

Minutes from the 1 October 2022 Chapter Meeting

By CDR Doug Sheehan, USCGR (Ret), Recording Secretary

- 25 members and guests attended the MOAA Portland Chapter Meeting at The Aerie at Eagle Landing in Happy Valley, OR. Chapter President **Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)** called the meeting to order at **1000**.
- **President Mayer** made opening remarks:
 - On 14 December 1990, the United Nations General Assembly designated today as the International Day of Older Persons. This year's theme, "Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World," serves as a hallmark and reminder of the significant role older men and women play in traversing global challenges and contributing to their solutions with resilience and fortitude.
 - She mentioned that the guest speaker, **Rear Admiral Chad L. Jacoby, USCG**, Director of Acquisition Programs & Program Executive Officer (CG-93) that morning would speak on "**Icebreakers in the Arctic.**" He would be brought into the meeting via Zoom around **1100**.
 - She also introduced a special MOAA Chapter member attending the meeting: **MAJ Kelly Fitzpatrick, USA (Ret)**, the Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA).
 - For the safety of our chapter members, spouses, and guests during this COVID-19 pandemic, we will continue to have only 6 people seated at a table, encourage people to wear masks if they feel more comfortable, and provide proof of vaccinations at each meeting.
- **President Mayer** led the Pledge of Allegiance. Since **CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)** is on travel, **CAPT Tony Sebbio, USN (Ret)** played the National Anthem so the members could sing along. **President Mayer** gave the Invocation.

GUEST SPEAKER

- After brunch, **Rear Admiral Chad L. Jacoby** was brought in virtually by **CAPT Tony Sebbio, USN (Ret)** and gave his presentation. A question-and-answer session then followed.

BUSINESS SESSION

- **Chapter President's Comments:** Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
 - **Save the Dates - MOAA Events:**
 - **MOAA Portland Chapter Board of Directors Meeting**
 - Date: Thursday, 3 November 2022
 - Time: 0900-1200
 - Held via Zoom Video Teleconference (hosted by Myrna Trull)
 - **MOAA National Board of Directors and Annual Meeting**
 - Date: 26 -29 October 2022
 - Location: Sheraton Kansas City at Crown Center, Kansas City, MO
 - 36 Board Members: 12 new Board members will be sworn in and 12 will leave the Board
 - 26-27 October 2022: Class of 2028 Board Orientation
 - 27 October 2022: Board of Directors Meeting
 - 28 October 2022:
 - Annual Meeting of the Membership
 - Spouse Summit
 - Annual Meeting Luncheon with Key Speaker
 - LOE Dinner and Award Ceremony
 - **Save the Dates – Other:**
 - **United Veterans' Groups of Oregon (UVGO) Meeting**
 - Date: Saturday, 8 October 2022
 - Time: 1200
 - Held via Zoom Video Teleconference
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Membership Committee:** Major Bill Tidd, USAF (Ret)
 - A continuing area for emphasis is recruiting new members for our chapter.
 - **Special Events Committee:** LCDR Christopher Gale, USCG (Ret)

- **LCDR Christopher Gale** will continue to establish relationships with:
 - **MAJ Doug Thomas, USA (Ret):** JROTC Detachment at Oregon City High School
 - **LTC Mark Johnson, USA (Ret):** JROTC Detachment at Reynolds High School.
 - **AFROTC and AFTOTC Commanders** at the University of Portland
- **Legislative Committee:** Col Mayer emphasized the importance of the Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act, signed by President Biden on 10 August 2022, as the most significant expansion of benefits and services for toxic exposed veterans in more than 30 years. Members should become familiar with the PACT Act and its benefits.
- **Fundraising Committee:**
 - **President Mayer** announced that the Chapter raised **\$215** today for the 700 commemorative coins to be purchased by the Chapter for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games on 4-9 July 2023 in Portland, Oregon.
- **Surviving Spouse:**
 - **Mrs. Jean Hillman** said that the **Surviving Spouse Luncheon** held on 20 September 2022 at Oswego Grill in Clackamas Town Center, Clackamas, OR was attended by eight Surviving Spouses. Two were new: **Mrs. Lou Christianson** and **Mrs. Tammy Boyce**.
 - Jean encouraged members to continue to make or purchase items for Operation Diaper Bag, keep donating diapers and wipes to Operation Homefront, and check with families and friends for old cell phones to donate to the Cell Phones for Soldiers Program.
- **Personal Affairs:**
 - Since the last meeting, Col Mayer was notified that long-term chapter member, **LTC Macil Leslie Flye, USA (Ret)**, passed away on 21 September 2022. A Memorial Service will be held for him from **2:00-3:00 pm** on **Thursday, 20 October 2022** at **Mt. Scott Funeral Home**, 4205 SE 59th (Foster Road) in Portland, OR 97206 (Phone: 503-771-1171)
 - **LTC Roy Raat, USA (Ret)** and **wife Susan** have moved to Mechanicsville, VA to be closer to their eldest son, Dean. Roy would love to hear from MOAA Portland Chapter members.
- **“For the Good of the Order”:**
 - **Wine Raffle:** **CDR Doug Sheehan, USCGR (Ret)** ran the raffle and gave out two bottles of wine.
 - **CDR Dave Bredemann, USN (Ret)** gave the joke.
- **Closing Remarks by Chapter President:**
 - **Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)** thanked the Guest Speaker, **RADM Jacoby**; all who came out this morning to support the chapter; **CAPT Sharon Sebbio, USN (Ret)** for bringing the colorful decorations found on the tables; and the staff of The Aerie at Eagle Landing for the wonderful meal and service! The next meeting will be held on **Saturday, 5 November 2022** at **The Aerie at Eagle Landing in Happy Valley, Oregon**. Guest speaker will be **CDR Colin Kliewer, NOAA**. Topic will be **“Mission of NOAA.”** Reservations must be made by **1100** on **Wednesday, 2 November 2022** to **CDR Michael Seiwald, USN (Ret)**, our Chapter Reservations Secretary
 - **Next Brass Bulletin Newsletter** will be the **November 2022 edition** and will come out in **early October 2022**. Inputs for the November 2022 newsletter are due **9 November 2022** at midnight.
 - **She reminded all to fly their flags** on Columbus Day – 10 October 2022 and Navy Day – 27 October 2022
 - Happy 247th birthday to the **U. S. Navy**, established on 13 October 1775.
 - Remember that 31 October is **Halloween!**
- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at **1146**.