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February

“Following the Spirit of Truman’s Leadership in ROA”

2024

President’s Message

By COL Michael S. Clarke, USA (Ret)

Missouri ROA in 2024 offers three outstanding meetings. The first is our annual state conclave April 26-28 at the recently refurbished Inn at Grand Glaze on the Lake of the Ozarks, just north of Camdenton, MO. Our US Senator **Josh Hawley** has been invited as our Saturday evening dinner speaker on April 27. The reception area on Friday evening, April 26, will be stocked with hors d’oeuvres and drinks. Our luncheon speaker will be professor and author **William Meadows** of Missouri State University. He will be highlighting his second novel on the American Indian Code speakers of WWI and WWII. Several of the Navaho Code speakers were military reservists.

Furthermore, a session on Saturday morning, April 27, will be devoted to military retirement benefits and cemetery arrangements. The Arlington Cemetery in D.C. has been expanded greatly. Its eligibility requirements will be discussed. The meeting committee headed by **Col Robert Shankel** has negotiated a very favorable rate at the Inn which is family friendly.

Our second outstanding meeting will be the 2024 National ROA Convention in D.C. The tentative dates are 18-20 October 2024. The meeting’s hotel is yet to be chosen. When arrangements are finalized, e-mail communication will come to you.

Nominations for our annual awards are now open. The awardees need be active reserve or guard but need not be ROA members. See the web page, www.missouriroa.org, for a description of the awards and instructions on nominating. The 3 major-service vice-presidents oversee the nomination process.

Our third meeting is the CIOR/CIOMR to be held 29 July-2 August in Tallinn, Estonia. One popular itinerary is a flight to Helsinki, Finland followed by the short, enjoyable ferry across the Gulf of Finland to Tallinn. Good rail service to Estonia from the European capitals exists. The official languages will be French and English. Helsinki, Finland was the site of the 2023 CIOR/CIOMR. Members attending learned that tourism is well developed in this Nordic part of the world.

Our Department of Missouri is proud to have had 6 national presidents in the 102 years of history of ROA. To



COL Clarke

the best of my knowledge, that is more than any other state. Presently, the national president, **Lt Col Layne Wroblewski** will attend our convention and preside over the annual national meeting in October in D.C. **Lt Col Don Stockton**, Missouri’s most recent past national president, and his wife **Connie** have endowed the beautiful new flagpole and flag flying in front of the Minuteman Building. Don spearheaded the highly successful state meeting at the Truman Library and Museum last year.

Active lobbying efforts by ROA continue under the direction of Executive Director, **MG Jeffrey E. Phillips**. Areas of ROA emphasis have attempted to address deficiencies in recruitment and retention. Life expectancies are increasing and military service beyond 60 years of age and/or 20 years of service is endorsed by ROA and being considered by Congress. Some additional areas of lobbying include:

- Fully funding the Reserve Forces budget.
- Including dental care for retirees.
- Providing more modern equipment for Reserve training.
- Offering pay for reservists commensurate to that of the active duty positions.
- Extending tax credits to employers of reservists.
- Providing tuition assistance.

Of particular concern to Missouri reservists has been the funding of the 442 FW at Whiteman Air Force Base. No replacement for these airframes has been proposed. Also, ROA opposes elimination of the USPHS Ready Reserve. Eighty-four million in funding for the Public Health Service is scheduled to be removed.

I’m certainly looking forward to meeting and getting to know fellow ROA members and their families at the Lake of the Ozarks in April and then again in October in Washington, D.C.

Update your ROA Record

The ROA website www.roa.org has been modified to allow members to enter their biography information and make changes to address, phone, email, rank, etc., use “Manage Profile” tab. Keeping your information current helps us with mailing the *Transmitter* and in the case of a quick alert by email. If you are not receiving the *ROA SmartBrief* use the site to subscribe. The *SmartBrief* email is published several days a week with the latest military and legislative news from Washington.



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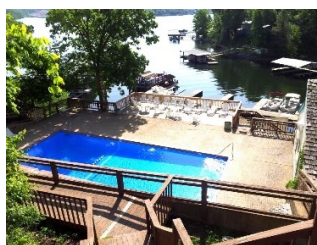
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**Inn At Grand Glaize~ 5142 Osage Beach Pkwy~ Osage Beach, MO 65065
APRIL 26-28, 2024**

This spring we are returning to Lake of the Ozarks and the Inn at Grand Glaize for our annual meeting. The Inn is currently undergoing a major remodel. Room rates at the Inn are \$99 for the standard and \$109 for a junior suite. Both are subject to a \$5 green fee and 11.225% taxes. ROA group social time in the hotel will be 1730 to 1900 on Friday and Saturday. Primary room nights are Friday and Saturday, the rate is also available for Thursday and Sunday. To make reservations on-line, go to <https://innatgrandglaize.com/> or call 573 348-4731 **GROUP RATE CUT OFF IS APRIL 1.**

Invited speakers are US Senator Josh Hawley and Congressman Mark Alford, MO District 4, ROA National President Lt Col Layne Wroblewski, National Legislative Director Matt Schwarzman, and professor and author William Meadows. In addition, we are inviting area unit commanders to participate in a senior-leaders panel discussion on Saturday morning.



AGENDA

Friday 1730~Hospitality and social time
Saturday 0700~Breakfast **0830**~Opening session **1100**~Department and Service Section Meetings **1200**~Lunch **1300**~Free Time **1730**~Reception **1830**~Banquet
Sunday 0900~Closing session



MOROA CONVENTION REGISTRATION

April 26-28, 2024 ***Due by April 1, 2024***

Convention Registration and Luncheon are **FREE** for drilling 01-03, W1 & W2 and E1-E6.
 Complete the following information request and mail with your check (payable to Missouri ROA) to:
Col Bob Shankel, 10019 Knox Drive, Overland Park, KS 66212-5338

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Service Branch:	Rank/Grade:	ROA Department/Chapter #:	
Address:			
City:		State:	Zip:
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Registration Fee:	\$40.00	X # registering	\$
Saturday Luncheon:	\$20.00	X # attending	\$
Saturday Banquet Dinner:	\$40.00	X # attending	\$
TOTAL			\$

Convention meeting attire is Service Dress Uniforms or Business Casual. Banquet attire is Winter Mess Dress, Black Tie or Business Suit. Advance convention details will be posted at www.MissouriROA.org



2023 National Convention

By CDR Ellen Duvall, USN (Ret)

CAPT Robert Carmack, ROA National President opened the convention in Baton Rouge, September 29, 2023.

LCDR Aroon Seeda, Chaplain, Navy Reserve Naval Surface Force Pacific TYCOM Headquarters spoke about Mindfulness: Operational Stress Control. He addressed the importance of spiritual and emotional support. He focused on applying mindfulness in daily activities as it involves observing, feeling and releasing. Non-judgmental seeing is seeing as things are, and realizing what feelings are within us, then mindfully inhaling and consciously exhaling tension. It is important to put aside greed and distress. The pain of depression can lead to anguish that can no longer be borne. The goal is for the individual to think "I will not kill myself, but I will call for help". Using mindful breathing to relax and find resting point within one's body can lead to release of tension, both mental and physical, leading to forgiving and forgetting.

MG Jeffrey Phillips, ROA Executive Director related the State of the Association. He is optimistic that ROA is poised for the future as the finances are stable and we are within budget, the contingency fund is half way to our goal. Needs include being more involved with media and growing the contingency fund. The building rental is more active in the spring and fall and to increase year-round use, ROA is exploring a leasing arrangement with a hotel chain.

ROA is working with the Citizen-Warrior Coalition to encourage employers to support reservist employees. In addition, he is focusing on improving dental care and health care for Reservists as well as travel pay. These are all needed for men and women to continue to be able to serve their country. 40 to 50 percent of our military forces are Reservists.

Matt Schwartzman, ROA Legislation Director stated that advocacy is not just lobbying. Because of an article ROA wrote about the out-moded policies of USSERA, they are now having round-table discussions about the issue. ROA had an op-ed on the need for ascension bonuses for the 250,000-manpower shortage to increase interest in the military. Another concern is the lack of parity of benefits for the Public Health Service with the other Services. Individual ROA members can find legislative issues on-line on ROA's website and are urged to contact legislators. Advocacy includes educating drilling Reservists that readiness is the work of ROA and that we are lobbying for them to have what is needed for readiness.

Sergeant Major Edwin Mota, Command Senior Enlisted Leader with Marine Forces South. Increased operations are providing more opportunities for service. Reservists needn't serve, but they do so. Since the all-volunteer force began in 1973, Reservists have committed to service to our nation. He shared the story of **Michael Mansfield**, an immigrant born in 1903 who lied about being 14 and joined Navy to serve in the Great War. His age was discovered, and he was discharged. He joined the

Army for two years and then the Marine Corps, being discharged in 1922. He became a mining engineer despite not having a high school diploma, earned two masters' degrees and was elected to Congress in 1942, the Senate 1952-76, and served as Ambassador to Japan 1977-1988. Despite all those decades of serving his country, at his request, his tombstone only credits him as being a Private and he lies beside other World War 1 veterans. SgtMaj thanked attendees for our dedication to service. Today, military personnel are often seen as peacekeepers versus warriors. There is the need to educate why our beacon for freedom is essential and the need for volunteers with dedication to serve.

MG Peggy Wilmoth, Chair, ROA Health Services Affairs Committee, Moderator. Panel: Successes & Opportunities in Prevention of Suicide in the Reserve Components. Deaths by suicide in 2021-22 increased 2.6 percent. There are 458,000 Guard and Reservists in 3,600 communities.

RDML Matthew Kleiman, USPHS, Assistant Surgeon General, J1 Special Advisor-Psychological Health and Resilience. With most Reservists living in rural areas, and the time between drills, it is not possible to closely monitor behavior compared to active-duty personnel. More than 100 Guard members are lost every year to suicide. Contributors include employment issues, alcohol use, and family violence. Sexual assault does not occur in a vacuum. Healthcare eligibility has many status requirements and many live more than 50 miles from any resource. Prevention is silo-like versus holistic. Thus, response is reactive when a problem is apparent. Primary prevention involves action before a problem presents. Is the unit's climate helpful vs toxic? Identify vulnerabilities in family history, financial stability, effective coping skills, connectedness. Consider the Risk Assessment of all recruits vs those in crisis. E.g., providing targeted management of an adverse childhood experience led to a 70 percent reduction of behavioral issues in clients.

Bonnie Schultz, LCSW, BACS; Chief, Psychological Program ANG, Office of the Air Surgeon. She voiced possible ways to meet the challenges of stigma of help-seeking, lack of mental health resources and inability to pay for treatments. Embed mental health care assessment in units to identify issues as civilian job, alcohol, etc. and resources available. Train mental health workers to help military clients. Counseling and problem solving of non-medical issues when waiting for treatment, especially with members returning from deployment, e.g., identify those with suicidal ideation. Put all helping personnel in one place, like chaplains, sexual assault assistance, financial aid. Foster peer-to-peer support, connect to protect.

COL Leanna Brown, AN, USAR, Director, Psychological Health Programs. Rocks in My Rucksack. One rock would be poor leadership. The goal is trust, not control. Other rocks could include relationships, mental health, substance abuse, and suicide ideation. 71 percent of suicides are single. Most have been in the unit less than two years.

National Council Report

By LTC Bob Dietrich, USA (Ret)

Since the last report, there have been two National Council meetings held via Zoom on November 16, 2023, and January 18, 2024. I was unable to participate in the November meeting due to electronic connection issues. However, I am pleased to report I was able review the minutes to the November meeting, and I was successful in connecting to the January meeting. Both meetings were very busy and informative.

The November meeting was highlighted with comments by ROA President **Lt Col Layne Wroblewski** and Executive Director **MG Jeff Phillips** about the upcoming EXCOM meeting where the proposed budget will be discussed. Additional discussions about: the Continuing Resolutions of the federal budget, and their effects on ROA legislative concerns; and membership issues dealing with the Yellow Ribbon program, ROA Academy, and database update through PCI. Also, Department questions included availability of Bicentennial coins, rebates, required IRS documents, realignment of Departments.

The January meeting was highlighted with comments from ROA President Wroblewski about the December EXCOM meeting and the decision to cancel the Leadership Conference. National Treasurer **Tom Hueg** and Budget & Finance Committee Chair **Susan Lucas** spoke on the financial status of ROA and the future of rebates for FY 22 and FY 23, and the cost to ROA of the Leadership Conference. All three pointed out that although the Leadership Conference was canceled the National Committee was still welcome to have their meeting. Additional discussions about committee assignments and best practices were held.



Legislative Affairs

By Lt Col Donald Stockton, USAF (Ret)

The ROA national executive committee during the last meeting in December conducted a strategic discussion to address once again the association's Mission, Vision, Values, and Priorities. The number one priority was broadly described as **Influence** which may be more specially defined as Influencing legislation and military policy affecting national security, with a focus on supporting the needs of reserve component units, members, and their families.

To that end, our department's legislative committee is continually seeking input from Missouri unit's senior leadership, unit members, and ROA members about issues and concerns that may have a negative impact on combat readiness. Each year during our annual meeting we invite sen-

ior leaders from area reserve units to participate in a panel discussion to shed light on these issues and concerns. Ideas and suggestions resulting from the panel discussion are used to craft MOROA resolutions for changes in law and military policies.

We take our department resolutions to the ROA national leadership for consideration to make them current and specific ROA national resolutions. These resolutions become the basis for conversations with our members of congress asking them to sponsor bills in congress to legislate law changes and to the pentagon to change military policy as necessary. We will again have a panel discussion at our annual meeting in April at the Lake of the Ozarks. All department members are encouraged to attend and participate with the panel.

At the last national annual meeting in October 2023, twenty-one new, renewed, updated, and revised resolutions were adopted. All of these are posted on the ROA web site www.roa.org under the Advocacy tab, scroll down to Current Resolutions, and then click on the Resolutions Handbook.

One of these current new resolutions, No. 23-5, **Recruitment and Reenlistment Bonus Structure of the Uniformed Services** is a result of a MOROA resolution submitted last year. Reserve Component units in Missouri and all across the nation for all service sections are struggling to meet end strength requirements due to shortfall resulting from current recruiting and retention effort.

Another example of MOROA resolutions was one developed in 2018 on the subject to **Fully Maintain the A-10 Thunderbolt II (Warthog)**. AFRC 442FW at Whiteman AFB, Missouri operates the Warthog which the AF in 2017 announced plans to retire this important fighter aircraft. Our effort in taking this issue to congress eventually led to a provision in the 2021 National Defense Authorizations Act that stopped early retirement of the A-10 and provided additional funding to replace wings and pay for other significant upgrades to extend the life of this important weapon system.

Members are encouraged to reach out to Lt Col Don Stockton with questions or suggestions about unit and member combat readiness issues.

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Naval Services Affairs

By LCDR Dina Pinkston, USN (Ret)

March 3rd 2024, is the 109th Birthday of the Navy Reserves! The Navy Reserve is offering a \$20,000 enlistment bonus to all rates, with or without prior service. Are you willing and able to serve again or know someone who is on the fence? Contact a local recruiter for details.

Two Navy SEALs pronounced dead. **Special Operator First Class Christopher Chambers** and **Special Operator Second Class Nathan Gage Ingram** went missing during a nighttime boarding operation on January 11th in the Arabian Sea off the coast of Somalia. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and team. The Navy continues to play a big role in the region as part of the US

and UK joint effort to stop Iran-backed rebels attacking the commercial shipping lanes in the Red Sea.

Have you completed your Airborne Hazard and Burn Pit Registry? The Veterans Administration established this registry in 2014 to put data to work for Veterans and help the VA better understand the potential health effects of exposure to airborne hazards during military service. By joining the registry, you can provide information that will help VA provide better care to all Veterans. You are eligible to participate if you served in Operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield (ODS), New Dawn (OND), or Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom (OIF/OEF). The registry is an online questionnaire and can be followed up by an optional examination. Please note if you are trying to file a PACT Act claim for benefits, please visit the VA PACT Act site or call 800-698-2411 for assistance. The Airborne Hazards and Open Burn Pits Registry is not required to file compensation claims.

The following are presumptive conditions:

- Brain cancer
- Gastrointestinal cancer of any type
- Glioblastoma
- Head cancer of any type
- Kidney cancer
- Lymphatic cancer of any type
- Lymphoma of any type
- Melanoma
- Neck cancer
- Pancreatic cancer
- Reproductive cancer of any type
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea
- Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung
- Large cell carcinoma of the lung
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung
- Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung
- Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung
- Respiratory (breathing-related) cancer of any type

Visit <https://www.publichealth.va.gov/exposures/burnpits/registry.asp> to confirm eligibility and learn more.

Have you heard about the Veterans Community Project: Veterans housing Veterans, armed with the strength and support of the community. Established in Kansas City, Missouri, by a group of combat Veterans, the Veterans Community Project (VCP) provides high-quality and well-developed strategic services that enable Veterans to meet the challenges of day-to-day living, resolve immediate crises, and move towards permanent stability. Because we believe red tape is a barrier. No Veteran should be left behind. VCP serves any man or woman who took the oath to protect our Constitution regardless of discharge status and length or type of service. VCP's solution is simple: provide Veterans with a home of their own and individualized, wraparound support services that not only help get them back on their feet but ensure they continue standing. The tiny homes in VCP Village offer Veterans a sense of

security and the opportunity to reintegrate into the community at their own pace. Each home is pet-friendly and fully furnished with everything a Veteran needs, from new furniture to dish towels. For more information visit: <https://www.veteranscommunityproject.org>



VCP Village in St. Louis Vander-Lou neighborhood

The US Navy is accepting proposals for its Landing Ship Medium program, a much-needed resource for littoral missions.



Landing Ship Medium design concept

Air Force Affairs

By Maj Brian Rutherford, USAF (Ret)

Air Force Reorganization

The Air Force has announced that a complete command structure reorganization will be unveiled in January 2024. Once the outline has been publicized, the Air Force has stated it will be implemented and operational by April 1, 2024.

As of the publication date for this article, there are no further details of what this reorganization will entail – just speculation based on comments by Air Force officials. Will Air Force Reserve Command (AFRC) remain a Major Command (MAJCOM)? AFRC became a MAJCOM in 1997, commanded by former 442 FW commander, **Maj. Gen. Robert A. McIntosh**. Two former 442d wing commanders, **Lt. Gens. John A. Bradley** and **Charles E. Stenner, Jr.**, also served among the ten AFRC commanders since then.

Complicating the issue and raising anxiety within our membership involves the recent stand-up of Space Force – formerly the US Air Force Space Command – as a separate branch of the military. Space Force is reportedly seeking provisions for National Guard involvement – but does not include traditionally-serving Reservists in favor of a model more closely incorporating the roles of Individual Mobilization Augmentees (IMA). Active duty Air Force leaders are also reportedly following these developments – eyeing the potentiality of calling upon “IMAs on demand.” Utilizing “IMAs on demand” rather than the utiliz-

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ing the traditional (and proven effective) reserve wing as a deploying force would decimate AFRC unit cohesion, morale and the foundations on which over 75 years of Air Force Reserve effectiveness, heritage and retention have been built.

Change of Command

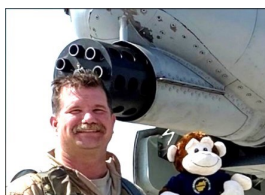
Col. Mike Leonas took command of the 442d Fighter Wing from **Brig. Gen. Steve Nester** November 4, 2023. 10th Air Force Commander **Brig. Gen. Regina Sabric** officiated the event.



Brig. Gen. Sabric (left) Col Leonas (center) relieves Brig. Gen. Nester (right)
Photo by MSgt Bob Jennings

New Deputy Wing Commander

Col Brian “B-Lite” Leiter has returned to the 442d to serve as Deputy Wing Commander. He is excited to be back where he started his career in 1996!



Col Brian Leiter

A-10s Slated for Retirement – But, What’s Next?

Recent budget-tightening has once again put the venerable A-10 Thunderbolt II on the short list of airframes to be retired. The process has already begun, with all A-10s slated to be sent to “the boneyard” by October 1, 2027. The looming sunset of the A-10 program has resulted in the 442d Fighter Wing trending towards losing funding and personnel allocations for the foreseeable future.

While several scenarios including follow-on airframes have been suggested, including F-15s, F-16s and F-35s, nothing has been officially announced (as of publication date.) Recently, a number of F-16s and F-15Es (Strike Eagles) slated for divestiture have been designated for reassignment and continuing service.

The state of Missouri has much riding on the future of the new F-15EX Eagle II, with primary manufacturing, assembly and defense contractors employing thousands of workers in the St. Louis area. Funding has been allocated for the program, with several new aircraft having been completed and production lines fully operational. Lawmakers at the federal and state level, as well as Missouri’s military preparedness leaders, have made it known they believe there is a strategic advantage to eventually placing at least one operational F-15EX squadron within the state.

Standing up a squadron of F-15EXs at Whiteman AFB is a logical move which leverages vital resources already in place. The 442d Fighter Wing is the only AFRC fighter unit in the Midwest – retaining (for now, at least) a fighter-based infrastructure, combat-proven aircrew, experienced fighter aircraft maintenance force and other trained and deployable support personnel for a smooth transition. However, the prolonged and ongoing lack of a follow-on mission for the 442d jeopardizes losing the experienced citizen Airmen who have repeatedly answered the call and deployed to project American air power at the tip of the

spear in the Global War on Terrorism for the last 32 years.

The future of the 442d Fighter Wing has not been determined as of press date, but the Air Force report due to the federal congressional committees by April 1 should reveal the direction in which the unit will be headed moving into the next mission.

Congressional Involvement

From: Air Force Times, November 30, 2023

“A bipartisan group of lawmakers on Thursday urged the Air Force to temporarily shift some of its fighters from active-duty units to guard and reserve squadrons to maintain balance as the service retires older air frames. The letter, which was signed by 16 senators and 27 representatives, asks Air Force Secretary **Frank Kendall** to consider a concept called “fleet leveling” as a temporary solution to ensure the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve does not lose some of its fighter squadrons or experience.”

House Resolution 6735, also known as *The Fighter Force Preservation Act of 2023*, was introduced by **US Congressman and retired Air Force Brig. Gen. Donald J. Bacon** (R-NE), with bipartisan co-sponsors) on December 13. A similar bill was presented in the Senate.

H.R. 6735 requires the Secretary of the Air Force to develop a long-term tactical fighter force structure, recapitalization, training, and sustainment plan for the active and reserve components of the Air Force. The Air Force must then submit a report, which includes the plan, to the congressional defense committees by April 1, 2024. These bills, combined with the Air Force’s soon-to-be-announced major reorganization plan, should establish a clearer picture of the Air Force Reserve’s future (or lack thereof) here in the Heartland.

In Other News...

Chapter 442 partnered with the Chief’s (CMSgt) Group to host a social event/ membership drive at the Whiteman AFB Mission’s End Club after the duty day during the December Unit Training Assembly. For our current and retired members, join our new ROA Missouri Facebook page to see when the next social event is happening. You’re invited!

HAWGCAST: News from the Top-Stay in the Loop

New episodes dropped in November and December feature Brig. Gen. Nester, hosting a discussion on stories about the colorful fabric of our members’ and a recap on recent Wing accomplishments.



Episode 7.5 – *Exit Interview* - Brig. Gen.

Nester handed leadership of the wing over to Col Leonas in November. In this episode, Nasty reminisces with **CMSgt Nate Parks**, inspiration for the podcast.

Episode 7.0 – *Torch in the Place* - Conversation with Brig. Gen. Sabric and **CMSgt Christopher Bluto**, 10th Air Force Commander and Command Chief, respectively. Includes Q-and-A from questions submitted by members.

Listen here, or on your favorite podcast-listening platform!
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Col. Leonas, plans to continue with Hawgcast to share information and success stories with the 442d family!

Brian’s Note: Reluctantly, I downloaded the iPhone Podcasts app to listen to Hawgcast – and it was much easier and more seamless than the DVIDS app.

Department Members In Memoriam

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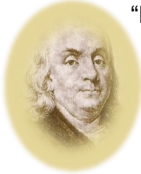
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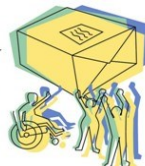
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