

**Minutes from the 7 December 2021 Virtual Meeting
By CDR Doug Sheehan, USCGR (Ret), Recording Secretary**

- **25** 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 1833.
- **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)** conducted a **Remembrance of Pearl Harbor** by showing a video on **“FDR’s Pearl Harbor Day of Infamy Speech to the U.S. Congress on 8 December 1941”** and the playing of **“Taps.”** She then showed a short video of **“MOAA: 2021 Year in Review.”**
- To celebrate the Christmas Season, she encouraged our members to share Christmas Holiday stories, quotes, and poems. The following chapter members gave readings or told of their own experiences while on active duty during the Christmas Season:
 - **CAPT Tony Sebbio, USN (Ret)**
 - **CAPT Larry Roberts, USN (Ret)**
 - **Major Bill Tidd, USAF (Ret)**
 - **CAPT John Sweeney, USA (Ret)**
 - **COL Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)**
 - **COL Rick Gano, USAF (Ret)**
 - **LTC Mark Johnson, USA (Ret)**
 - **LTC Gary Battles, USA (Ret)**
 - **CAPT Dave Todd, USN (Ret)**

BUSINESS SESSION

- **Chapter President’s Comments:** Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
 - Reminder for everyone to pay their **2022 Chapter Dues before 1 January 2022**
 - **Save the Dates – MOAA Events:**
 - **MOAA National Board of Directors Meeting:** 24 February
 - **MOAA Portland Chapter Board of Directors Meeting:** 3 February 2022
 - **MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters Board Meeting:** TBD
 - **Save the Dates – Other:**
 - **United Veterans’ Groups of Oregon (UVGO) Meeting:** 8 January 2022
 - **Advisory Committee to the Oregon Department of Veterans’ Affairs (ODVA) Meeting:** 2 March 2022
 - **42nd National Veterans Wheelchair Games:** 4-9 July 2023
- **Committee Reports**
 - **Membership Committee Report by Maj Bill Tidd, USAF (Ret)**
 - During the pandemic, it is important to keep in touch with our membership. Several members of the Board volunteered to call our chapter membership in January 2022 to see how they were and to see if the chapter could do anything for them.
 - Mrs. Jean Hillman will call the Surviving Spouse members to check on them.
 - **Recruiting New Members for Our Chapter:** Bill encouraged everyone to invite a potential new member to attend our 5 February 2022 meeting, whether virtual or in-person.
 - **Scholarship Committee:** CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret): No report.
 - **Fundraising Committee:** CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)
 - **Status of Fundraising Project:**
 - It was decided the Chapter would donate a sum of money (probably \$2,500.00) to the Sector Columbia River’s Chief Petty Officer Association (CPOA); the CPOA will then decide how to distribute the funds to junior enlisted members of the Sector.

- **Legislative Committee:**
 - **Chapter Membership Involvement in Service Academy Nomination Selection Process for Senator Jeff Merkley** – LTC Gary Battles, USA (Ret) and CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)
 - Jessica Stevens from Senator Merkley’s office stated that they will not be doing Academy Interviews in December 2021. Like many places, they have a severe staff shortage because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Jessica said that the office is so short of staff they could not get to all the applicants, so they will rely on test scores, letters of recommendation, etc.
 - **Surviving Spouse:** Mrs. Jean Hillman
 - Will conduct outreach to Surviving Spouse Members via telephone calls and postcards in January 2022.
 - **Personal Affairs:** Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
 - Since the last meeting, there have been no deaths in the chapter.

- **“For the Good of the Order”**
 - **Wine Raffle:** CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret) selected two winners: LTC Myrna Trull, USA (Ret) and CAPT Doug Brown, USCG (Ret).
 - **Joke:** CAPT Tony Sebbio, USN (Ret) gave the joke in the absence of CDR Dave Bredemann, USN (Ret).

- **Closing Remarks by Chapter President:** Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)
 - Col Mary Mayer, USAF (Ret) thanked those who attended the meeting, CAPT Tony Sebbio, USN (Ret) for hosting the Zoom meeting, and all those who shared Christmas stories at the meeting.
 - **Reminder:** There will be no chapter meeting in January 2022.
 - **Next Meeting:** Saturday, 5 February 2022—hopefully at The Aerie at Eagle Landing, **Guest Speaker** will be **CPT Alan N. Rosenhan**, S5, 2nd Ranger Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment **Topic:** “Rangers Lead the Way.”
 - **Next Brass Bulletin Newsletter:**
 - Newsletter takes a hiatus in January 2022.
 - Inputs for the combined *February/March 2021 Newsletter* are due no later than **Friday, 7 January 2022.**
 - She wished everyone a Happy Hanukkah, a very Merry Christmas, and a happy New Year!

Adjournment:

This chapter dinner meeting was adjourned at 1950.