

**Minutes from the 5 February 2022 Virtual Meeting  
By CDR Doug Sheehan, USCGR (Ret), Recording Secretary**

- 23 members and guests attended the MOAA Portland Chapter Virtual Meeting via Zoom. Chapter President, **Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)**, called the meeting to order at 1000.
- **President Mayer** led the Pledge of Allegiance; **CAPT Larry Roberts, USN(Ret)** sang the National Anthem, and **Reverend Karyn Dix** gave the invocation.

**PROGRAM**

- **Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)** introduced our speaker, **CPT Alan N. Rosenhan, USA**, the S5 Civil Affairs Operations Planner for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ranger Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment, who spoke on “**Rangers Leading the Way.**” The presentation was well-received by the membership, and there were lots of questions asked.

**BUSINESS SESSION**

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

- She shared the highlights from the Chapter Board of Directors’ Meeting held on Thursday, 3 February 2022
  - **Top Priority:** Reminder for all member to pay their 2022 Chapter Dues
  - **Second Priority - Bringing in New Members:** The Membership Committee members cannot do it alone; they need help! It is the responsibility of each chapter member to educate eligible friends and colleagues about the benefits of being a MOAA Portland Chapter member. Invite potential members to every meeting! And don’t forget to use the award-winning website and newsletter as recruiting tools.
  - **Third Priority:** Finding volunteers to fill the following positions:
    - Director-at-Large Representative on the Board
    - Second USAF Representative on the Board (replacing Doug MacEllven who resigned in June 2021)
    - Special Events Committee Chair (replacing Doug MacEllven who resigned in June 2021)
  - **Nomination Package Submission Date for the Levels of Excellence Award**
    - Due to MOAA National: 1 May 2022
    - If you have done activities in the community, please email them to Mary **NLT 4 April 2022** at [maryjmayer@yahoo.com](mailto:maryjmayer@yahoo.com) so she can include them in the write-up.
  - **Save the Dates – MOAA Events:**
    - MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters Board Meeting: TBD
    - MOAA National Board of Directors Meetings: Friday, 4 February 2022
    - MOAA Portland Chapter Board of Directors Meeting: 5 May 2022
  - **Save the Dates – Other:**
    - Advisory Committee to the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2022 - Virtual
    - United Veterans’ Groups of Oregon (UVGO) Meeting: 9 April 2022 - Virtual
    - 42nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games : 4-9 July 2023

**Committee Reports:**

- **Membership Committee Report** by **Maj Bill Tidd, USAF (Ret)**
  - In January, board members started calling our membership to let them know we are thinking about them and to ask them if they needed anything from the chapter.
- **Scholarship Committee:** CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret) – No report.
- **Status of Fundraising Project:** CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)
  - **Current Project Completed:** The chapter’s Christmas donation of \$2,500 was provided to the Sector Columbia River’s Chief Petty Officer Association (CPOA) which then provided each of their outlying units with \$250 gift cards to distribute to the most junior enlisted members of their workforce.

- **Potential Next Projects:** Oregon Military Museum at Camp Withycombe and the Oregon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial.
- **Legislative Committee:** LTC Gary Battles, USAR (Ret)/CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)
  - **MOAA's "Advocacy in Action (AIA)"** (formerly "Storming the Hill") is going to be conducted virtually this year from **1-29 April 2022**. Councils and Chapter are encouraged to contact their state legislator between 11-22 April as Congress will be in their states and districts at that time.
  - **Three Lobbying Topics** were approved by the MOAA Board of Directors on 4 February 2022: (1) **Currently Serving:** *Military Pay Raise 4.6% Per the Employment Cost Index (ECI)*; (2) **Retirees/Currently Serving/Families:** *The Richard Star Act*; and (3) **Healthcare:** *The Stop Co-Pay Overpay Act* (to reduce TRICARE Mental Health co-pays in 2022).
- **Surviving Spouse:** Mrs. Jean Hillman
  - The February 2022 Luncheon has been cancelled due to the pandemic.
  - She is sending postcards and calling Surviving Spouse members to check in with them.
- **Personal Affairs:** Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
  - Since the last meeting, we have had no deaths in the chapter.
  - However, **Captain Herb Richardson's** wife, **Maureen**, is in hospice; and **Major Bill Tidd** is recovering from triple bypass surgery.
- **Special Events Committee Report by:** Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
  - **MOAA Award Presentations:** The AFROTC cadet and AROTC cadet from the University of Portland who receive the MOAA 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 2022.
  - **GOLD BAR Program**
    - The Chapter presented Gold Bars last year to the AROTC and AFROTC commissioning cadets from the University of Portland at the Virtual Spring 2021 Awards Presentations
    - We will continue with this program for 2022.
  - **DATES FOR ROTC at UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND:**
    - **Army AFROTC Dining Out:** TBD
    - **Air Force AFROTC Dining Out:** TBD
  - **JROTC Detachments**
    - \$300 to each Detachment Commander to support JROTC Activities.
  - **USAA Sponsorship Funds Program for 2022**
    - Request for \$300 was approved and received for **2022**.

**"For the Good of the Order"**

- **Wine Raffle:** LTC Myrna Trull, USA (Ret) and CAPT David Todd, USN (Ret) were selected as the winners of the wine raffle. The chapter normally **receives** around \$200.00 in revenue from each chapter meeting raffle.
- **Joke:** CDR Dave Bredemann, USN (Ret) did the honors.

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

- She thanked:
  - The guest speaker, **CPT Alan N. Rosenhan, USA,**
  - All who "Zoomed in" to participate in this chapter meeting, and
  - **CAPT Tony Sebbio, USN (Ret)** who hosted the Zoom Meeting.
- **Next Meeting:** Saturday, 5 March 2022
  - **Guest Speaker** will be **Major Kelly Fitzpatrick**, Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA). **Topic:** "Update on Veterans' Issues in Oregon" via Zoom
- **Next Brass Bulletin Newsletter:**
  - Inputs for the *March 2022 Newsletter* are due no later than **Monday, 7 February 2022**.

**Adjournment:** This meeting is adjourned at 1136.