



THE EMERALD VOICE

FIVE STAR CHAPTER



EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

ROTC RECOGNITION DINNER MEETING

Wed, May 11th, 1800 Social, 1900 Dinner, \$28
Veterans' Memorial Building, 1626 Willamette

Appetizers

Sweet Chili Meatballs
Cubed Cheese Tray with Crackers



Main Course

Mac's Caesar Salad
Pot Roast of Beef
Roasted Rosemary Potatoes
Chefs Choice of Seasonal Vegetables
Grandma's Rolls and Butter
Carrot Cake Squares



Program

Presentation of Scholarships to U of O ROTC MSIII Cadets and
Medallions to Graduating MSIV Cadets

Presentation of Oregon Resolution to Family of LTC Patrick Simpson
DRESS: Business Casual, Uniforms are Encouraged

Reminder— If you make a reservation for lunch/dinner, you are expected to pay for the meal, even if you do not attend.

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MOAA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS MANY

2022 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President	Mike Kennedy	463-7951
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be received by
5:00 PM Sunday, May 8th

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES, 27 APRIL 2022

PRESENT: Officers: President Michael Kennedy and 1st Vice President Dick Norton. Board members: Tom Kulick, Michael Pace, Eric Watkins and Frank Balazs. A quorum was established. Pat Harris, John Toensing and Floyd Bard were also present.

OPENING: President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 1201 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He also gave an opening prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 23 March 2022 board meeting were reviewed. Motion to accept by Dick Norton and seconded by Tom Kulick. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT for 23 MARCH – 20 APRIL 2022:

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Umpqua Account ROTC Scholarship Fund	\$ 2487.00
Benton Community Foundation ROTC Endowment Fund	\$ 3000.00
CONTRIBUTION TOTAL 1 JUNE 2021 – 20 APRIL 2022	\$ 5487.00

UMPQUA ACCOUNT

Club Operations:

Beginning balance as of 22 March 2022	\$ 6407.57
Deposits: to Club Operations	\$ 988.00
Expenses: Include luncheon catering and expenses, tax filing	\$ -657.12

Club Operations as of 20 April 2022 **\$ 6738.45**

***Special Projects Fund:** added \$1100 in donations. **\$ 3579.05**

ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund: added \$230 in donations **\$ 2487.00**

UMPQUA CHECKING ACCOUNT grand total as of 20 Apr 2022 **\$12804.50**

OCCU ROTC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance as of 28 February 2022	\$ 2007.96
Interest	\$ 0.26
OCCU Total Balance as of 31 March 2022	\$ 2008.22

BENTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (BCF)

EMERALD EMPIRE MOAA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Previous balance as of 22 March 2022	\$50183.18
Member donation	\$ 0.00
Change in Value	\$ 141.20
Administrative Fee	\$ -81.19
BCF Balance as of 20 April 2022	\$50243.19

NOTES:

*** Special Projects added \$1100 in donor specified donations (CAHOOTS and Honor Flight) that were dispersed in the same month, hence no change in Special Project's balance.**

The monthly and an annual report were discussed. Motion to approve both reports by Tom Kulick and seconded by Eric Watkins. Motion approved.

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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/>.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

OLD BUSINESS:

ROTC Dinner/Scholarships:

MS-IV medallions are on hand.

Dinner: Centerpieces are on hand. Pat Harris volunteered to buy placemats and napkins to dress up the tables. The programs are ready except for the bios of the award winners. Pat Harris will follow up with LTC Warren.

Cadet meal donations are now handled as just part of our operations funds. The board discussed and recommended we track cadet meals separately so that, as we solicit donations, members can see where their money is going. It would also allow us to set a goal.

Scholarship awardees update: Funding is all set. Awardees will receive a presentation check and a certificate. The medals for them are on back order with MOAA.

Raffle prizes: Darren McMahon will provide some ROTC incentive-type items to raffle off along with some items from the National Guard. Dick Norton suggested the newsletter solicit members to bring in something they feel would be appropriate for a raffle prize.

LOE award has been submitted. Though we have not reached our 95% of chapter members being in good standing with their national MOAA memberships, we feel strongly that our submission will get us a four- or five-star award.

Storage locker update and discussion: The board discussed the possibility of emptying and downsizing the current storage locker. Though a proposal was made to hold one more sale, the board unanimously passed the following motion made by Eric Watkins and seconded by Dick Norton No more yard/garage sales. Donate current material to a charity that will remove it. Re-negotiate our storage space for a closet-sized space to store file cabinet and small miscellaneous items, e.g., posters and banners.

Membership update: We currently have 86 regular members, with 76 current on their dues. Five members have been contacted and are sending in their dues and four will be removed from the roster for non-payment. One member will be kept in a grace period as he is currently in memory care. Membership chair plans to address associate members who have not been heard from in a long time and members who are on the chapter roster but are not in good standing with national MOAA.

Request for visit of MOAA National staff: President Kennedy will respond to MOAA's query about a visit to us sometime this summer.



NEW BUSINESS:

Contribution to Housing Our Veterans: The board discussed a possible donation to Housing Our Veterans. A member approached the board and said he would make up the difference from whatever we decide to make the total donation \$1,000. The Dick Norton made a motion to donate \$500 to Housing Our Veterans. It was seconded by Tom Kulick. The motion was unanimously approved. The President will contact the member to finalize the donation.

Proposal from Dick Kimbell to provide each new member with a MOAA/Service lapel pin upon dues payment, retroactive for 2021 new members. Cost is \$3.10 for each pin. It was suggested that we stock these pins and sell them at our regular meetings. A motion to stock the

We need your help and we need it now

Traditionally we have furnished many door prizes for the cadets to win at the annual ROTC dinner. We have even gone so far as giving a dozen tickets to each cadet as they walk in the door. Many members have been known to buy more tickets and hand them to cadets. This is a party for them.

For many years our Bert Toepel went around Eugene gathering gift certificates from every restaurant he could find, usually gathering 20-25 gifts. About four years ago Bert tried to retire from this job, but stepped up one last time to help Dick Norton and John Toensing. They got creative and added gifts from grocery stores and other businesses. Then we had a two-year pandemic break.

Now, Bert is officially out of it and both John and Dick are down with medical issues... they just can't get out there and beat the bushes like they used to. Sure, we will have our usual \$60 worth of wine and candy, but we need stuff for the cadets. You go to stores. You go to restaurants. The point is, you frequent places that provide services and products our cadets would enjoy using.

So, I'm asking... would you please use your imagination, buck up your courage and find us a few gifts for our raffle? Whenever you do get something, let Dick Norton know who donated and how much they gave so he can send an appropriate acknowledgement.

Remember... the raffle caps the evening and shows the cadets just how we feel about their choice to serve our country instead of just themselves.

P.S.: I just looked around the house and found a multi-tool/flashlight combo that I had won in another raffle and never used. Geri found a wine stopper set. Regifting. Those will make perfect prizes.

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, CIV	Ronald Sticka, Col, USAF (Ret)
James Smurthwaite, 1LT, USA (Fmr)	Darlene Thomasec, LTC, USA (Ret)	Michele Mort, LCDR, USN (Ret)
Michael Kennedy, CAPT, USN (Ret)	Don Simpson, LTC, USA honoring LTC Pat Simpson and LTC Mike Reuter	
Alan Keaton, MAJ, USA (Ret)	Earl Hain, LTC, USA (Ret)	Jon Weck, COL, USA (Ret)
Joelle Goodwin, MAJ, USA (Ret)	Mark Schibler, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)	Helen Cook, CIV
Darren McMahon, CPT, USA (Ret)	John Simmons, CH, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)	William Kellogg, Maj, USMC (Ret)
Edward Gear, COL, USA (Ret)	Robert Tully, Jr., LTC, USA (Ret)	Dale Offet, CPT, USA (Ret)
John Leber, Jr., 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.

HOW EACH OF OUR MEMBERS INFLUENCES THE SUCCESS OF OUR CHAPTER

It has just been a short three years ago that our Board of Directors, with the assistance of Ginger Banks, sat down to determine our Strategic Plan for the future and to set goals. We met for a number of months over a period of several years and identified myriad subjects that would help our Chapter grow and prosper. We knew that the success of the ROTC Scholarship Endowment Fund was secure through the Benton Community Foundation and our ROTC Boosters, raising sufficient money to present up to three \$1000.00 Scholarships each year, and the membership donated funds to pay for the Cadet annual banquet dinners each year.

What our committee realized was that we suddenly were able to make donations to St. Vincent de Paul, CAHOOTS, Honor Flight, Camp Alma, and others. How did this happen? It happened not through fund raising programs, but from the individual members who care about our Chapter, who enjoy the opportunity to be MOAA members and read an award-winning newsletter. You may have noticed that each year, we send out statements reminding you of your dues, scholarship reminders, and a donation for the cadet meals. What we received back was overwhelming -- additional donations for special chapter projects. Our members accomplished more by their generosity than any committee could have accomplished. The Strategic Plan did become a reality; our goals have been identified and set. Each of our members is responsible for making us a viable chapter and continuing to support us in the future.

Thank you, Dick Norton, 1st Vice President



May 16th

pins and award them to new members who started after December 2020 was made by Dick Norton and seconded by Tom Kulick. It passed unanimously. Pat Harris will buy the pins from the MOAA store.

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

2nd VICE PRESIDENT REPORT: Membership, Awards (General & Levels of Excellence), Legislative, Benton Community Fund (BCF): No report.

COMMENTS FROM THE PRESIDENT:

MOAA will host a Leadership Workshop at the Tacoma Marriott on June 3-4. MOAA usually invites the President and the Legislative and Membership Committee Chairs. As previous motions have only authorized the chapter to pay for gas for one "carpooling" vehicle and up to \$500 of expenses for a previous specific MOAA Annual Meeting, this topic will have to be addressed at the next board meeting.

ROTC Recognition Dinner: 11 May 2022 Social 1800, Dinner 1900 Veterans' Building

Next Board Meeting: 25 May 2022 1200 hours Veterans' Building

Meeting adjourned 1327 hours

Patrick Harris, Acting Secretary

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I do not know about you, but we seem to get a half dozen or more requests for financial support every day. It is a little overwhelming. Especially so, since most are very worthy charities: Doctors Without Borders, Paralyzed Vets, Wounded Warrior Project, Boys Town, VFW, Eugene Mission just to name a few.

The easiest charities to support are ones that we know about by seeing them in action and being able to talk with those who work in them. For the many other charities that we cannot see close up, my wife and I do research to be as sure as possible that our contributions will be used well. We use charitynavigator.org and givewell.org to evaluate various charities we are considering.

This brings me to two local organizations that we were privileged to hear about at two of our recent MOAA luncheons: CAHOOTS and Housing our Veterans. CAHOOTS

provides mobile crisis intervention and basic-level emergency medical care among other services. We were privileged to hear about their mission from Berkley Carnine and to present CAHOOTS on April 13 with a check for \$1000 from the Emerald Empire Chapter of MOAA. Many of our veterans with PTSD or who are homeless have been helped over the 33 years it has been in existence. It is a model that other cities are emulating.

At our luncheon meeting on April 13, we were able to hear of another local organization: Housing our Veterans. Lorie Perkins "is a one-woman force for ending veteran homelessness in western Oregon, a task she has pursued for more than a decade" (from a fact sheet she handed out). Currently, her organization has 10 homes that can provide 80 to 85 beds in the Eugene area. Studies have shown that being housed can allow people to begin reentering society. We are hoping to be able to raise funds to support this very worthwhile project.

These are two very helpful organizations that we have heard tell us about their projects and their local outreach to veterans. These are two programs that deserve our support.

Submitted by: Michael Kennedy, President



Chapter President Michael Kennedy presents Lorie Perkins, founder of Housing Our Veterans, with the coveted "Double Eagle" after her presentation to the members at the April luncheon meeting



Chapter President Michael Kennedy (3rd from right) presents a \$1,000 check to CAHOOTS responders and staff

ShredFest 2022

OCCU is once again putting on their annual ShredFest on June 4th. This event is open to the public and has been in hiatus during the pandemic, so I'm sure there is a build-up of paper needing shredding. Drive into the parking area at 2880 Chad Drive (next door to COSTCO) between 9 and 2. You can bring up to three boxes of stuff per person.



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.

ROTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Emerald Empire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America



Recognize the outstanding MSIII achievers and all the graduating MSIV class.



AGENDA

- 1800: Social adjustment
- 1900: Call to order—Michael Kennedy, CAPT (CHC) (Ret)
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Singing of Star Spangled Banner
- Led by Joelle Goodwin, MAJ, USA (Ret)
- Invocation—Chaplain Jonathan Landon, MAJ, USA (Ret)
- Self-introductions (excluding Cadets)
- 1915: Dinner
- 1945: Presentation by Senator James Manning
- 1950: LTC Warren speaks about the ROTC program
- Military Science III awardees introduced
- Presentation of three Cadet Scholarships
- Introductions of Military Science IV Cadets
- Presentation of Chapter Medallions
- BG Norm Hoffman-ARNG (Ret)
- 2030: Raffle Drawing—Jim Koch, MAJ, USA (Ret)
- 2045: Adjourn

2022 Emerald Empire Chapter, MOAA

Number 1 MSIII Cadet and Benton Community Foundation recipient

Mario Campbell is originally from Half Moon Bay, CA, a small beach town south of San Francisco. He is working towards a Bachelor of Science in Economics with a minor in Computer Information Technology. Upon commissioning, he will enter the Oregon Army National Guard as an Infantry Officer. He chose the National Guard component to be close to his family and pursue a career in the sector.

Benton Community Foundation recipient

Bryce Worthington is from Paso Robles, CA. He is majoring in history with a minor legal studies. With this background adding to a firm grounding in military service, he wants to do what he can to serve his country at home after abroad. It is for this reason that he wants to go active duty, specifically to the cavalry component of the armor branch. This is because of a sense of duty, a love of tradition, an infatuation with tactics, and comradery.

MOAA ROTC Scholarship recipient:

Daniel Tran is originally from Kunming, Yunnan Province, China, and is majoring in marine biology with a focus on microbiology and phytoplankton ecology. In addition to his academic concentration, he is also an undergraduate research assistant in Dr. Stilianos Louca's lab at the Institute of Ecology and Evolution. He aspires to attain a Ph.D. and work in the biotechnology sector of environmental resource management. He endeavors to find ways to better understand microbes and their impact on biodiversity, on ecology, and on the origin of life.

The following Military Science cadets will be graduating this year

Sam Adams
Derek Akey
Michaela Amamilo
Alex Andrade
Andrew Black
Kasey Campbell
Marcus Clarke
Stanley Coloma



Heath Cotter
Kyler Ervin
Ryland Heimann
John Heinsohn
Benjamin Hickerson
Isabelle Ortiz
Stephen Pizzelli
Alina Williams

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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.



Military Spouse Appreciation Day
May 8th

**National
Oceanic and
Atmospheric
Administration (NOAA)**



**Happy
Birthday,
May 22nd**