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EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER OF THE MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

10 APRIL LUNCHEON MEETING

April 10th—Veterans’ Memorial Building
1626 Willamette

11:30—12:00 Social / 12:00 Lunch \$16.00

MENU

- Meatballs and Marinara Sauce
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Fresh Asparagus and Baby Carrots
- Fresh Green Salad with Three Dressings
- Garlic Bread
- Homemade Cookies



Patriots Day, 15 April
Commemorating the battles of
Lexington and Concord

GUEST SPEAKER

Sergeant Julie Smith, Eugene Police Department
Policing on foot in downtown Eugene

Reminder— If you make a reservation for lunch/ dinner, you are expected to pay for the meal, even if you do not attend. See Board Meeting minutes.

GUESTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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Do you need a ride? Can you give a ride?
Let your callers know; they will set it up.

Garage Sale 28-29 Sep. See page 7.

We are still taking donations for the ROTC Scholarship Fund and to pay for the ROTC Cadets meals at the annual ROTC Recognition Dinner on May 8th.

MOAA membership benefits many

2019 CHAPTER OFFICERS

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Have you paid your dues yet?
Twelve people haven’t.
Come on folks.

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27 MARCH 2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

PRESENT: Officers: President Ken Evans; Vice President Dick Norton and Treasurer Pat Simpson. Board members and Committee Chairs: Directors Mike Kennedy, Ginger Banks and Frank Balazs were present. A quorum was established. Past President Ron Sticka, Legislative Chair Ed Daley and Fund Raising Chair Marcy Prevcis were also present.

OPENING: President Evans called the meeting to order at 1207 hours, led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an opening prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes of the 23 Jan 2019 board meeting was reviewed and approved. The 27 Feb 19 meeting was cancelled due to inclement weather.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Reports for 23 Jan to 27 Feb 2019 and 27 Feb to 27 Mar 2019 were reviewed and approved. NOTE: The report for 23 Jan – 27 Feb 19 was published in the February newsletter.

Treasurer's Report for 27 February – 27 March 2019.

Club Operations:

Beginning Balance:		\$2,592.95
Deposits: Dues:	\$ 65.00	
Lunch Meals (36 X \$17.00)	612.00	
Door Prize:	89.00	
Donation:	20.00	
Shirt and cap payments:	357.00	
Total:	1,143.00	\$ 1,143.00
Expenses: Mac's Custom Catering (37 X \$17.00):	\$ 629.00	
Delp's Awards for speaker's plaque:	12.00	
Door prizes (Pat Simpson):	40.00	
Triangle Graphics for shirts):	236.52	
MOAA caps (Pat Harris):	149.88	
Total:	1,067.40	- \$1,067.40

Club Operations as of 27 March 2019: \$2,668.55

The 5 Star Sales/Scholarship Endowment and Cadet Dinners Funds remain the same at \$82.48 and \$553.81. The ROTC Scholarship Booster and Special Projects Funds added \$90.00 and \$43.00, respectively, for balances of \$5,245.00 and \$1,242.05. The grand total for the Umpqua Bank checking Account is \$9,791.89. The OCCU Endowment Fund Account, as of 27 March 2019, added \$1.47 in interest for a balance \$6,384.23. The Emerald Empire MOAA Scholarship Endowment Fund with the Benton Community Foundation, as of the end of February 2019, has a balance of \$31,845.20.

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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/>.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (continued)

Scholarship Funds: The board discussed the history, details and purposes of the ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund that is included in the Umpqua Bank account, the OCCU Endowment Fund account and the Benton Community Foundation account.

NEW BUSINESS: A Strategic Plan meeting was held from 10:30 AM – Noon, prior to the board meeting. Another meeting is scheduled on 24 April 2019 beginning at 11:00 AM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HEALTH AND WELFARE – Dick Norton: Members, Maj (Ret) Burl Stonum and CAPT Loy Hamilton passed away in February.

HOUSE COMMITTEE – Pat Harris:

The proposed menu for the 10 Apr luncheon has been set; spaghetti and meatballs. The price for lunches is \$17.

Speaker for the 10 Apr luncheon is SGT Julie Smith of the Eugene PD. Info and bio are in the April newsletter.

Pat H fielded several complaints on the quality of the March luncheon. Pat McCallum explained the entrée was prepared by a new chef who couldn't seem to follow the recipe. Pat apologizes and assures us that he will personally oversee the preparation of our April luncheon.

MEMBERSHIP – Pat Simpson: 88 of our 100 regular members and 9 of 31 associate members have paid their dues for 2019. The number of regular members has been reduced from 104 to 100. We added one new member but have lost 5 members: two passed away, two moved out of our area and we've lost contact with one (letters are being returned with an unknown forwarding address).

LEGISLATIVE: - Ed Daley: A legislative entry regarding Vietnam War Blue Navy Veterans being recognized for Agent Orange benefits will be in the April newsletter.

NEWSLETTER - Pat Harris: The next newsletter will be out 1 Apr. Request all input by COB Friday, 29 Mar.

WEBSITE – Ginger Banks: Ginger renewed the website fees and presented a bill to the Treasurer for \$341.52 that has been paid.

FUND RAISING – Marcy Prevics: Marcy is in contact with a lady who may help manage the next garage sale tentatively scheduled for 28, 29 September 2019.

OLD BUSINESS:

Strategic Plan: The next meeting is scheduled for 11:00 AM – Noon on 24 April, prior to the next board meeting. We will finalize the “30 second Elevator Speech” and prioritize the chapter's possible support for local area veteran related organizations. Additionally, we are planning to organize smaller sub-committees to conduct more detailed planning and on-going support. Frank Balazs has volunteered to be a liaison to St. Vincent de Paul and Ken Evans will do the same with Camp Alma.

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GUEST SPEAKER, 10 APRIL LUNCHEON

Sergeant Julie Smith, Eugene PD

Julie Smith is a Sergeant with the Eugene Police Department. She is currently assigned as the Sergeant of the Downtown Bike Team.

Julie brings twenty-six years of law enforcement experience. Julie joined the Eugene Police Department in 1996. Prior to that, she worked as a law enforcement officer for the United States Forest Service patrolling the Willamette National Forest. She was also an investigator on a National Timber Theft Task Force.

Her past assignments with the Eugene Police Department include: Patrol, the University of Oregon Campus Patrol Assignment, The Downtown Bike Assignment, she was a Property Crimes Detective for eleven years, a Background Investigator for sixteen years, and an Arson Investigator.

Sergeant Smith has served as the Department Composite Sketch Artist since 2006. She has supervised the Property Crimes Detective Unit, the Financial Crime Detective Unit, and served as the Arson Unit supervisor.

Julie worked as the downtown bike officer back in 2000 and 2001. She worked on the re-opening of the downtown mall project and she helped establish the graffiti task force and what is now known as the Huckleberry Team.

Sgt. Smith lives a very active & healthy lifestyle; she enjoys spending time outdoors. She is an avid runner, a golfer, a bike rider, and an Olympic style weightlifter, and most of all she loves photography. Julie has three grown children and two grandchildren.

Her husband is a retired police officer whose father was killed in the line of duty in 1965.



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FUTURE EVENTS:

Wed, 10 Apr 19, 1130 social, 1200 luncheon; chapter luncheon meeting, Vets' Bldg.

Wed, 24 Apr 19, 11:00 am; Strategic Planning meeting, Vets' Bldg.

Sat, 1 Jun 19, 1700; Honor Flight Auction and Buffet Dinner at the Vets Bldg.

Sat, 22 Jun 19: 2nd Annual PTSD Symposium at the Shedd.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: 24 Apr 2019 at noon in the Veterans' Memorial Building.

The meeting was adjourned at 1307 hours.

Pat Simpson, Acting Secretary

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

It has been a wild ride this past 40 days that have included beautiful but crazy snow falls to periods of heavy rain to 70 degree days. What is the saying: "In like a lion and out like a lamb?"

With some of our weather days to remember there are several other days that are significant as well. March 29th was designated by U.S President Donald Trump as a day that is now officially known as National Vietnam War Veterans Day. Coming up on April 18th is the anniversary of the Doolittle Raider and the launch from the aircraft carrier USS Hornet of 16 B-25 Bombers. The website http://www.doolittleraider.com/80_brave_men.htm has a nice summary of the crews of the aircraft and the Hornet, along with photos and other historical information. Other activities coming up include the Honor Flight fundraising night to be held at the Vets Club on June 1st. Currently, Honor Flight is planning a buffet dinner with silent and live auctions. Watch the newsletter for additional information.

The above days continue to remind us of why we serve and the MOAA motto of "Never Stop Serving." Our chapter has been recognized for the good work we have done, the information we have provided and the opportunities to contribute as well as socialize with each other. As we continue into 2019 the Board of Directors will continue to discuss and formulate plans that allow us to continue our friendships, to gather and to make a difference. The Board has been working on our 30-second "elevator" speech, a short recitation of **Who** we are, **What** we do and **How** we do it. We agree that we are an organization of active duty, national guard, reserve, retired and former officers of the seven uniformed services and that we advocate for ALL uniformed service members through local, state and federal legislative initiatives.

The Board continues to work on the **How** we do it aspect of our chapter. It is agreed that we work to support the U of O ROTC program through the chapter's annual scholarship program. But what else? How else may we serve with our time, talent and treasures? The Board will continue to wrestle with this thought while recognizing the high degree of interest we have in the Veteran's Legacy Camp Alma program and St. Vincent de Paul's veteran housing and support program. The board will continue working to find how we can make these things viable, how we can help and how our members would like to help. Again, as we continue our development steps we urge you to pass on your ideas to board members. All ideas are welcome.

Thanks to each of you and we will see you at the next luncheon.

Submitted by: Ken Evans, President, Emerald Empire Chapter, MOAA



Veteran Community Events Around Oregon

Veterans Surf Group in Newport

04/03/2019 10:00 AM PDT

Veterans Surf Group sponsored by Salem Vet Center. April 5, 2019 10:00 AM. Location: Ossies Surf Shop 4860 Oregon Coast Hwy, Newport. Free surf lessons for veterans sponsored by Ossies Surf Shop, Rogue Ales Bayfront Public House, and American Legion. Surf lessons start at 10:30 AM on Agate Beach. Free lunch provided by community sponsors. Mobile Vet Center available to answer questions and discuss resources. Dinner provided by Rogue Ales Bayfront Public House. If interested, please contact Jaimie. Contact: Jaimie Lusk, 503-362-9911, Jaimie.Lusk@VA.gov

Project 22 in Coos Bay

04/25/2019 05:15 PM PDT

Project 22 sponsored by Coos County Veteran Services. April 25, 2019 5:15 PM. Location: Coos County Library 525 Anderson Ave, Coos Bay. Film about helping Veterans cope with life after service. Information and providers available to talk about struggles that lead Veterans to consider suicide. Contact: Coos County Veteran Services

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A long time fight for the recognition of Agent Orange exposure comes out in favor of the Navy.

For many years the Veterans of the Navy (Blue Water Veterans) that had served on ship, but just off the coast of Vietnam during the Vietnam War, have been denied Agent Orange benefits. This will change and will now be joined with all others in inclusion.

The VA currently recognizes at least fourteen conditions that are presumptively caused by exposure to Agent Orange. These include: diabetes, ischemic heart disease and multiple forms of cancer. For twenty two years Blue Navy Veterans suffering from those conditions were not granted healthcare or disability benefits because the VA refused to acknowledge that those veterans were exposed to Agent Orange. This Federal Court decision reverses that stance by forcing the VA to recognize those veterans' exposure. Good news.

MOAA has long been in the fight for these Blue Water Veterans, and can be very satisfied with this outcome.

Lt. General Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret.), MOAA's President and CEO, was highly encouraged by the court's decision. "To say that Blue Water Navy veterans have waited too long for justice is an understatement of what these veteran and their families have had to endure. The vindication that this decision gives them, though, is secondary to the relief of finally having access to the benefits and care they have suffered without for decades".

This is just another reason why organizations such as MOAA are such an important part of our continuing service to those who have served in our uniformed services.

Never Stop Serving,

Ed Daley, Legislative Chair

TAPS

Lucy G. Hasty, surviving spouse of MAJ Billie D. Hasty, USAF (Ret.), passed away in September 2017.

Burl V. Stonum, Maj, USMC (Ret.), passed away on 21 February 2019.

Loy B. (Blane) Hamilton, CAPT, USN (Ret.), passed away 28 February 2019.

BRIEFS:

ROTC Cadet Appreciation Dinner: Each year in May (8 May this year) the chapter hosts the University of Oregon MS IV (Senior) ROTC Cadets and the MS III Cadets and/or other scholarship recipients. This year the projection is 14 MS IV's and 3 scholarship recipients - total of 17. We pay for their meals, including spouses. There is a separate chapter fund for cadet meals which is replenished each year with donations of \$25.00 or more. If you would like to donate, your \$25 amount will pay for one cadet meal or for a cadet spouse attending the 8 May 2019 dinner.

Honor System Library: You may bring a book to a luncheon as a donation for our revolving library, and take a book to read.

SALE

5 ☆ Fundraising
Committee News

The Annual Semi-annual Bi-annual Once in a While MOAA Garage Sale

is scheduled for Saturday, September 28th from 9-4 and Sunday, September 29th from 10-4.

Remember that it's been awhile since we had our last garage sale and I'll bet your crammed storage spaces are feeling the strain. Our storage lockers underloaded. So, bring in all that excess, donate it to the chapter and watch us sell it.

All proceeds go to the ROTC Scholarship Foundation.

And while you are being generous, think about donating some time to help us make the sale a success. We could use some help Friday morning 27 Sep to move stuff from our storage locker to the Veterans' Memorial Building, then more help throughout the day displaying items on the tables and pricing those items that have not been priced.

And that's not all. We could use help both days of the sale and on Monday the 30th to load the leftovers into a thrift store truck or back to our storage unit.

If you would like to donate some goodies, plan to take them to the Vets' Building on Friday, 27 Sep between 1000 and 1400.

If you can help either bringing stuff from the storage units or loading up on Monday morning, call Pat Simpson at 541-484-1061.

The Emerald Empire Chapter ROTC Boosters provide the scholarship monies awarded at the annual Cadet Dinner during the May General Meeting. We now welcome and are accepting donations for the 2019 scholarships and have, so far, received donations from the following members:

Frank Balazs, 1stLt, USMC (Fmr)	Patrick Simpson, LTC, USA (Ret)	Patrick Harris, CAPT, USCG (Ret)
Tommy Albert, CW3, ARNG (Ret)	Bert Toepel, COL, USA (Ret)	Scott Sandgathe, CDR, USN (Ret)
Bud Fitzgerald, MAJ, USA (Fmr)	John Ingman, LTC, USA (Ret)	Mark Schibler, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
Elaine Callahan, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)	Ken Evans, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)	Milton Krueger, CDR, USN (Ret)
H. Eric Watkins, LTC, USA (Ret)	James Armour, CPT, USA (Ret)	Robert Heaton, Maj, USAF (Ret)
Cecil Hodges, LTC, USA, (Ret)	John Leber, Lt Col, USAF, (Ret)	Dick Norton, Lt Col, USAF, (Ret)
James Paschall, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret)	Marcy Prevics, CIV	Norval Ritchey, Col, USAF, (Ret)
John Simmons, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)	Don Simpson, LTC, USA, (Ret)	Bruce Cook, CDR, USN (Ret)
William Kellogg, Maj, USMC (Ret)	David Cooper, Maj, USAF (Ret)	James Helbling, LTC, USA (Ret)
James Smurthwaite, 1LT, USA (Fmr)	Ronald Sticka, Col, USAF (Ret)	Cabot Clark, LTC, USA (Ret)
Clayton Robson, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)	Richard Kimbell, CDR, USN (Ret)	

Booster contact is Pat Simpson (541) 484-1061. Checks may be given to the Treasurer, at meetings, or mailed to Emerald Empire Chapter, P.O. Box 767, Eugene, Oregon 97440-0767.

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MOAA is the largest veterans' organization for military officers in the United States, with approximately 380,000 members.

The organization represents those on active duty, former officers, members of the National Guard, Reserve, Retirees and their surviving spouses.

