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The President’s Forum

by Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)

The 2011-2012 program year is here already, and it is off to a great start! MOAA National notified me that our chapter had once again won the “5-Star” Levels of Excellence Award for 2010. That puts us in the top 10% of MOAA’s 400 chapters nationwide. A special thanks goes to the talented and dedicated officers, board of directors, and committee chairs who made this happen!

On Saturday, 8 October 2011, the **MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters** is holding its **Biennial Convention** at the Oregon Garden Resort in Silverton, Oregon. The theme is “Scanning the Horizon,” and the list of speakers is impressive. I encourage all of you to sign up via the registration form found in this newsletter!

The **Portland Chapter** of the **Military Order of the World Wars** has once again invited our chapter to participate in the 48th Annual Presentation of the **“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 at 10000 NE 33rd Drive, Portland, OR 97211. This service honors all veterans, both living and dead, and those who are currently serving our great nation. We have accepted the invitation to participate—under the leadership of **MAJ John Sampson, USA (Ret)**. But we need your help in ensuring that there are more folks in the *audience*; I encourage all of you to attend—and bring your family, relatives, colleagues, and friends! And spread the word!

***Congratulations to the
MOAA Portland Chapter
for winning the***

***“Five Star” Levels of Excellence Award
from MOAA National for
Exceptional Performance in 2010!***

NEXT MEETING:

Tuesday, 6 September 2011

Social: 1700. Dinner: 1830

The Monarch Hotel

12566 SE 93rd Avenue

Clackamas, Oregon 97015-9760

Phone: 503-652-1515

PROGRAM:

LTC Lance E. Englet, USA, Former Commander of the 102 Civil Support Team and Professor of Military Science at the University of Oregon, will speak on the **“Oregon Emergency Response System.”** (See his biography on page 2.)

MENU:

Chicken Champignon

Rice Pilaf

Seasonal Vegetables

Caesar Salad

Chef’s Assorted Desserts

Rolls and Butter

Coffee, Tea, Decaf, or 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** or online at our chapter website **NLT 1200 on Thursday, 1 September 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 93rd (2nd traffic signal), and left into Monarch Hotel. From **I-205S**, take Sunnyside Exit, right on Sunnyside, left on 93rd (1st traffic signal), and left into Monarch Hotel. A **No-Host Bar** is available from 1700 to end. An **elevator** is available.

***BIOGRAPHY OF OUR
SEPTEMBER DINNER
GUEST SPEAKER***

Lance E. Englet enlisted into the Army Reserves in June 1989. Following Basic Training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, he returned to Oregon and joined the Oregon National Guard 41 Personnel Services Company (PSC). He attended 75F AIT at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Indiana. 2LT Englet received his commission and graduated from the University of Oregon ROTC program with distinction in 1994. Following Ordinance Officer Basic Course, he served as Platoon Leader for the Power Generation Platoon, 3670 GS Maintenance Company. In 1996, 2LT Englet joined the AGR program. His assignments included Operations Officer, 741 Corps Support Battalion (CSB), and Commander HHD 741. In 1998, 1LT Englet attended Infantry Officer Advance Course and returned to his new assignment as S1 1249 Engineer Battalion, followed by Commander C/1249 EN.

In 1999, CPT Englet attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey California, where he received a Masters Degree in International Civil-Military Relations. Upon his return to Oregon, he moved into the Plans and Operations Officer Military Support to Civilian Authorities (MSCA). In November of 2002, in addition to his full-time MSCA duties, CPT Englet took command of the HHD JFHQ and promoted to MAJ in January of 03. He served as the Oregon Homeland Security Deputy Director Military from May 04 through March 06. He was promoted to LTC in July of 07. Prior to his deployment, LTC Englet served as Executive Officer Recruiting and Retention Command, Oregon from March 06 through March 08. While deployed, he served as the Afghanistan Regional Support Command East

(ARSIC-E) Chief of Staff. Prior to the Uof O ROTC PMS, LTC Englet served as Commander of the 102 Civil Support Team. As commander, he worked with National Guard Bureau in CST doctrine publications, USNORTHCOM in Domestic Operations Planning, and various state and federal agencies. During his command, the Team responded to eleven real world events and conducted over a hundred exercises with local, state, and federal stakeholder partners.

LTC Englet is the recipient of numerous awards and decorations. He has a BA in English from the University of Oregon (1994); an MA in International Relations from the Naval Postgraduate School (2000); and an MA in Homeland Security from the Naval Postgraduate School (2010). LTC Englet is married to the former Miss Kellie Barnes. They have two daughters, Lauren (9) and Natalie (6).

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

On **7 June**, there were **52** 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; 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, and **Chaplain (LTC) Grant McAllister, USA (Ret)** gave the invocation.

Chapter Presidents Comments: President Mayer opened the meeting by stating that this meeting was the last of the 2010-2011 Program Year, that 2011 is the 10th anniversary of 9/11 and the guest speaker would be sharing his experiences as Director of Operations in the White House on that day, that we would be hearing from our scholarship recipient, and that we would be installing the 2011-2012 chapter officers. She further stated that she had submitted the chapter for the MOAA Levels of Excellence Award for 2010, and that in the "Tip of the Hat" Section of MOAA's May 2011 *The Affiliate*, the auxiliary members of our chapter were congratulated for all their good works on behalf of veterans and their families. **President Mayer** then discussed the following: (1) On the Board of Directors, we need to fill the second Navy and Women in Service Reps; also, we are always looking for new members for

our various committees. (2) The MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters Quarterly Meeting will be held on Wednesday, 29 June 2011 at the Oregon Veterans' Home (OVH) in The Dalles, OR from 1000-1430 and (3) The chapter members were asked to be generous in providing donations and items for the residents of the Oregon Veterans' Home and in buying raffle tickets to support the MOAA Portland Chapter Scholarship Fund.

Membership Committee Report: MAJ John Sampson, USA (Ret) asked Board of Directors and Membership Committee members to save the date and plan to attend the Membership Recruitment Social to be held on Friday, 26 August 2011 from 1700-1900 at The Bomber Restaurant Museum.

After dinner, **President Mayer** introduced the guest speaker, **Col Michael T. Irwin, USAF (Ret)**, who spoke on "White House Communications on 9/11." Col Irwin brought a unique perspective on transportation security as he was the Director of Operations in the White House Military Office on 11 September 2001. At the conclusion of the speech, **Col Mayer** presented **Col Irwin** with a gift.

President Mayer then introduced our scholarship recipient, **Ms. Heather Chase**. Heather indicated that she had graduated on 22 May 2011 and that she planned to work through the summer--and eventually go into the masters program at the National College of Natural Medicine to become a naturopathic doctor.

President Mayer then gave the Legislative Committee Report, in the absence of **CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)**. She indicated that on Memorial Day, President Obama announced new leadership for the Department of Defense. In Oregon, the governor has proclaimed the following: Every March 30 will be

known as "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans' Day" in Oregon, and every June 25 will be known as "Korean War Veterans Honor Day" in Oregon. There is a lot going on, and Larry will have a Legislative Affairs update by this weekend and will put it on the chapter website.

President Mayer then called upon Past Chapter President and Nominating Committee Chair, **LTC Gary Brink, USA (Ret)**, who installed the following officers for **2011-2012**: **President – Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)**; **First Vice President – MAJ John Sampson, USA (Ret)**; **Second Vice President – CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)**; **Secretary – Lt Col Boyd Yaden, USAF (Ret)**; **Treasurer – Captain Jim Cole, USAF (Sep)**.

In the "For the Good of the Order" portion of the program, **LtCol Nanci Visser, USMCR (Ret)** took a few minutes to say good-bye to the chapter members; she and her husband Eric are moving back to Old Town Alexandria, VA to be closer to their daughter. President Mayer wished the Vissers godspeed as they embark on their new adventures and gave Nanci a parting gift from the chapter. **LTC Gary Brink, USA (Ret)** then announced the winner of the Scholarship Raffle.

In her closing remarks, **President Mayer** thanked our guest speaker, **Colonel Michael T. Irwin, USAF, USAF (Ret)**; our installation officer, **LTC Gary Brink, USA (Ret)**; our scholarship recipient, **Ms. Heather Chase**; all members who attended; and the staff of the Gray Gables Estate for the excellent dinner and service. The next meeting and first of the 2011-2012 program year will be on 6 September 2011 at The Monarch Hotel in Clackamas, Oregon. Our guest speaker will be **LTC Lance E. Englet, USA**, Commander, 102 Civil Support Team, who will speak on the "Oregon Emergency Response System." The next *Brass Bulletin Newsletter* is the September edition; inputs are due 6 August 2011. Chapter members will receive their newsletters via mail and email o/a 10 August 2011. Newsletters are posted on the chapter website.

Col Mayer then wished the membership a happy and healthy summer! And, as ever, she asked each member 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 **2130**.

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

The MOAA Portland Chapter will hold a Membership Recruitment Social on Saturday, 26 August 2011, from 1700-1900 at The Bomber Restaurant Museum—located at 13515 SE McLoughlin Blvd, Milwaukie, OR 97222. We would encourage the Board of Directors and the Membership Committee to attend—to meet and greet our invitees and their spouses and sign them up as new chapter members. Past Chapter President **COL John Hill, USA (Ret)** will be our guest speaker.

The Membership Committee will again participate in the MOAA Gold Bar Program for 2011-2012 with the University of Portland's Air Force ROTC and Army ROTC Detachments. This program provides second lieutenant's bars and a free MOAA membership for each cadet that is being commissioned next year. When each cadet signs up for the free membership, the chapter receives \$10 as part of the "Give Me 10" Program. For 2010-2011, the chapter received \$320 for signing up graduating cadets as members.

Regular membership (annual dues of \$25.00) applications have been updated and posted to the website, as well as Auxiliary membership forms (may elect to pay annual dues of \$25.00).

On 9 August 2011, **MAJ John Sampson, USA (Ret)** will attend a hearing on the update of the Veterans of Oregon vs. Oregon Department of Justice case, and will report the status in the next chapter newsletter.

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

In spite of a smaller group than usual at the third annual MOAA Portland Chapter

Scholarship Fundraiser luncheon at my home in June, good fun, food, and laughter prevailed, and we contributed a total of \$105.00. We're looking forward to our next luncheon at Albertina's on **18 October**, so mark your calendars. If you've never attended, we heartily invite you—and wives are very welcome. Do come, enjoy a great lunch, and share some of your experiences as a service wife.

The (national) Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee reminds us to check our important documents: Are they up-to-date? Are they well organized, with old, invalid documents destroyed? Are they kept in a safe place? Even if they're in a fireproof lockbox or safe at home, you may want to store a second set in a safe-deposit box at your financial institution. (I prefer just the opposite!) Make sure the executor of your will and trust has copies and knows where the originals are and who has a key or combination to a safe. You'll feel a sense of relief when you know everything is in order and in the right place if any family member needs access to your documents.

Reminder: Keep bringing those old, unused cell phones and chargers. They're magically turned into calling-card time for service members abroad to call home.

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

General Quarters, General Quarters! All Hands Man Your Battle Stations! The Long Knives are Coming: Well, the summer is rapidly drawing to a close, the end of the 2011 fiscal year is less than two months away, and the Senate has not even taken up or even created a fiscal year 2012 Budget for consideration. The President presented a plan which the Senate voted down 97 - 0, the House created and passed a plan which was sent over to the Senate and has not been heard from since, and the Senate is numbingly silent regarding its plan. Looks like fiscal year 2012 will be a repeat of 2011, where the country muddles along with a continuing resolution. However, what has changed, for better or worse depending on your proclivities, is that the subject of reducing federal outlays has taken center stage, at least for the moment. Guess what, there is a lot of interest in certain institutions, such as the White House and the Department of Defense, in taking an axe to Defense

outlays. These are often described with the truly contradictory term, “Discretionary Spending.” Now, try reducing defense spending as have the Europeans have done under the protection of US arms, and you quickly find yourself unable to prosecute an effort against even the feeble Libyans. So, I do not find Defense spending to be truly discretionary. However, starting with the Pentagon and the now departed Bob Gates, and now extending even to Congress, there are discussions of an array of moves to reduce DOD spending. These include: (1) freezing military pay raises, (2) reducing manpower levels significantly (remember that our Senator Wyden along with the renowned military expert Barney Frank proposed a year ago reducing manpower by some 200,000 in the middle of at least two ongoing wars), (3) radically reducing and restructuring military retirement programs, without even grandfathering current serving members, and (4) significantly raising out of pocket health care outlays for retirees, primarily those retired and younger than 60 years of age. There is much more, but you can see that military spending, especially on personnel, is under attack. Add to that the lack of focus on stopping the dramatic reduction in Medicare/Tricare reimbursement rates scheduled for January 1st implementation and the alarm level rises significantly.

Retirement Reform, also known as “Cuts”: When legislators speak about “reforms,” beware. Recently, the Quadrennial Review of Military Compensation (QRMC) recommended that: (1) the current retirement system be converted to a civilian-style system in which full retired pay would not be paid until age 57 – 60, (2) benefits begin to vest after 10 years of service, and (3) individual services would have the flexibility to adjust terms of service and benefits so as to encourage or discourage individuals to remain on active duty. Specific terms of such a plan would

need to be worked out in Congress, but MOAA estimates that an E-7 retiring after 20 years of service would have lifetime retirement pay reduced by \$1.6 million, and, even more if the member lives past 85, which is a very reasonable possibility. Now there is a plan which will really help retention in a time when multiple deployments to war zones are standard fare.

Defense Business Board Proposal: The board recommends the current defined benefit plan now in force be replaced with a 401k-like plan, in which the government makes annual contributions yet to be determined--and with amounts decided by the individual services. This plan is still in the development phase, with a final report scheduled in February 2012--but it is ominous in its implications.

The Costly (to Us) Technical Change to a “Chained Consumer Price Index (CPI): As we all know, our military retirement income, social security payments, and many other federal payments are adjusted according to cost of living increases linked to the CPI. While not a perfect index, it reasonably reflects increases, and occasionally decreases, in the cost of living. There has been an idea afoot for a number of years that the CPI overstates the real cost of living, perhaps by as much as 0.5%. The theory, according to some economists, is that consumers change their behavior when prices of products and services rise sharply. Exactly how to measure such a change in behavior across a broad range of products is unclear. The theory contends that if coffee soars in price, drinkers (or a certain percentage of drinkers) will switch to tea. Similarly, one can downgrade on the quality of beef you buy, or cut out beef altogether and live on chicken and fish. There has been some discussion of changing from the CPI to a “chained CPI” during the recent budget/debt ceiling discussions, but so far no action. However, such covert discussions could surface during budget talks. MOAA believes that switching would reduce cost of living increases by about .25% per year, but that is just an estimate. If we had really significant inflation as in the 1970s, one could see a more dramatic impact. Even with just a quarter percent impact per year, over the span of a retirement for military personnel could affect total retired pay by 6%, with more adverse effects in out years and as one lives longer. Further, as Steve Strowbridge, MOAA Director of Government Relations, points out in his “As I See It” column in the July 2011 *Military Officer Magazine*, smaller cola

adjustments would also move more taxpayers into higher tax brackets more quickly. A great way to reduce expenditures and to raise taxes in a stealthy way! You can read his entire column by going to www.MOAA.org, clicking on "Legislative" on the left hand side, and then clicking on "As I See It." One MOAA member in responding to the article mentioned said that "this is a cost-cutting measure pure and simple, not an attempt to make COLA adjustments more accurate. The Bureau of Labor Statistics' Experimental Price Index shows that the elderly have a higher rate of inflation than the standard COLA. Another way of looking at this is that chained CPI is a hidden tax." I am not sure, that with the benefit of Tricare for Life, that we retired military elderly indeed have a higher rate of inflation, but it is interesting.

Medicare/Tricare January Cuts are Still in the Hopper: As I noted this last spring, there is currently a 30% reduction in Medicare and Tricare reimbursement rates scheduled to kick in January 1, 2012. Have you heard anything as to how this is to be handled? Not on your life. Expect this to raise its head in mid-fall. If you communicate with your representatives, make this a first line communication.

Senate Committee Attacks Commissaries: Without holding hearings or prior notice, the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee in early July voted to fund a veterans program of merit by eliminating the federal subsidy for military commissaries and directing the consolidation of all DoD commissaries and exchanges. This sneak attack is outside the jurisdiction of the Veterans Affairs Committee, with proper responsibility within the Armed Services Committee. The VA committee was looking for funds to support providing benefits to veterans who had served at Camp Lejeune when the base was contaminated with carcinogens. The

Lejeune bill was sponsored by the senior Republican on the committee, which is chaired by Patty Murray of Washington. I cannot imagine that this action will be enacted, but it shows us that threats come from unexpected places in Congress. MOAA, and I assume other Veterans organizations, reacted swiftly and strongly to the action. MOAA notes that "Every dollar of the subsidy (to commissaries) translates to nearly three dollars of benefit value to patrons (and considerably more than that for lower-grade enlisted families."

If We Do Not Protect Ourselves, Who Will?: There is a ton of legislation in the works that will/is going to affect the serving military and their families, retired military, citizens-at-large, and all our progeny. MOAA does a great job of lobbying on our behalf in Congress. They seek our help in communicating with our legislators, especially when they are in town during the August break, assuming they are going to still have that break. Moreover, I recommend, even to those of us not politically involved, that you sign up for and read the weekly legislative updates put out by MOAA every Friday morning. Go to MOAA.org and sign up in the legislative section. It is current, useful and coherent. Also, look for calls for action and send recommended missives to your legislators and other interested parties.

Declining Military Readiness: In late July, the Vice Chiefs of the four military services reported that readiness is at an acceptable level, but that the services are unable to support all the mission requirements of the combatant commanders. Even more of concern, they described declining trends in readiness and stress across forces and infrastructure. So, why is there discussion of further major cuts in defense spending?

ID Cards Without Social Security Numbers: In the spring of this year, I noted that DoD had a phased plan in place to replace ID cards, even those that do not expire, with new cards that eliminate the Social Security number from both print and bar codes. Both the ID card office at the Portland Air National Guard Base (PANG) and the one across the river at Fort Vancouver are now processing retired ID cards. The PANG location requires appointments, while Ft. Vancouver accepts walk-ins. Currently, appointments are about two weeks out. The phone number at PANG is **503-335-4046**. When you have a confirmed date and time for reissuance, go to Building 142, 6801 NE Cornfield, Portland, OR.

The Army ID office at Vancouver Barracks in Ft. Vancouver is in building 704. Drop in hours are Monday through Thursday from 0800 to 1500. Appointments are scheduled for Fridays. The phone number through early September is **360-695-7716**. The Vancouver office is changing location and phone number but does not have the information right now. They will email that information to me when it is available, and we will put it in the *Brass Bulletin* and on our web site. One can get an ID card that still includes your Social Security number in bar code now, and then replace it in 2012 with no SS number at all. We will have this information on the chapter web site shortly.

SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

By CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)

Thank you and congratulations! The MOAA Portland Chapter Scholarship Fund has been in existence slightly over two years, and we have already served SEVEN students! This includes our first recipient **Heather Chase**, who completed her undergraduate degree this spring and is now about to enter medical school.

For the 2011-2012 school year, four students are receiving \$22,000 in financial assistance through the program. Two are from Beaverton, one from Lake Oswego, and the final individual hails from Sandy. There are two young men and two young women. As soon as possible, we will introduce the recipients to the chapter and hope to have them attend chapter meetings. I expect that they will be serious students, mature and articulate, as well as grateful for the scholarships. Each received \$5,500 in financial assistance, and will receive assistance each year as long as grades are maintained.

IRA Tax-Free Distributions, a 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 MOAA Portland Chapter Scholarship Fund is one, from either a regular or a Roth IRA without incurring taxable income. To accomplish this, one needs to be 70.5 years old 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. Remember, 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: While Chapter contributions to the Scholarship Fund are steady, the overall amount has slowed this year. My best estimate is that we are close to \$2000 contributed to date, leaving us with a **\$3000 need to be filled by the end of the year**. This is understandable given the economic uncertainty and the unforeseen possibility of a double dip recession. Going forward, I will report monthly on our progress. It is unclear whether or not the Chapter Fund receives all the credit for member contributions. Therefore, if you have made a contribution this year, would you please email or call me with that information. There is no need to indicate the amount contributed; contact information is 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, MOAA.org. The students thank you for your continued support!

***IN MEMORIAM:
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE***

COL Marcus C. Jordan, USA (Ret)

Lt Col Thomas Dish, USAF (Ret)

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**MOAA PORTLAND CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS
Mark your calendars!**

October 4, 2011	Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker (Location: Gray Gables Estate)
October 8, 2011	MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters Convention (Location: Silverton, OR)
October 30, 2011	Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance (Time/Location: 1400 at Kliever Armory)
November 1, 2011	Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker (Location: Monarch Hotel)
<i>November 4, 2011</i>	<i>Board of Directors Meeting</i>
December 6, 2011	Dinner Meeting with The John Bennett Trio (Location: Gray Gables Estate)
<i>January 2012</i>	<i>No Dinner Meeting Scheduled</i>

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 October 2011 ***Brass Bulletin Newsletter*** must be submitted to the editor, **Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)**, at **maryjmayer@yahoo.com** by **3 September 2011**.