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Western Montana Military Officers Association

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President's Comments

March (military/v: to walk in step –left, right, left). March was not a good month for Julius Caesar. March in Montana is a cool, warm, sunny, cloudy, rainy, icy, snowy, windy, clear, dry month. We set our clocks ahead, pretending it is spring.

For WMMOA, it means two more great meetings. On March 10 at Westside Lanes, at 5:45 PM, our Social Hour will feature Ben Culver, LTC US Army. Ben is UM's current Professor of Military Science and will update us on the ROTC program. He is also one of our newest members, thanks to Gary Swartz.

Our Luncheon at the DoubleTree on March 17 (St. Patrick's Day) at 11:45 AM, promises a full room listening closely to Bob Seidenschwarz. Bob's world travels bring us a new perspective every time. He appreciates that WMMOA lends him an educated, critical ear. Plan to attend and bring yours.

While we're on the subject, UM's Montana World Affairs Council partnered with WMMOA to have Gary Stubblefield and Bob provide a digest of the first year of Russia's declaration of war on Ukraine. WMMOA members and folks from the community braved the arctic

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March 2023

FRIDAY, March 10

Social Hour 6 - 8 PM

Westside Lanes

\$10.00

Ben Culver, LTC, US Army

Update on UofM ROTC Program



FRIDAY, March 17

LUNCHEON DOUBLETREE

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

\$20.00

To RSVP [CLICK HERE](#)

Or email sptandberg@gmail.com , 406-251-4224
by March 15th

Bob Seidenschwarz

**"Going Brown before Going Green
and other dilemmas..."**

winds to attend on February 23rd.

On the last day of February, under much nicer conditions in the Roxy, twenty-five lucky WMMOA members enjoyed a private viewing of *The Greatest Beer Run Ever*. Based on a true story, this film was sure to stir emotions in those who served in Vietnam. We thank Mike Schauf for arranging our movie events.

Your Board met on February 21. A few of the many topics discussed were:

- Monitoring our Luncheon/Social Hour expenses. Most of you have noticed shiny new menus when you dine out. The ink is still wet with the rising prices of meals. Our expenses have risen accordingly,
- We're considering having baseball caps (OK, golf hats to some) with a sharp WMMOA logo. Let us know if you'd be interested to own one or two. It's still in the 'talk' stage.
- We now have a Facebook site, thanks to member Mike Williams. Our presence should be a tremendous recruiting tool.
- As of this writing, we have booked speakers through May. Keep in mind that we rely heavily on members who say, "I know a person who would be a great speaker." **We** are our greatest resource!

Thanks to Gary Swartz, we have a speaker for the May 20 banquet. Our member, Matt Quinn, MG US Army, will address his responsibility for all veterans' cemeteries in the US. That's quite an upgrade from commanding Montana's National Guard. Be sure to mark your calendars to attend and help us finish this year with a flourish!

For those following the USS Montana Committee, Chairman Bill Whitsett announced an event in Helena on Thursday, March 9, at Fort Harrison. The day begins with a breakfast with the USS Montana's skipper and crew for those in Helena. The lunch is 11:30-1:00 for the public. The Montana Military Museum on site will be open in the afternoon for touring. At 5:00 PM, Room 303 of the State Capitol, Commander Quimby will present the submarine's commissioning pennant to the State of Montana. The pennant will permanently reside in the Capitol.

I hope everyone sheds their winter cocoons and attends our many March activities. Thank you for making this a great year!

Respectfully,
Charlie Olinger, President

Be sure to make your March 17th luncheon reservation by

[CLICKING HERE](#) or emailing/calling Sharon at

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

Dates to remember for 2023

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

Banquet, Saturday, May 20th



BANQUET SPEAKER ANNOUNCED

The Honorable Matthew T. Quinn, Major General, US Army, retired, has been the National Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs since June 2021. He leads 155 VA national cemeteries and



121 VA grant-funded state and tribal Veteran cemeteries in providing a dignified burial in national shrines for Veterans and eligible family members.

General Quinn is also the former Adjutant General of the Montana National Guard and is a member of WMMOA.



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