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By Rufus Hoefer

I hope 2013 has brought all that you'd hoped for and your resolutions are still in force! As your new President, I want to thank you all for your confidence in me and ask for your continued strong support for our award-winning Chapter. We have a talented group of Chapter Officers and Directors, many of whom have also served as your President. We hope to continue the great Chapter traditions of service, scholarship support, and excellence.



We may well have sidestepped the initial "Fiscal Cliff" scare, but as was pointed out in a recent MOAA article on their web page, there are four crises on the horizon. We need to be prepared to let our elected officials know what we want them to do. Sometime in February, the President will send Congress his FY 2014 budget submission, which could include significant troop, pay and benefit reductions. In late February, the country will reach the statutory legal limit on the size of the National Debt. Although Congress has already agreed to extend it, we will see a Senate budget for the first time in many years which could also contain significant DOD cuts. On 1 March, unless somehow avoided, mandatory sequestration will kick in mandating that a \$1 trillion, ten year, across-the-board budget cut go into effect. DOD would be required to absorb \$41 billion in cuts prior to the end of October and an additional \$450 billion in the following nine years. It seems like the storm clouds are gathering and, facing an extremely acrimonious Congress, the future could be bleak!

2013 will also usher in some changes at MOAA. First there will be an increased emphasis on Chapter growth and retention. On 1 Jan they initiated a new membership structure which is explained on the back page of this newsletter. They have also added "Connect with MOAA" to their website to utilize the tremendous strength of internet and social media.

With no end to our current economic conditions in sight, in the words of MOAA President Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., "Members and Staff must Fight Harder to ensure the nation meets its obligations to military personnel, their families and survivors."



Bring Something to the 17 March Social for SUPPORT THE TROOPS

2013 Chapter Socials

17 Mar	Northern Quest Casino
28 Apr	Mukogawa Ft. Wright
23 Jun	TBD
22 Sep	Bob & Maggie Imle's
27 Oct	Coeur d'Alene Resort
8 Dec	Mukogawa Ft. Wright

2013 Chapter Widows & Wives Club Meeting Dates



8 Jan	Downriver Grill
5 Feb	Rusty Moose (Prospectors)
5 Mar	The Onion
2 Apr	Bonsai Bistro
7 May	Black Angus Steakhouse
4 Jun	Anthony's at Spokane Falls
2 Jul	PF Chang's China Bistro
6 Aug	The Boathouse Seafood
3 Sep	Central Foods
1 Oct	MAX Restaurant at Mirabeau Pk.
5 Nov	Clinkerdaggers Restaurant
3 Dec	Beverly's, Coeur d'Alene Resort

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Welcome New Members



Dr. Stephen Craig, M.D., MAJ, USAF (Ret.) & wife Julie, Spokane
 LtCol Chris Ferrez, USAF (Ret.) & wife Tracy, Spokane
 Capt. Tom Hiatt, USAF (Ret.) & wife Vernie, Coeur d'Alene
 Iris Juber, AUX, Spokane
 Dr. Stephen Moss, M.D., CDR, USN (Ret.)
 & wife Beverly, Coeur d'Alene
 Dr. Al Renaud, M.D., COL, U.S. Army (Ret.), & wife Bea, Billings, MT
 LtCol Candace Smallfoot, USAF (Ret.), Spokane



Taps

CWO Richard Bowmer, USCG (Ret.) (2/3/13)
 Charmion Hobbs, wife of CWO3 Fred Hobbs,
 U.S. Army (Ret.) (10/25/12)
 LCDR Clarence "Chic" Juber, USN (Ret.) (12/26/12)
 Nora Lanning, wife of CWO4 Thomas Lanning,
 U. S. Army (Ret.) (9/4/12)
 LtCol Walter Mayer, USAF (Ret.) (10/24/12)
 MAJ James Northrup, USAF (Ret.) (1/30/13)
 Jayne Northrup, wife of MAJ James Northrup (8/14/12)

Public Affairs Officer Needed

By Marilyn Hunt



Are you the kind of person who likes to be of service to others? Are you good with people? The computer? A camera? Good! Our chapter needs a Public Affairs Officer.

The Board of Directors is looking for a member who would volunteer to submit articles and photos to the local newspapers in Spokane and Coeur d'Alene to make the public aware of who we are and what we're doing. This needs to be someone who can use the computer, transmit photos and articles electronically, and form a working relationship with key people on the newspaper staffs.

This person would also submit items to MOAA national for such publications as their *Affiliate* (which goes to chapter officers) and the *Military Officer* magazine. If this appeals to you as a way to be of service and use some of your best skills, **please contact Bob Imle** (509) 924-3846 or **Marilyn Hunt** (208) 773-1074.

Our Hat Is Off To:

Member Recruiters	Chapter 2013	MOAA 2013
Marilyn Hunt	1	3
Bob Imle		2
Candace Small-foot	1 (self)	
TOTALS	2	5



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Website: 1st Runner UP



WIDOWS & WIVES CLUB

By Pat Connell

We had such a fun time at our return lunch trip to "The Rusty Moose" in January. The time flew by as we enjoyed being with each other, sharing our accomplishments regarding the needed items for residents at the Veterans Home, the cemetery schedule, and our canned goods donations, plus future plans. Of course the food was delicious and the service high class.

We are pleased to welcome our newest member **Pat Burns** and look forward to meeting her at our next luncheon.

We continue to need more donations for our Veterans Home. **Socks and gloves** are gratefully accepted and a list of needed items is available on the chapter website, www.spokanemoaa.org. Our Chair for this program is Elaine Anderson (508) 328-5556.

We will meet on **March 5th at 1 p.m. at the "Onion,"** 7522 North Division. Please call Barb Thornbrugh at 509-466-2108 for reservations. This location provides an opportunity for good shopping at the Northtown Mall and several other interesting nearby sites.

Please bring two or three **Easter Cards** to the March meeting to be given to our veterans who have no one to remember them.

Note: a change in the Restaurant schedule for the 3rd of September and mark your calendar accordingly. We will be enjoying lunch at **Central Foods**. More on this change in the next newsletter. Please always check the front page of the our MOAA newsletter for the our dates and monthly sites.



CHAPTER SCOREBOARD 2013

Legislative Letters, Postcards & Emails: 178 as of 22 Feb 2013

Raffle Donations: MAR JROTC Scholarships. APR Ladies & Gentlemen of the WA State Cemetery; JUN Fisher House; SEP MOAA Scholarship Fund; OCT Spokane Veterans Home, DEC ROTC Det. Support.

Widows & Wives: \$87 & 46 lbs. food to Spokane Food Bank. Yarn, knitting needles & crochet hooks to Spokane Veterans Home.

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Mr. Brian Teed, Superintendent, Spokane Veterans Home Speaker – St. Patrick's Day Social on 17 March at Northern Quest Casino



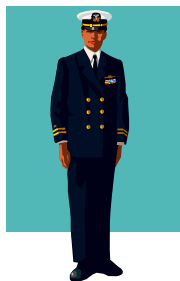
As a kick-off for the coming year, we will have the honor and privilege of having Mr. Brian Teed, Superintendent of the Spokane Veterans Home, as our guest speaker. He will undoubtedly have many things to say that will be of great interest to our members, so you are strongly encouraged to attend. As you know, hearing from someone in this type of position doesn't happen every day of the week! (The veterans home is located on 5th Ave. in Spokane).

Mr. Teed served as a Hospital Corpsman in the U.S. Navy, working in Navy hospitals, aboard ship, and with the Marine Corps. While serving with the Corps, he developed a passion for serving the members of our military both clinically and in administration. After being honorably discharged, Mr. Teed went back to school under the GI Bill and received his Bachelor's in Management, and MBA in Health Care Management.

His long-term care journey has involved turning around troubled Skilled Nursing facilities, regional duties, and finally, as the Superintendent of the Spokane Veterans Home. Brian is married with three young children. He enjoys working out, snowshoeing, hiking, Nordic skiing, reading and various family activities. **Please fill out your reservation now! We need to get it by Saturday, 9 March.**

Charter Member LCDR Chic Juber, USN (Ret.) 1919—2012

With great sadness, we report that one of the pillars of our chapter, LCDR Clarence "Chic" Juber, U.S. Navy (Ret.), passed away in his sleep on 26 December 2012 at the age of 93 in Spokane. Chic was one of the Charter Members who founded our chapter on 22 April 1974. In those early days, he and his wife Iris helped arrange dances which were held in the evening, and they had many fond memories of their good times there. They faithfully attended chapter socials until December 2010 when they made their last appearance with Chic proudly attired in his Navy Service Dress Blue uniform at the Christmas social. Because his birthday was in December, we even sang Happy Birthday to Chic on at least one occasion.



We were notified of his passing on 6 January 2013 and told that he was cremated through the Neptune Society, and that he would be buried at sea per his request. Consequently, there was no memorial service.

An article in the Spokesman Review on 7 Dec 2006, entitled "Remembering a day of infamy," included an interview with Chic. It stated that when Pearl Harbor was attacked, he was aboard the USS Portland, which had left Pearl Harbor three days before the Japanese bombing. "When word of the attack came to the Portland, the crew was instructed to throw everything flammable overboard and to paint any shiny surfaces gray so that the ship would be less visible. They started steaming fast back toward the island. 'I knew that it was serious,' he said. Chic felt both lucky and mad when he found out about the attack. He and his shipmates felt only anger when they saw the devastation. It strengthened his and the United States' resolve to fight Japan. "I remember seeing the Nevada. It was rammed up on the beach," he said. "On our right was the Arizona, sunk. The Utah was sunk. We were ready for whatever they wanted us to do."

On a lighter side, Chic once told our Secretary/Treasurer Fred Donovan that a lot of excess equipment installed on the Portland in peacetime went over the side as soon as word arrived of the bombing. His ship was photographed three times for stories in Life magazine during WWII, then he was later commissioned from the ranks as a Limited Duty Officer (Aviation Maintenance) and retired in January 1970 with over 30 years of service.

After the war, Chic came to Spokane. He and Iris were married 64 years. His daughter-in-law, Alicia, told us that, after retiring from the Navy, he worked for the Washington State Liquor Board as an inspector. He and Iris were also active in the Yacht Club. We are grateful for the legacy that Chic has left us, for everything he and Iris have done for our chapter, and for his courageous service to our country. May he rest in peace

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Board Member & Chaplain Betty Krafft, LCDR, USN (Ret.)

Betty grew up in Spokane and graduated from Ferris High School, then earned a B.A. at the University of Washington, majoring in German and Education. After waiting tables at the Chung King Inn restaurant and then working in the children's department of the Spokane Public Library, she joined the Navy to see the world. The Navy fulfilled its promise. She primarily worked in the field of telecommunications.

She had two tours at the Pentagon, first in the Chief of Naval Operations Message Center (on watch when Saigon fell) and secondly in OP-941D working shore based submarine communications. Her first hardship tour was in downtown London. From there she became the Operations Officer onboard the USS AJAX (AR-6) and then the Communications Officer at Naval Communications Station Harold E Holt, Exmouth, Australia (850 miles north of Perth). After a second tour at the Pentagon, she was on the staff of Commander, Iceland Defense Force (and yes, it IS cold there) and finished at Defense Information Systems Agency in Stuttgart-Vaihingen, Germany.

After retiring in 1994, Betty attended seminary at the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago and was called to be pastor of St. Peter Lutheran Church in Hillyard. Since the summer of 2011, she has been semi-retired, serving as a supply pastor on Sunday mornings.

Last summer she purchased her first home - a condo. Betty and Pugsley the pug-dog enjoy walking all over Spokane. She also enjoys reading and traveling, and is happy to have the time now to be more active in MOAA.

Board Member Barbara "Barb" Thornbrugh

If you want to get something done, ask a busy person. So we did. Barb joined Widows and Wives, and is now a member of our Board and the Program Committee.



She's a "wheat farmer's daughter" from Satanta, Kansas, who graduated from Phillips University in Enid OK, where she met her husband, Ken, while he was in pilot training at Vance AFB. They married in 1961 and had two children, Kent and Karen. Ken was a C124/121 pilot, so they lived at Charleston/ Tinker/ Robins/ Lowry/ and Dover AFB, plus Lajes Air Field, Azores Islands. While Ken was in Kwang Ju, Korea unaccompanied, Barb and the children lived in San Diego. They then transferred to Fairchild in 1973 where he retired. Sadly, Ken died in July 1991 after 11 years of illness related to Agent Orange herbicide poisoning from the Vietnam War. Barb was his caregiver, and she was also a Secretary/Bookkeeper/Realtor/Broker/Part Owner/ of a real estate company in Spokane for 17 years. She has been a Branch Office Administrator/SR BOA/ and has been affiliated with a Spokane investment firm for 18 years. Her grandchild, Jade Marie, is a 12 year-old competitive figure skater who follows in the footsteps of her mother Karen (who's been a competitive figure skater coach for the last 30 years). Barb's son Kent has his own computer consulting business in Spokane and also subcontracts with a previous employer.

Barb has been an active member of the USAF Officers Wives Club (OWC) since 1961, a piano accompanist, and the 1976-77 Fairchild AFB OWC Woman of the Year. She is the Wedding Coordinator and Memorial Chairman at Covenant United Methodist Church. In her spare time she engages in scrapbooking, cross stitch, bowling, Bunco and bridge. She's been to England, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria, Germany, Belgium, Holland; Hawaii, Japan, Hong Kong, Thailand, Ireland, Mexico, South America and Alaska. Whew!

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17 March 2013 Northern Quest Casino
100 N. Hayford Road, Airway Heights
12:30 Social time, 1:15 p.m. Served meal begins

Speaker: Mr. Brian Teed, Superintendent, Spokane Veterans Home

Mail your reservation early so we receive it by Saturday, 09 March. No late reservations or walk-ins, as meal preferences must be ordered. MENU CHOICES: Smoked Salmon with (light) Spicy Tomato Chutney OR Seared Pork Medallions with Port Wine Fig Sauce: both with orzo pasta with Mizithra brown butter and fresh seasoned vegetables, pea salad (Tillamook Cheddar and sweet onion), rolls and caramel apple nut pie. Cost is \$23 per person (includes 20% gratuity and room charge).

Please reserve _____ places for the 17 March 2013 luncheon at Northern Quest Casino. My check in the amount of \$ _____ is enclosed (\$23 x ____). The check is payable to "Spokane Chapter MOAA" — mail to chapter mailbox above.

Name: _____ member/guest SALMON or PORK (please circle)

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Sunday 17 March Northern Quest Casino social starts at 12:30, served meal at 1:15 p.m. DIRECTIONS: I-90 west, exit 277 (Fairchild AFB/Airport exit), 4 miles, right at first traffic light onto Hayford Road, 2 miles to Northern Quest on left. Recommend parking in high rise garage (left turn AFTER casino), take elevator at the EAST end of the garage to the bottom floor of the parking garage, then walk through the covered walkway (NOT the enclosed catwalk on the second floor of the garage) toward and into the casino. The MOAA room is on the immediate right. OR you can 1) Park in the parking lot & shuttle to the north end of the Casino or 2) Valet your car at the FRONT casino entrance or the hotel entrance and then walk to the north entrance, but it's a long walk from the hotel entrance. We are NOT in the conference rooms at the hotel! Questions? Call Barb Thornbrugh (509) 466-2108.

Please bring: 3 stamps and 6 return address labels per person for legislative letters, AND something for the raffle AND something for our troops serving in harm's way or for homeless veterans.

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address on the left so we can update our database. Thank you.

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Changes to MOAA National Membership Structure

MOAA national changed their membership structure, **effective 1 Jan 2013**. They used to have two kinds of membership: Annual and Life. But now they have three: 1) Basic, 2) Premium and 3) Life. Annual members automatically become Premium.



BASIC: A free electronic membership available to officers 35 and under. Includes an electronic version of the *Military Officer* magazine that will be somewhat different from the paper version. They will receive limited products and services.

PREMIUM: A paid membership available to any officer who is eligible to join MOAA. They get full access to MOAA products and services (electronic, hard copy or one-on-one connection). Dues are \$37/ 1 yr., \$72/ 2 yrs., and \$95/ 3 yrs.

LIFE members receive the full range of MOAA benefits and services, have access to MOAA staff experts, and receive exclusive privileges and benefits, like bonus travel rewards. The cost of a Life membership depends on a person's age. In the event of death, their membership automatically accrues to their spouse. **For more information, go to www.moaa.org and click on Connect with MOAA, or call the MOAA Membership Service Center at (800) 234-6622.**

Casualty Assistance Officer: Bernie Fritz is the casualty assistance officer for Fairchild AFB and surrounding area. He is in Bldg. 240 at 7 W. Arnold St., 509-247-4488. If you leave a message, he will call you back.

FAFB Retiree Activities Office

Bldg. 240, 7 W. Arnold St., 509-247-4029

The Retired Affairs Office needs volunteers. Serving at the RAO is a perfect excuse to travel out to the base and visit the exchange/commissary at the same time. Call them!