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2022 ANNUAL MEETING

November 9th—11:30 Social / 12:00 Lunch

Vet's Building, 1626 Willamette

Lunch - \$18.00



MENU

Roasted turkey breast served with cranberries

Mashed potatoes with turkey gravy

Seasoned stuffing

Glazed carrots

Mac's Caesar salad

Grandma's rolls & butter

Pumpkin pie with whipped cream



PROGRAM

Guest speaker: Joseph Reiley, Lane County Veterans Services

Election of Officers and Board Members

Remember: Guests are always invited, but make a reservation.

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Save the Date: Christmas Dinner is on Thursday, Dec 15th.

TIME TO VOTE— SEE PAGE 2

MOAA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS MANY

2022 CHAPTER OFFICERS

President	Mike Kennedy	541-463-7951
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Luncheon reservations must be received by

5:00 PM Sunday, November 6th

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EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER ELECTION FOR 2023

The 2023 Slate of Officers and Board of Directors Members

The Emerald Empire Chapter nominating committee has completed its selection of candidates for Officer and Board of Director positions for 2023. These names are submitted to you, the general membership, and will be voted on during the Annual Meeting on November 9th. Nominations will still be allowed from the floor during the meeting for any additional chapter members looking to compete and be voted on. You must be present at the meeting to vote.

OFFICERS

President	Michael Kennedy
1st Vice President	John Toensing
2nd Vice President	Dick Kimbell
Secretary	James Koch
Treasurer	Elaine Callahan

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

NOAA and USSF Positions are vacant

Committee Chairmanships (Appointed by the President)

Programs	John Toensing
Chaplain	Jonathan Landon
Personal Affairs	Jonathan Landon
Newsletter	Pat Harris
Webmaster	Ginger Banks
Legislative	Ken Evans
Membership	Ken Evans
House and Calling	Pat Harris
ROTC and Awards	Eric Watkins
Scholarship Fund	Dick Kimbell
Annual Picnic	John Toensing
Audit/Historian	Eric Watkins
Surviving Spouse Liaison	Michael Pace
ROTC Liaison	Joe Snyder
Special Events	Floyd Bard
Awards	Frank Balazs



DATE CHANGE
MOAA Holiday Party
Thursday, 15 December

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 26 Oct 2022

PRESENT: Officers: 1st Vice President Dick Norton, 2nd Vice President Dick Kimbell, Secretary Jim Koch, and Treasurer Elaine Callahan. Board members: Michael Pace and Ken Evans. Pat Harris and Joe Snyder were also present. A quorum was established. President Kennedy was attending the MOAA Annual Meeting in Kansas City, MO.

OPENING: 1st VP Dick Norton called the meeting to order at 1203 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He also gave an opening prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 28 Sep 2022 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT for 28 SEPTEMBER – 25 OCTOBER 2022: Reviewed and approved

CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTC SCHOLARSHIP

Umpqua Account ROTC Scholarship Fund	\$ 972.00
Benton Community Foundation ROTC Endowment Fund	\$ 850.00
CONTRIBUTION TOTAL 1 JUNE 2022 – 25 OCTOBER 2022	\$ 1822.00

UMPQUA ACCOUNT

Club Operations:

Beginning balance as of 27 September 2022	\$ 6072.24
Deposits: to Club Operations	\$ 1137.00
Expenses: Include catering for 2 meetings, door prizes, Jaspar Expenses, guest plaque	\$ -1387.91
Club Operations as of 25 October 2022	\$ 5821.33

Special Projects Fund: added \$ 174.50 in donations.	\$ 3303.55
ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund: added \$ 372 in donations	\$ 972.00
Cadet Dinner Fund: added \$ 150 in donations	\$ 362.00
UMPQUA CHECKING ACCOUNT Grand Total as of 25 Oct 2022	\$ 10458.88

OCCU ROTC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance as of 27 September 2022	\$ 2011.86
Donations:	\$ 0.00
Dividend Credit: (Yield Earned 0.20%)	\$ 2.16
OCCU TOTAL BALANCE (25 October 2022)	\$ 2014.02

BENTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (BCF)

EMERALD EMPIRE MOAA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance Forward (27 September 2022)	\$ 45869.22
Change in Value of Investments	\$ -3396.62
Member contribution	\$ 850.00
Administrative Cost	\$ -74.88
BCF Balance (25 October 2022)	\$ 43247.72

TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO ROTC SCHOLARSHIP 1 JUNE 2022 TO DATE

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TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	\$ 1822.00

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Continued)

NOTES: The September Picnic at Jasper Park was cancelled. The Park Service refunded the reservation and that is returned to Club Operations. The food was donated to Food for Lane County and to member door prizes at the September 28 Meeting.

Invoices for Membership Dues will be sent out in November.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Retirement of Lt Gen Dan Atkins donation: Motion by Dick Kimbell, seconded by Ken Evans that EEMOAA donate \$200 out of Club Operations to Atkins Crisis Relief Fund National MOAA. Ken Evans will add \$100 to the fund.
2. VMA: Ken Evans will attend VMA Board Meeting on 9 Nov 2022 at 5:30. It is open to anyone. VMA has a new video system which is available for our use.
3. Our slate of officers for 2023 is set, however the Surviving Spouse position is still vacant.
4. The visit by CAPT Frank Michael was great. He stressed advocacy and retention. Information was asked for on how National can help us gain new members. National has grants available to help with ongoing projects. Pat Harris would like comments on the buffet spread that was served.
5. Dick Kimbell is checking on alternate entertainment for our Christmas dinner
6. ROTC: LTC Snyder reported that they had just finished Ranger Challenge Competition and he is bringing on board a new Captain who is Ranger qualified to improve the program. Branch Assignment Day is 30 Nov. Chili Cookoff is 2 Dec at 1300 hours. Two Cadets will be commissioned on 14 Dec.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board decided to schedule our next annual picnic for Sunday, 11 June 2023. Location TBA.



1st Vice President Report:

Personal Affairs (Health, Welfare, Surviving Spouse), House Committee, Newsletter, Website: Dick Norton announced that a Surviving Spouse Liaison is still needed and National recommends it be a board member position. November luncheon will be a full turkey dinner. 71 hits on the website.

Tuesday, Nov 8th

2nd Vice President Report:

Membership, Awards (General and Levels of Excellence), Legislative, Benton Community Fund (BFC): Dick Kimbell reported that 15 members have paid dues for 2023. Ken Evans has names of a few potential new members. He will mail them info about our chapter and will include 2 of our latest award-winning newsletters. Ken will also check to see if we can add some of the defunct Corvallis Chapter members to our chapter. Dick has been in contact with Habitat for Humanity to determine if we can help them with a renovation project for a veteran. Dick is also reviewing the application criteria for qualifying for a ROTC

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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/>.

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

As I write this, I am in my study, surrounded by about 8 bookcases full of books. Some I have read and others I hope to read (timetable undetermined). In my morning devotions today I read the opening line and I had to laugh out loud (or LOL, as the kids say). The author wrote: "When you've lived in the same home for more than twenty-five years, you run out of storage space. It's basic physics. More things come into the house than leave the house, and that eventually presents a problem."

Although we have only lived in this house for 23 years, it is close enough to fall under the timeframe of the author of my devotions. I know that I should get rid of some books but instead I go to Smith Family and bring home more books looking for a long-term home.

During my 22 years on active duty, we moved eight times. Each time we wondered what sort of housing we would find. Especially did we wonder about storage. I am afraid that we used garages more for "stuff" than for cars. And at each duty station we tried to recycle but we always seemed to buy more than we got rid of.

Sometimes it helps to stop and check our priorities. Do we really need that extra set of dishes? Or the wedding gift (we celebrated 55 years of marriage this summer) that we have never used, but always thought we would. We so often miss the forest because we are pondering one tree and do not see the beauty of the forest itself.

I was thinking of this in relation to MOAA's Levels of Excellence (LOE) awards. The areas that count for the award are those that relate to what is important in our mission and values. The subjective scoring for chapters focuses on grassroots advocacy, community engagement, recruiting and retention, and leadership succession plan. If we can focus on these, we not only are awarded five stars, we become aware of what is needed to make a successful chapter. We are able to see the whole forest and how all parts fit together. In either MOAA or our lives, knowing our priorities allows us to trim where needed and add as desired.



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MINUTES continued from 4

Scholarship grant to update our application form by Feb 2023.

NEXT GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: 9 Nov 2022 Social 1130, Lunch 1200, Vets'-Bldg.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 16 Nov 2022 1200 hours, Vets'-Bldg.

Meeting adjourned 1323 hours

James Koch, Secretary

MEMBER'S ARTICLE

OSU ROTC MILITARY REVIEW MAY 2022

On Friday, May 6th, the annual ROTC Joint Service Review at Oregon State University took place. This is an event that includes four ROTC detachments; Army, Air Force, Navy, and Marine Corps. Units assembled to celebrate the tradition of "inspecting the troops." The tradition goes back to 1916. In 2022, the Army was the host service. The Reviewing Officer was Brigadier General Norm Hoffman, USA. Honored guests included: Vice Admiral Kelly Aeschback, USN; MG Dan Hitchcock, USA; & MG Curtis Loop, USA. Guests included university administration, local veterans and alumni of the ROTC detachments.

This was a special year to be on campus. Immediately after the JSR, all were invited to go to McAlexander Fieldhouse to celebrate the 150th Anniversary of officer training at the school. Although not officially called ROTC until 1916, officer training began in 1872 making it the second oldest program on the west coast. During WWII, OSU commissioned more Officers than any other non-military academy. This year ROTC unveiled a plaque commemorating that historic achievement, as they welcomed back decades of alumni.

On the grassy field in front of the Memorial Union at event start time, the heavens drew dark as Cadets assembled and formed up facing rain and windy conditions. They were soaked to the skin in their operational dress uniforms, but pressed on regardless. They didn't miss a beat, 300 Cadets, proudly marched in review as if it was just another sunny day in Corvallis. However, the lawn in front of the Student Union was turned into a sea of churning mud.

This event was followed by a luncheon and the cutting of a cake to honor the 150 years that the University has provided Officers to the Military Services.

Submitted by: BG Norm Hoffman, USA (Ret)



Corvallis, Oregon: Front speaker, BG (Ret) Norm Hoffman, rear LTC David McRae, OSU Army ROTC PMS.

Chapter Dues for 2023: Dues of \$25.00 are due on 1 January 2023 (separate from national MOAA dues). A few members have already paid for next year; early payments will be graciously received. Invoices will be mailed out around 1 November.

CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE. 1 JAN 2023, \$25.

Update your Directory listing

We plan to publish a new Chapter Member Directory on 1 Jan 2023. To make this edition as accurate as possible, we ask that everyone look at the last edition (white) and make sure your information is complete and accurate. New members who have changed address, any phone numbers, spousal status or email address since joining should also respond. If anything needs to be added or corrected, please contact Pat Harris, at MOAAofEugene@gmail.com or call at 541-942-5274.

If you do not have access to the old directory and have changed any contact information in the last year, please send that info to Pat.



BRIEFS AND NOTICES

BRIEFS

RCW Holiday Party Date: Thursday, 15 December

California Veterans Memorial in Sacramento near the State Capitol. “It is definitely worth the stop if you are in the area or passing through,” chapter member Floyd Bard says

John Toensing reports we made \$92.10 for the chapter’s Special Project fund with all the cans and bottles you turned in at the special meeting in September. Make sure you pick up a special green bag in which to collect your returnables from John at the next meeting. John needs some help to keep this project and the money rolling. Minimal effort, easy returns.

The Lane County Stand Down was held on September 30th for the first time in three years. Though the turnout was only 60 percent of the last stand down, it was still the largest one in the state since the COVID shutdown.

Your RMD and Emerald Empire Scholarship Funds: It’s that time of year for the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) from your IRAs. Consider reducing your taxable income with a qualified charitable contribution to the Benton Community Foundation (BCF). BCF administers the designated funds for the Emerald Empire MOAA Scholarships. Please contact your financial advisor for the proper forms. The check must be made out to BCF to qualify. Note on the check memo: Emerald Empire MOAA Scholarship Fund.

If you wish to make other donations to the scholarship fund, we have self-addressed envelopes to BCF. Thanks for your support of the ROTC cadets at the University of Oregon.

Elk’s Lodge To Again Honor Veterans by Hosting a Dinner on Veterans Day

Eugene Elks will honor Military Veterans on Veterans Day, Friday, November 11th at 2470 W. 11th Ave. Ceremony will start at 1700 with Boy Scout Troop 60 parading the Military flags and doing a flag folding ceremony. BG Norm Hoffman, ORARNG (Ret) will be the guest speaker. Pot Roast dinner will be at 1745, Veterans eat for free, non-veterans cost is \$12.00. RSVP NLT 1700 on Wednesday, November 9th by calling 541-345-8416. Elks Lodge address is: 2470 W 11th Ave, Eugene. Looking forward to having many MOAA attendees .

Floyd Bard, Veterans Chairman, Eugene Elks.



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2023 MEETING DATES

EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER CALENDAR FOR 2023

<p>January: 11th Luncheon 25th Board Meeting</p> <p>February: 8th Luncheon 22nd Board Meeting</p> <p>March: 8th Luncheon 22nd Board Meeting</p> <p>April: 12th Luncheon 26th Board Meeting</p> <p>May: 10th ROTC Recognition Dinner 24th Board Meeting</p> <p>June: 11th Chapter Picnic 28th Board Meeting</p>	<p>July: 26th Board Meeting</p> <p>August: 23rd Board Meeting</p> <p>September: 13th Luncheon 27th Board Meeting</p> <p>October: 11th Luncheon 25th Board Meeting</p> <p>November: 8th Luncheon 15th Board Meeting</p> <p>December: 14th Christmas Dinner 27th Board Meeting</p>
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Please take note: Events in red are different from our usual dates.

Unless otherwise arranged, luncheons and dinners will be held in the Colonial Room and Board Meetings will be held in the Veteran's (Board) Room.

Unless otherwise arranged, luncheons will start at 11:30 am (serving at noon) and end by 2:00 pm. Dinners will start at 6:00 pm (serving at 7:00 pm) and end by 9:00 pm. Board meetings will start at noon until 2:00 pm.

**VETERANS
DAY**
NOVEMBER 11TH



Daylight Saving Time
ENDS
November 6th

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 2022 Booster Fund and are now accepting donations for the 2023 scholarships. Here are those who have donated to the 2023 ROTC Booster Fund so far:

Frank Balazs, 1st Lt, USMC (Fmr)	Richard Kimbell, CDR, USNR (Ret)	Patrick Harris, CAPT, USCG (Ret)
Elaine Callahan, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)	Ken Evans, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)	Mark Schibler, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Thomas Stewart, CDR, USN (Fmr)	Clay Robson, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)	Michael Kennedy, CAPT, USN (Ret)
Norman Hoffman, BG, USA (Ret)	Robert Beck, LTC, USA (Ret)	Kenneth Evans, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)
Scott Sandgathe, CDR, USN (Ret)	Richard Norton, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)	Charles Cole, CAPT, USN (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.

NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Joseph J. Reiley, Lane County Veteran Services, Eugene

I grew up in Pennsylvania and attended Lafayette College. Having spent a summer in Oregon during college, I wanted to move out here and so came to U of O to attend law school. After graduating from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1995, I performed a year of service with the AmeriCorps program in Trout Lake, Washington. Following a clerkship with the Honorable Robert Herndon, Clackamas County Circuit Court, I worked for Multnomah Defenders, Inc., and then in private practice in Lane County. I am currently inactive with the bar and have been the Lane County Veterans Services program supervisor since 2003 and was President of the Oregon County Veterans Service Officer Association from 2009 – 2012.

Lane County Veteran Services

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WALK IN HOURS: Monday, Tuesday, & Wednesday from 9:00 – 11:00 and 1:00 – 4:00

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Open Season for 2023

dental and vision insurance through FEDVIP is November 14th through December 12th. Go to benefeds.com

and choose TOOLS near the top of the page to view the Dental and Vision Plan Compare Tool.

Our October Meeting Guest Speaker

Easterseals spokesman Sean Furney receiving the coveted "Double Eagle" from President Michael Kennedy



Sean Furney, a U.S. Air Force veteran, now works for Easterseals Oregon as an outreach specialist on Housing and Employment Assistance for Homeless Veterans programs. Sean said there were 550 homeless veterans in Lane County. He pointed out that because Oregon has a very high rate of depression and drug addiction (5th highest in the nation), our veteran suicide rate is double that of the U.S. average. Key causes are disconnection, depression, drug addiction and homelessness. He also stated that many people had underlying mental health issues when they entered the service that were made worse by the military experience. Easterseals Oregon works with organizations such as the Reveille Foundation and the Central Oregon Veterans Ranch to address issues impacting veterans' quality of life.

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MOAA is the largest veterans' organization for military officers in the United States, with approximately 356,000 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.



**MARINE CORPS
BIRTHDAY
NOV 10TH**

