

# WMMOA

## Western Montana Military Officers Association

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### President's Comments

One of my favorite things about February is that it is one month closer to spring! It's also when we put our seasonal activities behind us and prepare for the rest of the year.

January brought us one presentation about Veterans' benefits and another about the ingenious technology applied to restore the Old Faithful Inn. This month's Social Hour, Feb 10, 6:00 PM at Westside Lanes will feature Missoula's Clerk of Courts. What's the difference between District Court and Municipal Court?

On February 17, our Luncheon at 11:45 in the DoubleTree will introduce Bob Burns from Stockman Bank. You probably live near one of the several new branch locations across town.

For those who are members of MOAA, page 68 of February's issue of *Military Officer* features an article titled *Dealt a Bad Hand*. The author of this article is our very own Colonel Gary A. Sorenson. We have a published author in our midst! Congratulate Gary when you see him.

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## FEBRUARY 2023

**FRIDAY, February 10**

**Social Hour 6 - 8 PM**

**Westside Lanes**

**\$10.00**

**AMY MCGHEE**

*Missoula County*

*Clerk of District Court*



**Presidents Day**

**Monday, February 20th,  
2023**

**FRIDAY, February 17**

**LUNCHEON DOUBLETREE**

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

**\$20.00**

**To RSVP [CLICK HERE](#)**

Or email [sptandberg@gmail.com](mailto:sptandberg@gmail.com) , 406-251-4224  
[by February 15th](#)

**BOB BURNS**

**Stockman Bank**

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We are saddened that we lost a true friend, Dr. Michael Priddy, on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Those who knew him understood the impact Mike had on his patients and veterans in western Montana. He was a Ranger and paratrooper in Vietnam and was called into duty again as a physician during Operation Desert Storm. The Veterans Court suffered the loss of a great colleague. He was interred with military honors at the Western Montana State Veterans Cemetery on January 27.

We've been very fortunate to have Bob Seidenschwarz and Gary Stubblefield talk to us about world events. Bob will address us again at the March 17 Luncheon. I brought this up because WMMOA has been asked to partner with the Montana World Affairs Council for their February 23 public meeting. The exact time and location will be announced soon. The topic will be the Ukraine-Russia conflict from the military and security standpoint one year later. We will be encouraging other veteran organizations to participate in the discussion.

But wait, there's more (as the ads say on television). Mike Schauf has arranged for another private viewing at the Roxy Theater. On February 28, at 4:00 PM, we will have the Roxy Annex to ourselves to watch ***The Greatest Beer Run Ever***. Based on an actual event during the Vietnam War, this is the story of a former Marine and merchant seaman who is determined to deliver beer to soldiers from his New York City neighborhood fighting in Vietnam. We are taking RSVPs for the first 25 people who sign up and send in their money. That's the maximum seating for this room. See the [Click Here](#) button below.

Other traditional events in February include Groundhog Day, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and past-president Jack Babon will again ride on one of the many floats in the Mardi Gras. Some people have all the fun!

Thank you for continuing to RSVP for the Luncheons. We report the count to the DoubleTree on the **Wednesday** prior to Friday's event. It's both a courtesy and a logistical necessity for the catering service.

We do not need to RSVP to attend Social Hour. We order enough finger food to satisfy everyone's appetite for the evening event.

I look forward to seeing everyone this month, especially my favorite table from The Springs.

Respectfully,  
Charlie Olinger

Be sure to make your February 17th luncheon reservation by [CLICKING HERE](#) or emailing/calling Sharon at [sptandberg@gmail.com](mailto:sptandberg@gmail.com) , 406-251-4224

## WMMOA MOVIE NIGHT!

[CLICK HERE](#) to make your reservation to view

*The Greatest Beer Run Ever*

On Tuesday, February 28 at 4 PM at the Roxy.

\$10. Mail check to P.O. Box 3762, 59806 or pay at social or luncheon.



**SOCIAL HOUR is at 6:00 at Westside Lanes**  
**LUNCHEON is at the DoubleTree at 11:30.**



### Dates to remember for 2023

February **10, 17**      March **10, 17**  
April **14, 21**        May **5, luncheon**

**Banquet, Saturday, May 20th, 2023**

Montana World Affairs Council Discussion  
Led by Chris Hyslop and Mick Mulroy

Ukraine - military and security one year later

Thursday, February 23rd,  
Exact time and location TBD