

## Minutes from the 5 November 2022 Chapter Meeting By CDR Doug Sheehan, USCGR (Ret), Recording Secretary

- 24 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 **CDR Colin Kliewer, NOAA**, the guest speaker, and **MAJ Doug Thomas, USA (Ret)**, the Commander of the JROTC Detachment at Oregon City High School.
- **President Mayer** led the Pledge of Allegiance, **CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)** led the National Anthem, and **President Mayer** gave the Invocation.

### GUEST SPEAKER

- After brunch, **CDR Colin Kliewer**, Executive Officer of NOAA's Pacific Maritime Operations Center, spoke to the group on "**The Mission of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**." A question-and-answer session then followed.

### BUSINESS SESSION

- **Chapter President's Comments:** Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
  - **Feedback from November 3, 2022 Board of Directors Meeting**
    - Volunteers are needed to fill the board positions of second Air Force Rep and USPHS Rep.
    - As of **31 October 2022**, the Chapter's overall total assets were **\$23,126.58**, with a total of **163** Chapter members (*same as last year*).
    - Payment of **2023 Annual Chapter Dues of \$30** are due by **1 January 2023**.
    - Feedback from the **MOAA National Board of Directors Meetings**
      - **Dates:** 26-29 October 2022 **Location:** Sheraton Kansas City at Crown Center, Kansas City, MO
        - MOAA Board of Directors Meeting
          - This was Mary's last meeting as she has completed her sixth year on the board
          - Change of Leadership at MOAA National:
            - New Chairman of the Board: **Gen Gary North, USAF (Ret)** has replaced **GEN Walter Sharp, USA (Ret)**
            - New President and CEO:
              - **Lt Gen Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret)** is leaving MOAA on 3 January 2023; he has been in his position for 7 years
              - **Lt Gen Brian Kelly, USAF (Ret)**, who just retired as the A1 for the Air Force, will replace him and take the helm on 4 January 2023
  - Levels of Excellence Dinner and Award Ceremony
    - At the dinner, the MOAA Portland Chapter was awarded the **Five Star Levels of Excellence Award** from MOAA National for the 15<sup>th</sup> consecutive year!
    - There will be an award presentation at the December chapter meeting.
- **Other Significant Events:**
  - **Veterans Day Activities**
    - The Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs will honor all veterans during its Statewide Veterans Day Ceremony at 1100 on Thursday, November 10, 2022 at the Oregon State Capitol Park in Salem, OR.
    - The University of Portland ROTC Veterans Day Ceremony 2022 will take place at 1100 on Friday, 11 November 2022 on campus.
- **Save the Dates – MOAA Events:**
  - **MOAA Portland Chapter Board of Directors Meeting** Date: Wednesday, 1 February 2023 Time: 0800 Via Zoom
- **Save the Dates – Other:**
  - **Advisory Committee to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA) Meeting** Date: Wednesday, 7 December 2022 Time: 0930-1200 noon Location: Held via Zoom

- **United Veterans' Groups of Oregon (UVGO) Meeting** Date: Saturday, 14 January 2023  
Time: 1200-1400 Location: Held via Zoom
- **42nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games**
  - **Dates:** 4-9 July 2023 in Portland, OR
- **Committee Reports:**
  - **Membership Committee Report** by Major Bill Tidd, USAF (Ret)
    - Bill encouraged members to recruit new members for the chapter.
  - **Fundraising Committee Report - CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)**
    - **Status of Fundraising Project:** The next Fundraising Project is the purchase of 700 Challenge Coins for the National Veterans Wheelchair Games to be held in Portland, OR from 4-9 July 2023.
    - **\$3,000** is required to purchase the Challenge Coins. Currently, the chapter has raised approximately **\$2,731.14** for this charitable project
  - **Program Committee:** CAPT Tony Sebbio, USN (Ret) and CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)
    - Theme for the 6 December 2022 Christmas/Holiday Chapter Party is "Celebrating the MOAA Portland Chapter." Meal will be Classic Holiday Turkey and all the trimmings. Attire is military uniform or holiday attire.
  - **Special Events Committee:**
    - CDR Christopher Gale, USCG (Ret) met with the two JROTC Detachment Commanders at Oregon City High School and Reynolds High School to discuss their programs and needs for the future.
  - **Legislative Committee:** LTC Gary Battles, USAR (Ret) and CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)
    - Senator Merkley's Office is teaming up with the Veterans History Project of the Library of Congress American Folklife Center, and they are looking for volunteers to help serve Oregon's veteran community in this special way.
  - **Communications Committee:** CDR Dave Bredemann, USN (Ret) – No report.
  - **Surviving Spouse Committee:** Mrs. Jean Hillman
    - The next Surviving Spouse Luncheon will be held at 12:00 noon on Wednesday, 14 December 2022 at the Brix Tavern, 8187 SW Tualatin-Sherwood Road, Tualatin, OR. To make reservations, call or email **Mrs. Jan Brink**.
  - **Personal Affairs Committee:** Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret) – No report.
- **"For the Good of the Order"**
  - **Raffle** – CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret). Winners of a bottle of wine were: LTC Gary Battles, CAPT Chicky McKinzie, and Maj Doug Thomas. Total dollars raised from the raffle: **\$260.00**.
  - **Joke** – CDR Dave Bredemann, USN (Ret) gave the joke.
- **Closing Remarks by Chapter President:** Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
  - **Next Meeting:** The MOAA Portland Chapter Christmas/Holiday Party will be held on **Tuesday, 6 December 2022** at **The Monarch Hotel** Theme: "Celebrating the MOAA Portland Chapter"
  - **Next Brass Bulletin Newsletter:**
    - The next newsletter will be the **December 2022** issue. Chapter members will be receiving this newsletter **o/a 10 November 2022**.
    - Inputs for the December 2022 Newsletter are due to the editor **NLT Wednesday, 9 November 2022** at midnight!
  - Fly the flag on the following days in November:
    - Veterans Day - 11 November and Thanksgiving Day – 25 November
  - Wish the U.S. Marine Corps a happy 247<sup>th</sup> birthday – having been established on 10 November 1775.
- **Adjournment.** The meeting was adjourned at **1209**.