

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 16 NOV 2022**

**PRESENT:** Officers: President Michael Kennedy, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Dick Norton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Dick Kimbell, Secretary Jim Koch, and Treasurer Elaine Callahan. Board members: Michael Pace, Ken Evans, Tom Kulick, and Frank Balazs. Pat Harris and Joe Snyder were also present. A quorum was established.

**OPENING:** President Kennedy called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance. He also gave an opening prayer.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the 26 Oct 2022 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT for 26 OCTOBER 2022 – 15 NOVEMBER 2022
ANNUAL DRIVE ROTC SCHOLARSHIP 1 JUNE 2022

Umpqua Account	\$ 1597.00
Benton Community Foundation Endowment Fund	\$ 850.00
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS 1 JUNE 2022 – 15 NOVEMBER 2022	\$ 2447.00
UMPQUA ACCOUNT	
Club Operations:	
Beginning balance as of 25 October 2022	\$ 5821.33
Deposits: to Club Operations	\$+1469.00
Expenses: Include luncheon, door prizes, MOAA shirts and pins	\$ -920.83
Club Operations as of 15 November 2022	\$ 6369.50
Special Projects Fund: added \$130 in donations.	\$ 3433.55
<b>ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund</b> : added \$625 in donations	\$ 1597.00
Cadet Dinner Fund: added \$200 in donations	\$ 562.00
UMPQUA CHECKING ACCOUNT Grand Total as of 15 Nov 22	\$11962.05
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OCCU ROTC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND	
OCCU ROTC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND Balance as of 25 October 2022	\$ 2014.02
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NOTES: 2023 Invoices for annual dues have been mailed.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**1. ROTC:** LTC Snyder submitted the following Fall Key Events; 18-20 Nov - Fall FTX, 23 Nov - Cadet Giving, 30 Nov - Army ROTC Branching Ceremony, 2 Dec - Annual Chili Cookoff, 14 Dec

"The Emerald Voice"	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
Officers Association of America (MOAA), PO Box 767, Eugene, Oregon 9740-0767	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 (cont.)**

- Fall Term Commissioning Ceremony and Reception, 17 Dec Wreaths Across America Event.
- 2, Oregon State Tax on Military Retirement Benefits. A Bill will be introduced into the new State Legislature during the next session.
- 3. VMA: Ken Evans and Eric Watkins attended the VMA Board Meeting on 9 Nov 2022. Bookings for the Veteran's Building are going up. Ken gave them feedback about their new video system and other subjects. He noted that the board is gaining some younger board members. He will try to attend future meetings.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- 1. The Dublinaires will be providing entertainment at our Christmas party on 15 December. Invitations will not be mailed out. All information will be in The Emerald Voice newsletter.
- 2. Habitat for Humanity: Dick Kimbell has been in touch with Habitat regarding how EEMOAA could help with a Veteran's home repair. An individual has been screened for need and low income. A fence repair is needed which exceeds Habitat's budget. A motion was made by Dick Kimbell and seconded by Ken Evans that \$ 500 be donated from EEMOAA Special Projects Fund for current veteran fence repair/replacement. Motion approved.
- 3. Chaplain Jonathan Landon will conduct our January Memorial Service. Dick Kimbell will bring the bell.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Report:

Personal Affairs (Health, Welfare, Surviving Spouse), House Committee, Newsletter, Website: Mike Pace is the new Surviving Spouse Liaison and will be providing help to any survivors who need it. The next newsletter will be out on 28 November. The Christmas Party will be \$ 35.00 per person.

#### **2nd Vice President Report:**

Membership, Awards (General and Levels of Excellence), Legislative, Benton Community Fund (BFC): The Chapter has 3 new members. Another joined at the November dinner plus 3 other guests were given membership forms. Invoices for annual membership dues have been sent to all members. Copy of the ROTC Scholarship Application was sent to all Board members for review and suggestions for change for next year.

CHAPTER CHRISTMAS MEETING: 15 December 2022; Social 1800, Dinner1900; Vets'-Bldg.

#### NEXT BOARD MEETING:

21 December 2022; 1200 hours; Vets'-Bldg.

Meeting adjourned 1303 hours James Koch, Secretary

<u>Chapter Dues for 2023</u>: 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 were mailed out around 1 November.

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

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# **2022 ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

#### EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

9 November 2022

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 hours, 9 Nov 2022, by President Michael Kennedy who led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Jonathan Landon gave the invocation.

President Kennedy introduced the slate of 2023 officers and board members and opened the floor for further nominations. None were received and the nominations were closed. A motion was made by Richard Heyman and seconded by Jonathan Landon to accept the slate and voted on by the general membership. The following members were elected to the following positions:

OFFICERS: President, Michael Kennedy; 1st Vice-President, John Toensing; 2nd Vice-President, Dick Kimbell; Secretary, James Koch; Treasurer, Elaine Callahan.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS, representing: Eric Watkins, USA; Frank Balazs, USMC; Ken Evans, USPHS; Ginger Banks, USAF; Tom Kulick, USCG; Michael Pace, USN. No representatives of NO-AA or USSF were nominated.

The new officers and board members were congratulated and the meeting was adjourned at 12:15 hours.

James Koch, Secretary

# "I COULD NEVER BE SO LUCKY AGAIN"

A quote from Jimmy Doolittle talking about his famous mission

This quote could also be from you if you are the fortunate raffle winner at the MOAA Christmas Party on December 15th.

This print of a B-25 overflying the carrier USS Hornet is taken from the cover art on LTG James H. Doolittle's autobiography

The print is signed by Jimmy Doolittle himself.

Framed picture measures 31 inches wide by 29 inches.

The raffle will be held in the usual manner at the dinner. Other prizes will also be available. Tickets will be regular price, so buy a lot to increase your chances to win.

Picture donated by member Tom Stewart.

YOU COULD BE SO LUCKY



# **PRESIDENT'S CORNER**

I appreciated the chance to attend the MOAA 2022 Annual Meeting of the Membership on October 27 and 28 in Kansas City, MO. In June, I was able to attend the MOAA training gathering in Tacoma, WA. Both of these events were educational and helped me to understand more of what MOAA is about. More importantly, I was able to see our leaders in action and get to know many of the attendees.

In Kansas City, we received reports at the round table from about eight MOAA executives who briefed us on their areas of interest. We heard updates on membership and the need for recruitment from Frank Michael who was a guest at our chapter's special lunch last month. We heard about the programs addressing the needs of veterans, such as home-

lessness and veteran suicide. We were brought up to date on the importance of the Surviving Spouse Liaison. There also were presentations on community sponsorship grants, chapter visitations and legislative news.

Overall, it was very informative. And, once again, I was struck with how quickly we were all able to share with each other. That usually began with the question, "Where were you stationed?" We so often found many connections. It is indeed true, that strangers are really only friends that we have not meet yet.

The whole gathering was fo-



cused on the last event Friday evening. Each of the chapters that received the Five-star Levels of Excellence (LOE) award were recognized one by one, as you will see in the picture of our Emerald Empire Chapter being recognized as I walk across the stage. On my left was Gen. "Skip" Sharp, Chairman of MOAA's Board of Directors. On my right was Lt Gen Dana Atkins (a Portland native), MOAA President and CEO.

It was a great program showing the vision and mission of MOAA. Submitted by: Michael Kennedy, Chapter President

#### Time to Recycle... and make money for the chapter

We are continuing to ask you to save your recyclable bottles and cans, bring them to a general membership meeting, and help us raise money for the Special Projects Fund. John Toensing has the special green bags to keep your collection in until you can bring them in. We won't be collecting at the Holiday Party (too much other stuff moving around, like Toys for Tots, raffle prizes, poinsettias, etc.), but we will be looking for them in January.



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# **TAPS AND BOOSTERS**

■Col Norval J. Ritchey, USAF (Ret), passed away November 2, 2022, Leaving behind his wife Barbara. He served from 1953 to 1984.

LT Ronald A. Schmaedick, USN (Ret) passed away November 9, 2022 leaving behind his wife Mary Jo. He served in the 50s and 60s.

Ann Robson, wife of Lt Col Clayton W. Robson, USAF (Ret), passed away on October 20, 2022. Ann and Clay's home in Vida was destroyed in the Holiday Farm Fire, after which they moved to Eugene.

Patricia Moore passed away on October 21, 2022. She was the surviving spouse of LCDR Lewis M. Moore, USN (Ret), who passed away in 2013.

Joyce Durham passed away on April 20, 2022. She was the surviving spouse of Lt Col Gene L. Durham, USAF (Ret), who passed away in 2007.



**Open Season for 2023** dental and vision insurance through FEDVIP is November 14th through Decem-

ber 12th. Go to benefeds.com

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



DATE CHANGE

MOAA Holiday Party Thursday, 15 December 6:00 pm Social 7:00 pm Dinner

The Emerald Empire Chapter ROTC Boosters provide the scholarship monies normally awarded at Λ 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) Elaine Callahan, CAPT, USPHS (Ret) Thomas Stewart, CDR, USN (Fmr) Norman Hoffman, BG, USA (Ret) Scott Sandgathe, CDR, USN (Ret) John Simmons, CH LtCol, USAF (Ret) Kelly Beckley, Col, USAF (Ret) Betty Lou Snyder, Surviving Spouse Erven Kincaid, LCDR, USN (Ret) Lee Krueger, Surviving Spouse

Richard Kimbell, CDR, USNR (Ret) Ken Evans, CAPT, USPHS (Ret) Clay Robson, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) Robert Beck, LTC, USA (Ret) Richard Norton, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) John Van Scholten, Capt, USMC (Fmr) Bo Muhlheim, LCDR, USN (Ret) Donald Simpson, LTC, USA (Ret), in addition to gifts honoring LTC Patrick Simpson, USA and LTC Mike Reuter, USA Bert Toepel, COL, USA (Ret) Lynnette Campbell, MAJ, USA (Ret)

Patrick Harris, CAPT, USCG (Ret) Mark Schibler, Lt Col, USAF (Ret) Michael Kennedy, CAPT, USN (Ret) Kenneth Evans, CAPT, USPHS (Ret) Charles Cole, CAPT, USN (Ret) Eric Watkins, LTC, USA (Ret) James Paschall, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret) Robert Heaton, Maj, USAF (Ret)

Mary Ann Stockstad, Surviving Spouse

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.

Michele Mort, Surviving Spouse

# BRIEFS

#### **Briefs:**

Be sure when making your reservation for the Christmas Dinner that you indicate which entree you want; Roast Pork or Roast Beef.

**<u>Reservations must be received</u>** by the end of the day, Sunday, 11 December. Reach out to your caller, or send an email to MOAAofEugene@gmail.com. If you commit to attend the Christmas Dinner you are expected to pay even if you do not attend. The cost of a dinner is too much for the Chapter to absorb.

#### There are two ways to donate:

**Bring new, unwrapped toys** to the Christmas Dinner for the Marines "Tots for Tots" drive, OR, make out a check to LANE COUNTY TOYS FOR TOTS, put it in an envelope and bring it to the party. We will have a speiclly marked place in the toy barrel for your checks.

#### Don't forget... TOYS FOR TOTS

**Veterans' Dinner:** Eugene Elks Veterans Day Ceremony and Dinner ON November 11th was the largest ever. Thirty-four Veterans attended, were recognized for their service and were served an outstanding pot roast dinner. There were no WWII Veterans, but there were at least three Korean War Veterans in attendance. BG Norm Hoffman, Oregon Army National Guard, Retired, was the guest speaker and his message about our Veterans and the family members of serving Veterans was the best. Norm is also the Scout Leader for Troop 60, who performed the Military Flag Ceremony and Lauren Rice sang the National Anthem. There were 12 Scouts and Scout Leaders attending and they also received a complimentary dinner. Thanks to all of the members of the Emerald Empire Chapter of MOAA for supporting the Elks Lodges in this community who serve our Veterans, and also supporting the Lane County Stand Down. Veterans Honoring our Veterans, Floyd Bard, Veterans Chairman, Eugene Elks Lodge, General Chairman Lane County Stand Down.

**MOAA Logo Items for Sale:** You can pick up a MOAA pin with the flag of your service on it or sign up to buy MOAA polo shirts at the registration desk at the next general membership meeting in January.

#### **VERY LAST CHANCE** to 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.



# **ROTC CHILI COOK-OFF**

# ROTC ANNUAL CHILI COOK-OFF

JOIN US FOR THE 2022

# DECEMBER

We will have chili, snacks, a raffle and holiday activities.

> AGATE HALL AUDITORIUM 11AM-1PM THE SIGN UP DATE TO ENTER STARTS 21 NOVEMBER 2022.

# **ROTC, CHAPTER AND VA NEWS**

**30 Nov:** The cadets will receive their branch assignments and LTC Snyder wants to make it an event. Assignment to a branch tells you what you will be doing for the foreseeable future. Infantry, Armor, Finance... you could be walking or riding or sitting at a desk. The ceremony will be held at the Ford Alumni Center, Final details TBA.

**2 Dec:** The Annual Chili Cook Off (See the poster on page 8). Come out and vote for the PMS (Professor of Military Science.. LTC Snyder). It's a great opportunity to visit with the cadets, cadre and members of the U of O administration and faculty... and, of course, eat some great wholesome interesting chili (the cadets have unique palates).

**14 Dec:** Fall Term Commissioning Ceremony. Cadets Akey and Tran (both MOAA scholarship winners) will graduate and receive their commissions.

17 Dec: Cadets will be place wreaths on veterans' graves in a Wreaths Across America event.

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#### Would you like to show your pride in our nation? Or just looking for a gift idea?

The image of American flags flying on almost every house in a neighborhood gives me the feeling of



national pride and determination I felt after 9-11 when the Stars and Stripes was visible everywhere you went. Well, right now you have an opportunity to help raise that spirit again. John Toensing has worked with a flag manufacturer, an all-American flag manufacturer, to buy top-quality flags at a discount so that we can either purchase them for ourselves or sell them to our friends and neighbors and channel whatever profits to our chapter's Special Project Fund.

John has access to 3' X 5' and 4' X 6' flags made of 200 denier nylon, durable yet light enough to catch a breeze. The flags are col-

orfast and UV coated, and the stars are fully embroidered. The flags sell for \$65 for the 3X5 and \$75 for the 4X6. About \$20 of that price goes right back to the chapter's Special Project Fund which goes to projects like Habitat for Humanity's home repair for veterans, St. Vincent de Paul's Veterans Services and Housing Our Veterans.

To find out more about the makers, Allegiance Flag Supply, or to see their flag pole sets and other products, go to https://www.showallegiance.com/. To order any flags, call John Toensing at 541-345-7535, and if he doesn't have the flags on hand, he can get them in about a week. They would make great Christmas or holiday gifts.

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**Dental and Vision Insurance Open Season Ends December 13th:** Now is the time to sign up for or change your FEDVIP dental or vision insurance selections. Go to benefeds.com to check your eligibility, compare plans or make changes to your current plan selections. Don't delay.

### **MEET OUR NEW SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON**

Since Carol Norton stepped down as our Surviving Spouse Liaison, we have begun a search for her replacement. In recent months, our chapter has lost five members or spouses making the need for a Survivors Benefits Chairperson all the more important. That person has come forward and we are very pleased to announce the new Survivor Benefit Chairman, Roy "Michael" Pace.

Michael is 69 years old. He joined the Navy in 1972 and served in Viet Nam treating casualties at a hospital in Phu Bai. He entered the Navy as an enlisted person and retired as a LCDR after 28 years combined active and Reserve service in the Nurses Corp. He has been a Registered Nurse for 48 years working in operating rooms, dialysis nurse and at a public health clinic assisting in heart and liver transplants.

While in the Navy, he was assigned duties in the morgue and that sparked an interest in decedent affairs and coroner inquests. Since 1995, Michael has worked in various funeral homes in Medford and Eugene. He was a licensed funeral director, now retired. He has written two books, both available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble.



Chapter Surviving Spouse Liaison

Michael has already responded to some of our chapters recent losses. He has a great background for serving our members with guidance when preparing for an anticipated loss, or assisting with survival benefits.

Michael has been married to Andrea Pace for 39 years. They have one 37 year old daughter. His hobbies are restoring old cars, playing flute/sax/clarinet in "big bands" and oldies, and hanging out with two dogs and an African Gray parrot.

#### Michael can be contacted at 541-326-2840 or e-mail at ixoye333@comcast.net.

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#### **NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER: Joby Reiley** of Lane County

Veterans Services addressed the membership at the November luncheon to introduce us to the services his office offers. They invite Lane County veterans, dependents and survivors to contact their office for assistance or questions about Veteran Benefits. They offer assistance with:

Filing for disability claims (both service-connected and non service-connected) Obtaining military records, applying for VA Health Care, Education or Surviving Spouse Benefits

Call them if you need any help filing a claim or just want info on VA benefits.

Their office is at 151 W. 7th Ave, Suite 460, Eugene, OR 97401, and their phone is 541-682-4191. You can get more information on their website. Go to www.lanecounty.org, click on RESIDENTS and the VETERANS SERVICES.

#### 2023 CALENDAR OF MOAA CHAPTER MEETINGS

EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER CALENDAR FOR 2023				
January:	11th Luncheon	July:	26th Board Meeting	
	25th Board Meeting			
February:	8th Luncheon	August:	23rd Board Meeting	
	22nd Board Meeting			
March:	8th Luncheon	September:	13th Luncheon	
	22nd Board Meeting		27th Board Meeting	
April:	12th Luncheon	October:	11th Luncheon	
	26th Board Meeting		25th Board Meeting	
May:	10th ROTC Recognition Dinner	November:	8th Luncheon	
	24th Board Meeting		15th Board Meeting	
June:	11th Chapter Picnic	December:	14th Christmas Dinner	
	28th Board Meeting		27th Board Meeting	
Please take note: Events in red are different from our usual dates.				
May:	12th Luncheon 26th Board Meeting 10th ROTC Recognition Dinner 24th Board Meeting 11th Chapter Picnic 28th Board Meeting	November: December:	<ul> <li>11th Luncheon</li> <li>25th Board Meeting</li> <li>8th Luncheon</li> <li>15th Board Meeting</li> <li>14th Christmas Dinner</li> <li>27th Board Meeting</li> </ul>	

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.

#### VA News on Health Records

The Veterans Health Information Exchange (VHIE) system gives non-VA healthcare providers secure access to your VA healthcare record. Veterans enrolled in VA healthcare are automatically enrolled. If you would like VA to be able to share your medical records with your civilian providers, you need to activate your VA patient portal in one of two ways:

- If you have a MyHealtheVet account, log onto <u>https://patientportal.myhealth.va.gov</u>. Under
   "Sign In", click on the "MyHealtheVet" button to use your MyHealtheVet user ID and password.
- · If you do not have a MyHealtheVet account, go to <u>patientportal.myhealth.va.gov</u>, choose Sign In and use one of the options to establish a patient portal.

This system still appears to be a one-way communication, though, i.e., non-VA providers can read your VA healthcare record, but it doesn't look as if they can update it. Looks as if they still have to send their exam notes, test results and prescriptions to VA by fax or have the Vet hand-carry it If you have any questions, call Jonathan Landon at 541-942-9992.

# Emerald Empire Chapter Supports Habitat for Humanity Home Repair

Several months ago your Chapter Board contacted the Home Repair department of the local Habitat for Humanity. We offered to provide financial assistance with a repair that involved a veteran or veteran's family. Habitat currently has a veteran needing repair work and qualifies for low income and project need. The Chapter Board approved a \$500 donation from the Special Project fund to Habitat for Humanity, earmarked for the veteran's repair work. Thank you Emerald Empire members for supporting the chapter's Special Projects Fund.

#### MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Emerald Empire Chapter P.O. Box 767 Eugene, OR. 97440

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#### MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

MOAA is the largest veterans' organization for military officers in the United States, with approximately 351,000 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.

