

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

- **21** 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.
 - March is **Women's History Month**
 - March is also **Military Appreciation Month**
 - **A Return to In-Person Meetings:** Listening to all the Oregon health experts and after conducting a recent poll Mary took of Board and selected chapter members, it looks as though we will be able to conduct our April Chapter Meeting in person at The Monarch Hotel. Out of the 35 people she polled, 26 favored in-person meetings and 2 were not yet ready for them. We will ask for proof of vaccination at the chapter meeting.
- **President Mayer** led the Pledge of Allegiance; **CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)** sang the National Anthem, and **Reverend Karyn Dix** gave the invocation.

PROGRAM

- **Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)** introduced our speaker, **Ms. Kelly Fitzpatrick**, the Director of the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA), who gave us an **"Update on the ODVA."**

BUSINESS SESSION

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

- **Top Priority:** Reminder for all chapter members to pay their 2022 Chapter Dues
- **Second Priority:** Bring in New Chapter Members
- **Third Priority:** Find volunteers to fill the following positions:
 - **Decorations Committee Chair:** **CAPT Sharon Sebbio, USN (Ret)** needs another volunteer to step up and help her. Starting with our April meeting, we will need decorations. Gary Battles has all the decorations in his garage.
 - **Second USAF Representative on the Board** (replacing Doug MacEllven who resigned in June 2021): Mary has a lead on a possible candidate.
 - **Special Events Committee Chair.** **LCDR Christopher Gale, USCG (Ret)** has agreed to replace **Captain Doug MacEllven, USAF (Former)** who resigned in June 2021.
- **Nomination Package Submission Date for the Levels of Excellence Award**
 - Due to MOAA National: 1 May 2022
- **Save the Dates – MOAA Events:**
 - **MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters Board Meeting**
 - Date: **TBD** Time: 0930-1430 Virtual Meeting
 - **MOAA National Board of Directors Meeting**
 - Date: 23-26 April 2022
 - **MOAA Portland Chapter Board of Directors Meeting**
 - Date: Thursday, 5 May 2022. Time: 0900 TBD: Virtual or In-Person Meeting
- **Save the Dates – ODVA:**
 - **Advisory Committee to the Oregon Department of Veterans' Affairs (ODVA)**
Meeting Date: Wednesday, June 1, 2022 Time: 0930-1200, Location: TBD
- **Save the Dates – Other:**
 - **United Veterans' Groups of Oregon (UVGO) Meeting**
 - Date: Saturday, 9 April 2022 Time: 1200 via Zoom Video Teleconference
 - **42nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games**
 - **Dates:** 4-9 July 2023
 - **POC:** Major Shaun Benson, USA (Ret)

Committee Reports:

- **Membership Committee Report by Maj Bill Tidd, USAF (Ret)**
 - Bill encouraged everyone to bring a potential new member to the 5 April 2022 chapter meeting!

- **Scholarship Committee:** CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret): No report.
- **Status of Fundraising Project:** CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)
 - **Next Project:**
 - Larry is gathering information on several candidates for our next chapter charity:
 - Oregon Military Museum at Camp Withycombe
 - Oregon Vietnam War Veterans Memorial
 - Final decision will be made at the 5 May 2022 Chapter Board Meeting.
- **Legislative Committee:** LTC Gary Battles, USAR (Ret)/CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)
 - **MOAA's Advocacy in Action (AiA) Event** will be conducted virtually this year from 1-29 April 2022. **Lt Col Tom Majchrowski, USAF (Ret)** has asked for support in reaching out to Oregon's Senators and Representatives during the 2022 MOAA AiA Event.
- **Surviving Spouse:** Mrs. Jean Hillman
 - No in-person luncheons are planned yet, but it is hopeful there will be one scheduled for April.
- **Personal Affairs:** Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
 - Since the last meeting, Mary reported that Captain Herb Richardson's wife, **Maureen**, died of pancreatic cancer in January 2022.
- **Special Events Committee Report by:** Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
 - **2022 UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND ROTC AWARD PRESENTATIONS**
 - **AFROTC Awards Dinner** is scheduled for Tuesday, 12 April at the UP Commons
 - **AROTC Dining Out** is scheduled for Thursday, 28 April at McMenamins Edgefield
 - **2022 MOAA LEADERSHIP AWARDS** will be presented to the following cadets at the University of Portland:
 - Air Force ROTC Cadet **Konnor J. Hathaway** and
 - Army ROTC Cadet **Kaylee Ocheltree**
 - Both will be presented with a \$300 scholarship grant.
- **GOLD BAR PROGRAM**
 - The Chapter will continue to present Gold Bars this year to the 18 AROTC and 16 AFROTC commissioning cadets from the University of Portland.
- **JROTC Detachments**
 - Support the following JROTC Detachments:
 - Army JROTC - Oregon City High School
 - Army JROTC - Reynolds High School
 - Presentation of
 - MOAA Leadership Awards cadet at each high school
 - \$300 to each Detachment Commander to support JROTC Activities.
- **USAA Sponsorship Funds Program for 2022**
 - Request for \$300 was approved and received for 2017 through 2022.

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- **Wine Raffle:** Winners are **CDR Doug Sheehan, USCG (Ret)** and **Maj Setsy Larouche, USA (Ret)**. Total raised \$100.
- **Joke:** CAPT Tony Sebbio, USN (Ret)

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

- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday, 5 April 2022 at The Monarch Hotel
 - **Guest Speaker** will be **MajGen Christopher Owens, USMC (Ret)**, Former Director, Expeditionary Warfare Division (OPNAV N95) and Chapter Board Member
 - **Topic:** “Russian Annexation of Crimea: Implications for the US and Europe”
- **Next Brass Bulletin Newsletter:**
 - Inputs for the *April Newsletter* are due no later than **Monday, 7 March 2022**.

Adjournment: This meeting was adjourned at 1128.