

# WMMOA

## Western Montana Military Officers Association



### President's Comments

100+. No, that's not my age, but where the red needle points in my outdoor thermometer. It appears that August weather appeared in late July this year.

Next week should be a balmy 90-something.

We lost member Bob Tromley on July 4. A memorial service and a graveside service with military honors were held Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> and WMMOA was well represented. We hold our "Springs Battalion" in high regard and Bob will be missed.

On July 9, WMMOA held its annual fun shoot at the Hellgate Civilian Shooting Range. Many practice rounds were sent down range in preparation for the competition. Our club statistician says this was the best turnout ever. Gary Swarz, member of last year's winning team, passed the trophy to the Jack Babon/Larry Anderson ARMY team, with all due bragging rights. Congratulations to Jack and Larry! Members who participated were all sharpshooters and represented their services honorably. We did not allow Mike Schauf to bring his torpedo, mostly due to the lack of sufficient water. Jack and Gary were also responsible for the excellent traditional grilled "tube steak"

### AUGUST ACTIVITIES 2022

**Tuesday, August 9th**

**Paddleheads Baseball, 7 PM**

**\$12.00 per person**

[Click Here](#) to sign up or

**Call Will Deschamps at 406-544-4344**

**Tuesday, August 30th**

**WMMOA Movie Night, 4 –7 PM,  
"12 O'Clock High"**

**At the Roxy**

**\$10.00 per person, [Click Here](#)**

**to sign up or email**

**Mike Schauf at [mschauf@att.net](mailto:mschauf@att.net)**

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P.O Box 3762, Missoula, 59806**

### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### SEPTEMBER SOCIAL HOUR

**4th Friday September Only**

**September 23 at 6:00 PM Westside Lanes**

#### SEPTEMBER LUNCHEON

**Friday, September 16, 11:30 AM  
at the Doubletree**

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lunch afterwards in the clubhouse. The ongoing competition between gas-grilled and charcoal-grilled will continue next year!

Tate Jones, our honorary member from the Rocky Mountain Museum of Military History, met with a representative of the US Army Corps of Engineers on the morning of July 14, in the museum. Tate had requested WMMOA's presence at the meeting. The Corps is in the process of renewing the Museum's property lease. The Corps is responsible for properties on federal installations. Tate sees value in obtaining the use of nearby building. Many of these buildings have not been used for years and would allow the RMMM to add larger exhibits, host traveling exhibits and host larger events. Several veterans associations and community spokespersons expressed their support of this effort. Jack Babon and I represented WMMOA and spoke highly of Tate's contributions to Missoula's veterans' community. Fortunately, Captain Seymour of the Corps of Engineers is a MOAA member! Hopefully, Tate will receive promising news soon.

There are two activities scheduled for August.

On August 9, 7:00PM, please join us for a Paddleheads baseball game at Ogren Field. Cost is \$12 per person. Contact Will Deschamps for tickets if you want to sit with us. Bring spare change to treat yourselves to the fine food and beverages offered by the ballpark's concessions.

On August 30, from 4:00-7:00, please join us for WMMOA Movie Night at the Roxy. This year's movie will be **12 O'Clock High** featuring Gregory Peck. Mr. Peck regrets that he cannot attend this screening, but you can! Mail your check for \$10.00/person to: WMMOA, PO Box 3762, Missoula MT 59806. We have a screening room just to ourselves!

September is quickly becoming a reality with fun meetings already scheduled. Note the **one-time change** below for the Social Hour.

A scheduling gaffe has moved our Social Hour to the fourth Friday for this September ONLY.

Our **Social Hour** will be on Friday, September 23, 6:00 PM, at the Westside Lanes featuring Jack Babon and Charlie covering the Commissioning of the USS Montana on June 25 at Naval Station Norfolk, Virginia. Nearly one hundred Montanans attended this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and we'll provide you with color commentary on the events leading up to and including the commissioning ceremony.

Our **Luncheon** is scheduled for Friday, September 16, 11:30, at the DoubleTree, with Bob Seidenschwartz and Gary Stubblefield. This will be a follow up from their May presentation, while providing new perspectives. As with the last meeting, it will begin early and might run a little long. Don't miss it!

Anyone concerned by our one-time schedule change may call any Board member for details! Contact information for all Board members is posted in the heading of every newsletter.

Speaking of phone calls, my old telephone number, 728-2331, will disappear on September 1, 2022. The correct number is posted in the officers' contact information box at the head of every newsletter: (406) 240-6038.

To better serve you and insure you receive everything we send, we ask that you inform us of changes made to your mailing address, email address or contact telephone number! If you move and fail to tell us, we will schedule a meeting at your new address...and fail to tell you!

See you at the August activities!

Respectfully,  
Charlie Olinger

