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EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Joint MOAA Board of Directors and All Hands Meeting Wednesday, 28 Sep 2022 at the Veterans Building, 1626 Willamette 12:00 Noon

If you would like to attend, please RSVP by Sunday, 25 September

At the end of September, we will be having a special meeting to hear from a representative of National MOAA, CAPT Frank J. Michael, USN (Ret). Captain Michael is a 30-year veteran aviator. He had command tours at the squadron and major command-at-sea levels. He commanded Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 47 (HSL 47) and led efforts to assist following the 2004 Indonesian tsunami and Hurricane Katrina. He commanded the USS Boxer (LHD 4) and participated in the 2011 Captain Phillips rescue mission in the Indian Ocean.

Captain Michael joined National MOAA in 2021. His primary responsibility is support of MOAA's robust nationwide network of active and engaged affiliates to influence legislation, serve local communities in impactful ways, grow membership at the local and national levels, and increase MOAA's brand awareness nationwide.

Our special meeting on September 28, at the Vet's Center, at noon, will be our chance to hear what National MOAA is doing on our behalf and remind ourselves that we are connected to an active national presence in addition to our local activities. I hope to see you there!



CAPT Frank Michael, USN (Ret)

Program Director, Council and Chapter Affairs



**The chapter is hosting this meeting. Appetizers and beverages will be provided.
Bring the returnable bottles and cans you were saving for the picnic.
Though the refreshments will be "no-cost", bring your money because there will be a raffle.**

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**If you would like to attend, please RSVP to:
moaaoeugene@gmail.com
Or respond to your caller by Sunday September 25th**

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND BOOSTERS

ROTC Barbecue

Chapter members are invited to the ROTC Week of Welcoming BBQ on 22 Sep, 15:00 hours at the ROTC building, 1672 Agate Street.

Lane County Stand Down: The Lane County Stand Down scheduled for Friday, September 30, 2022, 0630-1500 is for our local veterans and military families. Volunteers are always welcome because the number of attendees will be large again this year. The day before the Stand Down is for setting up the facilities at the Lane County Fair Grounds (Auditorium and Wheeler Pavilion). MOAA members (4-5) helping with the setup from 0900-1300 would be very helpful and appreciated. If you can help, contact Floyd Bard at floydbard@gmail.com. Thank you.



Our chapter Board of Directors has until the 26 October board meeting to approve a slate of officers to fill all officer and board positions.

NOMINATIONS

ARE OPEN

So, you have more than a month to decide which position you would like to hold. Membership in the Board of Directors is usually a good place to start as it gives you access to the conversations that determine the chapter's policies, prosecute its purposes and determine how its funds should be disbursed. Membership on the Board can lead to one of the five Officer positions. You've all been officers before, so nothing new there. Put your hand in the air.

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)	

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.