eight very generous members, but if more of you chip in we can ease the burden on those few special people,

If you want to donate a gift card or certificate, or any other type of prize, either bring it to the 9 April general meeting or the 23 April board meeting and give it to Pat Harris. This will allow him to make a presentation envelope to help display the gift on the prize table. If you can't get it to Pat before the 7 May dinner, please call him at 541-290-0814 so he can get an envelope ready.

HELP

WANTED

Needed, actually!

LEADERSHIP POSITION AVAILABLE

Only work 5 days a year.

If additional time is required to get the job done, your pay doubles.

Pay commensurate with highest paid person in the organization, yet remarkably, tax free.

Benefits include retirement, if ever, at full pay and 360 days off per year.

Experience in logistics, transportation and culinary arts are desired, but not required.

Ability to work with other people strongly desired. Ability to work alone at times may be necessary, but definitely not desired.

If interested or intrigued, contact John Toensing about opportunities in the annual picnic field.

541-345-7535

SAVE THESE DATES

Saturday, 7 June: This is the date of our Annual Membership Picnic. Remember, we decided to move it from September after we got smoked out a couple of times. The annual weather patterns (at least, according to The Farmer's Almanac) are the same for June and September, so we are betting that this will be a successful event. More details to follow in the June newsletter, but put the picnic date on your calendar for 7 June.

Thursday, 4 December: We had a conflict with the Veterans Association Building calendar, so we are moving our Christmas Party to Thursday, 4 December. This should make more parking available and minimize the noise level from the Ballroom upstairs. So, put it on your calendar: plated dinner, poinsettias, holiday entertainment, joyous conviviality.

**HELP
WANTED**



 **ROTC BOOSTER FUND.**

Elaine Callahan, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)	Ken Evans, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)	Pat Harris, CAPT, USCG (Ret)
David Cooper, Maj, USAF (Ret)	Dick Kimbell, CDR, USN (Ret)	Frank Balazs, 1stLt, USMC (Fmr)
Bert Toepel, COL, USA (Ret)	Eric Watkins, LTC, USA (Ret)	Michael Kennedy, CAPT (CHC) USN (Ret)
Judy Van Scholten, CIV	Mark Schibler, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)	Dick Norton, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Lynette Campbell, MAJ, USA (Ret)	Cabot Clark, LTC, USA (Ret)	John Simmons, CH, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Richard Edwards, COL, USA (Ret)	John Ingman, LTC, USA (Ret)	Jonathan Landon, Chaplain (MAJ) USA (Ret)
Michele Mort, LCDR, USN (Ret)	Scott Sandgathe, CDR, USN (Ret)	Donald Simpson, LTC, USA (Ret)

Ronald Sticka, Col, USAF (Ret)	Bert Toepel, COL, USA (Ret)	Darlene Thomasec, LTC, USA (Ret)
Eric Watkins, LTC, USA (Ret)	Michael Lee, COL, USA (Ret)	Robert Heaton, Maj, USAF (Ret)
Dale Offet, CPT, USA (Ret)		

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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.



GOLD STAR

SPOUSES DAY

April 5th