

President's Message

by Mike Kramer

"Duty, honor, country." US Military Academy motto.

"Semper fidelis" (always faithful). USMC slogan.

"Semper paratus" (always prepared). US Coast Guard motto.

"Integrity first, service before self, excellence in all we do." USAF Academy motto.

"Ex scientia tridens" (from knowledge, sea power). US Naval Academy motto.

Last month, I wrote about the major aims of our Luke Chapter mission. One of them is to foster understanding, camaraderie and friendship among the uniformed service members in our chapter.

The philosopher Aristotle held that there are three kinds of friendship. One is based on attraction to appearance, power, wealth, etc. The second is motivated by what might be gained

from the other person. The third, the most lasting and highest form of friendship, is grounded upon mutual respect and dignity. Without doubt, the ethical norms and values of military service are a binding glue that continues to bond us together in friendship and camaraderie as former and retired members with our spouses.

The above-quoted examples of ethical aspirations and standards of behavior are more than just 'noble goals.' They certainly are noble goals, but as norms of officership, they are also obligations of service. The standards arouse a spirit of duty and sacrifice in our hearts. We are men and women cut of the same cloth. Falling short of these norms may be 'conduct unbecoming of an officer.' We mutually pledge loyalty, honor,

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8 Nov 2018

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Top Ten Technologies...

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Dan Reed's Music
Keeping it Fun

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Dinner meetings are on the second Thursday of each month. **The November & December dinners will be at PebbleCreek.**

NOTE: The November Board meeting will be a day early, Wed, 31 Oct.

All members are welcome to attend. The November & December meetings will be at PebbleCreek.

Members needing to arrange rides to/from dinner meetings are asked to call Dennis DeFrain, 623-535-3102.

honesty, courage, self-sacrifice, discipline, and the pursuit of excellence through use of reason and knowledge.

Speaking and reading the words, we feel our spirits rise to the challenge. We hold ourselves and our peers to standards that are much higher than mere compliance with the law, as required from the average Jane or Joe. In this spirit, we pledged service to the nation, as guardians of our Constitution and of our freedoms.

These values help define our active-duty military culture. They also carry-over into the post-service, 'veteran bond' that CMSGT Scott Dearduff spoke so movingly to us about at the October meeting.

I salute you, members and spouses, as friends and comrades.

NEVER STOP SERVING
Mike Kramer



Programs by Dennis DeFraín

NOVEMBER
Electrical
Engineer &
Entrepreneur
Hal Lind



Top Ten
Technologies of the
Twentieth Century

Technological innovation has been improving living standards since the dawn of civilization. However, change used to be occasional and gradual. For several centuries, improvements have been accelerating, and the twentieth century has had the most change ever. The National Academy of Engineering has ranked those that have most affected our daily lives, the things we use often, if not daily.

This talk counts down the top ten technologies that occurred during the last century, discussing how they came to be, and ending with the development that still has the most effect on our daily lives. ***(This is a walk down memory lane.)***



Hal Lind

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Resume:

Degrees: BSEE degree, Univ. of Illinois, with honors; MSEE degree, Univ. of Southern Calif., Howard Hughes Fellow

Military Service: Communications Officer; 1LT, US Army, Korean War

Most Significant Positions: Manager, RF design section, Hughes Communications Div.; Designer, HF and VHF synthesized military radios. Satellite ground control terminals; Director, Advanced Development Laboratory, Hughes Communications; NATO (Anti-jam digital communications); Chief Scientist, Hughes Communications; Technical Director, Air Force JTIDS Design Program.

Community Service: President, PORA; Vice-President Sun City West Governing Board, President, Engineer's Club of the West Valley; Trustee, Sun Health; President, Sun City West Rotary Club.

Entrepreneurial Achievements: Inventor, 5 patents in circuits and systems; Consultant to GM-Chevy Racing Team Track Communications; Winner (Member of a team), Electric Car Cross Country Competition in Australia.

DECEMBER

Dan Reed's Music – Keeping it Fun!

Professional Big Band – 10 Members



Dan Reed



Chapter Member Bill Fedor

Performing dance music for our Christmas Party! Program selections will include: Ballads, up-tempo swing, medium shuffle, waltzes, Latin tunes, a polka and Christmas Holiday tunes. A medley of Service songs will be played. Some of the Chapter members may be invited up on stage to sing with the band.

There will be two sets of music: 1900-1945 hours, 15-minute break and then the second set will be from 2000 to 2045 hours. Business attire, Dress Uniforms, or Tuxedos. A female vocalist lead singer will be performing with the band. Several of the band members have played professionally with Big Bands.

JANUARY

National MOAA President and CEO

Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret)



Lt Gen Atkins

Lt. Gen. Atkins is a **dynamic speaker** who will update the Chapter on the many initiatives National MOAA is undertaking. You will have an opportunity to personally talk with him if you so desire.

FEBRUARY

Captain Robert Olds, Commander of the CVN Haysamp, an oil replenishment vessel operational for thirty years. Join Captain Olds as he describes some of the difficult times his ship encountered and the challenges of life at sea.

NOTE DATE CHANGE: 21 Feb 19

MARCH

Colonel Steve Chealander, Military Aide to President Reagan. COL Chealander was the guy who carried the "Nuclear Football" and was with President Reagan in Berlin when he made the famous: "Mr. Gorbachev, Tear down this wall!" speech.



CHANGE ALERT for Chapter Food Drive

There's a big change this year in our Bring-A-Can effort. Whereas in past years, you brought canned items to the December dinner dance, we can no longer take items in December.

If you missed bringing your canned goods to the October dinner, the last date to bring your donation is the November dinner meeting.

As a reminder, the suggested shopping list for our annual effort includes cans of corn, yams, green beans, peas, carrots, broth, Stuffing, Instant Potatoes, cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup, cranberry sauce, and like staples for a healthy pantry. Please check that the items are not expired.

We pass these items to the base Chaplain to distribute to struggling Airmen families at Thanksgiving. Thanks for your generous support of this worthy program year after year.

Chaplain's Corner by Rev. Fannalou Guggisberg

There is an eternity of difference between living in the moment, as opposed to living just for the moment. If you think about it, this present moment is all you have. The prior instance is gone, and the next, always on the way.



So what you pack into the now can be of momentous worth, or a frivolous waste. Living just for the moment, each one tumbling after the next, without reflection or plan, is shallow and vain.

Even with faith in God, there are times when struggling through the moment is all you can do. Then, as God's presence sustains, your outlook brightens. The struggle's pain becomes your gain.

Consider this: "The present moment is always full of infinite treasure. It contains far more than you can possibly grasp. Faith is the measure of its riches: what you find in the present moment is according to the measure of your faith.

"Love also is the measure: the more the heart rejoices, the more it rejoices in what God provides.

"The will of God presents itself at each moment like an immense ocean that the desire of your heart cannot empty; yet you will drink from that ocean

according to your faith and love."

--Jean-Pierre de Caussade

The life of faith is an endless eternity of "nows," lived in the moment, but not just for the moment.

What your treasury of moments amount to, is up to you.

Grace and blessings.



John Pugsley & his friend, Jameson

Surviving Spouse by Priscilla Clay

Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee (SSAC) Members



Are you available to travel 2 to 3 times a year for 3 - 5 days at a time? If so, consider putting in an application to represent the interests of all Surviving Spouses in MOAA. This would be a four-year term on a committee to commit to work on SSAC business as needed.

Requirements for consideration:

- Current membership in MOAA National.
- Surviving spouse of a uniformed service officer.
- Ability to participate in annual "Storming the Hill", which may require walking and standing.
- Visit Senators and Congressmen on Capitol Hill to address issues affecting the military community.
- Commitment to MOAA's issues for service members, families, veterans and survivors. Participate in local chapter and state council programs and activities.
- Leadership ability to work both independently and as a team member.
- Assume responsibilities and adhere to people and networking skills with both council and chapter presidents, liaisons within the SSAC Region

If you are interested in becoming a member of the SSAC, please contact me at 623-258-1192 or Clayp09@yahoo.com.



Cathie Yamanouchi wins the Kahlua



Nancy Pines wins the Glenlivet

Board Briefs

by Carol Mungas

The Executive Committee convened at 1300 hours on 4 October 2018 at PebbleCreek.

- LTC Bob Nelson presented a comprehensive overview of the new website noting consistency with other MOAA Chapters, set up and use of organizational email, protected vs. public information on the site, and the ability to reach a younger, more tech-savvy generation.
- To date the Operating Account balance is \$14,818.45 and the Scholarship Account balance is \$60,412.94.
- There are currently 186 regular members, 37 Surviving Spouse and 3

Associate members. There are 70 delinquent accounts.

- The menus and dinners have all been confirmed. The speaker for November is Hal Lind.
- **Bring canned and non-perishable food items to the meeting in November to support the Luke Turkey for the Troops program.**
- We need additional advertisers. Invoices will be sent to confirmed advertisers.
- COL Mike Kramer will work on modifying the language for SSP 1 and SSP 2 designations for the Bylaws.
- LTC Dennis DeFrain is pursuing contacts for the MFI funds; two are in process. Our best resource for contacts is NW VA.

The Board Minutes of monthly meetings, NewsGrams and membership applications are available on the Luke Chapter website www.lukemoaa.org.



Larry Sly & his friend, Jim

October 2018

Membership

by Steve Pohl

Over the last year, our Luke Chapter MOAA membership has decreased due to deaths and resignations.



I call upon each of you to approach your military officer friends and neighbors in our area to consider joining our organization.

Feel free to notify me of any potential contacts that I can follow-up on. Over the next several months, our membership committee will actively seek new methods of getting the word out to current active duty officers and National MOAA members who have not affiliated with a local chapter.

More to come on this. Thanks for your participation in this initiative.

Stephen E Pohl, Col USAF
(Ret)
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October Raffle Winners

John Pugsley
Jameson Irish Whiskey

Vernon McGee
Cookies

Marci Smith
Ghirardelli Chocolates

Anne Watts
Jack Daniel's

Nancy Pines
Glenlivet

Larry Sly
Jim Beam

Andy Wold
Jack Daniel's

Cathie Yamanouchi
Kahlua

Transitions

by Bob Cowan

One of our Luke Chapter MOAA missions is to support programs that assist the veterans and retirees of our military services.



"Top Jobs" is part of our Luke Chapter MOAA's web site, <http://www.luke-moaa.org/TOPS-Jobs>. It lists transition assistance and job-related information. It covers government and private sites with job opportunities. It also lists job fairs, resources for training and transition networks.

If you know someone who needs assistance I can be emailed at transitions@luke-moaa.org.



**Chief Dearduff speaking at the
Luke Chapter dinner, 11 Oct 18**

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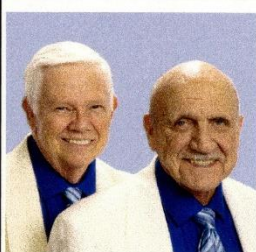
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COL Stan Zeitz

Thank You!



C-17 at Luke AFB



**USS Milwaukee (LCS-5)
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For rides to dinner meetings call Dennis DeFrain (623-535-3102)

NOTE: VEGIE MEALS MUST BE RESERVED IN ADVANCE!

PLEASE NOTE: Each dinner will be **\$26, including tax.**

PLEASE mail your reservation so that it will be received by the date indicated. If you are running late, CALL the Fordneys (1-206-595-6543) by that date to tell them "the check is in the mail" or "I'll pay at the door". We MUST provide an accurate count and stick to it.

MENU

Spring Salad Mix
Beef Bourguignon w/
Shallots, Mushrooms,
Carrots
Double Mashed Potatoes
Dinner Rolls
Red Velvet Cake w/
Raspberry Sauce
Coffee & Iced Tea

Veggie Meal:
Butternut Squash Ravioli

\$26.00

**PebbleCreek Tuscany
Ballroom**

13 Dec 2018
Social – 5:00 p.m.
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Program – 7:00 p.m.

13 December 2018 Dinner Reservation

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Sitting at my table (including me):

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MENU

Spinach Mushroom Salad
Maple Balsamic Pork
Fingerling Potatoes
Roasted Vegetables
Dinner Rolls
Turtle Mousse Cake
Coffee & Iced Tea

Veggie Meal:
Chef's Choice

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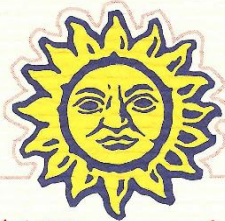
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