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EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

## MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

**Wednesday, 13 March 2024**

**1130 social, 1200 lunch, \$18**

**Veterans Memorial Building, 1626 Willamette Street**

### MENU

**Caesar Salad**

**Spaghetti and Meatballs in Marinara Sauce**

**Local Seasonal Vegetable Medley**

**Garlic Bread**

**Carrot Cake Squares**

### PROGRAM

**Richard Grover, Coordinator for the  
Goodwill Homeless Veteran Reintegration Program**

## **KEEP YOUR EYES ON THIS SPACE**

**Our APRIL luncheon WILL NOT be at the usual place or on the usual day or at the usual price.**

**HINT: "We are on a Mission"**

Remember, if you make a reservation and do not cancel it by Sunday, 10 March, you are still responsible for the cost of the meal. Guests are always welcome, but we must have a reservation.

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# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

**MARCH 17th**

## MOAA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS MANY

### 2024 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President	Michael Kennedy	463-7951
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**The dreaded Day-light Saving Time starts on March 10th**

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 28 FEB 2024

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

**OPENING:** President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 1202 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Jonathan Landon gave an opening prayer.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the 24 Jan 24 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** 24 January 2024 through 27 February 2024 was approved.

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTC SCHOLARSHIP 2024 DRIVE**

Umpqua Account ROTC Scholarship Fund	\$ 2264.00
Benton Community Foundation ROTC Endowment Fund	\$ 2000.00
<b>CONTRIBUTION TOTAL JUNE 1, 2023 – FEBRUARY 27, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 4264.00</b>

**UMPQUA ACCOUNT**

**Chapter Operations:**

Beginning balance as of January 24, 2024	\$ 6902.30
Deposits: to Chapter Operations	\$ 834.00
Expenses include luncheon, plaque, decorations, door prizes.	\$ -779.34

**Chapter Operations as of February 27, 2024** **\$ 6956.96**

**Special Projects Fund:** added \$ 80.55 in donations \$ 4307.05

**ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund:** added \$ 40 in donations \$ 2264.00

**Cadet Dinner Fund:** added \$0 in donations \$ 945.00

**UMPQUA ACCOUNT Grand Total as of Feb 27 2024** **\$ 14473.01**

**OCCU ROTC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND (includes \$5 in savings)**

Balance Forward (January 23, 2024)	\$ 2018.81
Dividend Credit: (Yield Earned 0.20%)	\$ 1.71

**OCCU TOTAL BALANCE (February 27, 2024)** **\$ 2020.52**

**BENTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (BCF)**

**EMERALD EMPIRE MOAA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND**

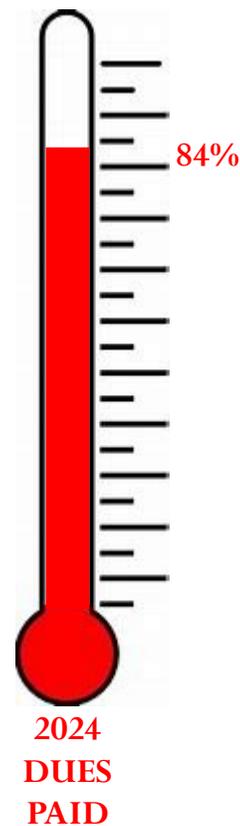
Balance Forward (November 30, 2023)	\$ 50577.69
Change in Value of Investments	\$ 3323.62
Administrative Cost	\$ -83.82

**BCF Balance (December 31, 2023)** **\$ 53817.49**

Change in Value of Investments \$ -76.15

Administrative Cost \$ -115.01

**BCF Balance (January 31, 2024)** **\$ 53626.33**



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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 103 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 MINUTES (continued)

**NOTES:** (1) There are 2 months of accounting for BCF. As they release their statements late in the month, the previous month may not be available for the report to the board. (2) MOAA has changed the insurance company they use, and we will have to re-apply. Elaine will consult with Brooks Hayes to determine our best route.

### OLD BUSINESS:

1. ROTC update - LTC Joe Snyder
  - 29 FEB: “The Rifle” event at the Veterans Memorial Building at 1500. COL Richard Heyman and WWII Silver Star recipient PFC James Rosenmiller will sign the rifle.
  - Three Cadets were selected for the MOAA Scholarship: Evan Holland (UO Jr), Treben Webb (UO Jr) and Jocelynn Esquibel (SOU So).
  - 9-11 FEB: UO Ranger Challenge Team took 7th out of 20 in the BDE North Ranger Challenge Competition early this month at JBLM, WA.
  - 9-10 MAR: Winter FTX is next weekend at Camp Najaf, OR.
  - 24 AUG: Jim Miller Retirement soiree.
2. 2024 “Thoughts from the Board” openings for November and December. Eric Watkins has delivered his “Thoughts” for the March newsletter; Joe Snyder will have his to the editor by 24 Mar for the April newsletter.
3. Dues and luncheon payment status are all caught up, per Elaine Callahan.
4. Submission for Levels of Excellence and Communications awards - Dick Kimbell.
  - Both awards have been submitted and received.
5. Annual Treasurer’s Report - Elaine Callahan
  - A copy of the annual calendar year Treasurer’s report will be attached to the newsletter’s distribution email.
  - The report showed that we are well-managed and our funds are accurately recorded.
  - Even though we distributed more than \$5,665 in donations, we still managed to stay in the black by \$860.
  - The Treasurer will explore both QuickBooks and Excel to ease the burden and increase accuracy.
  - A motion was raised to close the OCCU bank account as redundant, transfer all funds to the Umpqua Bank account and account for it in an ROTC Scholarship sub-category. Floyd Bard made the motion, and it was seconded by Scott Sandgathe. The motion passed unanimously.
  - It was pointed out that we are getting a lower return on our Benton Community Foundation (BCF) account than expected and Dick Kimball said he would contact BCF for an explanation. The possibility of looking into another money management solution in the future will be considered.
6. Guest Speaker Report:
  - 1st VP Bard presented a list of 17 possible speakers for future meetings. March is already set with Richard Grover, the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Coordinator at Goodwill of Lane County.
  - The April general membership meeting and luncheon will be held on Wed, 17 April at the Eugene Mission Conference Center at 1536 W 1st Avenue in Eugene. The program will include a meal, a short talk from our own John Simmons and a tour of the campus, followed by a brainstorming session to get ideas on how we can best serve their veteran guests.

# ROTC BOOSTERS

**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 2023 Booster Fund and are now accepting donations for the 2024 scholarships. Here are those who have donated to the 2024 ROTC Booster Fund so far:

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)	

**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.

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**NEW BUSINESS:** A discussion of the Agenda Item Submission Form on focusing donations and updating the term "special projects;" will be led by Ken Evans and Richard Kimbell. Because of the subject's depth, it was tabled and will be the first item of business at the 27 Mar Board meeting.

**1st Vice President Report:** Personal Affairs and Surviving Spouse Liaison, House Committee, Newsletter, Website:

- The website had 234 visits.
- The Newsletter goes out on Friday. Minutes will be out for review this afternoon.

**2nd Vice President Report:** Membership, Awards, Legislative, Benton Community Fund (BFC): None.

## **GOOD OF THE ORDER:**

- John Toensing noted that he now has blue recycling bags as we are now registered as tax-exempt with the bottle drop program. See further details in the March newsletter.
- Floyd Bard stated he will be attending the Pendleton Museum Doolittle Raid event on 18 April if anyone would like to ride along.

**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** 13 Mar 2024, 1200 hours, Vet's Building.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** 27 Mar 2024, 1200 hours, Vet's Building

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1324 Hours

Patrick Harris, Secretary

## THOUGHTS FROM THE BOARD

H. Eric Watkins, Army retired. Current Historian, ROTC liaison, and Auditor. MOAA Life Member and chapter member since circa 1994.

**Historical activities of the Emerald Empire Chapter.** I thought it would be appropriate to remind or inform our chapter members of some key activities the chapter has been involved in which lend value to the military community.

**Exemption of federal retirement pay.** In 1989 -1991, Charlie Cole, CAPT, USN retired, and other chapter members in conjunction with other Oregon chapters filed suit against the state because federal retired pay was being taxed while state retired pay was not. The suit was successful for retired pay earned before 1992. Oregon decided to tax both federal and state retired pay after 1991. The benefits were massive for federal retirees at that time, less so for more recent retirees.

**USPHS access to VA health care.** Dr. Ron Lechnyr, chapter member and former USPHS, having been denied access to the VA, filed suit, and won, setting the precedent that USPHS veterans are authorized VA health care. We will raise the issue with National MOAA to ensure that all USPHS veterans have VA access.

**Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall.** There are a few replica Vietnam memorials which travel around the country although none had come to Eugene until 2016 when the Emerald Empire chapter led by Pat Harris, CAPT, USCG retired, pulled together a coalition of 14 organizations to sponsor the wall and get it installed in the Skinner Butte Park near the Ferry Street Bridge. The community response was amazing. Veterans came to see the wall, make rubbings of the names of soldiers they knew, and talk to other veterans. The months-long effort had a powerful impact on area veterans and their loved ones.

**ROTC Scholarship.** Twenty years ago, at the UO Army ROTC banquet, the Emerald Empire chapter would present a medal and certificate to the third year ROTC student ranked highest in military service. The DAR gave a small cash award to their cadet awardee and our chapter followed suit. Funds were solicited from the members each year as we continue to do now. An effort to raise funds for an endowment was begun. Dick Kimball led the effort to find a home for the endowment. Marcy Prevics led the garage sale effort to raise funds. After years of effort, we have the current endowment of \$54,000 with the Benton Community Foundation which funds one scholarship in perpetuity. Funds raised each year by the chapter fund another two scholarships. The endowment fund continues to grow.

**Military Justice and Law of War.** In the 1990s John Madden, LTC, USA JAGC retired, put together a twelve-hour program for the UO ROTC seniors on military justice, the law of war, and rules of engagement. The program was so well done that the new Lieutenant Basic Course on those subjects became a refresher. LTC H. Eric Watkins took over the course in the late 1990s to the present, eventually condensing it to a two-hour course.

**MOAA Name Tags:** If you would like one of our blue MOAA name tags, just send the name you would like on it 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) Spouse or Wife or Husband.



Visit our Chapter website at [EmeraldEmpireMOAA.org](http://EmeraldEmpireMOAA.org)

## BRIEFS

**Brief** **ROTC DINNER RAFFLE PRIZES:** Every year we gather as many raffle 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, so we could use your help gathering the prizes. If you have the verbal skills to talk someone into donating a gift certificate or two, call Pat Harris at 541-942-5274. He will either add your prize to the pile or take your idea and contact info, then go after the prize for you. REMEMBER to save 8 May for the ROTC Recognition Dinner.



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**Chapter Dues for 2024:** Dues for 2024 were due as of 1 Jan 2024. So far, about 84 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.

## YOU HAVE A STORY TO TELL, TOO... and we want to hear it.

We would like to have the military biographies of each of our members. Let's face it, we're in a group of people with similar backgrounds and what do we really know about each other? At the luncheon last month we learned that one of our members has cattle and a couple of others rescue cats. We also had very diverse experiences in our military careers. Some commanded ships while others drove airplanes or flew desks, but we all put on uniforms and did things that our civilian contemporaries couldn't or wouldn't do. Who can appreciate your experiences better than those who experienced some of the same stuff?



This is something we need to do more of... share those histories. It's also something that the Library of Congress is trying to gather as well. It won't be long before the ROTC cadets are ready to start interviewing veterans to capture their stories, so you can think of our project as an opportunity to gather your thoughts and do a little reminiscing.

We're not looking for a minute-by-minute account of what you did in Basic Training/Boot Camp. We would like to see where you're from and why you decided to go into the service and where you went and what you did and how you felt about the whole thing. Then, if you feel like sharing more, it would be nice to learn about what you've done since the service and who you're doing it with.

We have several ways in which you can write your history. I have included a biography form on pages 10 and 11 of this newsletter that you can fill out and mail back to us at MOAA, PO Box 767, Eugene, OR 97440. I will also attach the form to our distribution email. It will be in a Word format so you can type right into it then email back to [MOAAofEugene@gmail.com](mailto:MOAAofEugene@gmail.com). If neither of those ideas work for you, just call Pat Harris at 541-942-5274, and we'll figure something out.

## MARCH LUNCHEON SPEAKER: RICHARD GROVER

My name is Richard Grover, I am the Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program Coordinator at Goodwill of Lane County. With a decade of military service under my belt, split between the Marine Corps and the US Army, I've had the privilege of deploying to various countries, including Iraq, Afghanistan, and Haiti.

My educational background in Social Psychology, complemented by specialized training in PTSD and MST counseling through the VA, equips me to support veterans facing challenges in employment and housing. Born and raised right here in Eugene, I'm deeply connected to my community and passionate about serving my fellow veterans.

At Goodwill of Lane County, we're dedicated to providing career exploration, training, placement, and supportive services to veterans experiencing or at risk of homelessness. Our goal is to empower them to secure good jobs in stable, high-demand occupations paying livable wages. Additionally, we strive to establish strong partnerships between public, private, and nonprofit organizations, particularly those employing and partnering with veterans who have experienced homelessness. By delivering equitable services to marginalized veterans facing or at risk of homelessness, we aim to help them overcome barriers to employment.



Richard Grover

Understanding the unique challenges veterans encounter in civilian life, I'm committed to working alongside them to create a brighter future. Together with the dedicated team at HVRP Goodwill of Oregon, we're determined to overcome obstacles and foster a better tomorrow for those who have served our nation.

I eagerly anticipate connecting with veterans throughout the community and continuing my service alongside the outstanding individuals in Lane County.

**TAPS**

1LT James R. "Richard" Smurthwaite, USA (Fmr), passed away on October 16, 2023 in Long Beach, CA, four days after his 98th birthday. Though he left Eugene in 2010, he maintained his chapter membership until the very end. He served in both World War II and Korea.

We recently learned that Esther Renstrom, widow of former chapter member Maj Fred Renstrom, USAF (Ret) who passed away on December 8, 2012, died in Corvallis in January 5, 2020.



## Vietnam Veterans Day, 29 March

### Corrections to the 2023-2024 Directory of Members

#### Address Changes:

Donna Manion, 1282 Goodpasture Island Rd., Apt. 261, Eugene, OR 97401-7302  
Edward Wangenstein, 5100 NW Oak Hills Drive, Albany, OR 97321

#### **Use of this Directory**

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# A SPECIAL “THANK YOU” TO OUR GENEROUS DONORS

**We received donations into the following funds in 2023. 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 received \$1,797 from the following donors: Mark Schibler, William Gutheim, John Leber, Steve Abbott, David Abel, Clay Robson, David Cooper, Cabot Clark, Tom Stewart, Frank Balazs, Edward Gear, Rebecca Bent, Lee Krueger, Bert Toepel and Bo Muhlheim.

**Special Projects fund**, which has funded our donations to CAHOOTS, Housing Our Veterans, St. Vincent de Paul and Habitat for Humanity, our expenses for the Moving Wall and for future projects, received \$1,191 from the following donors: Frank Balazs, Ken Evans, William Gutheim, Clay Robson, Dick Kimbell, Cabot Clark, Joelle Goodwin, Dale Offet, Elaine Callahan, William Gear, Carole Applegate, Bo Muhlheim, Ron Sticka, Patricia Tully, Mark Schibler, James Miller, Jim Brann, Tom Stewart, Dick Norton, Judy Van Scholten, John Toensing, Ginger Banks, and Connie and William Hilton\* (in memory of John Van Scholten). A special thanks go to John Toensing whose bottle drop and Christmas tree and flag sales contributed an additional \$812 to this fund.

**The University of Oregon ROTC Scholarship fund** received \$2,679, plus an additional \$1,900 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 \$625 from the following donors: Mark Schibler, Frank Balazs, Cabot Clark, Joelle Goodwin, Lance Englet, Tom Stewart, William Gutheim, Clay Robson, William Kellogg, Scott Sandgathe, Bo Muhlheim, John Simmons, Ron Sticka, Bert Toepel, Darlene Thomasec and Dick Norton.

\*Indicate donations from non-members.

## We Have Finally Graduated to Blue Bags

That’s right. The moment we’ve all been waiting for... we are now fully qualified to save our recyclables in blue recycling bags.

Those of you who have been saving your recyclable bottles and cans in the green bags or any other bag that happens to be laying around, can now pick up the blue bags from John Toensing. Once those bags are full, you can drop them off at either of the “Bottle Drop” locations and they will be credited to our MOAA account.

When you pick up your bags from John, also pick up a sticker for each bag. This way when you go to the drop-off point, you just scan the sticker to open the door, then attach the sticker to the bag and put the bag inside the door. All done.

There are two convenient locations to drop off your bags: 2105 Broadway in Eugene and 2289 Olympic in Springfield. If for some reason you are unable to get to the drop off locations, you can contact John and make arrangements to deliver them to him at one of our meetings.

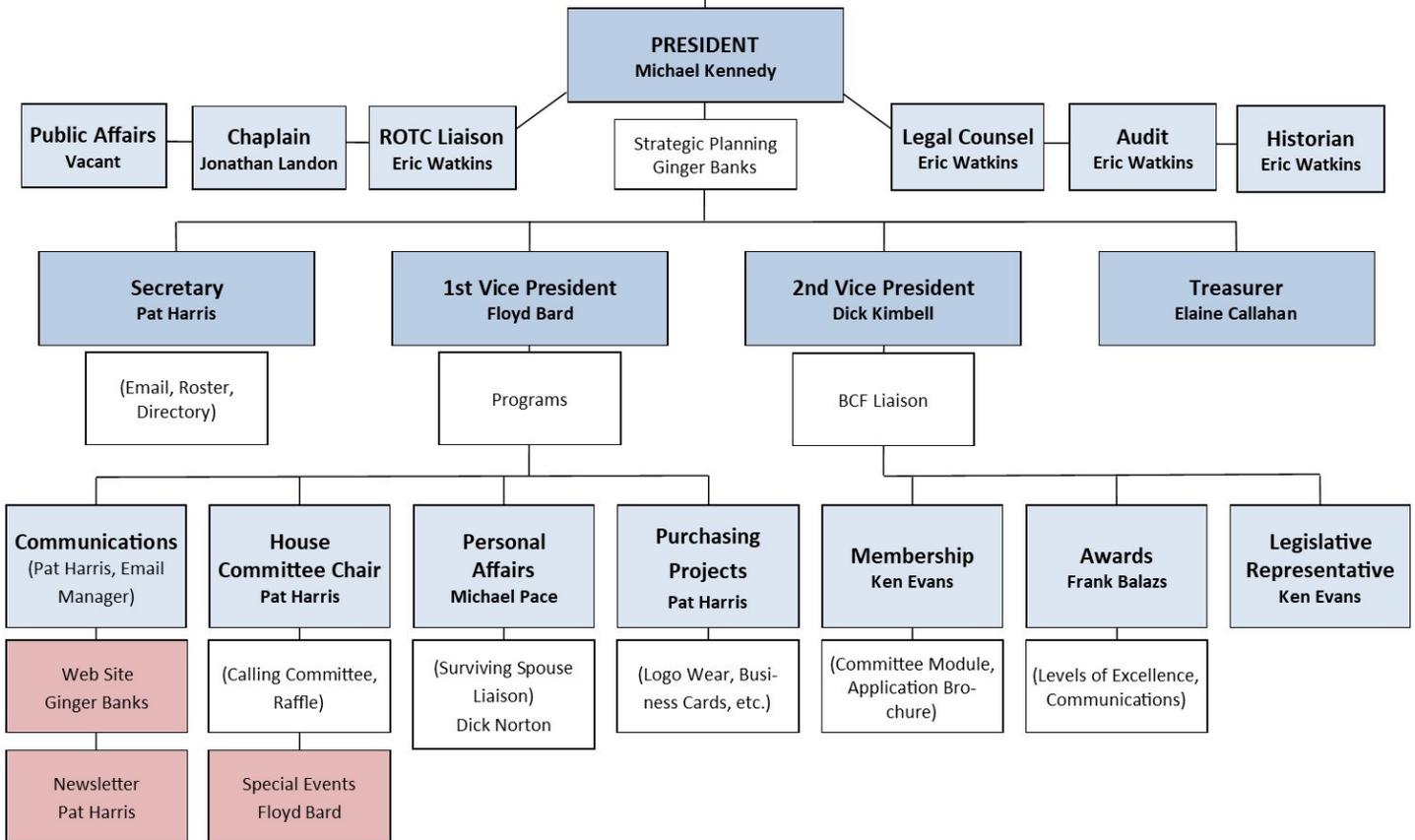


# EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER ORGANIZATION CHART

13 FEB 2024

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President as Chairman of the Board, Elected Officers, Legislative Representative, Professor of Military Science, University of Oregon, the Surviving Spouse Liaison, and one elected representative of each uniformed service  
 Chairman Michael Kennedy, Floyd Bard, Dick Kimbell, Pat Harris, Elaine Callahan, Frank Balazs, Dean Dorsey, Ken Evans, Jonathan Landon, Tom Kulich, Scott Sandgathe, Joe Snyder and Dick Norton.



## February Speakers: Eugene Mission... they change lives

Our 14 Feb luncheon speakers were from the Eugene Mission, a faith-based residential program that prepares people to move forward with their lives.

The mission has a low barrier intake system that prepares their guests to decide to make a change in their lives. Once they have demonstrated that they are “ready, willing and able” to commit to the program, which includes no drinking or drugs, they can spend 12-18 months in the program. The aim of the mission is to guide people toward stabilizing their lives by getting a job and earning a steady income to afford a decent place to live and have enough money set aside for emergencies.

Veterans in the program are helped to get their earned benefits and to be properly enrolled with the VA.

The Chapter’s Board will be discussing a possible donation to the Mission.



Eugene Mission spokespersons Mike Tardie and Julie were presented the Chapter’s Double Eagle by President Micheal Kennedy.

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# WE WOULD ALL LIKE TO KNOW YOUR MILITARY HISTORY

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## MEMBER BIOGRAPHY FORMAT Emerald Empire Chapter – MOAA

**NOTE:** *The intent of this project is to publish the biographies and distribute them to our chapter members only. We will ask the members to not further distribute the information without the permission of the individual whose biography is involved. However, you must realize that this information could possibly end up in the hands of someone who was not intended to see it.*

Feel free to either fill this out by hand and mail it to MOAA, PO Box 767, Eugene, OR 97440, or download this form from our website at [EmeraldEmpireMOAA.org](http://EmeraldEmpireMOAA.org), then email it to [MOAAofEugene@gmail.com](mailto:MOAAofEugene@gmail.com).

**Member, Rank and Service Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

### Hometown / Youth:

Where were you born?

Where did you grow up?

Schools Attended?

Elementary

Junior High / Middle School

High School(s); graduate?; year?

### After High School:

College? If so where, degrees, dates

Join the service?

Other pursuit?

### Service:

When did you join?

Where were you when joined:

Which service?

Did you plan on joining or were you drafted?

What did you plan on doing in the service?

Did you end up doing what you planned?

Where were you assigned?

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What kind of work did you do?

Combat tours?

Any Reserve or National Guard service?

**Post Service:**

Second and / or third careers?

Travels

Hobbies

Volunteer work

**Organizational Memberships, Activities or Groups:** (e.g., Rotary, Navy League, Chamber of Commerce, Mensa, etc.)

**What Would You Like People to Know About You:**

Something you did that others would never think you did

Favorite memories

Unusual events you may have been involved in

**VERY IMPORTANT, but optional depending on your level of comfort:**

(Spouse and kids... mention where they came along and where they may be now, if you like.)

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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.



**VIETNAM VETERANS DAY  
29 MARCH**