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11 JANUARY 2023 ALL-HANDS MEETING

Wednesday, 11 January 2023
1130 social, 1200 lunch
Veterans Memorial Building,
1626 Willamette Street, Eugene
Lunch \$18

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MENU

Fresh green salad with 3 choices of dressings
Homemade meatloaf
Au gratin potatoes
Corn with roasted peppers and onions
Chef's choice dessert
Grandma's rolls and butter

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The Remembrance Ceremony for those who left us
in 2022 will be held during this meeting.

See the details on page 5.

Guests are always invited, but must make a reser-
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**Join us on January 11th for our
Remembrance Ceremony.
Make reservations by 8 Jan**

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2023 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Frank Balazs	USMC
Ginger Banks	USAF
Ken Evans	USPHS
Tom Kulick	USCG
Michael Pace	USN
Eric Watkins	USA

Happy New Year

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 21 December 2022

PRESENT: Officers: President Michael Kennedy, 1st Vice President Dick Norton, 2nd Vice President Dick Kimbell, Secretary Jim Koch, and Treasurer Elaine Callahan. Board members: Ken Evans, Eric Watkins, and Ginger Banks. Pat Harris, Joe Snyder, John Toensing, and Jonathan Landon 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. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Ginger Banks for her outstanding work on the Chapter Website.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 16 Nov 2022 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT for 16 NOVEMBER – 20 DECEMBER 2022

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Umpqua Account ROTC Scholarship Fund	\$ 2732.00
Benton Community Foundation ROTC Endowment Fund	\$ 850.00
CONTRIBUTION TOTAL 1 JUNE 2022 –20 December 2022	\$ 3582.00

UMPQUA ACCOUNT

Chapter Operations:

Beginning balance as of 16 November 2022	\$ 6369.50
Deposits: to Chapter Operations	\$ 2864.00
Expenses: Annual fees to state, MOAA state Council, annual donation to Vet's Building, reimburse travel for President to attend Nat'l MOAA mtg, office supplies, dinner, door prizes, biannual directory	\$ -3605.16
Chapter Operations as of 20 December 2022	\$ 5628.34

Special Projects Fund: added \$430 in donations, and donated \$700. See Notes	\$ 3163.55
ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund: added \$1135 in donations	\$ 2732.00
Cadet Dinner Fund: added \$310 in donations	\$ 872.00
UMPQUA CHECKING ACCOUNT Grand Total as of 20 Dec 2022	\$12395.89

OCCU ROTC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance as of 16 November 2022	\$ 2015.73
Donations:	\$ 0.00
Dividend Credit: (Yield Earned 0.20%)	\$ 1.65

OCCU TOTAL BALANCE (20 December 2022) \$ 2017.38

BENTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (BCF)

EMERALD EMPIRE MOAA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance Forward (15 November 2022)	\$ 45201.86
Change in Value of Investments	\$ 2732.73
Administrative Cost	\$ -73.60
BCF Balance (20 December 2022)	\$ 47860.99

NOTES: Correction to November 2022 Report: The Special Projects Fund balance should have been 3433.55, as reflected on today's report. All other accounts and totals are accurate and reconciled to the Umpqua Checking Account.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (continued)

The large expenditure is due mostly to multiple annual fees in the month of December, as well as several donations.

There are two donations from the Special Projects Fund:

\$500 is donated to a Veteran specific project through the local Habitat for Humanity

\$200 is donated to the National MOAA Crisis Relief Fund, in honor of retiring CEO, Lt. Gen.

Dana Atkins

The Board approved a change to the term “Club Operations.” It will now be “Chapter Operations.”

OLD BUSINESS:

1. LTC Snyder reported that 2 Cadets had received their Army Commissions as 2LT's and are new MOAA members. He, Dick Kimbell, Dick Norton, and Elaine Callahan finalized the ROTC Scholarship application form. Two scholarships will go to U of O and one to Southern Oregon U. He and 10 Cadets will be going to the WWII Bataan Death March Marathon. The Senior Cadet Dinner (or MOAA's ROTC Recognition Dinner) will be the 2nd Wednesday of May 2023.
2. We received a “Thank You” letter from Habitat for Humanity for our \$500 donation.
3. There is no update regarding VMA.
4. Everyone enjoyed the Holiday Meal. The only suggestion was that more social time be allotted.
5. Jonathan Landon is planning a TV/Slide/Sound show and will conduct the January Memorial/ Remembrance Service for 5 members. No change to the order of ceremony from last year.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made and approved to conduct a vote by membership to amend Article VIII, Section 1 of the EEMOAA ByLaws to add the Professor of Military Science, University of Oregon as a member of the Board of Directors.
2. Ken Evans will draft a response to an enquiry from member Mike Rainbolt on ideas for the monthly meeting door prizes

1st Vice President Report:

Personal Affairs (Health, Welfare, Surviving Spouse), House Committee, Newsletter, Website: Dick Kimbell visited Charlie Cole in Bend. The next newsletter will be out on Jan 2nd. There were 17 hits on our website.

2nd Vice President Report:

Membership, Awards (General and Levels of Excellence), Legislative, Benton Community Fund (BFC): No new report.

Chapter Luncheon Meeting: 11 January 2023, 12:00 hours; Vets' Bldg

Next Board Meeting: 25 January 2023, 12:00 hours; Vets' Bldg

Meeting adjourned: 13:06 hours

James Koch, Secretary

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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/>.

BRIEFS AND ROTC BOOSTERS

The general membership will vote on the following ByLaw change at the 11 Jan 2023 meeting.

ARTICLE VIII, 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.

NOTE: New text is underscored. No text was deleted.

MOAA Name Tags: Send the name you would like on tag and your service affiliation to Frank Balazs. balazsfd@comcast.net or 541-515-3137. He will get them made and deliver them to our Treasurer who will have them at the luncheon check-in desk for pick up. Cost \$5 each. Be sure to designate whether pin or magnetic backing. Also, if the tag is for a spouse, say either Army (or other service, of course) Spouse or Wife or Husband.



The 2023-2024 Directory of Members was mailed 19 Dec. Missing yours? Call Pat at 541-942-5274.

Chapter Dues for 2023: Dues for 2023 are due as of 1 Jan 2023. So far, about 65 percent of our members have paid their \$25 dues. If you have not already paid, please do so soon. Notices were sent out in mid November. Send a check made out to Emerald Empire Chapter, MOAA, (or just "MOAA") to P.O. Box 767, Eugene, OR 97440.

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 2021 Booster Fund and are now accepting donations for the 2022 scholarships. 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)

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.

THE “NEW” PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Another year ends and, thus, another year begins. I know the theory that time flows smoothly, second by second, for all people. However, I am convinced that as one grows older, time passes more quickly.

I remember as a pre-school youngster, that Christmas seemed to never actually get closer. And now I blink my eyes and we seem to go from Thanksgiving to Christmas Day.

It is, of course, an illusion but I do not feel old enough to have a 49 year old son and a 47 year old daughter. Where have all of those years gone?

I feel the same way about my time as president of the Emerald Empire Chapter of MOAA. Here we are at the threshold of 2023 and I am still double checking the date that I wrote on checks.

I told Dick Norton, when he asked me to consider another year as president, that it makes sense to do that since I am still learning the job, even though this last year has literally flown by!

I do look forward to this coming year of working with such a knowledgeable and dedicated group of people who make up our chapter. But, I just know that I will blink my eyes and it will be over!

May your years slow down enough that you may smell the flowers!

Submitted by: Michael Kennedy, Chapter President



Emerald Empire Chapter Remembrance Ceremony

At the January 11th luncheon meeting, the Chapter will conduct a brief remembrance ceremony to honor all of our members who have passed or otherwise departed in 2022. President Michael Kennedy will conduct the ceremony with the assistance of Chaplain Jonathan Landon and member Dick Norton.

- Thelma Fisk passed away November 17, 2021. She was the widow of CDR Calvin Fisk, USN (Ret) who passed away in 2006.
- CPT John “Jack” H. Lindstrom, USA (Fmr), passed away March 1, 2022. He served from 1968 through 1977.
- Joyce Durham passed away on April 20, 2022. She was the surviving spouse of Lt Col Gene L. Durham, USAF (Ret), who passed away in 2007.
- Ann Robson, wife of Lt Col Clayton W. Robson, USAF (Ret), passed away on October 20, 2022. Ann and Clay’s home in Vida was destroyed in the Holiday Farm Fire, after which they moved to Eugene.
- Patricia Moore passed away on October 21, 2022. She was the surviving spouse of LCDR Lewis M. Moore, USN (Ret), who passed away in 2013.
- Col Norval J. Ritchey, USAF (Ret), passed away November 2, 2022, Leaving behind his wife Barbara. He served from 1953 to 1984.
- LT Ronald A. Schmaedick, USN (Ret) passed away November 9, 2022 leaving behind his wife Mary Jo. He served in the 50s and 60s.

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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.



Jan 4, 1889: Birth of the
USPHS Commissioned Officer Corps