

**2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

**TIME TO VOTE— SEE PAGE 2**

Due to the continuing COVID-19 health emergency, the Annual Membership Meeting originally scheduled for Wednesday, 11 November 2020, has been cancelled. As soon as things change and we feel safe to meet, the Board is primed to find an activity and venue that will allow us to get back together.



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**The 2021 meeting dates are listed on page 8. Cut it out and save it.**

**Don't forget your flu shot.**

**MOAA MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS MANY**

**2020 CHAPTER OFFICERS**

President	Ken Evans	914-6235
Vice Pres	John Toensing	345-7535
Secretary	Pat Harris	942-5274
Treasurer	Elaine Callahan	968-1746
Chaplain	Jonathan Landon	946-3888
Membership	Mike Kennedy	463-7951
Newsletter	Pat Harris	942-5274
Webmaster	Ginger Banks	484-3336

**See the proposed Bylaw change and 2021 Officer & Board slate on page 2. Time to vote.**

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# Emerald Empire Chapter Annual Meeting Voting

## Proposed Amendment to the Chapter Bylaws

Your Board of Directors has proposed a change to the leadership structure of the chapter to include a second vice president. To do this we need to amend our Bylaws to establish the Second Vice President position. The proposed amendment follows (new languages will be underlined):

### ARTICLE IX-OFFICERS

**Section 1. The elected officers shall be a President, a First Vice President, a Second Vice President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, each of whom shall be a Regular or Auxiliary member of the Chapter.**

To make the change official, the general membership needs to approve the change, which is normally done in person at the Annual General Membership Meeting in November. As a face-to-face meeting is not in the cards, we are going to conduct an email vote. Details on the voting process are included in the following article.

## The 2021 Slate of Officers and Board of Directors Members

The Emerald Empire Chapter nominating committee has completed its selection of candidates for Officer and Board of Director positions for 2021. These names would normally be submitted to the general membership and voted on during the November Annual Meeting. Nominations would then be allowed from the floor during the meeting for any additional chapter members looking to compete and be voted on. However... things have changed.

No new nominations were received for any of the Officer or Board Member positions after the slate was announced last month, so the following list of nominees is final.

### OFFICERS

President	Ken Evans
First Vice President	Dick Norton
Second Vice President	Dick Kimbell
Secretary	Jim Koch
Treasurer	Elaine Callahan

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Eric Watkins	USA
Frank Balazs	USMC
Mike Kennedy	USN
Ginger Banks	USAF
Tom Kulick	USCG

The NOAA, USPHS and USSF (United States Space Force) positions will remain vacant until a member of those services is available to fill them.

## TO VOTE

**To Vote to accept** the Bylaw change and the slate of officers and board members, do nothing.

**To Vote to disapprove** either or both proposals, reply to the email that distributed this newsletter or email MOAAofEugene@gmail.com and state of which item or candidate you disapprove.

**Votes will be tallied on 13 November**, and if a majority of members disapprove of a candidate or the proposed Bylaw change, an adjustment will be made and resubmitted for your approval.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING, 28 Oct 2020

**PRESENT:** A virtual meeting was conducted on Zoom. Officers: President Ken Evans, Vice President John Toensing, Secretary Pat Harris and Treasurer Elaine Callahan. Board members: Mike Kennedy, Tom Kulick, Dick Kimbell and Eric Watkins were present. A quorum was established. Committee chairs and members Dick Norton, Jim Koch and LTC Chris Warren were also present.

**OPENING:** Vice President Toensing called the meeting to order at 1224 and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mike Kennedy gave an opening prayer.

**MINUTES:** Minutes of the 23 Sep 2020 board meeting were reviewed and approved.

**TREASURER:** The Treasurer's Report for 23 Sep to 27 Oct 2020 was reviewed and approved:

### UMPQUA ACCOUNT

#### **Club Operations:**

Beginning balance as of 23 September 2020	\$ 3772.23
Deposits: to Club Operations	233.00
Expenses: includes use of Zoom for board meetings, operational costs for several awards	-14.99
<b>Club Operations as of 27 October 2020:</b>	<b>3990.24</b>

<b>Special Projects Fund:</b> added \$0.00 in donations	<b>2408.05</b>
<b>ROTC Scholarship Booster Fund:</b> added 0.00 in donations	<b>380.00</b>
<b>UMPQUA CHECKING ACCOUNT grand total as of 27 Oct 2020:</b>	<b>\$ 6778.29</b>

### OCCU ROTC SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance as of 15 September 2020	\$ 5954.48
Donations	0.00
Interest	0.85
<b>OCCU Total Balance as of 30 September 2020</b>	<b>\$ 5955.33</b>

### BENTON COMMUNITY FOUNDATION (BCF)

#### EMERALD EMPIRE MOAA SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT FUND

Balance as of 21 September 2020	\$39,490.25
Change in Value of Investments	-855.07
Administrative Cost	-49.17
<b>BCF Balance as of 26 October 2020</b>	<b>\$38,586.01</b>

**NOVEMBER 11TH**  
**VETERANS DAY**  
**MEMORIAL**

#### NOTES:

The Umpqua Account Scholarship Booster Fund reflects the fund drive that began 1 June 2020 for May 2021 distribution.

#### OLD BUSINESS

1. Awards Presentations – President Evans, Dick Norton and Dick Kimbell will make a presentation of the previously authorized award and report back to the board when completed.
2. Forest Fires and Member Impacts: damage, members' status

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#### **"The Emerald Voice"**

is published monthly by Emerald Empire Chapter, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA),  
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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/>.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Continued)

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Member Tommy and Kathy Albert, who lost their house in the Holiday Farm Fire, have left the chapter and are moving to Waco, Texas. Our hearts go out to them and wish them a speedy resumption of their retirement.

Clay and Ann Robson, who also lost their house, are still in the area and working on the paperwork that always follows this kind of tragedy. As of yet they have not reported a decision on their future location, but have stated that they are not inclined to rebuild on the same home site.

3. Dues Form mailings – print mailing labels, forms, stuff and mail

Dues/Donation invoices will be mailed on or about November 1. Pat Harris will print the address labels and the Evans will stuff and mail the envelopes.

4. Review of slate of officers and Bylaw change as published in the October newsletter; Vote of Membership via email

The final Bylaw change and the 2021 slate of officers and board members will be posted in the November newsletter to be voted on by the general membership. The vote will be taken via email, as explained in the newsletter, then tallied so the results can be published in the December newsletter.

5. Luncheon Meetings – Resumption – Thoughts

As the COVID goalposts continue to move, the board will revisit the feasibility of recommencing face-to-face meetings at each board meeting.

6. ROTC Update – LTC Chris Warren reported that the juniors and seniors will be headed to Camp Rilea to spend 4-5 days commencing training to cover commissioning requirements.

The fall term has been all remote learning except for PT and labs. Because of their visibility (uniforms, being military), this has caused some challenges with other faculty and students; but so far they have been able to continue to operate on campus.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

1. National MOAA Leadership virtual meetings

MOAA will host a Virtual Council and Chapter Leaders' Workshop for presidents, membership chairs, legislative chairs and surviving spouse liaisons from November 12-14. President Evans, Mike Kennedy, Ed Daley and Carol and Dick Norton will take part.

**PURPOSE:** To strengthen MOAA's council and chapter system by bringing leaders in key positions to discuss:

best practices and topical issues regarding legislative issues and advocacy efforts; chapter management techniques, leadership succession, membership growth/sustainment, and revenue generation; and surviving spouse liaison training.

Attendees will report back at the next board meeting.

2. Honorary Memberships – discussion of process to nominate and confirm

A question was raised by a member as to how a person was nominated, approved, and awarded an honorary membership.

Currently, anyone can nominate someone who is not eligible for regular MOAA membership, for an honorary membership.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING (Continued)

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The nominator will then take the case to the board who will act in their capacity as elected representatives of the general membership.

The board will consider the nominee's contributions to the chapter and to veteran's and members of the uniformed services.

If the board disagrees on the merits of the nomination or feels that more information is needed, the nomination will be denied without prejudice so that the individual can be nominated again.

If the board agrees with the merits of the nominee, the board will designate the individual an honorary member of the Emerald Empire Chapter of MOAA.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### PERSONAL AFFAIRS – Dick Norton:

A card was sent to member Merle Blum's family on his passing. No other contact reported.

Jonathan Landon's father was killed in a traffic accident. His mother is still in the hospital.

Jonathan will be busy helping his mother and will be there until she can care for herself or arrangements can be made.

Milt Krueger is in hospice and is fading fast. Dick Norton is in regular contact with Lee Krueger.

**HOUSE COMMITTEE – Pat Harris:** Proposed meeting dates for 2021 will be published in the November newsletter.

#### MEMBERSHIP – Mike Kennedy:

Mike and Pat Harris have been working to transition the chapter roster and the Committee Module responsibilities to Mike.

We have 98 regular members of who 89 have paid their 2020 dues. We also have 34 associate members and four honorary members.

**LEGISLATIVE - Ed Daley:** An article will appear in the November newsletter on where MOAA is working for us.

**NEWSLETTER - Pat Harris:** The next newsletter should be out by 1 Nov.

**WEBSITE – Ginger Banks:** Our website had ----841 hits last month.

#### PROJECT COMMITTEE – Board

President Evans requests all board members develop ideas on how best to re-energize the chapter membership once the COVID emergency has passed or eased enough to allow face-to-face meetings.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, 17 Nov 2020 at 1200 hours; venue to be determined, but most likely Zoom.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1328.

Pat Harris, Secretary



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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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The Board of Directors continues to look forward to the reunion of our membership at a noon time luncheon meeting. However, as we all know, the specter of CO-VID continues to delay and change all our plans. To continue our desire to keep the membership informed, I am turning over the majority of this month's corner for some thoughts from our Treasurer.

Our annual chapter dues invoice will arrive in your mailbox in early November. You may be asking why do we continue to solicit funds during the pandemic when social gatherings are at a standstill.

In 2019, there was approximately \$2,000 in fixed/recurring administrative expenses, aside from the social functions and ROTC Scholarships. These expenses include website maintenance, liability insurance, mailing fees and office supplies, meeting room rental/Vet's Club donation, state and chapter fees and now Zoom meeting fees as the Officers and Board continue to meet monthly. Annual dues are requested to meet those fixed expenses.

In addition, under "Club Operations", funds for the Cadet Dinners, and the social luncheons expenses such as speakers, door prizes remain and will continue to be a need as we plan for that time when we can safely resume gathering.

The ROTC Scholarship/Booster Fund remains active and though we could not gather to celebrate this in 2020, three scholarships were issued this year. The Cadets are back at the University of Oregon this Fall, endeavoring to meet the physical and mental strength standards necessary for military leadership in a most unusual and unpredictable year. Our support has been most appreciated.

A portion of the Special Projects Fund was utilized for Food for Lane County in 2020 to help support struggling veterans and service members, and with remaining funds are being held for other either planned or unanticipated needs for our veteran community.

The mission continues, despite Covid-19. Thank you for your support. Hope to see you soon.

Elaine Callahan, Treasurer, EEMOAA

I am looking forward to the time we can meet again as well as learning more from national MOAA on leadership, membership and legislative education issues and processes. Our meetings with the Oregon Council of Chapters allows us to share and talk about those topics that are closer to us here in the state.

As the weather changes and it gets darker, we continue to wish you the best. Be comfortable and safe.

Submitted by: Ken Evans, President

**ROTC Boosters** The Emerald Empire Chapter ROTC Boosters provide the scholarship monies normally awarded at the annual Cadet Dinner planned for the next May General Meeting. We have now zeroed out the 2020 Booster Fund and are now accepting donations for the 2021 scholarships. The following donations have been received:

Frank Balazs, 1st Lt, USMC, (Fmr)    Richard Kimbell, CDR, USNR (Ret)    Ken Evans, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)

Elaine Callahan, CAPT, USPHS (Ret)    Clay Robson, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)

Donald Simpson, LTC, USA (Ret) for in memory of his twin brother, Patrick Simpson, LTC, USA (Ret)

**Booster contact is John Toensing (541) 345-7535. Checks may be given to the Treasurer at meetings (whenever we have the next one), or mailed to: Emerald Empire Chapter, P.O. Box 767, Eugene, Oregon 97440-0767.**

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# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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## How MOAA is Working for Us

2021 is quickly upon us, so I thought it was worth a look at what the MOAA leadership is working on our behalf. This comes straight out of the October issue of our MOAA magazine (mission advocacy) .

"Protecting Service Members and their Families".

The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) is one of the more important pieces of legislation each year in the interest of the veteran community. Both the Senate and House have both passed their versions of the legislation.

Next step..... it goes to conference. Could be interesting. Who makes up the conference? The U.S. Constitution requires that the House and Senate pass the exact same bill. The conference committee is made up mostly of House and Senate members of the Armed Services committees. They hash out differences in the two versions. When complete, it will be sent to the President for review and signature.

So, 2021, where is it going? In our interest.

1. Military pay raise. House and Senate have approved a 3% raise for Fiscal year 2021.
2. Military Treatment facilities. There are ongoing negotiations for restructuring and budget cuts. MOAA's interests are in obtaining the best outcome for the beneficiaries, and to promote military readiness. This is also an area that will receive continued attention. This may be in our time of life the most important part of what our leadership is striving to champion for us, as I have read the average age of a MOAA member is in their seventies. Where did all this time go!

3. Addition of Agent Orange presumptives. Added will be Badder Cancer, Hypothyroidism and Parkinsonism. All now meet the criteria to be included to the crucial care and benefits of thousands of Veterans.

4. Hazardous Duty Incentive Pay. As of this time the Reserve component receives only 1/30 of the monthly hazard pay when performing hazardous duty. Active components receive the full amount. The goal is to make both components equal at the full amount.

There are many areas our organization is deeply involved in. IE: Support of families with special needs, The changing of eligibility at Arlington Cemetery. All things to keep an eye on.

Having said all that, it's nice to know we belong to an organization that has our best interest at heart. Our leadership never gives up.

So, I pray everyone is doing well and coping with all that is going on. By the time you are reading this we will have already voted and the "holiday season" will soon be upon us. I wish you all a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Ed Daley, Legislation Chair, MOAA, Emerald Chapter

Never Stop Serving



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**TAPS** **Member CDR Milton E. Krueger, USN (Ret)**, passed away October 28, 2020. He served more than 23 years in the Navy and has been a member of MOAA since 1980. Milt's final position in the Emerald Empire Chapter was as the House Committee Chairman. He shepherded the chapter through many changes of venue before finally establishing a stable home at the Veterans Memorial Association building, our present home. Milt is survived by his spouse, Lee.

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## 2021 MEETING DATES

### EMERALD EMPIRE CHAPTER CALENDAR FOR 2021

January:	13th Luncheon 27th Board Meeting	July:	28th Board Meeting
February:	10th Luncheon 24th Board Meeting	August:	25th Board Meeting
March:	10th Luncheon 24th Board Meeting	September:	8th Chapter Picnic 22nd Board Meeting
April:	14th Luncheon 28th Board Meeting	October:	13th Luncheon 27th Board Meeting
May:	12th ROTC Recognition Dinner 26th Board Meeting	November:	10th Luncheon 18th Board Meeting
June:	9th Luncheon 23rd Board Meeting	December:	8th Christmas Dinner 15th Board Meeting

### BRIEFS

It is flu season...so get your flu shots.

U of O ROTC Annual Chili Cook-Off has been postponed and is tentatively scheduled for 8 January 2021, subject to change, of course. Stay tuned... and practice that chili.

### The Latest on Retired or Dependent ID Cards

There's a new number to make ID Card appointments at the Springfield Armory, 3106 Pierce Parkway, Springfield. They are taking appoints only Tuesday through Thursday from 9-11 and 1-3.

#### **SEND A TEXT TO: 541-915-2391.**

Give them your name, which kind of ID card you need (dependent or retired) and your contact phone number.

Helpful hint: After not hearing back that day, one of our members sent a second text with the same information and added that she had not heard from them yet and to please confirm she was texting the correct number. Within 30 minutes she had an appointment date and time texted to her.

This system has been working, so give it a try. If you experience any difficulties, please let the newsletter editor know at the chapter's email address: [MOAAofEugene@gmail.com](mailto:MOAAofEugene@gmail.com).



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## NEW COMMITTEE CHAIRS

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS

(As appointed by the President)

Membership	Michael Kennedy
Legislative Affairs	Ed Daley
House Committee	Ed and Sue Daley
Chaplain/Personnel Affairs	Jonathan Landon
Webmaster	Ginger Banks
Newsletter Editor	Pat Harris
Purchasing Projects	Pat Harris
Awards	Frank Balazs
Strategic Planning	Ginger Banks
Special Events	Floyd Bard
ROTC Liaison	Eric Watkins/LTC Chris Warren
Surviving Spouse Liaison	Carol Norton
Audit/Historian	Eric Watkins



### Elk's Lodge To Again Host Dinner for Veterans

The Eugene Elks Veterans Ceremony, Dinner and Dance will be Friday, November 13th. Ceremony will start at 5:00 pm, dinner at 5:30, and the dance at 6:30. Dinner will be Pot Roast or Chicken Cordon Bleu for \$10 per person, and the Veterans are free. The Dance to follow will be \$3 for Elk members and \$5 for non-Elk members. Social distancing and wearing of face coverings will be enforced.

Elks Lodge address is: 2470 W 11th Ave, Eugene.

## 2020 Third Annual PTSD Symposium

### "Cultural Factors and Trauma Impact"

Please Join Us for Discussion Saturday Afternoon, November 7, at 2:00 p.m.

## It's Free! Via Zoom

Sponsored by the Kim Sticka PTSD Music and Arts Foundation

**For more information and agenda, go to the following link:**

<https://kimstickaptsdmusicandartsfoundation.wpcomstaging.com/category/ptsd-symposium/>

**Register to attend by email at this address: [symposium@kimsfoundation.org](mailto:symposium@kimsfoundation.org)**

**Deadline to register is November 5 at 5:00 p.m. PST**

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**MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA**



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.

**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.

