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### *The President's Forum*

by Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)

The MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters Biennial Convention held on Saturday, 8 October 2011 in Silverton, Oregon was a very worthwhile and productive event this year. It was unfortunate that only seven of our chapter members were in attendance. The Willamette Chapter worked very hard to hold the event in a spectacular hotel with helpful staff and good food, engage interesting speakers, conduct activities for spouses, provide valuable networking opportunities with fellow members from the eight Council Chapters, and ensure interface with MOAA national representatives and the ODVA Director. The next convention will be hosted by the Central Oregon Chapter from 4-6 October 2013 in Bend, Oregon. I encourage all of you to mark your calendars now and plan on attending!

I have mentioned several times that the only source of income for our chapter is the annual dues payment of \$25 for each regular member. Dues should be paid by **1 January 2012** and cover the period from 1 January–31 December 2012. Although only regular members are required to pay annual dues, we encourage all auxiliary members to consider voluntarily donating \$25 as well. *For more information on dues, please see page 7.*

To ensure maximum funds are dedicated to chapter programs, I am once again requesting as many members as possible to receive the newsletter via email. Please contact me at [marvjmayer@yahoo.com](mailto:marvjmayer@yahoo.com) or 310-897-1902 (cell) to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter.

Finally, I thank you all for your service as we celebrate another Veterans' Day this year--and encourage you to participate in as many local events as possible on this special holiday!

**Reminder:**  
**Chapter Board of Directors Meeting**  
**On Friday, 4 November 2011**  
**At 0930 hours at the**  
**Colwood Golf Course**

### NEXT MEETING:

**Tuesday, 1 November 2011**

Social: 1700. Dinner: 1830

The Monarch Hotel

12566 SE 93<sup>rd</sup> Avenue

Clackamas, Oregon 97015-9760

Phone: 503-652-1515

### PROGRAM:

**Lt Col Gregor J. Leist**, Commander of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Mission Support Group at Kingsley Field, will speak on “Airborne Battle Management/C2 in the Afghan Theatre.” (*See biography on page 2.*)

### MENU:

Caesar Salad with Garlic Croutons

Roasted Breast of Turkey

Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes and Gravy

Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Sage Dressing and Cranberry Relish

Rolls with Butter

Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

Coffee, Tea, Decaf, Iced Tea

### COST:

**\$25.00 per person (includes 20% gratuity)**

*Please make checks payable to **PDX-MOAA**.*

### RESERVATIONS:

To make your reservations, please contact **Lt Col Boyd C. Yaden, USAF (Ret)** at 503-650-9506 or [b.yaden@comcast.net](mailto:b.yaden@comcast.net) or online at our chapter website **NLT 1200 on Thursday, 27 October 2011**. **No late reservations**, and **please call** if you must cancel as we have to pay for no-shows.

**DIRECTIONS:** From **I-205N**, take Sunnyside Exit, left on Sunnyside, cross over I-205, left on 93<sup>rd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> traffic signal), and left into Monarch Hotel. From **I-205S**, take Sunnyside Exit, right on Sunnyside, left on 93<sup>rd</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> traffic signal), and left into Monarch Hotel. A **No-Host Bar** is available from 1700 to end. An **elevator** is available.

***SHORT BIOGRAPHY OF OUR  
NOVEMBER DINNER GUEST  
SPEAKER***



**Lt Col Gregor J. ("Greg") Leist**, OANG, is the Commander of the 173<sup>rd</sup> Mission Support Group at Kingsley Field ANGB and former Commander of the 116<sup>th</sup> Air Control Squadron at Camp Rilea. In this capacity he is responsible for directing all host base infrastructure activities and functions relating to direct mission support.

Prior to joining the Oregon Air National Guard he spent nine and a half years in the United States Air Force and six years in the Air Force Reserve. His active duty assignments included Eglin AFB, FL as Chief, Cost/Schedule Analysis for the Air Force Armament Laboratory; Tyndall AFB, FL as an Air Battle Management student and Tinker AFB, OK, as an operational Air Battle Manager, Flight Commander and Chief of Weapons Division Stan/Eval. He has flown in support of numerous real world operations and contingencies as an AWACS Senior Director and Mission Crew Commander. His assignments with the Air Force Reserve include Tinker AFB, OK as Deputy Chief, 513th Air Control Group (AFRC) Stan/Eval responsible for oversight of 13 mission crew positions, and Portland, OR as an Assistant Professor of Aerospace Studies

at the University of Portland AFROTC Detachment 695. He was vital in leading Detachment 695 to achieve "Right of Line" recognition as the top AFROTC Detachment among 144 nationwide.

After joining the Oregon ANG, he was assigned as Commander of the 270th Air Traffic Control Squadron where he deployed in support of operation IRAQI FREEDOM to manage airport operations at Baghdad International Airport. He was recognized as the 2007 ANG Lance P. Sijan Leadership Award winner in the Senior Officer category and was selected to attend Joint Senior Developmental Education at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces in Washington DC, graduating in June of 2009. Most recently, he commanded the 116th Air Control Squadron, Camp Rilea Armed Forces Training Center, Warrenton, Oregon. As Commander, he was responsible for managing the multiple Air Battle Management operations and maintenance functions of the mobile Air Control Squadron while supervising 180 full and part-time worldwide deployable personnel. He led the squadron's most recent deployment to Al Udeid AB, Qatar, in support of operation ENDURING FREEDOM.

***MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER DINNER  
MEETING by Lt Col Boyd C. Yaden, USAF (Ret)***

On **4 October**, there were **41** members and guests who came out for dinner at the Gray Gables Estate in Milwaukie, Oregon. During the social hour, raffle tickets were sold for a good bottle of wine or the ODVA book *Oregon Veterans*; the proceeds were for the MOAA Portland Chapter Scholarship Fund. After the social time, Chapter President--**Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)**--called the meeting to order at **1830**. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, the National Anthem was sung [led by **Capt Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)**], and **Chaplain (LTC) Grant McAllister, USA (Ret)** gave the invocation.

**Chapter Presidents Comments:** **President Mayer** opened the meeting by saying that October is a very busy MOAA month, starting with the wonderful program for the evening: **Mr. Thomas W. Jenkins**, a former IBM executive, was going to speak to the chapter membership on the "**The Crucial Impact of Blimps in Winning World War II.**" **President Mayer** then discussed the following: (1) One last

appeal to encourage all to attend the **MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters Biennial Convention** to be held at the Oregon Garden Resort, 895 W. Main Street, Silverton, OR on **Saturday, 8 October 2011** from **0830 to 2100**. Registration forms were found in the June 2011 chapter newsletter and on the dinner tables. The Willamette Chapter has worked very hard to put this convention together, and we need to support this worthwhile event. (2) After the convention, the **MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting**. (3) Just a reminder that **President Mayer** and **Mrs. Edie Rieken** will be attending the MOAA Annual Meeting from 27-29 October 2011 in San Antonio, TX and will be receiving the chapter's **"Five Star Level of Excellence Award for Exceptional Performance in 2010"** from MOAA National at the Levels of Excellence Dinner. She said it will be a pleasure to represent the chapter and the fantastic team of officers, board members, and committee chairs! This latest 5-star banner will be placed on our MOAA flag at next month's meeting. (4) A reminder that the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW), Portland Chapter has invited the MOAA Portland Chapter to participate in the 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Presentation of **"Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance"** to be conducted on Sunday, 30 October 2011 at 1400 at the Oregon National Guard Kliever Armory. This service honors all veterans both living and dead and those who are currently serving our great nation. The MOAA Portland Chapter is participating and will have four chapter members carrying our flags; **First Vice President MAJ John Sampson, USA (Ret)** is heading this effort. MOWW needs help in ensuring that there are more folks in the audience; so please bring family, relatives, colleagues, and friends! (5) It is necessary to fill **three** positions on the Board of Directors: Two Navy Reps and one Women In Service Rep. (6) And, finally, thanks to all who responded

to her plea in last month's "President's Forum" and decided to receive their newsletters via email. She encouraged anyone who can to receive the chapter newsletter electronically as it costs around \$10 per year per member to receive the 9 newsletters. Just send her an email at [marvjmayer@yahoo.com](mailto:marvjmayer@yahoo.com) or call her at **310-897-1902 (cell)** to request email copies of the newsletter.

**Membership Committee Report: MAJ John Sampson, USA (Ret):** He indicated that we have a new member, **MAJ Jim Bell, USA (Ret)**, but he was unable to attend at the last minute. **CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)** then gave the **Scholarship Committee Report**. All were urged to purchase raffle tickets: One ticket for \$3, two tickets for \$5 and five tickets for \$10. Status of MOAA Portland Chapter Scholarship Funds: Goal is \$5,000 per year for 5 years to reach \$25,000 endowment, and we need to receive donations of approximately **\$3,000** by the end of the year to meet our goal of \$15,000 by the third year.

After a buffet dinner, **President Mayer** introduced the guest speaker, **Mr. Thomas W. Jenkins**, a former IBM executive, who spoke to us on the **"The Crucial Impact of Blimps in Winning World War II."** It was an interesting presentation about the history of Lighter-Than-Air Vehicles and the critical role that they played in World II in the fight against the German U-boat Threat. He told how his father, a career Naval Officer, played a key role in the construction of Blimp bases in the US and cutting edge research regarding the equipment of the Blimps. At the conclusion of the speech, **Col Mayer** presented **Mr. Jenkins** with a gift for speaking.

Committee Reports then continued. **Legislative Committee Chair, CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)**, commented on the critical budget issues coming up before congress and encouraged all to go on to the MOAA website and make use of the email systems to communicate with their congressmen and senators. **Communications Committee Chair, LTC Bill Kroger, USAR (Ret)**, was absent, but **President Mayer** reported that the Chapter website has been updated, and she encouraged members to receive the newsletter by email to save the chapter printing and mailing costs. **Auxiliary: Mrs. Edie Rieken** announced that the next Auxiliary Luncheon would be held at 1300 hours on Tuesday, 18 October 2011 at Albertina's. All auxiliary members and spouses are welcome.

In the “**For the Good of the Order**” portion of the meeting, **CAPT Roberts** selected the winner of the scholarship raffle; **LCDR George Bickford, USNR (Ret)** was the winner and selected the *Oregon Veterans* book.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, 1 November 2011** at the **Monarch Hotel**. The guest speaker will be announced in the November newsletter. Reservations must be made by 12:00 noon on Thursday, 27 October 2011 to **Lt Col Boyd Yaden, USAF (Ret)**, our chapter Secretary.

In her closing remarks, **President Mayer** thanked our guest speaker, **Mr. Thomas Jenkins; Mrs. Edie Rieken** for the flowers on the tables; all members who attended; and the Gray Gables Estate staff for the excellent dinner and service. The next *Brass Bulletin Newsletter* is the November edition; inputs are due 8 October 2011. Chapter members will receive their newsletters via mail and email o/a 12 or 13 October 2011. Newsletters are posted on the chapter website. And, as ever, she asked each of us to remember our sisters and brothers in arms who are serving abroad in harm's way and say a prayer for their safe return. And pray for their families back home as well. The meeting was adjourned at **2015**.

### **MEMBERSHIP CORNER**

**By MAJ John Sampson, USA (Ret)**

The MOAA Portland Chapter would like to welcome the following new members:

**LTC Roy E. Raat, USA (Ret)**

**MAJ Jim Bell, USA (Ret)**

**Lt Col Robert Jordan, USAF (Ret)**

**Mrs. Renate Jordan, Auxiliary member**

Our Christmas party is coming up on **6 December 2011**, and I would like to challenge all of our members to consider bringing at least one (1) guest. Come and enjoy live music, dancing, raffles, and a great meal.

### **AUXILIARY CORNER by Mrs. Edie Rieken, Liaison to the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee**

*“An Auxiliary Member is defined...as a survivor of a former national MOAA member who is deceased or a survivor of a deceased individual who would, if living, be eligible for membership.”*

Our Chapter is fortunate to have a group of Auxiliary members who venture out five or six times a year for luncheons at Albertina's, located at 424 NE 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue. If you have never attended, I urge you to join us; you'll feel right “at home” with ladies who share similar experiences as former military wives. We also support the Chapter's Scholarship Fund, Operation Home Front (for families of returning soldiers), and Cell Phones for Soldiers.\*

The first fall luncheon is scheduled for **18 October at 1:00 p.m.** Please call me as soon as possible to make your reservation: **(503) 254-5029**. Then mark your calendars for the next gala Christmas luncheon on **13 December**. Chapter members' wives are always welcome to join us.

\*The (national) Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee has sent a “Special Alert” that more old/unused Cell Phones for Soldiers are needed to meet their goal of 16,667 which translates into 1 million free minutes talk time for our troops overseas. Keep in mind that in December there will be a lot of new cell phones in Christmas stockings and that means more old ones. Ask your friends and neighbors for any they can give you, then bring to the luncheons or Chapter dinners. Remember, the real payback is the smile on that service member's face when he or she is handed that (free) phone card.

**IN MEMORIAM: May He Rest in Peace!**

**LTC Robert J. Mannheimer,  
USAR (Ret)**

**LEGISLATIVE UPDATE****By CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)**

**The Root Cause of the Problem—the Federal Deficit:** On 7 October the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) announced a \$1.3 trillion federal deficit for fiscal year 2011 which ended 30 September. This amount just slightly exceeded the prior year deficit, and equaled an incredible 37% of the federal budget. It also resulted in raising the federal debt, an almost commensurate amount to \$14.8 trillion. Putting this in perspective, as recently as four years ago, the deficit was \$.5 trillion. The fiscal year 2011 federal deficit itself equaled 8.6% of GDP.

The Super Committee is focused on reducing the deficit by a total of \$1.2 trillion over 10 years, a miniscule \$120 billion per year. Speaking of the Super Committee, aside from the opening meeting in early October and a 2.5 hour presentation showing alternatives by the head of the CBO, has there been any discussion in the media on what is being contemplated and even agreed to within the Committee? Absolutely not. My belief is that there is a 50/50 chance of the committee coming to an agreement, followed by continuing uncertainty in an up or down vote in Congress. It could very well be that an agreement would be approved by one house of Congress, and voted down by the other house.

**Medicare Reimbursement Rates:** In less than three months, Medicare, Tricare, and Tricare for Life reimbursement rates are scheduled to be reduced by a huge 30%. As Representative Phil Roe (R-TN) states, “A cut of this magnitude would leave many, if not most, Medicare patients without access to physicians.” Of course, that also includes Tricare beneficiaries. If you value your doctors and other medical providers, let your representatives know that you are aware of this impending disaster, and will hold

them responsible if it occurs.

**COLA Watch:** The fiscal year ending September CPI will be announced on 19 October. Both MOAA and I predict that, absent some surprise, the full year COLA adjustment will be between 3.4% and 3.7%. That increase will be included in January DFAS, Social Security, and other payments. This will be after three years of no increases.

**Caps Proposals Currently on the Legislative Table:** The September edition of *MOAA Military Officer Magazine* includes an article starting on page 31 regarding various proposals aimed at reining in out-of-control federal spending. It is reading that will raise your hackles, as even the most modest of the programs, the Corker-McCaskill Senate Bill, would have a 5% negative impact on Retired Pay, SBP, and Tricare starting in fiscal 2013 and rising to 16% in 2019. Of course, this does not take into consideration the erosion of benefits related to inflation over 7 years, so the net impact on purchasing power would likely be over 40%. The other plans are more draconian than Corker-McCaskill, and very damaging to your fiscal health. The article is highly recommended reading. If you cannot get Congress to do your bidding, play to the Super Committee. For several years, the DoD and the Administration have attempted to raise the cost of Tricare for its military beneficiaries, with little success. Thus, it comes as no surprise that the Administration has suggested substantial increases in co-pays and Tricare fees to the Super Committee. Specifically, the Administration proposes: (1) Establish an annual TFL enrollment fee of \$200 per person starting in fiscal 2013. Authorize the Pentagon to increase that fee each year based on the growth in health care costs. (2) Move Pharmacy co-pay amounts from a flat dollar figure to a percentage of DoD cost per medicine. (3) Generic drugs purchased through retail outlets would be priced at 10% of cost in 2012 and 20% in 2013. (4) Co-pays for brand prescriptions would start at 15% of cost and rise to 30% over some yet to be defined period.

The White House says that the co-pay proposal would save \$6.7 billion over 10 years. How can they be so precise when the terms are not stated? Clearly they have a plan in place that they refuse to divulge at this point. What is a \$6.7 billion savings over 10 years compared with deficits of \$10-\$15 trillion? MOAA researched some of the implications of implementing such a plan and was

startled at the huge increases in costs it would generate. Medicines to treat cancer, hemophilia, and multiple sclerosis--among the high cost medications--would involve annual costs of \$2,000, \$5,000 and \$6,600 respectively. Double that when the percentage rises to 30%. However, the impact would be somewhat muted by the catastrophic cap on costs, but of course that could also be raised. Additionally, co-pays for asthma, high cholesterol, blood pressure, and diabetes would rise a range of \$17 to \$36. Again, double that if and when the percentage increases. These drugs are used to prevent chronic conditions from developing into catastrophic and costly hospital care, and studies show that raising co-pays deters some percentage of the population from taking the medications. Thus, the proposal suggests replacing low cost medications for high cost doctor and hospital visits.

**Enrollment Fees Raised:** In addition, Tricare Prime enrollment fees were raised by \$2.50 per month per member and \$5 per month for families effective 1 October. This raised individual fees from \$230 per year to \$260, and family costs from \$460 to \$520. Clearly, this 13% increase in fees has nothing to do with the rising cost of health care, but rather is the Administration playing catch-up. The *New York Times* joins *USA Today* in attacking the current system, which was devised by Congress in the 1990s after previous reductions in benefits began to adversely affect recruiting and retention; a *New York Times* editorial in late September stated in part that “Pay, pension systems, and retiree health care benefits are unsustainable and ripe for reform.” It further suggests that “Working age military retirees also pay too little for basic family {health} coverage...and another \$45 billion to \$50 billion could be saved by adjusting the formula for pay increases to take account of special allowances and benefits worth about \$5,000 per year. Reforms of pay, benefits

and pensions must be phased in fairly and commitments already made must be honored. But they, too, cannot be deferred any longer.” MOAA President VADM Norb Ryan, USN (Ret) responded with a 30 September letter to the editor that concluded that “The *New York Times* would cut benefits for those who serve and sacrifice the longest to pay more to those who leave early, and ignore the retention-killing history of past less-severe cuts. There is a reason you’re not in charge of military force planning.” We will post the entire *New York Times* editorial and the MOAA response on our web site. The battle is joined, with the main-stream media aligned with the Administration to saddle retirees and active military with severe cuts. Be active in addressing these issues with your representatives in Washington!

### **MOAA PORTLAND CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE**

**By CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)**

**Elizabeth A. Renninger** is our Portland Chapter Designated Scholar for the current school year. In addition, the MOAA Scholarship Program has granted scholarships to three other Portland area students.

Elizabeth is a sophomore at Southern Oregon University in Ashland, having transferred there this year from the University of Oregon--seeking a smaller school setting. She maintained a perfect 4.0 grade average in her freshman year, and is working hard to achieve that level in her new school setting. She has not as yet chosen a major, but is working in that direction this year. Elizabeth was awarded a \$5,000 interest free loan and a \$500 grant from the Scholarship Fund. She writes that “[The Scholarship] is helping me pay for textbooks, school fees, room and board, and other expenses. I am excited to be the Portland Scholar.”

Elizabeth’s dad is the Command Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force 67th Network Warfare Wing stationed in San Antonio, TX. Her mom, who resides in the Portland area, was in the Air Force from 1986 through 1992, serving in Germany and North Carolina.

Obviously, we have another fine recipient of our scholarship. We have invited her to attend a chapter meeting during breaks from school and will keep you updated on her progress.

**IRA Tax-free Distributions, Another Timely**

**Reminder:** As we move toward the end of the year, please keep in mind the one year opportunity to distribute up to \$100,000 to an eligible charity, of which the Scholarship Fund is one, from either a regular or a Roth IRA without incurring taxable income. To accomplish this, one needs to be 70 1/2 at the time of the gift, have the IRA custodian transfer the funds directly (Vanguard makes the check out to the charitable organization and mails the check to me to mail to the recipient), and the transfer must be outright to a qualified charity, not to supporting organizations. If you need more information, phone 800 234 6622 or visit [www.moaa.org/donateIRAin2011](http://www.moaa.org/donateIRAin2011). This is an opportunity that expires the end of this year. Given budget pressures, it is unlikely to be extended, but anything is possible. Such distributions count against your Required Minimum Distributions. This is a great deal; give it some consideration.

**Chapter Giving:** Chapter contributions to the Scholarship Fund are growing, and definitely will exceed the \$3,324 contributed in calendar 2010. We have exceeded \$3,200 through the early part of October, with nearly three months to go this year. Great job, and thanks for the continued support. Contact information if you have questions is [Larry@RocketVentures.com](mailto:Larry@RocketVentures.com) or 503-722-1897. If you write a check to the fund, please make it out to **MOAA Portland Chapter Scholarship Fund**. Remember, it is exceedingly easy to make a contribution with your credit card on the MOAA web site, [www.MOAA.org](http://www.MOAA.org).

### **CHAPTER DUES FOR 2012**

Now is the time for regular chapter members to pay your annual dues of \$25 for calendar year 2012. They are due no later than the 1<sup>st</sup> of January! (Note: Auxiliary members may elect to pay the \$25 dues as well--although it is on a voluntary basis only.)

You can pay the Treasurer at the **1 November** dinner meeting or mail a check (made out to: "PDX-MOAA") and send it to the Portland Chapter/MOAA, P.O. Box 68959, Portland, OR 97268.

Remember, dues are *our only source of income*, and we encourage you to pay them in a timely manner so we can continue to fund our programs and newsletter.

Still have a question? Just call the Treasurer, **CAPT Jim Main, USNR (Ret)**, at **503-793-8499** or send him an email at [jimmain@comcast.net](mailto:jimmain@comcast.net)

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**MOAA PORTLAND CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Mark your calendars!**

<i>November 4, 2011</i>	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>
December 6, 2011	Dinner Meeting with John Bennett Trio (Location: Gray Gables Estate)
<i>January 2012</i>	<i>No Chapter Meeting Scheduled</i>
February 4, 2012	Brunch Meeting with Guest Speaker (Location: TBD)
<i>February 10, 2012</i>	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>
March 6, 2012	Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker (Location: TBD)
April 3, 2012	Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker (Location: TBD)
May 1, 2012	Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker (Location: TBD)
<i>May 11, 2012</i>	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>
June 5, 2012	Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker (Location: TBD)
<i>August 3, 2012</i>	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>

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**NOTE 1:** All monthly chapter meetings are held at the locations indicated.

**NOTE 2:** All Board of Directors Meetings are held at **0930**—usually at the **Colwood Bar & Grill** at the **Colwood National Golf Course**--and **are open to all members!** Alternate locations will be indicated.

**NOTE 3:** All articles for the **December 2011 Brass Bulletin Newsletter** must be submitted to the editor, **Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)**, at **maryjmayer@yahoo.com** by **5 November 2011**.