



# WICMOAA NEWS

The Whidbey Island  
Chapter, MOAA  
---- Since 1968 ----  
**June 2022**

## President's comments

The WICMOAA Playhouse event was a big success with 84 WICMOAA members, friends and families attending. Our own Magic Wonder JR Russell (<https://www.jrrussellmagic.com/>) was the master of ceremony and provided the audience with some amazing magic. Profit from this event is used for WICMOAA support of the



JROTC programs we support.

I hope you have all signed up for the Annual BBQ already. Jim Patton has pulled this event together in the past and always finds



the best steaks. For the new members, we cook those great steaks and several sides as well as sodas, beer, wine, and even live music are all inclusive of the \$25/person price. This event typically is the largest turnout of WICMOAA chapter members.

Please RSVP to Mike Morgan ([svjaiyen@mac.com](mailto:svjaiyen@mac.com)) with a check as soon as possible or log into the <https://wicmoaa.com> and pay so we get a good headcount for the event. Be sure and let Mike know if you would prefer a chicken breast in place of a steak. We need a good headcount as we will not be purchasing a lot of extra steaks as a result of the high cost for great steaks.

August is the only month of the year we do not have a chapter meeting. Our next chapter meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup>.

See you at the BBQ!

## WICMOAA Family

It is with a heavy heart, we announce the death of long time WICMOAA member, Thomas R. Dooley, LTC, USA, on March 21, 2022. The Chapter sends its condolences to his wife, Marilynn, and his daughters. Col. Dooley's Obituary in the [Whidbey News-Times](#).

## 2022 Officers:

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## TREASURER'S CORNER

**TREASURER'S CORNER** — Greetings to all my fellow chapter members, and can you believe we are zooming through June already? It's been an amazingly full time and for this month I will be talking more about that and staying (mostly) away from all of that boring money talk.



**Monthly Luncheons.** These are continuing to work well at the golf club, the menu continually being tweaked, and billing refined a bit as well. The most important thing to realize and remember about that, going forward, is that your meal reservations are considered a firm commitment, i.e., if you've checked in and reserved meal(s), then - whether or not you have paid for them already - you are on the hook to pay up for them if you fail to cancel the reservation in advance. For our purposes, that means getting in touch with me or Terry, no later than the afternoon prior to the event, to let people know that you won't be able to attend. Having done that, I'll then be happy to refund your payment, to apply it to the following month's meeting, or change it into a scholarship donation — your choice.

**WICMOAA Website.** Terry has put a lot of quality work into the design and creation of the site, which has been up and running for a few weeks now. I encourage you all to give it a look and to use it as much as you can. It's a quick and convenient way to reserve meals or spots at other special events, and an excellent source of information about the chapter, MOAA in general, and what will be going on in the near future in our vicinity. It's also a very easy way for me to be able to track who has paid for what and when. Speaking personally, I've found the convenience of doing those sorts of things online more than worth minor additional costs involved to cover processing fees.

When you're using it, please don't hesitate to reach out to Terry (or to me as well, if you like) with any comments or suggestions you might have about it; what you like a lot, what you don't like maybe as much, what you'd like to see added or changed, anything at all. It's a living online document and the desire is to have it serve all of the members and visitors as well as it can.

**Whidbey Playhouse Buy-Out.** We just completed that event on Father's Day and JR deserves a BZ and huge vote of thanks from all of us for putting together another great event. "Charlie's Aunt" was a fun production to see, generated lots of laughs for the audience, and when you have that and the inimitable JR doing his thing on stage? Twice? Golden, pure golden.

Thanks to all of you who attended, with of course a bit of extra thanks to those who also brought along the munchies to lay out and share. Most importantly, at the end of the day it was a huge success financially as well. We had 86 paid attendees, bringing in \$1,370 in ticket sales, plus an additional \$270 of income from the raffles, plus some additional income from items sold at the event itself. As a result of this, we will be able to once again fully fund our support for two JROTC units, returning to the former \$500 cash grant per chapter, covering that from ticket sales alone; any funds left over plus all of the raffle income will be put into our scholarship funds. Thanks again, everyone!

**Picnic.** This is now 'Event the Next' as we used to say in the Old Navy. Jim Patton and his team have been hard at work on getting this set up for some time now. The specifics will be mentioned elsewhere in this newsletter again, so I'll limit myself to reminding you that this is a revenue neutral event, meaning that we will set the ticket price as close to expenses as we can get it. It's always a good time, and I hope to see as many of you joining us out there as can possibly make it.

We have welcomed a good number of new members in during the past months, and I would offer special encouragement to them to make an effort to come out and join us, to meet and get to know some more of the members and let them see your happy shining faces too.

(Final Hint: Don't be like me, habitually forgetting to bring my own plates and dining ware out to the picnic with us. As funny as it may look, cutting steaks with a plastic knife is *not* fun!)

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## Health Affairs:

Did you know that Men are 2x less likely than women to use preventive health care services?

You can be the one to fight the stigma. Take action and schedule your recommended health screenings ASAP. Take Charge of Your Health



## WICMOAA Summer Picnic

Preparations for our annual picnic at Rocky Point on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> are proceeding well, despite the reluctance of suppliers to commit to prices due to the inflation. Our Board has taken the precaution of choosing a fee of \$25 per attendee which should match the expenses that we can expect to see three weeks from now. Our Board has also decided that the “centerpiece” of our fare will be Choice New York Strip steaks, a big (and juicy) improvement over the hamburgers that we settled for last year. We will also feature chicken breasts as an alternative, plus baked potatoes, and our usual baked beans, potato salad, cold slaw and a variety of condiments. As always, there will be plenty of beverages to choose from, plus coffee and water. We will provide some “sweets” and do invite our members to bring their own favorite desserts

There are now ten tables outside of the facility near the grills beside those we set up inside so, regardless of the weather, we will be comfortable as we eat and enjoy conversations with each other. Our friend, Bobby O’Neil, will be there to provide a musical background (singing for lunch and tips).

### **Mark your Calendars for the WICMOAA Meetings in 2022 at the WGC 11:30 AM**

~~Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>~~ Brief by **Ricardo Jobin Emergency Manager (EM) NAS Whidbey: “Disaster Preparedness”**

~~Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>~~ Brief by **Captain Hanks: “NAS Whidbey 2022 going Forward, budget cut impacts to retired”**

~~March 10<sup>th</sup>~~ Brief by **Captain James M. Patton: “PUTIN’S ADVENTURE IN UKRAINE: Preamble ..... Action & Reaction .... Aftermath.”**

~~April 14<sup>th</sup>~~ Presentation by **Ricardo Jobin NAS EM: Sir Ernest Shackleton “Lessons in Leadership”**

~~May 12<sup>th</sup>~~ Brief by **Sheriff Rick Felici: “Law and Order in Island County”**

~~June 9<sup>th</sup>~~ Brief by **Captain Kewish: “Naval Health Clinic Oak Harbor, today and looking forward”**

**July 14<sup>th</sup> Annual BBQ Event:** Rocky Point Recreational Area – No Brief, just good food, friends, and fun!  
Music by the stylings of Bobby O’ Neil

**August: No Chapter Meeting**

**September 8<sup>th</sup>** Brief by **Colonel Lawrence Moses, DAV Representative: “VA Services and Benefits”**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** Brief by **“TBD” Washington National Guard Structure, purpose, and function.**

**November 10<sup>th</sup>** Brief by **Clyde Shavers PhD – Navigating Increasing Tensions Between the United States and China**

**December 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Christmas Party** at the Whidbey Golf Club

**Ideas for Speakers? Let Marshal Bronson know at: 360.960.0321**



## MOAA's 2022 Legislative Priorities

Our WICMOAA goals are primarily the same as that of MOAA National. As we go along day to day, it is easy to miss the big picture objectives of MOAA. WICMOAA keeps an eye on the issues and either via our newsletter or an email for timely issues ensures our members are made aware. That is important as MOAA generates canned letters that may be sent directly to our Senators and Representative. A heads up by WICMOAA will allow you to log into the MOAA national site and support an issue or issues in minutes. Senators and Representatives do a count of emails to see if something is actually important to their constituents. E.g. what to vote for or against.



Please follow the link and support **the Major Richard Star Act.** Send message to our lawmakers from the MOAA site. <https://moaa.quorum.us/campaign/36675/>

Follow the links below to review the Legislation MOAA is currently supporting, and the Campaigns you can write to your legislators.

## MOAA-Supported Legislation

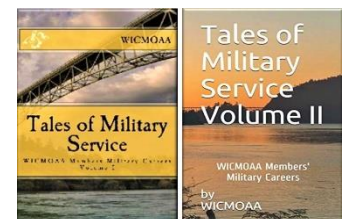
### “Tales of Military Service” – Volume III

WICMOAA is looking to create a volume III of our amazing selection of stories by our members. We all served and have stories of happy times, sad times, and funny times while serving in the military. **We really need some additional stories to create the new book.**

It appears as I get older the days go by very fast as do the weeks and months. Your stories are important to your family and generations to come. Sit down on a rainy day and jot a few down. If you happen to have a computer with word on it, that makes it very easy, but if not a pencil and paper will work as well, and we will type your stories into the book. Everyone will have a chance to proof their stories before the book is published. All the profit for the sale of our books go into the scholarship fund.

Send your stories to [WIC.MOAA@gmail.com](mailto:WIC.MOAA@gmail.com)

**Volumes I and II are still on sale at ever chapter meeting.** If you have not read the stories, you should get a copy. **Great Stories** about our WICMOAA Family.



## Upcoming ROWC Events

Summer Break. Back in September!





Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

July 14<sup>th</sup> WICMOAA BBQ \_\_\_\_\_ People X \$25.00 ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship Fund Donations ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2022 Dues \$20 for Members and \$5 for Auxiliary Members ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WICMOAA Shirts \_\_\_\_ Gray \_\_\_\_ White \$25 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

WICMOAA Caps \_\_\_\_ Grey \$25 each ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Order \_\_\_\_\_ copies of Tales of Military Service Vol 1 @ \$17.50 each \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Order \_\_\_\_ copies of Tales of Military Service VOL 2 @ \$15.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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