

OCTOBER LUNCH MEETING

Wednesday, October 16th
Veterans' Memorial Building
1626 Willamette Street, Eugene
11:30 Social / 12:00 Lunch
\$17 each



MENU

Chicken Picatta
Fresh Green Salad with 3 Dressing Choices
Garlic Mashed Potatoes
Glazed Carrots
Grandma's Rolls and Butter
Chocolate Dipped Macaroons

PROGRAM

Diane Carlson Evans, ANC RVN
 History of the Vietnam Women's Memorial

We will also be announcing the slate of officers and directors for 2020

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Now accepting 2020 annual dues: \$25
 Pay the Treasurer Elaine Callahan at the October luncheon, or mail to: Emerald Empire Chapter, P.O. Box 767, Eugene, Oregon 97440
Early payments will be well received!

Also accepting donations toward the 2020 ROTC Scholarships (\$50) and sponsorships for the cadet dinners at the annual banquet (\$25).

MOAA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS MANY

2019 CHAPTER OFFICERS

- President Ken Evans914-6235
- Vice Pres Dick Norton344-8800
- Secretary Pat Harris.....942-5274
- Treasurer Elaine Callahan ...345-9916
- Chaplain Jonathan Landon ..946-3888
- Membership .. Eric Watkins.....683-5056
- Newsletter ... Pat Harris.....942-5274

The U of O ROTC Scholarship Fund is starting over for calendar year 2020. Please show your support of this program and make your donation today.

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES of SEP 201

PRESENT: Officers: Ken Evans, Pat Harris, Elaine Callahan

Board members and Committee Chairs: John Toensing, Michael Kennedy, Tom Kulick, Eric Watkins, Frank Balazs, Ginger Banks

Absent: Dick Norton, Ed Daley...A quorum was established.

OPENING: President Evans called the meeting to order at 1200, led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave an opening prayer.

MINUTES: Minutes of the June/July/August board meeting were reviewed and approved.

TREASURER: The Treasurer's Report for Jun 2019 to Aug 2019 was reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report for 21 August – 24 September 2019

Club Operations:

Beginning Balance: \$2497.55

Deposits:

Pat Simpson and Rusty Cook Memorial Donations \$310.00

Total: \$310.00

Expenses:

12 Lunches for August Board Meeting @\$11.00 -\$132.00

US Postal Service (Stamps) -\$50.00

Total: -\$182.00

Club Operations as of 4 September 2019: \$2625.55

Comparison of Accounts is based on last Treasurer's Report for June 2019.

5 Star Sales Cadet Dinners Fund is listed at \$487.81, a loss of \$0.05.

5 Star Sales Scholarship Endowment was \$82.48, balance remains to be verified.

ROTC Scholarship Booster fund (deposit \$50.00) = \$3543.00

Special Projects Funds = \$1390.05.

Grand total for the Umpqua Bank Checking Account is \$8021.44.

OCCU Endowment Fund Account current market value as of 3 September 2019 is \$32,985.88, a gain of \$1472.74.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Marcy presented information about Standown this year, which will be held September 28, 2019 at the Lane County Fair Grounds. Marcy noted that this event is not just for homeless veterans, but for any veteran and/or families. Pat Harris sent out information to the membership earlier this month giving information about how to volunteer for this event.

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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 MINUTES (Cont.)

- There is a FREE concert offered by the Marine Band to be held 10/8/2019 at South Eugene High School at 1930. To get tickets visit MARINEBAND.TICKETLEAP.COM
- Council of Chapters meeting will be held 10/8 in The Dalles, OR. President Evans will be driving to the meeting and asks that if anyone would like to accompany him to please let him know.
- Elaine Callahan has taken over the position of Treasurer, and was welcomed by the Board.
- President Evans asked for an update as to how the Newsletter was being handled. Ginger has offered to take over developing the monthly letter, and is sending updates to Pat Harris to edit. Pat will continue to send out to members via the internet, and printed Newsletters will be mailed by Ginger.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

HEALTH AND WELFARE – Dick Norton: No report

HOUSE COMMITTEE – Pat Harris: The October luncheon menu is set. Luncheon will be in the Bar of Mac's.

MEMBERSHIP - Eric Watkins - Nothing to report this month.

John Toensign met Steve Lane, (LCDR, Ret.) who is interested in joining the Chapter. John will invite Steve to the October luncheon

LEGISLATIVE: - Ed Daley: Article has been submitted for the Newsletter.

NEWSLETTER - Pat Harris: The next newsletter will be out 1 Oct. Request all input by COB Friday, 28 Sep. Ginger is developing the Newsletter with Pat Harris editing and publishing.

Member biographies will be highlighted once again in the Newsletter. President Evans requested that a template be developed so members have reference to use when offering biographies. The goal is to have each member of the Chapter highlighted in the Newsletter. Pat Harris has a template that he will send to President Evans so he can develop his biography for the next Newsletter. This template will then be sent to Chapter members for their use while writing personal biographies.

WEBSITE – Ginger Banks: 628 visits this month.

FUND RAISING – Marcy Prevcis: Marcy held a garage sale and sold \$25.00 of MOAA items. This money was deposited into the ROTS Booster Fund. Marcy also stated that there are 3 keys to the storage shed that have been given to Dick N. She is requesting to have one returned to her, and another given to President Evans. Marcy asked for names of members that she can call when items need to be picked up and placed in the storage shed. She is looking for members who have trucks that can be used. Ken Evans, and Dick Kimball will handle Marcy's requests.

PROJECT COMMITTEE – Ron Sticka: No report

OLD BUSINESS:

Officer and Board slate of nominations for 2020 were finalized. They are:

OFFICERS: PRESIDENT – Ken Evans, CAPT, USPHS; VICE PRESIDENT – John Toensing, CW2, USA; SECRETARY - Pat Harris, CAPT, USA/USCG; TREASURER – Elaine Callahan, CAPT, USPHS;

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: USA – Eric Watkins, LTC; USMC – Frank Balazs, 1stLt; USAF – Ginger Banks, Lt Col; USCG/USN – Mike Kennedy, CAPT; USCG – Tom Kulick, CAPT; Bud Fitzgerald, Maj, USAR

Minutes (Continued on page 4)

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Well it is official, it is now the Fall of 2019, that is punctuated by the diminishing daylight. Having said this, the Emerald Empire Chapter saluted the summer with our annual picnic at the Jasper park on September 8th. Although the day had the appearance of less than favorable weather, Mother Nature held off and we had a beautiful time at the park.

Two grills were on site so as to make sure an ample supply of hamburgers and hot dogs were cooked and ready. The assortment of salads and desserts were, as you would expect, wonderful. The sun was out and the weather was

warm, at least long enough for us to have our fun as some rain did fall at the very end of the picnic. A number of chapter members arrived early to set out the condiments, place table clothes and set up the drinks and utensils.

John Toensing assembled the large cooking pot and boiled the water for the corn. I had such a good time I forgot to take more pictures. Another wonderful September picnic with great company and great food.

Prior to the picnic the Board of Directors made a slight change of meeting dates so that we could host CAPT Erin Stone, USN (Ret), Program Director, Council & Chapter Affairs, to a visit on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. CAPT Stone began her visit by presenting the chapter with our 2018 **5-STAR Levels of Excellence**, a proud achievement. CAPT Stone also provided a legislative update, discussed the tools and personnel that are available to assist chapters in their operations, recruitment and retention. CAPT Stone was very energetic with a high level of commitment to helping chapters with their needs and concerns. We were honored to have her visit.

Speaking of slight changes I would like to one more time mention that our *October luncheon* will be held on Wednesday 16 October 2019 at our normal time.

Please note that several activities are occurring at the Vets Building so we will be located in the **BAR section** of the first floor. We are very fortunate to be hosting Diane Carlson Evans. 1Lt. Diane Carlson Evans, ANC RVN (born 1946) is a former nurse in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and the co-founder of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project with Donna-Marie Boulay in 1984. She initiated and led the effort to add the Vietnam Women's Memorial to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Please join us for this luncheon with our special guest. Enjoy the day and we will see you on October 16th.



Board Meeting Minutes (Continued from page 3)

October luncheon has been scheduled for October 16, 2019 in order to host a special speaker: Diane Carlson Evans. The luncheon will be held in the Bar area of MAC's.

President Evans has requested that the board meet again in October to re-visit the Strategic Plan and review next steps. 2020 officers/committee members will be invited to participate as well.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

A lot going on in the medical world, due to possible actions of DoD, as far as serving, former and retired veterans are concerned.

We are told that 18,000 (20%) billets will be slashed very soon, this was discussed in last months newsletter. This month we will look at the impact and any possible ways to avoid the consequences.

MOAA has sought intervention from Congress to pause the proposed ending cuts. A thorough review of military manpower requirements is needed. Just because a referral can be given to see a civilian health care worker, wether a physician or other service, doesn't mean there will be a provider available.

MOAA is fighting for us. We as individuals can voice our concerns through our elected officials. For us that that would include;

Senator Jeff Merkley

HTTPS: www.Merkley.senate.gov/contact

Senator Ron Wyden

HTTPS: www.Wyden.senate.gov/contact

Rep. Peter DeFazio

HTTPS: defazio.house.gov

Senator James Manning (state)

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I know this might be repetitive, however it is an important issue to many. With our MOAA leadership working to stem this tide, and with our input to our elected officials, just maybe we can help soften the outcome. Never Stop Serving.

Ed Daley,

Legislative Chair

BRIEFS

Chapter Membership Recruitment: A key element to the health and vitality of our chapter depends on adding new members. Over the past few years including this year, we've gained over 35 new members. But over the same period we've lost about the same number: deaths, moving or discontinuing. The best way to recruit is for members to invite friends or acquaintances to join; those who have served or are currently serving as an Officer or Warrant Officer. The chapter policy is that new members don't pay dues for the year they join; payments are credited for the next calendar year. If you know of any retired, former or active officers please invite them to one of the fall luncheons as our guest; If it's better for you, send the name and contact information to one of the chapter officers or board members and they can make the contact.

Chapter Dues for 2020: Dues of \$25.00 are due on 1 January 2019 (separate from national MOAA dues). A few members have already paid for next year; early payments will be "well-received."

National MOAA Membership: Please check the status of your membership in national MOAA. There are about a dozen chapter members who have let their national MOAA membership lapse. Chapter membership "in good standing" depends on being current with national MOAA dues. If you find your membership is not up to date, please take corrective action. You can determine your status by calling the Member Service Center at (800) 234-6622 .

TSA Agents to Warn Travelers on REAL ID Deadline

Air travelers using Oregon Drivers Licenses (without Real ID), will hear from TSA agents at the check-in podium.

After September 2020 you may not be able to get on the plane, if your only form of ID is your old Oregon Drivers License without the special star.

The Transportation Security Administration has instituted a new policy requiring its agents who check photo IDs at airports to advise travelers without Real ID-compliant driver's licenses that they have just 13 months to get one.

Those travelers now can expect a short spiel from the TSA agent at the check-in podium, which includes explaining the rules and advising travelers on where they can get more information.

The Real ID Act, passed in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, requires licenses to be marked with a special insignia or star, indicating that ID holders have gone through extra steps to prove their identity.

The TSA has warned that if travelers don't comply, it could lead to long lines, confusion and extra waiting time at airports come October 2020.

Other acceptable forms of ID are a state-issued enhanced driver's license, a valid passport or U.S. military ID. But most travelers use their state-issued driver's license.

Across the country, many states are scrambling to get their residents to comply. Some states delayed implementation of the new law because of privacy and cost concerns and were granted extensions. But TSA is saying no more will be given.

Real ID implementation is a little more than a year away — now is the time to prepare.

OCTOBER GUEST SPEAKER

DIANE CARLSON EVANS,

DIANE CARLSON EVANS: ANC RVN is a former nurse in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and the co-founder of the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project with Donna-Marie Boulay in 1984. She initiated and led the effort to add the Vietnam Women's Memorial to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC. Upon graduation, she joined the Army Nurse Corps and served in Vietnam, at age 21, in 1968-1969. She served in the burn unit of the **36th Evacuation Hospital in Vung Tau** and at **Pleiku in the 71st Evacuation Hospital**, 30 miles from the Cambodian border in the Central Highlands, just 10 to 20 minutes by helicopter from the field. Including her one year in Vietnam, Carlson Evans completed a total of 6 years in the Army Nurse Corps.



Slate of Officers/Directors

The Emerald Empire Chapter nominating committee has completed its initial selection of Officers and Board of Directors for 2020. These names will be submitted to the general membership and will be voted on during the October meeting. Nominations will be allowed from the floor during the meeting for any additional Chapter members looking to compete and be voted on.

OFFICERS

PRESIDENT- KEN EVANS
VICE PRESIDENT -JOHN TOENSING
SECRETARY- PAT HARRIS
TREASURER- ELAINE CALLAHAN

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ERIC WATKINS USA
FRANK BALAZ USMC
MIKE KENNEDY USCG/USN
GINGER BANKS USAF
TOM KULICK USCG
BUD FITZGERALD USA RESERVE
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MOAA is the largest veterans' organization for military officers in the United States, with approximately 390,000 members.

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