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**5 Star Chapter President's Message**

By Dave Melges



**Great News! The K2 Equestrian Center from Hayden, Idaho, will speak at our 18 SEP social at Darcy's.** Owners Keith and Katherine Wacholz will explain how they provide equine assisted therapy to special needs children and terminally ill patients. They are always looking for volunteers and are most happy to have veterans assist them in working with their eight quarter-horses to help children and adults recover and grow. Please come and enjoy this unique description of a ranch that is a scene of tranquility with lush fields surrounded by the beautiful mountains of northern Idaho.

**We've just received our eleventh consecutive 5 Star Chapter award!** Thank you to all who did so much to help us earn it. Signing legislative letters at our socials and board meetings is a key element - we sent 1,487 letters, emails and postcards to the President and Congress in 2015.

**The 2016 Presidential Election may well be the most important in our lifetime.** This election will determine the course the United States will take, both domestically and on the world stage, for many years to come. Your MOAA leadership believes it is important that those who have served in the United States military become actively involved in the process of choosing our next President. Please review all the candidates' positions concerning support for the military active and retired population; immigration reform; education; medical care; support for our allies; military retirees and many more. Please become as well informed and proactive as possible. I hope you will actively "weigh in" on this most important process and help assure a prosperous and secure future for all Americans.



**Bring Something to the 18 SEP Social for the Raffle**

**2016 Chapter Social Dates**

- 13 Mar Northern Quest Casino
- 24 Apr Anthony's, Spokane Falls
- 11 Jun NARD Bayview ID
- 18 Sep Darcy's, Spokane Valley
- 23 Oct Coeur d'Alene Resort
- 4 Dec Center Place, Spokane Valley

**2016 Widows & Wives Club Meeting Dates**

- 5 Jan Thai Bamboo
- 2 Feb Twigs Bistro & Martini Bar
- 1 Mar Beverly's—CDA Resort
- 5 Apr Anthony's Restaurant
- 3 May Sargents Restaurant & Lounge
- 7 Jun Dalia MAX Mirabeau Hotel
- 5 Jul Ripples on the River—Red Lion
- 2 Aug Dockside, Coeur d'Alene Resort
- 6 Sep Corbin Park picnic
- 4 Oct La Peep Restaurant, CDA
- 1 Nov Brambleberry Cottage & Tea Shop
- 6 Dec Peacock Room, Davenport Hotel

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**Welcome New Members**

Ryan Comes, 1Lt, USAF & wife Sheri, Spokane  
 Col Bruce Edwards, USAF (Ret.), Post Falls ID  
 MAJ Anne Edwards, USAF (Ret.), Post Falls ID  
 Sibyl Fliger, Spokane; Surviving Spouse  
 Clinton Fore, MAJ, USAF & wife Krystal, Cheney WA  
 Mark Kinney, MAJ, USAF (Ret.), Spokane Valley



**Taps**

Charles Burns Jr., MAJ, USAF (Ret. ( 6/29/16)  
 Manley Fliger, LtCol, USAF (Ret.) (8/6/16)



**MOAA Website and Membership:**



**MOAA website:** www.moaa.org  
**MOAA "Take Action":** www.moaa.org/takeaction/  
**MOAA Legislative:** http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/#Legislative-Action-Center  
**Spokane Chapter website:** www.spokanemoaa.org

Membership in Spokane Chapter and MOAA national is open to present and former commissioned officers and warrant officers (including retirees) with honorable service in any of the United States seven uniformed services (including National Guard and Reserves) of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, Coast Guard, U.S. Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. MOAA and Spokane Chapter, MOAA are nonpartisan.

**Our Hat Is Off To:**

Member Recruiters	Chapter	MOAA
Marilyn Hunt	2	3
Bob Imle	1	4
Jason Mayne	1	1
Dave Melges	1	1
William Nesbitt (self)	1	
Mathias Velasco (self)	1	
Richard Wright (self)	1	
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>



**BOARD VACANCY!** The transfer of MAJ (LtCol Sel.) Jason Mayne to Key West, Florida, resulted in a Board vacancy in the 1st Vice President position. If interested, please contact Dave Melges at (509) 465-8867 or mail@melges.net

**Widows & Wives Club Upcoming Events**



DATE	LOCATION	CALL
6 SEP	Corbin Park picnic w/box lunches from Christ Kitchen (509) 325-4343 51 W. Park Place, Spokane Bring a chair, Shirley will bring tables.	Shirley Melges (509) 465-8867
4 OCT	La Peep Restaurant (208) 664-0404 1883 Bellerive Lane Coeur d'Alene	Pat Connell (208) 772-2559
1 NOV	Brambleberry Cottage & Tea Shop; (509) 926-3293 206 E. Pacific Ave., Spokane	Pat Tolley (509) 953-6768
6 DEC	Peacock Room, Davenport Hotel. (509) 455-8888 10 S. Post Street, Spokane	Pat Tolley (509) 953-6768

**CHAPTER SCOREBOARD 2016**

**JROTC Scholarship Funds 8/12/16:** \$2122

**JROTC Support Funds 8/12/16:** \$218

**Legislative Letters, Postcards, Emails as of 8/12/16:** 949



**2016 Raffle Donations:** MAR: \$140 Shriners Hospital; APR: \$160 MOAA Scholarship; JUN: \$160 Union Gospel; SEP: Widows & Wives Wreaths Across America; OCT: Spokane Veterans Home; DEC: COL Spady Koyama JROTC Scholarships. **Total to date: \$460**

**Widows & Wives** . Second Harvest food bank \$98.00, Homeless Vets \$707.84 & 1133 items, Spokane Veterans Home \$80.50, 826 items, 100 Thank You for your Service cards. 7 afghans tagged & delivered.

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### Major (LtCol Selectee) Jason Mayne, USAF Change of Command and Awards

By Marilyn Hunt

We have been honored and privileged to have an active duty member, Major Jason Mayne, serve on the board as our 1st Vice President this year. It was a joy to have the benefit of his experience and astute judgment at our monthly meetings. We are proud to announce that he was selected for promotion to Lieutenant Colonel, but of course this resulted in his transfer. He has since reported to Joint Interagency Task Force South in Key West, Florida. He was Commander of the 92nd Communications Squadron at Fairchild. At his change of command ceremony on 11 July he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by his immediate superior, Col David Stookey, USAF. He also received the Washington Air National Guard medal from MAJ Jason Kesler, 141st CF/CC.

Major Mayne's primary accomplishments included a "Be Smart, Restart" security program, replacement of the base firewall and proxy suite, cyber security, nuclear command/control/communications systems, and his unit being named as a benchmark for the base software licensing manager program. His tenacity and leadership directly contributed to the Wing winning Strategic Command's 2015 Omaha Trophy for best Strategic Aircraft Wing. We wish Jason and Rose "fair winds and following seas" in the years ahead.

**free**

### Free Spokane Chapter Membership to New Members Through 31 December 2017

**free**

Spokane Chapter MOAA is offering a free chapter membership to new members who are present or former commissioned officers and warrant officers (including retirees) with honorable service and their surviving spouses. This membership will be good through 31 December 2017.

To join our chapter, one must also be a member of MOAA national. If someone is not a current MOAA member, they might qualify for their free Basic electronic membership if they fall into one of the following categories:

- 35 years of age and under – free Basic electronic membership through age 35
- Over 35 and have never belonged to MOAA – free three-year Basic membership.

Officers over 35 who have previously belonged to MOAA may purchase a Premium (annual) membership for \$40 per year. They may join MOAA national at [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org). To sign someone up as a Spokane Chapter member, fill out the application form on page 6 of this newsletter and send it to Spokane Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 466, Veradale WA 99037. If you need more information, please contact Marilyn Hunt at (208) 773-1074 or [cinc@frontier.com](mailto:cinc@frontier.com).



### 2016 Chapter Membership Roster

A new chapter membership roster has been printed and copies will be provided at socials, starting with the next one on 18 September at Darcy's. If you cannot attend but would like a copy mailed to you, contact our Membership Chairman, Clif Collier, at (509) 443-6490 or [clifcoll@msn.com](mailto:clifcoll@msn.com).

**NOTICE!** Walla Walla Veterans Home is scheduled for completion Winter 2016, first residents to be admitted by 1 FEB 2017. There will be eight (8) residential buildings with 10 residents in each one. Each resident will have a separate room. Each building will include a large great room, dining room and kitchen.

**SPOKANE CHAPTER IS NOW ON FACEBOOK!**  
LIKE US AT  
[WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SPOKANE\\_MOAA](http://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/SPOKANE_MOAA)  
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### Proposed Amendments to Chapter Bylaws

Because of time constraints, we didn't vote on amendments to the chapter bylaws at the June social, so we'll do it at the 18 September one. These are the amendments which have been approved by the Board of Directors.

Reasons for these amendments are as follows:

- ☐ MOAA national has officially changed the title "Auxiliary" to "Surviving Spouses."
- ☐ To allow (but not require) the Widows and Wives Club to nominate the Surviving Spouse board member.
- ☐ To allow a Surviving Spouse who is already a board member to represent the Surviving Spouses on the board, and to specify that no person may exercise multiple votes.
- ☐ To allow a Director to simultaneously serve as Secretary and/or Treasurer.

Proposed amendments to the chapter bylaws which will be voted on at the September social (changes are in *italics*):

1. Change the term "Auxiliary" to "Surviving Spouses" throughout (in six locations) as follows:
  - a. Change Article 3, Para. 2 to read as follows: *Surviving Spouse Members*. Widows and widowers of deceased officers, who would, if living, be eligible for membership. Chapter *Surviving Spouse* members will be entitled to all the rights and privileges of regular members.
  - b. Change Article 4, Para. 1 to read as follows: 1. The Board of Directors consists of the elected officers, the immediate past president, the *Surviving Spouse* Liaison, and at least five (5) and not more than six (6) elective Directors.
  - c. Change Article 5, Para. 2 to read as follows: Officers and the *Surviving Spouse* Liaison shall be elected by the voting membership, and shall hold office for one year, unless sooner removed or otherwise disqualified. The *Surviving Spouse* Liaison shall be a *Surviving Spouse* member of the chapter in good standing.
2. Modify Article 5 paragraph 1 to read as follows: "Officers of the organization shall consist of a President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. *A Director may also serve as Secretary and/or Treasurer until a suitable replacement for one or both positions is found. A Board member who is a Surviving Spouse may also serve as the Surviving Spouses Liaison. No person may exercise multiple votes.*
3. Add the following sentence to Article 5 paragraph 2: *The "Widows & Wives Club may nominate (not elect) the Surviving Spouse board member.*

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**Fairchild AFB Wing Headquarters (509) 247-2838**  
**Legal Assistance Tuesday and Thursday 0830-0930**  
**Notary and Power of Attorney hours Monday—Friday 0830-1600**  
**Call to find out if they can help with your legal needs**

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SUNDAY 18 SEP, Darcy's Restaurant in University Mall  
10502 E. Sprague, Spokane Valley  
12:30 social time, 1:15 Buffet meal begins

**Speaker: K2 Equestrian Center from Hayden, Idaho!!! (See page 1 for details).**

**Mail your reservation early, so we receive it by Saturday, 10 September.**

**MENU:** Buffet will include Prime Rib, Plank Salmon, Chicken Cordon Blue, Garden or Caesar salad, Rice Pilaf, Garlic Red Potatoes, veggies, bread sticks, and dessert trays. Coffee and tea included. Open (cash) Bar.

*If you need to cancel a reservation, contact Barbara Thornbrugh (509) 466-2108 NLT Saturday, 10 SEP for refund.*

Cost is \$19.50 per person (includes taxes and 18% gratuity.) Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places for the 18 SEP 2016 social at Darcy's. My check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed (\$19.50 x \_\_\_\_\_). Make check payable to "Spokane Chapter MOAA" - mail to chapter mailbox address above.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ member/guest      Name \_\_\_\_\_ member/guest

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**Directions: SUNDAY 18 SEP Darcy's Restaurant 10502 E. Sprague in the University Mall.** Social starts at 12:30, buffet meal begins at 1:15 pm. West on I-90: Exit 289 (Pines), left on Indiana, then left on Pines to Sprague. Right to University Mall on left. East on I-90: Exit 287 (Argonne), right to Appleway Blvd, then turn left & go to University Rd. Left on University to Sprague. Left to University Mall.

**Questions?** Call Rufus Hoefer (509) 443-6822 or Barbara Thornbrugh (509) 466-2108

We will sign legislative letters & have a raffle.

**Please bring:**

- 3 postage stamps & 6 return address labels per person
- Something for the raffle which will benefit Wreaths Across America
- Canned meat (chicken, tuna, other protein) or cash donations to purchase items for homeless veterans would be welcome



**Membership Chair/Committee**  
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**NOTE: We do not send junk email or spam. Also, we do not give away, sell or trade your email address.**

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**Spokane Chapter Website:** www.spokanemoaa.org  
**MOAA national Website:** www.moaa.org

**Please Print or Type:** NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**RANK** \_\_\_\_\_ **SERVICE** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATUS (Circle one):** Active, Retired, Former, Surviving Spouse

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**PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME OF SPOUSE** \_\_\_\_\_ **MOAA NAT'L NO.** \_\_\_\_\_

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**SIGNATURE** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **RECRUITER** \_\_\_\_\_

**Casualty Assistance Officer:** Karen Van Pelt is the casualty assistance officer for Fairchild AFB and surrounding area. She's in Bldg. 240 at 7 W. Arnold St., 509-247-4488. If you leave a message, she will call you back.

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