



This “mini-newsletter” is an email-only attempt to keep us in closer contact while we are all waiting until it is safer to meet face-to-face. We hope that will be by September, and hence, we are going ahead and planning for our annual Membership Picnic on Sunday, 13 Sep at noon at Jasper State Park. More on that later.

Back to the “mini-newsletter.” We plan to continue publishing our regular monthly newsletter on the first of each month with all the regular features, e.g., the board meeting minutes, the ROTC Booster donors, the President’s Corner and the Legislative Affairs report. This mini-newsletter will have none of that... unless, of course, our President has something to say. Then we can give him a little corner somewhere. This edition will be about you, the members, and what you have been going through during these interesting times. We will publish it somewhere in between the regular newsletters as long as the interest, both yours and ours, keeps up.

We speak from a different perspective than the modern Internet-driven media. We are all veterans speaking to an audience with a shared experience

base. I don’t have to tell you what it’s like to be separated from people you care about. We, and our families, have all experienced that firsthand when we were deployed or away for training. I don’t have to tell you how to handle the anxiety of being exposed to risks, as you already know what does and doesn’t work for you.

We hope to fill this newsletter with stories of us, living through these times and dealing with the challenges. Examples: did you think about trying the “senior hours” at the grocery, but decided it was too much bother to get moving that early; did you buy a dog to have an excuse to get out of the house; did you set up a Zoom meeting with your kids instead of visiting them (that doesn’t count if they still live in the same house as you) or did you arrange to meet friends at Starbucks, get your coffee via the drive-thru, then visit while in your cars like a couple of cops? These are the stories we’d like to tell; we just haven’t quite figured out how we’re going to get them.

Since we’re not going to meet in June, and we usually don’t get together or publish newsletters in July or August, we’re going to try this as a little filler. If you can think of something you’d like to see here or have a story you’d like to share, send an email to me at moaaofeugene@gmail.com. As my mother used to say, “If you don’t tell me what you want, you’ll get what I serve.” Actually, she never said that; I wasn’t ever given any choice.

I hope you all stay well. A little adversity hasn’t beaten us in the past, so there’s no sense letting it slap us around now. See you in September.

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