

WMMOA

Western Montana Military Officers Association

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President's Comments

September's events went off without a hitch. The Holt Museum brought back many wonderful memories. The food and fellowship were the icing on the cake. Mike Schauf worked long hours preparing for our USS Montana Committee banquet. He and Committee Chairman Bill Whitsitt pulled off an evening of inspiring videos and in-person talks from the new commanding officer, CDR Jon Quimby, and his Chief of Boat, Master Chief Tim Baldwin. COB Baldwin ceremoniously rang the boat's bell three times in memory 9/11, an awe-inspiring moment. Larry Mylenchuk's talk on traitors from the Revolutionary War was quite the hit. He brought a forgotten piece of history to life, and we all left a little better educated. Larry reportedly may entertain us with more stories later in the year.

As Jack Babon said earlier, "This year keeps getting weirder." The last few weeks have been a bit of a blur for me. I recall a wonderful Social Hour with Bill and Ramona, attending a fun Grizzly football

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OCTOBER 2021

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8

SOCIAL HOUR 6-8 PM

Westside Bowling Alley

\$10.00

MEMBERS

"No Kidding... There I Was"



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15

LUNCHEON DOUBLETREE

11:30 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Buffet Lunch Served

\$20.00

RSVP to ghschwartz214@gmail.com

by OCTOBER 11TH

COL. STEVE BERRY

***"US ARMY RANGER TRAINING
ACCIDENT"***

(President's comments continued)

game with 23,000 other fans, watching the grandkids' soccer games Sunday afternoon and attending the USS Montana Committee banquet that night. After that I was quarantined for a few weeks with Covid. It was an abrupt surprise! Sue and I did relatively well with the dreaded disease. It was not at all what we expected but feel fortunate not to have had the full-blown version.

October will be brighter. The speaker schedule is as dynamic as those involved, so our Oct. 8 Social Hour will feature YOU, the attending members. Once again you may share your favorite stories, memories and remembrances with our open microphones...always an entertaining hour!

The October 15 Luncheon will feature our own Col. Steve Berry presenting a talk about one of the most tragic US Army Ranger training exercises that occurred at Antelope Island, Utah.

Our annual membership campaign continues this month. PLEASE fill out the membership form attached to the newsletter. We don't fund raise but there are expenses throughout the year to maintain the chapter. Sending in the membership form not only refreshes the treasury, but also helps update the membership list

We continue seeking a member who can be responsible for the club's audio system. No technical experience needed. Pay is twice what I made. Everything is color-coded and I will train. It does require regular attendance and being at the Westside meeting room about forty-five minutes early, one day per month.

See you all October 8!

Charlie Olinger, President

*Have you paid
your 2021-2022
dues?*

*Dues form on
next page.*



*Be sure an make a
reservation for the
Friday luncheon.*

*Email
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Dates to remember for 2021-2022

October 8th, 15th

November 12th, 19th

December 10th, 17th

January 14th, 21st

February 11th, 18th

March 11th, 20th

April 8th, 15th

Banquet — Saturday, May 21st, 2022



Western Montana Military Officers Association (WMMOA) is a chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). WMMOA membership is open to retired and former commissioned officers and warrant officers of the U.S. Armed Forces, U.S. Public Health Service & NOAA, along with their National Guard & Reserve components. Auxiliary members (widowed spouses) receive complimentary WMMOA memberships.

Please send me information on how to join the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

WMMOA Chapter dues are \$25 per year and due by October 1.
These dues are for the chapter only, not the national organization.
New members may join any time during the year.

2021-2022 WMMOA Dues

Please send check & completed form to: **WMMOA, Box 3762, Missoula, MT 59806**

Date dues paid _____

Name _____ Spouse _____

Renewing members--YOU ONLY NEED TO FILL OUT ANY INFORMATION THAT IS DIFFERENT FROM LAST YEAR.

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

MOAA Membership No. _____

Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____ *Email _____

Rank _____ No. of Years Active Service _____ Service dates _____

Military Service (circle): Army Navy Air Force Marine Corps Coast Guard USPHS NOAA

Status (circle): Active Retired Reserve National Guard Former/Surviving Spouse

Combat Experience (circle): WWII Korea Vietnam Desert Storm Iraq/Afghanistan

Other _____

Name of potential WMMOA member(s) _____ phone # _____

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