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EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Wednesday, 8 February 2023

1130 social, 1200 lunch, \$18

Veterans Memorial Building, 1626 Willamette Street, Eugene

MENU

Tomato and Cucumber Salad

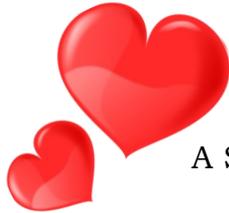
Boneless Chicken Breast with Marsala Mushroom Sauce

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

Green Beans with Onions

Grandma's Rolls and Butter

A Special Chocolatey Valentines Dessert



There will be a special treat at every place setting. In fact... there will be more than one.

PROGRAM

CDR Michael Pace, USN (Ret), Chapter Surviving Spouse Liaison

Michael will be speaking on MOAA's Personal Affairs and Surviving Spouse Programs and Services.

All of our current surviving spouses are encouraged to attend.

This is a very important program for either spouse of a uniformed services family, whether the actual member or that member's life partner.



If you would like a ride to this luncheon, please call Pat Harris at 541-942-5274, and he will arrange it.

Remember, if you make a reservation and do not cancel it by 10:00 am Monday, 6 February, you are responsible for the cost of the meal.

Happy Valentine's Day

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2023 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING—25 January 2023

PRESENT: Officers: President Michael Kennedy, 1st Vice President John Toensing, Secretary Jim Koch, and Treasurer Elaine Callahan. Board members: Ken Evans, Eric Watkins, Michael Pace, Frank Balazs and Ginger Banks. Pat Harris and Dick Norton were also present. A quorum was established.

OPENING: President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 1203 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He also gave an opening prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 21 Dec 2022 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER’S REPORT for 22 DECEMBER 2022- 24 JANUARY 2023

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Umpqua Account ROTC Scholarship Fund	\$ 2959.00
Benton Community Foundation ROTC Endowment Fund	\$ 850.00
CONTRIBUTION TOTAL 1 JUNE 2022 –24 JANUARY 2023	\$ 3809.00

UMPQUA ACCOUNT

Club Operations:

Beginning balance as of 22 December 2022	\$ 5628.34
Deposits: to Club Operations	\$ 1218.00
Expenses: Postage, Luncheon, door Prizes, Jasper Park Reservations	\$ -798.44

Club Operations as of 24 January 2023 **\$ 6047.90**

Special Projects Fund: added \$120 in donations **\$ 3283.55**

ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund: added \$227 in donations **\$ 2959.00**

Cadet Dinner Fund: added \$100 in donations **\$ 972.00**

UMPQUA CHECKING ACCOUNT Grand Total as of 24 Jan 2023 **\$ 13262.45**

OCCU ROTC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance as of 21 December 2022	\$ 2017.38
Donations:	\$ 0.00
Dividend Credit: (Yield Earned 0.20%)	\$ 1.71
OCCU TOTAL BALANCE (24 January 2023)	\$ 2019.09

BENTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (BCF)

EMERALD EMPIRE MOAA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance Forward (21 December 2022)	\$ 47860.99
Change in Value of Investments	\$ -1646.36
Administrative Cost	\$ -77.69
BCF Balance (24 January 2023)	\$ 46136.44

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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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (continued)

OLD BUSINESS:

1. ROTC Update - LTC Snyder is at Ft. Lewis, WA attending Ranger Challenge. 10 ROTC Scholarship Applications are in progress.
2. The \$ 500.00 donation check to Habitat for Humanity has cleared.
3. January's Memorial/Remembrance Service was well received. We will continue to hold it at our January luncheon. A recommendation was made that we add written obituaries, emphasizing military service, to be passed around during the ceremony. Eric Watkins, who serves as historian, will keep them. John Toensing suggested a Memory Plaque with the names of departed members would be nice. Pat Harris will check on the cost.
4. There is no update regarding VMA.
5. Ken Evans wrote a response to an enquiry from member Mike Rainbolt on ideas for the monthly door prizes. He advised him that the door prizes are not a major fund raiser for the chapter.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. National MOAA recommends that the Surviving Spouse Liaison be made a member of a local chapter's board. The duties listed for the Personal Affairs Officer, Chaplain, and Surviving Spouse liaison in National MOAA do not reflect our present reality. After much discussion it was decided that Pat Harris will draft new job descriptions for our chapter to better serve our members.
2. The recommended change to our by-laws, to add the Surviving Spouse Liaison to the board, will be tabled until the above is accomplished.

1st Vice President Report: Personal Affairs (Health, Welfare, Surviving Spouse), House Committee, Newsletter, Website:

Military Bios from members would be very helpful in getting to know one another. The next newsletter will be out shortly. There were 90 hits on our website. Kirk Stroda and his wife have generously donated Christmas Trees the last 6 or 7 years for our chapter to sell as a fund raiser. John Toensing made a motion to invite them to a future luncheon and award them a US Flag for their Christmas Tree donation at a cost not to exceed \$ 200. Seconded by Frank Balazs. Motion passed.

2nd Vice President Report: Membership, Awards (General and Levels of Excellence), Legislative, Benton Community Fund (BFC):

National MOAA Council President is looking for someone to attend the MOAA Advocacy in Action in Washington D.C. 24 – 27 April 2023. Ken Evans has a list of Veteran's Bills to be considered in the State Senate this session. Senator Manning provided them.

Chapter Luncheon Meeting: 8 February 2023 12:00 hours; Vet's Bldg

Next Board Meeting: 22 February 2023 12:00 hours; Vet's Bldg

Meeting adjourned: 13:19 hours

James Koch, Secretary

CORRECTION to the minutes of the 21 Dec 22 board minutes published in last month's newsletter: Eric and Ann Watkins visited member Charlie Cole in Bend, not Dick Kimbell.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I looked back at my President's Corner in the February 2022 MOAA Newsletter that reported on our Second Memorial Service in February. It is hard to believe that it has been a year ago since that service and that we have returned to face-to-face meetings. In many ways it seems as though COVID is in the dark past. But, of course, it is not. I still wear a mask and there are 1000s of people in hospitals.

We had a good turn-out for the Memorial Service on January 11, 2023. Many thanks to Jonathan Landon for leading us in this remembrance. It is always helpful to us to stop for a short time to remember those who are no longer with us.

When I read through the obituaries there is often a phrase that makes me sad. It is when the writer of the obituary notes that "at the decease's request, there will be no service." It may reflect a false modesty that causes the deceased when talking to their next of kin to say that they do not want to inconvenience people's lives with a recognition of this passing. There could be other reasons for not wanting a service. But, I have always felt that the memorial service is not for the deceased but for the family and friends to say final farewells.

I am glad that we were able to say those farewells on January 11 and that we were allowed a sense of closure, recognizing that a celebration of life at its end is as important as a celebration of life at its beginning.

Submitted by Michael Kennedy, Chapter President

FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER

Our new Surviving Spouse Liaison and Survivor Benefits counselor, Michael Pace.

Michael is 69 years old. He joined the Navy in 1972 and served in Viet Nam as a hospital corpsman and was stationed for a time at a hospital in Phu Bai treating casualties in the operating room. He entered the Navy as an E-2 enlisted and retired as a Commander, O-5 with combined reserve and active duty of 28 years.

In civilian life he has been a Registered Nurse (BSN) and retired after 48 years; 30 spent in the operating room assisting in open heart surgeries and heart and liver transplants, 9 years experience in dialysis and the remainder in public health clinics.

While in the Navy he was assigned temporary duty in the morgue and that sparked an interest in decedent affairs. He has spent the last 15 years working with the coroner as a first responder and working at various funeral homes in Jackson and Lane counties. He was a funeral director and has written 2 books both available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.

He has already responded to some of our chapter's recent losses. He has a great background for serving our members, guiding and preparing for an anticipated loss or assisting with survival benefits. He is willing to be available 24/7.

He is married to Andrea Pace for almost 40 years. They have one 37 year-old daughter. Hobbies are restoring old cars and playing flute/sax/and clarinet in "big bands" and oldies. Their home boasts 2 dogs and an African Gray parrot as well.



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A SPECIAL "THANK YOU" TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

We received donations into the following funds in 2022. The generosity of our members keeps our chapter functioning during these trying times.

Chapter Operations, which covers all of our administrative costs including the Veterans Memorial Building and Cadet Dinners received \$1,363 from the following donors: Mark Schibler, Mike Lee, Tom Stewart, John Leber, Frank Balazs, Richard Briggs, Cabot Clark, Marcy Prevics, Ken Evans, Alan Keaton, John Van Scholten, John Abele, Eric Watkins, Robert Heaton, Erven Kincaid, Tom Kulick, Mary McMullin, Betty Lou Snyder, Lynnette Campbell, James Miller, Joelle Goodwin and John Toensing.

Special Projects fund, which has funded our donations to Camp Alma, our expenses for the Moving Wall and for future projects, received \$2,557 from the following donors: Frank Balazs, Ken Evans, William Kellogg, Tom Stewart, Michael Kennedy, Dick Norton, John Van Scholten, Richard Edwards, John Abele, Eric Watkins, Carole Applegate, Robert Heaton, Lynnette Campbell, Jim Brann, John Toensing, Ginger Banks, and Chris and Gail Christensen*.

The University of Oregon ROTC Scholarship fund received \$4,136, including \$2,000 that went directly from members to the Benton Community Fund. The list of donors can be found below in the ROTC BOOSTERS block.

The Cadet Dinner fund, which pays for the cadets' and their guests' dinners at the annual ROTC Recognition Dinner in May. received \$897

*Indicate donations from non-members.

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 are accepting donations for the 2023 scholarships through the month of May.

The following donations have been received:

Frank Balazs, 1st Lt, USMC (Fmr)	Richard Kimbell, CDR, USNR (Ret)	Patrick Harris, CAPT, USCG (Ret)
Richard Norton, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)	Clayton Robson, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)	David Cooper, Maj, USAF (Ret)
Micheal Rainbolt, LTC, USA (Ret)	Thomas Stewart, CDR, USN (Fmr)	Scott Sandgathe, CDR, USN (Ret)
Elaine Callahan, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)	John Simmons, CH, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)	Ken Evans, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)
Bert Toepel, COL, USA (Ret)	Cabot Clark, LTC, USA (Ret)	James Armour, CPT, USA (Ret)
Charles Cole, CAPT, USN (Ret)	Norman Hoffman, BG, USA (Ret)	James Miller, CPT, USA (Ret)
James Paschall, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret)	Eric Watkins, LTC, USA (Ret)	Lynnette Campbell, MAJ, USA (Ret)
William Gutheim, COL, USA (Ret)	Robert Heaton, Maj, USAF (Ret)	Erven Kincaid, LCDR, USN (Ret)
James Koch, MAJ, USA (Ret)	Mary Ann Roos, Surviving Spouse	Ronald Sticka, Col, USAF (Ret)
James Smurthwaite, 1LT, USA (Fmr)	Richard Kimbell, CDR, USN (Ret)	Michele Mort, LCDR, USN (Ret)
Michael Kennedy, CAPT, USN (Ret)	Don Simpson, LTC, USA honoring LTC	Pat Simpson and LTC Mike Reuter
Lee Krueger, Surviving Spouse	Darlene Thomasec, LTC, USA (Ret)	Helen Cook, Surviving Spouse
Betty Lou Snyder, Surviving Spouse	Wilson Muhlheim, CPT, USA (Fmr)	Kelly Beckley, Col, USAF (Ret)
John Van Scholten, Capt, USMC (Fmr)	Robert Beck, LTC, USA (Ret)	Mark Schibler, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Lance Englet, COL, USA (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.

2023 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY, 11 JAN 2023

CAPT, CHC, Michael Kennedy, USN (Ret), introduces Chaplain (MAJ) Jonathan Landon, USA (Ret), who gave the opening prayer:

Dear Father, there is a season and time for everything in this world. Today we take time to celebrate the lives of respected colleagues, dear friends, and beloved family members. Some of us will remember moments of profound meaning, shared work, refreshing society. All of us will remember our common commitment to serving our others: our country and her allies, our community, our families, and the next generation of leaders who will take the flag from our hands and carry it forward.

Please bless this time to bring healing for those who mourn. Help us to retain what was best of our departed colleagues, securing their legacy by reinvesting those good qualities and values in others. Help to refocus this chapter - our members, auxiliaries and associates –on hope, and on resolve to achieve a better future, and then send us forth better prepared to love and serve you and one another. Amen.

Memorial Message – Chaplain Landon

In our lives - in our joys and in our sorrows - we've learned that there is "a time for every purpose under heaven." We laugh and we weep. We celebrate and we mourn. We fight in war, and we pray for peace. We put on uniforms, and we take them off again, to serve in other ways.

Each of us put on a uniform – or married into a servicemember's family – for our own reasons. The reasons are varied and complex as we ourselves are varied and complex: Just to mention a few examples: family tradition, protecting our national values, protecting our neighbors at home and abroad, love and devotion for a special someone, pragmatically seizing an employment opportunity, or a need to secure benefits and resources for our families. None of these reasons are trivial, none are bad reasons to do something.

But something that all of us here seem to have had in common was this; while we served in uniform, while we served by supporting our loved ones in uniform – we absorbed, cultivated, and committed ourselves to an ethic of selfless service.

Each of our departed comrades whom we remember today - Thelma, Jack, Joyce, Ann, Patricia, Norval and Ron – continued this ethic, even as we have done, and as our very presence as part of this chapter bears witness.

Yes, we rightly praise the memory of those who laid down their lives in the uniformed services. But our sisters and brothers who walk among us and work beside us in our communities are also worthy of praise, because that's what makes democracy work. That's what truly raises up the hopeless, heals the broken, establishes justice, ensures peace, promotes prosperity, and preserves liberty.

Christian Scriptures teach that "Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends." What expresses love more than generous and selfless service, day in and day out, year after year?

For their families and closest friends, no words are equal to your loss. We honor your loved ones and offer whatever comfort we can. But know this: We also draw strength from you. For even in your grief, even as your heart breaks, we see in you that eternal truth: "Love never ends." For truly, grief is the price of love.

We will honor these, our brothers and sisters, with a renewed commitment to keep our country strong, not just in battle but on the home front, as well. We will honor them by keeping our-

OUR DEPARTED COMPATRIOTS



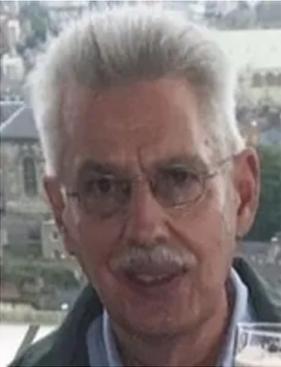
Thelma Fisk, surviving spouse of Calvin Fisk, Commander, US Navy. Retired

Born January 20, 1934;
Died October 17, 2021



Ann Robson, spouse of Clayton W. Robson, Lieutenant Colonel, US Air Force Retired

Born October 24, 1931;
Died October 28, 2022



John "Jack" Lindstrom Captain, US Army

Born August 17, 1945
Died March 01, 2022



Norval James Ritchey, Colonel, US Air Force, Retired

Born December 30, 1931;
Died November 02, 2022



Joyce Durham, surviving spouse of Gene L. Durham, Lieutenant Colonel, US Air Force, Retired

Born December 6, 1925;
Died April 20, 2022



Ronald A. Schmaedick, Lieutenant, US Navy, Retired

Born September 29, 1935; Died November 9, 2022

Patricia Moore, surviving spouse of Lewis M. Moore, Lieutenant Commander, US Navy, Retired , died October 21, 2022

selves informed of issues affecting the uniformed services, their families and their ever-evolving missions. We will honor them by doing more to care for our fellow Veterans living with the physical, mental and spiritual costs of service. We will honor them by supporting policies that promote strong and resilient service families. We will honor them by educating the community about the importance, meaning and cost of public service. And then we'll look around and see new and different needs into which we can invest.

In an era when few Americans know someone who serves in uniform – or has served - every American must see such men and women as the extraordinary citizens that they are. They loved their families. They excelled at their work. They served their communities. They were leaders.

May we do likewise, because America needs Veterans and service families who build up our nation. May God graciously receive these our sisters and brothers. May He keep strong their families whose love endures, and may God continue to bless the United States of America with patriots such as these.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, 11 JAN 2023

MINUTES FROM THE 11 JANUARY 2023 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 1252 on 11 January 2023 by Chapter President Michael Kennedy.

President Kennedy read the following proposal to change the existing Bylaws:

NOTE: New text is underscored.

ARTICLE VIII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1. The Board of Directors shall be composed of the elected officers (President, First and Second Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer), the Immediate Past President, Legislative Representative (as appointed by the President), the Professor of Military Science, University of Oregon, and one elected representative from each of the uniformed services. Should representation from each service not be available, that position shall remain vacant.

Jonathan Landon made the motion to adopt the proposed changes as written. Dick Kimbell seconded.

Rich Cheney asked if there would be a conflict of interest since the Chapter awards scholarships to ROTC Cadets. Joe Snyder did not think so since the board as a whole makes the recommendations on scholarship awards. Jonathan Landon concurred.

President Kennedy called for the question and the changes were adopted unanimously.

Floyd Bard gave a report on the Jimmy Doolittle signed picture of a B-25 Bomber which was a prize at the last meeting. It is being donated to the Pendleton Air Museum in Pendleton, OR. Emerald Empire Chapter, MOAA will be recognized as the donor.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at 1304 hours.

James Koch, Secretary

TAPS John Van Scholten, CAPT, USA (Fmr), passed away on 10 January 2023. He served during the Vietnam War era, 1968-1971. He leaves behind his wife Judy.
Robert B. Tully, Jr., LTC, USA (Ret), passed away on 17 November 2022. He served from 1972 to 1992 and joined MOAA immediately after retirement. He leaves behind his wife Patricia.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS NEWS

Honorary MOAA chapter member, Oregon Senator James Manning Jr., D-Eugene, has a long list of priorities for the upcoming session, including banning unserialized guns, universal health care opportunities and veteran protections.

As a veteran himself, Manning has always pushed bills that support veterans. This session, he is supporting tax exemption for retired military pay. He said this would contribute to more veterans remaining or moving to Oregon, while currently, veteran populations are moving to more veteran-friendly states such as Texas or South Carolina.

“My intention is to make sure that Oregon is a veteran-friendly state,” Manning said.

THE JIMMIE DOOLITTLE PRINT FINDS A HOME

Did you know that Oregon played a very big part in America's first strike on Japanese soil in World War II? That's right... the 17th Bombardment Group was stationed at Pendleton Air Base, Pendleton, Oregon, when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941. At that time, their mission was to fly the B-25B Mitchell (Medium) aircraft over the Pacific Coastline in search of Japanese submarines. On December 24, 1941 a B-25B Mitchell sank a Japanese submarine off the mouth of the Columbia River. Then in January 1942, President Roosevelt approved the attack on Japan because "Americans badly needed a morale boost."

Once it was determined that the B-25B Mitchell (Medium) bomber was the best aircraft to fly off an aircraft carrier, the Navy's USS Hornet (CVA-8) was chosen for the mission and all 28 B-25B air crew at the Pendleton Air Base were transferred to the 17th Bombardment Group, along with their eight aircraft, to West Columbia Air Base, Columbia, South Carolina on February 9, 1942.

Though Lt Col James H. Doolittle was never assigned to the 17th Bombardment Group in Pendleton, he did visit there after the war to recognize the initial training site for 28 of his 80 "Raiders" who flew the "Doolittle Raid" on Japan on April 18, 1942.

The signed Jimmy Doolittle "I Could Never Be So Lucky Again" print that was raffled off at the MOAA Christmas party on 11 Jan 2022, was made available by CDR Tom Stewart, USNR (Fmr); a MOAA member. I, Floyd Bard, was drawn to receive the print after Elaine Callahan deferred when her ticket was drawn first. Thank you, Elaine.



The USS Hornet leaving NAS Alameda with 16 B-25B bombers on the way to Tokyo



The signed print of LTC Jimmy Doolittle's autobiography cover art, entitled "I Could Never be so Lucky Again", that will be donated to the Pendleton Air Museum on 18 April 2023

"I HAD A PLAN!" My plan was to recognize Tom as the recipient of the print from LTG Jimmy Doolittle while Tom was temporarily assigned to the Pentagon where he actually met Jimmy Doolittle. I felt that this print did not belong in my living room, but instead, it belonged in a museum. After some searching and input from other MOAA members, I found the Pendleton Air Museum. I called them and they were very excited because they did not have this print to display in their collection.

On April 18th of every year, the Pendleton Air Museum holds an Anniversary Celebration of the "Doolittle Raid" on Japan. They suggested that the print be presented to them at that time. THIS WONDERFUL PRINT HAS FOUND ITS PERMANENT HOME! It is appropriate that Tom, a MOAA member, and anyone interested, join me in making that presentation. I, as the retired Command Chief Warrant Officer for the Oregon Army National Guard and the officer who was responsible for approving Warrant Officers for helicopter flight school, which included flight training in Chinook helicopters like those stationed at the Pendleton Air Base, will be honored to make this special presentation.

Floyd Bard, CW5, USA, ORARNR (Ret), MOAA Events Chair

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MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

MOAA is the largest veterans' organization for military officers in the United States, with approximately 355,000 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.

February 21



COMMANDER-IN-CHIEFS DAY