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EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Annual Membership Picnic

**Saturday, 8 Jun 2024 at Jasper Park
12:00 Noon**

**Please RSVP by Wednesday, 5 June so we
know how much to prepare**



**The Chapter Provides:
BBQ Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and Corn on the Cob
and beer, soda and water
You Bring Potluck:
A-J Desserts; K-Z Salads and Sides**

Picnic details on pages 2 and 3

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**Do you need a ride to
and from the picnic?**
Either email
MOAAofEugene@gmail.com OR
call one of the officers listed
below and we will
make it happen.

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**The picnic is our last general
membership meeting until
September 11th.
Have a great summer.**

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Directions to Jasper State Park

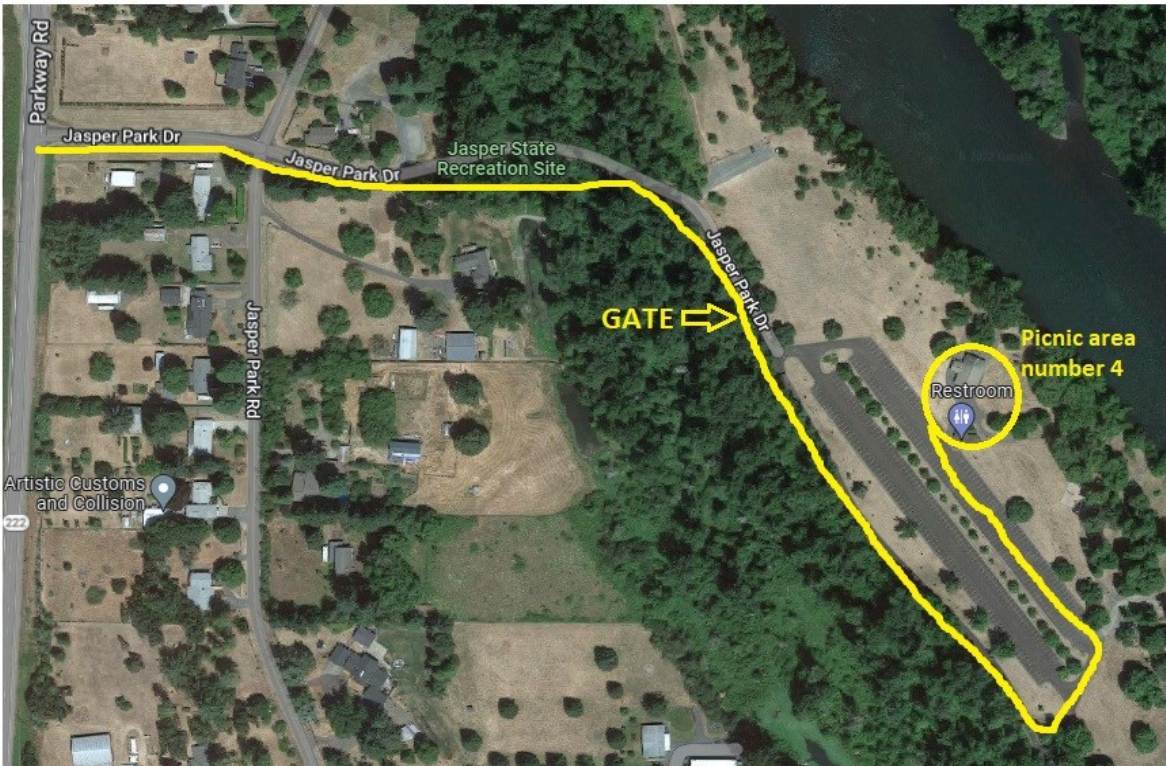
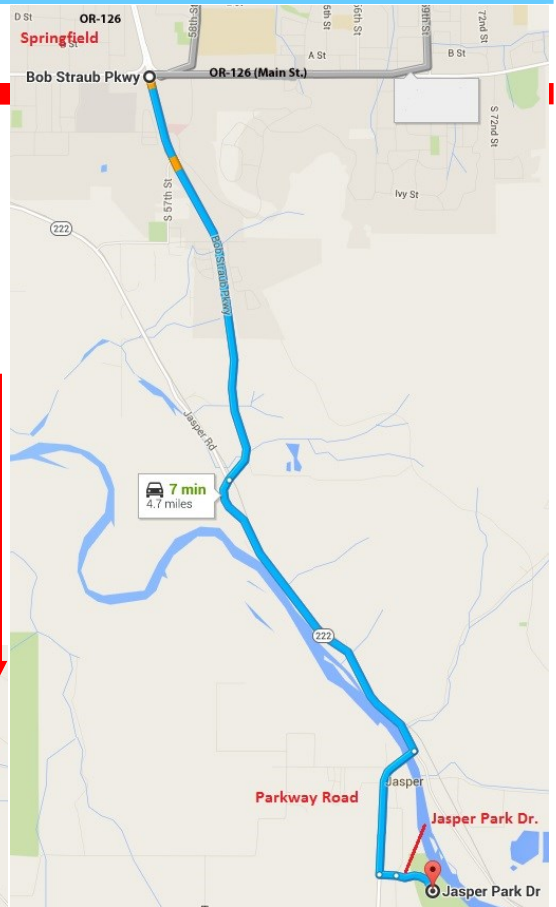
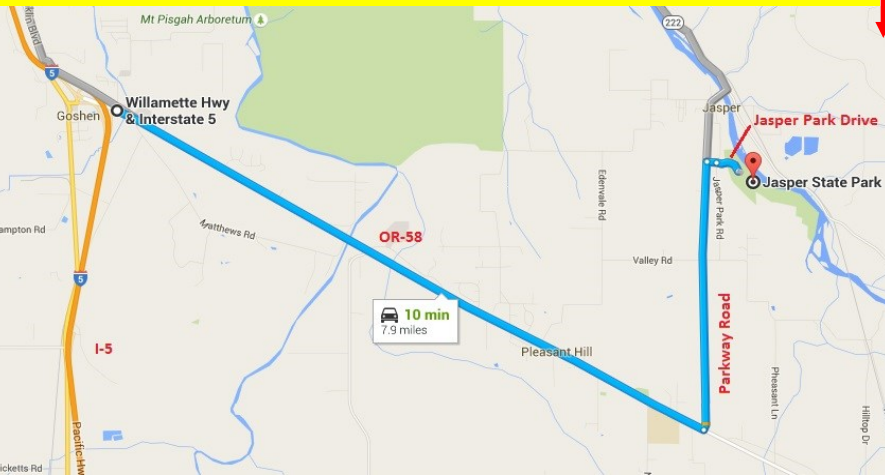
From Springfield:

Take OR-126 to the intersection of Main and 126, then continue south on Bob Straub Parkway and Jasper Rd. for 3.7 miles.
Turn right on Parkway Rd, cross the river, then drive 0.6 miles.
Turn left onto Jasper Park Drive.

From I-5 (either north or southbound):

Take Exit 188 to OR-58 toward Oakridge.
After 5.4 miles turn left onto Parkway Rd.
Drive 2.2 miles, then turn right on Jasper Park Drive.

Once in the park find a place to park in the first parking lot. We are in Picnic Area #4, the very first one you come to.



Do Not Forget:

Parking at the picnic is \$5 per car. Parking is free to military veterans with a service connected disability.

Prospective MOAA members eat for free at the picnic.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP PICNIC

Come out to Jasper State Park on **Saturday, June 8th at noon** for our annual Membership Picnic. Just a 15-minutes drive from Eugene to our paved and sheltered, ADA-compliant picnic area, fully equipped with picnic tables, a cooking area and restrooms.

The chapter furnishes hamburgers, hot dogs, corn on the cob, beverages (beer, sodas and water), picnic supplies, condiments, etc.



All you need to bring is a potluck dish or dessert, your own paper plates, utensils and napkins, and if you wish, a tablecloth just for your eating area. Also, feel free to bring your own wine.

If your last name starts with A-J please bring a dessert; if K-Z bring a side dish or salad.

The picnic is free for chapter members and their families, but there is a \$5.00 per vehicle fee to enter the park. If you bring a guest, a \$5.00 donation is requested. However, if your guest is a prospective member, they, of course, eat free.

ROTC cadets have been invited to the picnic, so please come to meet and support them.

REMEMBER to bring your returnable bottles and cans for our fundraiser.

PICNIC HELP IS ALWAYS NEEDED

If you would like to help set up at the annual picnic, show up around 11:00 AM. Of course, help breaking down everything after the picnic will also be greatly appreciated.

"I believe our flag is more than just cloth and ink. It is a universally recognized symbol that stands for liberty, and freedom. It is the history of our nation, and it's marked by the blood of those who died defending it." — Senator John Thune of South Dakota



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 22 May 2024

Present: President Michael Kennedy, 1st Vice President Floyd Bard, 2nd Vice President Dick Kimbell, and Treasurer Elaine C Callahan. Board members: Ken Evans, Frank Balazs, Jonathan Landon, Scott Sandgathe, and Tom Kulick. Members: Dick Norton, and Eric Watkins were also present. A quorum was established.

Opening: President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 1201 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Jonathan Landon, chapter chaplain, offered an opening prayer.

Minutes: Minutes of the 24 April 2024 Board Meeting were reviewed and approved. Motion to approve was made by Tom Kulick, seconded by Ken Evans; motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Report for 24 April to 21 May 2024 was approved. Motion to approve made by Jonathan Landon and seconded by Tom Kulick. Motion approved.

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTC SCHOLARSHIP JUNE 1, 2023 – MAY 21, 2024

Umpqua Account	\$ 2456.00
Benton Community Foundation Endowment Fund	\$ 2000.00
TOTAL FOR THE 2024 SCHOLARSHIP FUND DRIVE	\$ 4456.00

UMPQUA ACCOUNT

Chapter Operations:

Beginning balance as of April 23, 2024	\$ 7137.96
Deposits: to Chapter Operations	\$ 1346.00
Expenses include liability insurance, dinner, door prizes and incidentals, name tags.	\$ -1644.44
Chapter Operations as of May 21, 2024	\$ 6839.52
Special Projects Fund: added \$86 in donations	\$ 4498.05
ROTC Scholarship 2024 Drive: added \$35 in donations	\$ 2456.00
ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund Residual	\$ 2022.84
Cadet Dinner Fund: had \$ -483.00 in expenses	\$ 434.30
UMPQUA CHECKING ACCOUNT Grand Total on May 21, 2024	\$ 16280.71

BENTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (BCF)

EMERALD EMPIRE MOAA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

BCF Balance (March 31, 2024)	\$ 56299.47
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NOTES:

The April 31, 2024 BCF Statement is not yet available. It will be reported next month.

The 2024 ROTC Scholarship Fund Drive is complete as of this month. On June 1, 2024, the 2025 Scholarship fund Drive will start. The Scholarships will not be paid out until September, the Fall Semester for the Senior scholarship recipi-



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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)

ents. The funds are moved from the Scholarship Drive to the ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund as of June 1. Next month's report will have 2 statements.

Old Business:

1. ROTC update. LTC Joe Snyder not present. Eric Watkins will contact LTC Snyder for times and dates of graduation ceremony. Pat Harris has the gold bars.
2. ROTC Recognition dinner evaluation and suggestions for the future. There were 12 ROTC cadets present, 9 senior graduates and 3 third year cadets who received scholarships for their senior year. BG Hoffinan provided good advice to the cadets and presented the MOAA medallions to the 9 graduates. Missing was the introduction of each cadet, their hometown, and their choice of branch.
3. Dues deadline and luncheon payment. Almost 90 percent of members have paid their 2024 dues.
4. "Thoughts from the Board" in June will be from Elaine and in July will be from Ginger. December is still open.
5. ROTC scholarship update by Dick Kimbell. Dick is working with other members to find the best place to deposit our funds.
6. The chapter is honored to have among its members Dick Heyman, WWII fighter pilot who is 100 years old on 25 May 2024. He was honored at the University of Oregon football team's Spring Game with a flyover of USAF fighters. We also had a cake at our ROTC dinner honoring Col Heyman.
- 7 and 8: Ken Evans and Dick Kimbell continue to research the creation of a 501(c)3 for the Chapter Foundation. They will also explore how best to use that account.
9. Board determined by discussion that a budget committee was not necessary. The Board of Directors would serve as a committee of the whole for any decisions to be made as we move forward.
10. Liability insurance has been paid.
11. Eugene Mission Support: A suggestion was made to connect with the Mission for future assistance with veteran services.

New Business:

1. MOAA picnic is scheduled for 8 June, 1200 to 1600, approximately. Members need to respond to the RSVP to obtain an accurate head count to have enough food on hand. John Toensing will do the buying and cooking. He needs several people to help set up and to clean up afterwards.
2. Ken Evans, Legislative Chair, is drafting the letter to our Congressional Senators and Representative on behalf of the Chapter regarding the MOAA action items for this year.

1st Vice President Report: Personal Affairs (Health, Welfare, Surviving Spouse Liaison), House Committee, Newsletter, Webmaster, Purchasing Products. No report.

2nd Vice President Report: Membership, Awards (General and Levels of Excellence), Legislative, Benton Community Fund (BCF). No report.

Good of the Order:

1. Dick Norton reported that he was beginning to think about nominations for officers and board members for next year.
2. Eric Watkins reported on the Memorial Day celebration at the Pioneer Cemetery at the University of Oregon, starting at 1100.
3. Floyd Bard reported that he is lining up speakers for our luncheon meetings once we return in September.

ANNUAL PICNIC: Saturday, 8 Jun 2024, 1200, Jasper State Park

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, 26 Jun 2024, 1200, Vets' Bldg.

Meeting adjourned at 1311 hours.

Minutes submitted by Floyd Bard and Michael Kennedy

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2024 ROTC RECOGNITION DINNER

This year's ROTC Recognition Dinner was a great success. The cadets were all turned out in their Army greens, bringing back a few memories in our older members about the brown-shoe Army. Several members also wore their uniforms.

The Professor of Military Science, LTC Joe Snyder, said a few words about this year's ROTC program highlights. Then Chapter President Michael Kennedy presented the three MOAA scholarship winners with their medals, certificates and presentation checks for their \$1,000 scholarships.

Joe Snyder then called up the eight graduating MS IV cadets and BG Hoffman presented them with the chapter's MOAA medallions. The General then charged the soon-to-be-commissioned officers to make "Integrity" their key to everything they did in the service.

Then it was time for Jim Koch to take over and dispense with the more than 50 raffle prizes, ranging from ROTC swag to restaurant gift certificates. However, Jim wasn't there, so member Lynnette Campbell, another fine Army aviator, stood in and made sure that every cadet had an opportunity to grab a prize from the table. Many



BG Norm Hoffman with the 2024 University of Oregon ROTC Graduating Class
(Back row from the left): John Helmlinger, Travyn Heimann, Jacob Cahuantzi, Thunder Gallarzan
(Front row from the left): Tyonne White, Olivia Lopez, Elisabeth Howe, Daiza Brown

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2024 ROTC RECOGNITION DINNER (continued)

Dinner, continued from page 6

thanks go to the members who gathered prizes from our local vendors, and especially to those members who bought and furnished prizes themselves.

As usual at these gatherings, both the cadets and the members seemed to really appreciate the opportunity to share their experiences. As LTC Snyder said, the military science program has really started to grow again and they expect to have larger graduating classes every year.



MS II Jocelynne Esquibel

CDT Jocelynne Esquibel enlisted in the Oregon Army National Guard in July of 2021 as an Intelligence Analyst. After returning from Training she started school at Southern Oregon University with a 4-Year Minuteman Scholarship through ROTC. In the summer of 2023, she started assessing the ecological integrity of National Parks in Oregon and California. During her time in ROTC and college, she has participated martial arts and the color guard team. She plans to branch engineer, explosive ordnance or field artillery. As a civilian career, she wants to pursue sustainable development and resource management. In 2026, Esquibel will graduate with a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Policy, a certificate in Geospatial Science and a certificate in Sustainability Leadership, possibly leading to a career in Environmental Law.



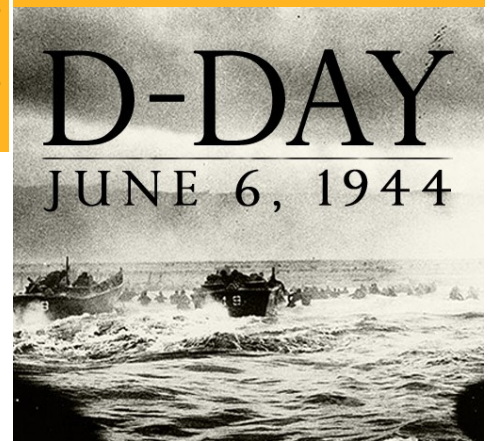
MS III Treben Webb

CDT Treben Webb is originally from Eugene, OR, and is majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Finance. Cadet Webb loves the sense of adventure the army brings and hopes to commission into the National Guard as a Military Intelligence Officer, along with a civilian career as a financial advisor at Merrill Lynch.



MS III Evan Holland

CDT Evan Holland is pursuing a BS in Spatial Data Science and Technology, with a minor in Geography. He spent two years on the University of Oregon Track and Field team. He enjoys traveling, camping and sports. He plans to be commissioned into Active Duty and become an Armor Officer.



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THOUGHTS FROM THE BOARD

Dear Fellow Members,

It is Spring, the weather is perfect. It is my month to discuss the role of the Treasurer for the Emerald Empire Chapter of MOAA. I will try to be brief, for you and I should be outdoors in God's country.

I keep the books and pay the bills. This pleases the IRS, Oregon Secretary of State and our creditors, which is so important for our continued existence as a nonprofit (501(c)19) organization.

OK, probably not enough information. So, take a look at the Treasurer's report. The Emerald Empire Chapter of MOAA is a social, informational, and philanthropic organization. Income and expenses are divided into the following categories:

Chapter Operations. This includes dues, door prizes, luncheons, and contributions. Our \$25 dues generate about \$1900 and closely match our basic expenses, these include use of the Vet's building, website maintenance, office supplies, government /nonprofit fees, liability insurance, post office box. No surprise that our largest expenses are the lunches and dinners. The Chapter tries to match the cost with the member's payment. The door prizes generate only about \$30-\$50 profit, but this pays for our guest speakers and prospective members. Again, in 2023, there was minimal loss, so thank you for honoring your reservations and participating in the raffle! Further contributions to the Chapter Operations help to cover the Jasper Park picnic, and other awards and recognitions. The Board would like to send a representative to the annual National MOAA meeting at least every other year, but the cost is large and depends on funds available.

The remaining funds represent the philanthropic arm of the Emerald Empire Chapter. The **ROTC Annual Drive** strives to cover two \$1000 scholarships for our UO and Southern Oregon cadets. The Emerald Empire Chapter has met and exceeded this goal annually for as long as I have served as Treasurer. After the scholarships are paid, the remaining funds are turned over to the **Benton Community Foundation Emerald Empire Endowed Scholarships**, which now can generate at least one scholarship annually. This year the Board is investigating whether we can establish another endowment fund, so you will see an "**ROTC Scholarship Fund**" separate from the Annual Drive.

Veterans Service Fund (formerly Special Projects) originated with planning the Vietnam Moving Wall event in 2016. Using this fund, the Chapter has donated to a number of Veterans' charitable organizations over the years. The Board is considering establishing annual donations to local organizations, aiming to select organizations where our assistance would provide a greater impact. No decision has been finalized. **Your input is important!** Is there a local organization specific for veterans that you would like this Chapter to support? To this end, and attempting to expand our role locally, the Board is submitting a request to change the nonprofit status to a 501(c)3 organization, which would allow a broader application.

Thank you so much for your generosity and support. Now, I am going outside.

Elaine Callahan, CAPT USPHS, Ret.



EUGENE ELKS FLAG DAY AND BOOSTERS



Flag Day Ceremony, Flag Retirement and Father's Day Bar-B-Que

Please join us on Saturday June 15th, 2024

Flag Day Ceremony Start at 11:00am

Followed By:

Flag Retirement Ceremony

Presented by: Boy Scouts Troop 22

&

Father's Day BBQ at 12:00pm

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs and all the Fixing's

COST:

Free for Father's, Active and Retired Military

\$ 14.00/each

PLEASE RSVP BY: Wednesday June 12th, 2024

~~~~~ Eugene Elks Lodge #357 | 2470 W 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Eugene, 97402 | 541-345-8416 ~~~~~

**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 will now zero out the 2024 Booster Fund and start accepting donations for the 2025 scholarships. Here are those who donated to the 2024 ROTC Booster Fund. Thank you.

|                                    |                                                                             |                                            |
|------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|
| Elaine Callahan, CAPT, USPHS (Ret) | Ken Evans, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)                                                | Patrick Harris, CAPT, USCG (Ret)           |
| Cabot Clark, LTC, USA (Ret)        | Frank Balazs, 1stLt, USMC (Fmr)                                             | Richard Kimbell, CDR, USN (Ret)            |
| William Kellogg, Maj, USMC (Ret)   | Helen Cook, Surviving Spouse                                                | Robert Heaton, Maj, USAF (Ret)             |
| John Ingman, LTC, USA (Ret)        | Joelle Goodwin, MAJ, USA (Ret)                                              | Scott Sandgathe, CDR, USN (Ret)            |
| John Abele, Capt, USMC (Ret)       | Edward Gear, COL, USA (Ret)                                                 | Jonathan Landon, Chaplain (MAJ), USA (Ret) |
| Raymond Byrne, BG, USA (Ret)       | James Miller, CPT, USA (Ret)                                                | Lynnette Campbell, MAJ, USA (Ret)          |
| James Koch, MAJ, USA (Ret)         | Michael Lee, COL, USA (Ret)                                                 | Michael Kennedy, CAPT (CHC), USN (Ret)     |
| Michele Mort, CPT, USA (Fmr)       | Jackie Patterson, Surviving Spouse                                          | Wilson Muhlheim, CPT, USA (Fmr)            |
| Mary Ann Roos, Surviving Spouse    | Ronald Sticka, Col, USAF (Ret)                                              | John Simmons, CH, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)       |
| Bert Toepel, COL, USA (Ret)        | Darlene Tomasec, LTC, USA (Ret)                                             | Dick Norton, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)            |
| Donald Simpson, LTC, USA (Ret) and | donations in honor of LTC Patrick Simpson and LTC Edward "Mike" Reuter, USA |                                            |
| James Armour, CPT, USA (Ret)       | Mark Schibler, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)                                           | Robert Barnes, CAPT, USN (Ret)             |
| Helen Cook, Surviving Spouse       | Richard Edwards, COL, USA (Ret)                                             | Norman Hoffman, BG, USA (Ret)              |
| Joseph Snyder, LTC, ARNG (Act)     | Eric Watkins, LTC, USA (Ret)                                                | William Gutheim, 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.**

## BRIEFS

**ROTC Gold Bar Ceremony and Commissioning:** The University of Oregon ROTC graduating cadets will receive their gold bars at a brief ceremony during their full-dress commissioning rehearsal on Friday, 14 June at 0900 at the Military Science building, 1672 Agate Street. Board member Eric Watkins will present the gold bars to the graduating MS IVs. The actual commissioning will be held on Tuesday, 18 June at 1500 ([location details to follow](#)).

**Thank YOU:** A special thank you goes out to all who responded to our call for help with raffle prizes for the ROTC Recognition Dinner. You were very generous and the smiles on the cadets' faces after the dust settled was very gratifying. Thank you again.

### YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OUR CHAPTER'S FUTURE

The Emerald Empire Chapter has a lot to be proud of as we have ascended to become a chapter that gives donations, manages a robust scholarship program, and has an enthusiastic membership with an award winning newsletter and website. This is what many chapters strive to achieve. All of this is only possible with a strong Board of Directors that possesses leadership qualities and integrity. Looking forward, we do not want to lose momentum. We can only prevent this from happening with a list of competent candidates that will replace outgoing board members and officers. We have until October to develop that list. Some of our Board Members have been in place for a number of years and now intend on stepping down. I will be in contact with many of you this summer, or you may make contact with me. I appeal to you to consider becoming a new Officer, Board Member, or volunteering to serve on a Committee.



Thanks....Dick Norton, Past President and Chairman, Chapter Nominating Committee

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World War II was the greatest event in the history of mankind. In preparation for D-Day, one Allied top-secret unit deceived the enemy with inflatable tanks, sound effects and other audacious fakery to convince Hitler that Normandy was not the location for the invasion of mainland Europe.

Similarly, the Germans built a fake wooden airfield with wooden aircraft, vehicles, and hangars in order to trick the Allies. The Royal Air Force, having known of the secret project for months, patiently waited for them to finish and then dropped a single fake wooden bomb on it.



## 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. The picnic will be the last chance to bring a prospective to lunch until the next meeting on Wednesday, September 11th.

## IT STARTED IN INFAMY

The “date which will live in infamy” changed many peoples’ lives in the United States. A whole generation... actually two or three generations... had their lives changed by the attack on Pearl Harbor. One high school student who had dreamed of flying one day, the war looked like the opportunity of a lifetime. Two weeks after graduation, that student volunteered for the Army and got himself into pilot training. Nine months later he became one of the youngest fighter pilots to fly a P-38 Lightning to support the war efforts out of England, eventually participating in the D-Day operations.

That started the career which took Dick Heyman into two more wars before he decided to retire as a full-bird colonel, eventually landing in Creswell, Oregon, where he joined MOAA and served as the chapter president in 1977.



Col Dick Heyman looking down from the Jumbotron onto the flag



Barbara and Dick Heyman with his “Lightning” cake

On May 25th, Dick turned 100 years old. To mark the occasion, MOAA members went to the University of Oregon Spring Football Game where Dick was feted before the game. As you can see in the photo above right, Dick and his wife of more than 60 years, Barbara, were introduced to the crowd before the game and had their pictures displayed on the Jumbotron while the crowd sang the national anthem

and the flag was unfurled on the field. A flight of F-15s did a flyover as the crowd cheered to cap off the event. We really have to hand it to LTC Joe Snyder who put this whole thing together, even arranging a VIP parking space to Dick and escorting him through the Moshofsky Center to view all the static displays. And, yes, it does rain in Autzen Stadium... but it never dampened the spirits.



Barbara and Dick Heyman with LTC Joe Snyder, the U of O PMS who “made it all happen”

As if anything could top that, the chapter bought Dick a cake and presented it at the annual ROTC Recognition Dinner on May 8th. The cake was decorated with a photo of a P-38 Lightning in full Army Air Corps regalia with the name “Lindy” painted on the nose. Thanks to Barbara who had found out that Dick had named his airplane after his mother, who was known as Lindy.

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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  
JUNE 14TH**

**U.S. ARMY**

