

## ROTC RECOGNITION DINNER

**Wed, May 8th, 1800 Social, 1900 Dinner, \$29**  
**Veterans' Memorial Building, 1626 Willamette**

**Appetizers**

Sweet Chili Meatballs

Hazelnut Garlic Pesto Dip with Baguette Chips

**Main Course**

Mac's Caesar Salad

Pot Roast of Beef

Roasted Rosemary Potatoes

Chef's Choice of Seasonal Vegetables

Grandma's Rolls and Butter

Apple Cobbler

**Program**

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

**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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### MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER  
AND  
HONOR

MONDAY, MAY 27TH

MOAA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS MANY

2024 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President	Michael Kennedy	463-7951
1st Vice Pres	Floyd Bard	688-4172
2nd Vice Pres	Dick Kimbell	915-0405
Secretary	Pat Harris	942-5274
Treasurer	Elaine Callahan	968-1746
Chaplain	Jonathan Landon	946-3888
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Liaison		

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# BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 24 APRIL 2024

**PRESENT:** Officers: 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Floyd Bard, Secretary Pat Harris, and Treasurer Elaine Callahan. Board members: Ken Evans, Frank Balazs, Jonathan Landon, Tom Kulick and Michael Pace. Member Dick Norton and Eric Watkins were also present. A quorum was established. President Michael Kennedy was traveling.

**OPENING:** 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Bard called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance and an opening prayer.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the 27 Mar 2024 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** for 26 March to 23 April 2024 was approved.

## **CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTC SCHOLARSHIP 2024 DRIVE**

Umpqua Account ROTC Scholarship Fund	\$ 2421.00
Benton Community Foundation ROTC Endowment Fund	\$ 2000.00
<b>CONTRIBUTION TOTAL JUNE 1, 2023 – APRIL 23, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 4421.00</b>

## **UMPQUA ACCOUNT**

### **Chapter Operations:**

Beginning balance as of March 26, 2024	\$ 6954.26
Deposits: to Chapter Operations	\$ 253.01
Expenses include door prizes	\$ -69.31
<b>Chapter Operations as of April 23, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 7137.96</b>

<b>Veterans Services Fund:</b> added \$330.00 in donations, and gave out \$275 this month	\$ 4412.05
<b>ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund:</b> added \$25 in donations	\$ 2421.00
ROTC Scholarship Residual Fund (formerly OCCU)	\$ 2022.84
<b>Cadet Dinner Fund:</b> added \$25 in donations	\$ 947.30
<b>UMPQUA CHECKING ACCOUNT Grand Total as of Apr 23, 2024</b>	<b>\$ 16941.15</b>

## **BENTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (BCF)**

### **EMERALD EMPIRE MOAA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND**

Balance Forward (February 29, 2024)	\$ 55006.50
Change in Value of Investments	\$ 1382.43
Administrative Cost	\$ -89.46
<b>BCF Balance (March 31, 2024)</b>	<b>\$ 56299.47</b>

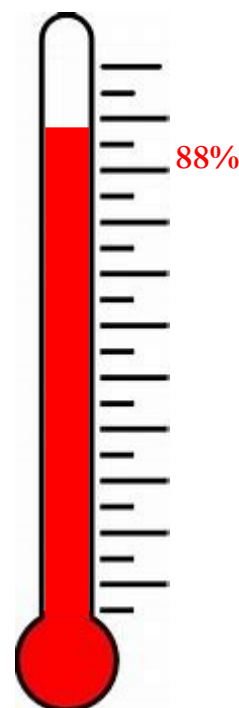
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### **NOTES:**

**The Special Projects Fund is now renamed as the Veterans Services Fund.**

**There was no charge for April's Luncheon at the Eugene Mission, and EEMOAA members**



**2024  
DUES  
PAID**

### **"The Emerald Voice"**

is published monthly by Emerald Empire Chapter, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA),  
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Email: EmeraldEmpireMOAA@gmail.com  
Copy of newsletter available upon email request.

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 (cont.)

**gave a total of \$315.00 in donations to the Mission. This is listed under Veterans Services Fund.**

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### OLD BUSINESS:

1. ROTC update, Veterans History Project - LTC Joe Snyder – No report.
2. ROTC Recognition dinner preparations and need for raffle prizes - Pat Harris  
All preparations are ready for 8 May dinner except table centerpieces and finishing the engraving of the scholarship awardees' medals. We still need gift cards and other door prize items for the raffle. An email will be broadcast later this week. Jonathan Landon has found a Rabbi to provide the invocation to honor Dick Heyman on his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.
3. Dues deadline and luncheon payment status - Elaine Callahan, Ken Evens  
Almost 90 percent of members have paid their 2024 dues.
4. 2024 "Thoughts from the Board"; one opening left, December. - Pat Harris  
Michael Pace has submitted his May article. Elaine Callahan will provide an article for the June newsletter.
5. ROTC scholarship update - Dick Kimbell – No report.
6. Dick Heyman's 100th birthday and Autzen Stadium flyby on 27 April  
John Toensing will pick up Dick and Barbara and have them at Autzen Stadium by 11:30 am on 27 April for introduction to the U of O Spring Football Game crowd. There is an F-15 flyover planned; weather permitting. Members should try to meet near the tunnel at the west entrance to try to sit together. There is no entry fee, but non-perishable food donations are being collected. Shuttles are being provided from the northwest corner of Valley River mall parking lot.
7. Agenda Item Submission form: update on focusing donations by creating a 501 (c) 3 and an updating of the term "special projects". Perhaps title for special projects could be "Community Service Fund" or "Veteran Service Fund" or some other name that would reflect what we do with donations. - Ken Evans and Richard Kimbell  
The committee is still working on the issue and will report progress at the next board meeting.
8. Continue discussion on the option of opening a second foundation fund with lower costs - Dick Kimbell, Ken Evans, and Eric Watkins  
The committee is still working on the issue and will report progress at the next board meeting.
9. Consider establishing a finance committee and who would be on it - John Toensing  
The Treasurer stated a lack of support for this proposal. The discussion's consensus was that the current system was not broken and that the focus sought in item 7, above, could provide the guidance sought.
10. Liability insurance status - Elaine Callahan  
The Treasurer has received the binder, but has not received the bill, so has not been able to pay it. She will pursue the matter further.

### NEW BUSINESS:

1. What support/activity do we want to pursue with the Eugene Mission - Pat Harris  
Ken Evans suggested that monetary support is generally more realistic versus personal time support from our members. Pat Harris noted the rather healthy amount of knowledge and

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES (cont.)

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support currently provided by our members on an individual basis. Ken suggested re-branding those efforts to show MOAA's chapter-encompassing support. When President Kennedy returns, Pat will discuss an informal group meeting with some of the "navigators" from the Eugene Mission.

2. Doolittle Raid Anniversary report - Ken Evans

Ken has submitted an article for the May newsletter.

3. The June picnic is now on Saturday, 8 June due to a scheduling conflict. - Pat Harris

4. Discuss letter campaign to our congressional reps from this chapter, emphasis on MOAA's action items. This would prop up our involvement with that measured item in the LOE application - Dick Kimbell - No report.

**1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report:** Personal Affairs and Surviving Spouse Liaison, House Committee, Newsletter, Website: The webmaster reports only 31 site visits. Jerry and Isobel Johnson, a retired USN Commander and a national MOAA member should be joining us next month.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Report:** Membership, Awards, Legislative, Benton Community Fund (BFC): No report.

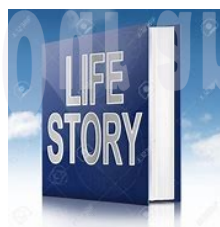
**NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:** 8 May 2024, 1800 hours, Vet's Building.

**NEXT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** 22 May 2024, 1200 hours, Vet's Building

**Meeting Adjourned:** 1308 Hours

Patrick Harris, Secretary

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**WE REALLY DO WANT YOUR STORY:** We would still like to put together the story of our members' military exploits. To do that we need your input. I guess we could just make up stuff... and that could be fun... but think what your grandkids would say when told that grandpa and Klinger shared the same wardrobe.

We're not trying to write a book here. We'd like to be able to share an outline of your career with your fellow members, maybe put a line or two in a fleshed-out directory along with your picture or just give us all an opportunity to learn what we really have in common. I've attached the "suggested" bio form to the distribution email. You can print it and write on it (I will type it up later) or type into it. Then all we ask is that you get it back to us by email, snail mail, or just handing it in at your next meeting.

**SHARE A LITTLE.** It could be fun to get a little insight into that member sitting next to you.



## INVOCATION AT ROTC DINNER FROM GUEST RABBI

### Special Guest Invocation and Blessing for Dick Heyman at ROTC Dinner

**Rabbi Jonathan Seidel** was born in Newark, New Jersey. He is descended from a rabbinic lineage of scholars in the Ukraine. He grew up as a cultural New Yorker and actively observant Zionist within a Jewishly engaged family involved in Temple Emmanuel in Westfield, New Jersey.

Rabbi Seidel studied at Oberlin College, the Jewish Theological Seminary (MA 1981), and was a Fulbright-Hayes scholar at Cambridge University. He received his PhD at the University of California, Berkeley, in Near Eastern Studies (1996). He has taught Judaic Studies and Religion at many west coast universities and most recently Lane Community College. He was ordained in 2004 by ALEPH, the Alliance for Jewish Renewal, after many years of serving the Jewish community in the West.

Rabbi Jonathan Seidel has taught Judaic Studies and Religion widely for 36 years and continues to teach each season in the community. Rabbi Seidel has edited a volume entitled *Divination and Magic in the Ancient World* (Brill 2002) and has published articles on Midrash, Jewish folklore, magic, history, rabbinics, modern Jewish thought and politics. He has also served locally on the Board of Hillel, Interfaith Clergy United, and the Oregon Board of Rabbis. Rabbi Seidel lectures on a host of topics around the Northwest.

Rabbi Seidel has served as a spiritual leader and Cantor for a number of Jewish communities in California and Arizona. He has an extensive background in and a commitment to Interfaith and Intercultural activism, Jewish music (as Chazzan for many years), Social Justice work, Jewish education and environmental activism. Rabbi Seidel is currently the Chair of the Oregon Board of Rabbis and the President of the Board of the Oregon Interfaith Hub.

### SAVE the date

Saturday June 15th will be the Eugene Elks Flag Day Ceremony and Father's Day combined. Veterans attend for free, except for the open bar.



May 18th



YES, we are still collecting recyclable cans and bottles. We have added more than \$600 to our

Veteran Service Fund so far. Participation from the general membership is still very light but is beginning to pick up. While the board members have all brought in their cans and bottles, only a small number of members have. This is easy money. Rather than throwing your recyclables in the trash, bag 'em and bring 'em to a meeting. Help us do good things. Remember to pick up your BLUE



recycling bags from John Toensing at our general membership meetings.

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## DOOLITTLE RAIDERS REMEMBRANCE

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Submitted by: Ken Evans from Pendleton, Oregon

As April 18 neared, we were reminded of the upcoming 82nd Remembrance of the Doolittle raid on Japan. In 2023 members of the Emerald Empire Chapter participated in the presentation of the signed Jimmy Doolittle Print "I Could Never Be So Lucky Again" to the Pendleton Air Museum. The 2023 event was well attended and fun. When Debbie Rasmussen, Director of the Museum, contacted us about our interest in attending, both Elaine and I emphatically accepted her invitation.

The keynote speaker this year was LTG Doolittle's granddaughter, Jonna Doolittle Hoppes. Accompanying her was her brother Peter Doolittle. Ms. Hoppes' presentation included quite a few photos that many of us had never seen along with stories of Doolittle's life. A particularly fascinating photo was one of Doolittle in his fighting days. He had lived a number of years in Nome, Alaska having moved to the community in 1898. It appears that you eventually had to establish yourself by fighting, which he did quite well.



Jimmy Doolittle  
in his fighting  
days; before he  
took the fight to  
the Japanese

Ms. Hoppes' presentation was so enthralling that the crowd was extremely quiet and attentive. After the event many people commented that they could not remember a time when it was so quiet during a talk.

In 2023 we did not have the opportunity to visit the Pendleton Air Museum so made it a point to get there on this trip. It is a small museum, but jam packed with a large range of memorabilia. Ms. Rasmussen stated that only 10% of the small museum items are presented with the remainder, and larger items, in storage. The signed print presented last year has a prominent location within a protected case. The museum is currently raising funds to change locations to a much larger space. We can't wait to see what else they have to display. We did think of Col. Dick Heyman when we saw a radio from a P-38 Lightning.

We very much look forward to next year and hope to attend again.



Jonna Doolittle Hoppes

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## ShredFest 2024

The Oregon Community Credit Union (OCCU) is once again putting on their annual ShredFest on Saturday, May 4th. This event is open to the public. Drive into the parking area at 2880 Chad Drive (next door to COSTCO) between 9 and 2. You can bring up to four banker-size boxes of stuff per person. OCCU recommends you shred old bank statements, tax records, receipts and files, bills or invoices, or any other documents containing personal information. There is no cost for this service, but OCCU is collecting non-perishable goods for Food for Lane County if you would like to donate.



## New Members Welcome

If you know someone who is eligible to join MOAA, just ask them to come out and share a meal with us. What can it hurt? First meal is free to prospective members.

## THOUGHTS FROM THE BOARD

Greetings from the desk of the Personnel Officer and the Surviving Spouse Liaison's office! My name is Michael Pace and we are here to help and encourage you to build a safe and contented retirement. You have earned the right to allow someone else to swing the hammer, tighten the bolt, fill out the ledger.

One area that we all might admit that needs constant care in our lives is, how do we find rest in retirement? How can we put our soul at rest? Some of us have held jobs for over sixty years. We look back and reflect, and see, possibly, that even now we are still looking for fulfillment in all the wrong places.

Too often, professional people are terrific at leisure but lousy at resting. Why? One reason may be because Western culture places a high premium on the relentless pursuit of higher and higher levels of success and prosperity that generally comes by "doing more." Even our leisure is full of "pursuits" and a desire to improve and achieve. And underneath this lies the affliction of every culture: our alienation from the fact that we are created both to work and to rest.

At some point in man's history, rest eluded us. Whatever else you might have to say about humanity, it is undeniable that we are not marked by tranquility or restfulness. Leisure is not rest if you have worked so hard to achieve only a few moments of peace, or you fill your leisure time with things to do.

The beauty that creation has surrounded us with we take for granted. But a healthy acknowledgement of Nature's beauty around us is what offers us the rest that soothes our souls. Soul rest flows from a life that focuses on what we would consider simple. When we put work and chores above all else, we can no longer enjoy, or even hope for a deep, refreshing rest. We don't need a new creation, we just have to enjoy the creation we already have in our midst.

A child is fascinated by a bee pollinating flowers. Take a four-year old and watch their faces as they look at a clear night sky. Remember the times in your past when you sat on a sandy beach without a cell phone or tablet and watched a sunset and listened to the waves. In this creation is established the perfect rest.

A child would not take the marvels of nature for granted. But we adults think we know better and we insist on disregarding the simplicity all around us. Creation invites us to rest, but we are only hearers of the call, not doers. We feel, wrongly so, that only death will provide us with true, lasting peace. I guarantee that we adults can find true rest in such things as...holding the hand of a dying person as they slip into eternity. Taking your favorite rocking chair outside and watch nature at work. Look at the trees and watch the life of bugs and birds unfold. Reflecting on a favorite poem or memory. Making the phone calls you promised you would make to friends and family. Savoring your favorite food. Taking a drive and escaping to nowhere. Go to the zoo often. You get the idea.

It is said that there is no hope for such an approach to life. We find that life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness is a failure because we fail to believe this. Even though it is attainable now, we cannot have soul-rest because we are too busy in continuing in our own fruitless striving. We pursue happiness but never attain it.

Our application to the warnings of this message?

Even in retirement the world insists on screaming at you. Your success at finding a lasting peace won't be found by listening to empty promises. Your answer will be found in the still, small voice.

Take a lesson from a child. Don't be afraid to lean on others. In your friends, your church, your social groups, let them help you cut through the façade of empty, worldly pretenses and desperate worldly striving. Perhaps in time, you may be a person that people might look to and say



## BRIEFS

**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 need 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 or contact info and go after the prize for you. As an option, some of our members have donated gift cards they bought themselves. We received more than \$600 of gifts from our members last year. Help however you can.



### VA Chief Veterans Experience Officer to speak at the Eugene Elks on Monday, May 20th, 1:00 PM

John W. Boerstler, the VA's Chief Veterans Experience Officer, leads the Secretary's customer experience insight engine supporting and enabling the VA in providing the highest quality experiences in the delivery of care, benefits, and memorial services to service members, Veterans, their families, caregivers, and survivors. In this role, he provides executive oversight on many innovative projects and programs, working collaboratively within VA's leadership to help achieve greater access, outcomes, and experiences for all VA's customers.

Prior to his current position, John served as the Chief Executive Officer of Combined Arms, a Community Information Exchange and collaborative technology company whose purpose was to effectively connect customers to thousands of vetted government and non-profit services to address social determinants of health and health-related social needs.

John has a distinguished career as a leader in the Veteran services field, having received both the Eisenhower and Marshall Memorial Fellowships, having travelled to Bosnia, Denmark, France, Hungary, Israel, Ukraine, and the United Kingdom to write comparative papers on their military transition systems. He recently completed a three-year project in Ukraine to assist in the development of their Ministry of Veterans Affairs—the first of its kind in Europe.

He will be hosted by the Reveille Foundation of Eugene, Oregon and CEO Steve Yamamori. Eugene Elks, will be the host site of John Boerstler's Town Hall meeting with Veterans on Monday, May 20th, 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM.



John W. Boerstler

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## BRIEFS

The Gary Sinise Foundation cordially invites you to the  
**Home Dedication Ceremony**  
for wounded hero U.S. Navy Petty Officer 1st Class (Ret.) Joshua Geddis



Joshua was crushed while upgrading security at a Forward Operating Base in East Africa, leaving him a paraplegic. This Gary Sinise Foundation specially adapted, smart-technology home will empower him at home and ease his way of life.

Joshua says, "Having roll-under sinks, a work area in the kitchen, more than one door to get in and out of the house, being able to get into the kids' rooms (just to see if it is really clean), and a garbage disposal switch I could reach would make things so much easier and improve life."

Join us as we celebrate an American hero and welcome him to his new custom, smart-technology home that is built for his needs.



**Event Date & Time:**  
**Friday, May 17th 2024**  
**9:00 AM PST**  
**Location: Springfield, OR**



Parking details to come with the formal invitation. Carpooling is encouraged.  
Casual attire suggested. Outdoor ceremony planned.

We encourage you to RSVP in advance by  
copying the address below and pasting it into the address bar of your web browser:

<https://donate.garysinisefoundation.org/event/gsf-joshua-geddis-rsvp/e572048/register/new/select-tickets>

**Chapter Dues for 2024:** Dues for 2024 were due as of 1 Jan 2024. So far, about 88 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.



**The Annual picnic is 8 June...** and the folks that put this on need a little help. There's shopping, set-up and meal prep, grilling and clean-up that could use a couple of extra hands. We already have a couple of folks offering to help, but the more hands the merrier. If you can be at the park by 11:00 am on Saturday the 8th of June, let John Toensing know at (541) 345-7535.



## BOOSTERS

to themselves: "I want what they have." Learn to find a rest that you can enjoy even for those of us who may still be employed.

What you see in creation is work that has already been done for your pleasure and for your rest. Revel in it and it will satisfy your greatest desires and put your hectic pursuits into perspective. Be awed by it. Marvel in it. Take your time...as long as it takes...to be swallowed up in its glory, and rest in the idea that you are worth more than all that divine creation. You cannot, by working for your rest, achieve it. It is here, now, and forever, placed within reach for your enjoyment

Ask yourself as you go to bed and perhaps in the early morning. Am I anxious about what tomorrow will bring or am I exhausted just thinking about today? Consider this: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning. Time to hear creation's song again.

You need no more...no less.

From your friends at MOAA

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**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)	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.**

Visit our website at [www.emeraldempiremoaa.org](http://www.emeraldempiremoaa.org)  
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# ROTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

**Emerald Empire Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America**



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



## **AGENDA**

- 1800: Social adjustment  
1900: Call to order—Michael Kennedy, CAPT,  
(CHC) USN (Ret)  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Star Spangled Banner - Led by Chaplain  
Jonathan Landon, MAJ, USA (Ret)  
Invocation—Rabbi Dr. Jonathan Seidel  
Self-introductions (excluding Cadets)  
1915: Dinner  
1945: LTC Snyder speaks about the ROTC pro-  
gram  
Military Science III awardees intro-  
duced  
Presentation of three Cadet Scholar-  
ships  
Introductions of Military Science IV Ca-  
dets  
Presentation of Chapter Medallions by  
BG Norm Hoffman-ARNG (Ret)  
2030: Raffle Drawing—Jim Koch, MAJ, USA  
(Ret)  
2045: Adjourn



## **Benton Community Foundation Scholarship recipient**

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.

## **Benton Community Foundation Scholarship recipient**

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.

## **MOAA ROTC Scholarship recipient**

CDT Jocelyne 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 ordinance 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.

**The following Military Science cadets will be graduating this year**

Daiza Brown  
Thunder Reyez Gallarzan  
Travyn Heimann  
John Helmlinger  
Jacob Cahuantzi



Olivia Lopez  
Elisabeth Howe  
Aiden Rodriguez  
Tyonne White

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**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.



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