

Minutes from the 4 February 2023 Chapter Meeting
By CDR Doug Sheehan, USCGR (Ret), Recording Secretary

- **33** 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 and introduced the guest speakers from the Oregon Military Museum: **Ms. Kathleen M. Sligar**, the Director and Curator, and **Major General Daniel B. O'Hollaren, USAF (Ret)**, the President of the Oregon Military Museum Project.
- **President Mayer** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)** led the National Anthem, and. **Lt Col James Warnock, USAF (Ret)** gave the Invocation.

GUEST SPEAKERS

- After brunch, **Ms. Kathleen M. Sligar**, the Director and Curator of the Oregon Military Museum, spoke to the group on “**The Oregon Military Museum.**” **Major General Daniel B. O'Hollaren, USAF (Ret)**, the President of the Oregon Military Museum Project, also gave a talk on the non-profit corporation that supports the museum. Question-and-answer sessions followed each presentation.

BUSINESS SESSION

Chapter President's Comments: Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)

- **President Mayer** shared some highlights from the Chapter Board of Directors' Meeting held on Wednesday, 1 February 2023:
 - **Top Priority:** Reminder for chapter members to pay their 2023 Chapter Dues
 - **Second Priority - Bringing in New Members**
 - She challenged all attendees to bring at least one potential member to the next chapter meeting on **Saturday, 4 March 2023**.
 - **Third Priority:** Finding volunteers to fill the following positions:
 - **Second USAF Representative on the Board** (replacing Doug MacEllven)
 - **USPHS Representative on the Board** (replacing Bob Steelman who moved to Idaho)
 - **Nomination Package Submission Date for the Levels of Excellence Award**
 - Due to MOAA National: 1 May 2023
- **Save the Dates – MOAA Events:**
 - **MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters Board Meeting:** 8 February 2023, Time: 1000, Virtual Meeting
 - **MOAA Portland Chapter Board of Directors Meeting:** Wednesday, 3 May 2023, Time: 0800, Virtual Meeting
- **Save the Dates – Other:**
 - **Advisory Committee to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) Meeting:** Wednesday, March 1, 2023, Time: 0930-1200, Virtual
 - **United Veterans' Groups of Oregon (UVGO) Meeting** Saturday, 8 April 2023
Time: 1200 Zoom Video Teleconference
 - **42nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games**
 - **Dates:** 4-9 July 2023
 - **POC: Major Shaun Benson, USA (Ret)**
 - **Registration opened for athletes and volunteers on 1 February 2023**
 - Need 3,800 volunteers/each shift is 4 hours
 - Register at www.wheelchairgames.com

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee Report** by **Maj Bill Tidd, USAF (Ret)**
 - Major Tidd will request that MOAA National send out their Electronic Support Messages (ESMs) to all MOAA members in the greater Portland area, telling them about our April and May chapter meetings and encouraging them to attend.

- **Fundraising Committee Report - CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)**
 - **Status of Fundraising Project:**
 - **42nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games**
 - Fundraising Project is the purchase of 750 Challenge Coins (includes 30 coins for the MOAA Portland Chapter) for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games to be held in Portland, OR from 4-9 July 2023.
 - **\$3,127.50** is required to purchase the Challenge Coins
 - Currently, we have raised approximately **\$3,231.68** for this charitable project
 - **Next Chapter Charity Project:**
 - **2023 Biennial Oregon Women Veterans' Conference**
 - **Sponsorship:** The MOAA Portland Chapter will:
 - give at least a \$500 donation (*proceeds from raffles in Feb, Mar, and Apr 2023*) and set up a MOAA Membership Table at the Salem Convention Center
 - **Scholarship Committee:** CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)
 - The MOAA Portland Chapter is \$5,000 short of having four \$25,000 scholarships in the MOAA Scholarship Fund. Special thanks to Jim Asaph for his generous contribution in 2022
 - **Legislative Committee:** LTC Gary Battles, USAR (Ret)/CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)
 - **“Advocacy in Action (AIA)”** (formerly “Storming the Hill”) will be conducted in person this year on 26 April 2023 in Washington, DC.
 - **Surviving Spouse:** Col Mary Mayer for Mrs. Jean Hillman
 - **Next Luncheon has been scheduled:** Tuesday, 14 February 2023, 1:00 pm, La Provence Lake Oswego, 16350 Boones Ferry Road, Lake Oswego, OR 97035.
 - **Personal Affairs:** Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
 - Since the last meeting, we have had no deaths in the chapter.
 - **Special Events Committee Report by:** Col Mary Mayer for LCDR Chris Gale, USCG (Ret)
 - **MOAA Award Presentations:** The AFROTC cadet and AROTC cadet from the University of Portland who receive the MOAA Leadership Award will also be presented with a scholarship check for \$300 for educational expenses from the MOAA Portland Chapter at the AROTC and AFROTC Awards Banquets in spring 2023.
 - **GOLD BAR PROGRAM:** The chapter presented Gold Bars last year to the AROTC and AFROTC commissioning cadets from the University of Portland at the Spring 2022 Awards Banquets.
 - **DATES FOR ROTC at UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND:**
 - **Army AFROTC Dining Out:** TBD
 - **Air Force AFROTC Dining Out:** TBD
 - **USAA Sponsorship Funds Program for 2023:** LCDR Chris Gale, USCG (Ret) submitted the request for the \$300. The request has been submitted, approved, and received for 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022.

“For the Good of the Order”

- **Wine Raffle:** CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret) selected three winners: **LTC Gary Battles, USAR (Ret); CDR Colin Kliever, NOAA; and President Mayer.**
- **Joke:** CDR Dave Bredemann, USN (Ret) gave the joke.

Closing Remarks by Chapter President: Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)

- a. **Next Meeting:** Saturday, 4 March 2023. **Guest Speaker** will be **Major Kelly Fitzpatrick, USA (Ret)**, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA)
 - **Topic:** “Update on Veterans' Issues in Oregon” at The Aerie at Eagle Landing
- c. **Next Brass Bulletin Newsletter:**
 - Inputs for the *March/April 2023 Newsletter* are due no later than **Monday, 6 March 2023.**

- Adjournment at **1205**