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President's Corner

by John Toth, LTC USA (Ret)



What Lies Inside You

When my son Emerson was born, we named him after Ralph Waldo Emerson, after the noted 18th century naturalist, scholar, and thinker. Shortly after he arrived, I remembered one of my favorite Emerson quotes:

"What lies behind you and what lies in front of you, pales in comparison to what lies inside you."

To me, it speaks to the inner strength we all possess, a strength that we sometimes struggle to access. The strength to overcome, to persevere, to drive on when things get tough. When we're in the military we have Soldiers to lead, a mission to accomplish, friends who depend on us. These things give us purpose and make it easy to tap into that strength when things are tough.

But veterans sometimes forget that strength, remembering instead the pain caused by seen and unseen wounds, the disappointment when some potential job opportunity falls through, or the isolation that comes from life's transitions. We lack the spark that unleashes that strength.

When I was going through the Desert Phase of Ranger School at Dugway, Utah, I got to a point where I lost the strength to continue.

After being in the field for a week, eating only one meal a day and sleeping two hours every 24, the Ranger Instructors (RIs) told us we were going back to the barracks for a shower, change of clothes, a hot meal, and indoor planning session. We were stoked, ready for a small break in the ongoing stress that is Ranger School.

But, when we got back to the barracks, we were told to change into a clean set of BDUs and get back on the truck. I was crushed. No hot chow. No warm shower. No break from the wind and heat. In my mind, I had built up the break, convinced myself I needed it to survive, and losing that opportunity took me to the brink of quitting.

Fortunately for me, we were left alone for a few minutes while we waited for the trucks to refuel. As I sat on my ruck sack, head in hands, my Ranger Buddy put his arm around my shoulder and quietly reminded me where I was from (the 82nd Airborne Division) and it was time to suck it up and drive on.

That one, quiet act was enough to reignite the fires that lay within me. I ate an oatmeal cookie bar from my MRE, drank some water, slung my ruck up onto the deuce and a half, and drove on with the mission. I graduated a couple weeks later.

When in your life did you need a spark? Where did you find it? Who helped spark it? Often, it only takes a small act, something special to remind us of who we are, where we come from, and what lies within us - that spark!

- John Toth

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Commissioning News

In addition to new Navy Lieutenants **Kimberly K. Bellis** and **Peter W. Brooke** (shown at left), we are proud to also welcome Air Force Lieutenants **Scott T. Cromer** and **Nathanael T. Kohl**, as well as Army Lieutenants **Chelsea Beal**, **Colton Becker**, **Robert Bingham**, **Rebecca Horn**, **Matthew Roush** and **Royce Woodard** to the officer ranks. Hoo-hah!



From the Treasurer's Desk

by Gary Reid

AABC ended 2014 financially sound. The General Fund, which covers all the operating income and expenses, had \$3,264.77, the ROTC Scholarship Fund had \$4,562.50, and the USO Fund was depleted as we made a large donation of food to the Denver International Airport USO. The Chapter finished the year with \$7,816.61.

The General Fund took in \$662.67 more than it spent, which is good for our financial health. At the recent Executive Board meeting, the 2015 budget was approved. AABC plans to again finish in the black by spending \$954 less than what the Chapter takes in.

On a related note and a friendly reminder, 2015 DUES ARE NOW DUE! For Regular members they are \$30 for the year. Auxiliary members get by for half that at \$15 for the year. The best way to pay your dues is to come to the monthly meetings. This way you can see what we do with your dues. If for some chance you want to pay by mail, make your check out to AABC MOAA and send them to: AABC MOAA, P.O. Box 17224, Boulder, CO 80308-0224.

Membership News

Since the last report, AABC has gained three new members. Please welcome: **LTC Harry Turasz, USA (Ret.)**. Harry resides in Arvada on Secrest St. He served during the Gulf War and the Iraq War.

Lt. John Black, USNR, a former Navy officer. John and his wife Linda live in Boulder on 26th St. John was active duty during the Vietnam conflict.

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Taps

submitted by R. F. Brock



Robert Kube, LTC US Army (Ret) May 5, 1919 – January 4, 2015

Robert Kube 95, of Boulder passed away of natural causes on January 4, 2015. Bob was born in Buffalo, Wyoming May 22, 1919 to Carl C. Kube and Inez Mather Kube. He was the fourth child in a family of five. He attended school there through high school and was active in many sports including hunting, fishing, tennis, basketball, football and track. After graduation from high school in 1937, he attended the University of Nebraska. He dropped out of college in the spring of 1941 to join the Army. After basic training at Fort Leonard Wood, MO he went to OCS at Fort Belvoir, VA and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant.

Bob met Evelyn Schuck while attending the University of Nebraska and married Evelyn on May 9, 1942. He was granted emergency leave when their first daughter, Karen, was born March 30, 1943 to be with Evelyn for this event. It was the last time he saw his wife and daughter for over two and a half years. Bob and his unit were shipped out to North Africa in May 1943 and later Italy where the unit was engaged in engineer supply work. When the war ended in Europe in 1945 he was in northern Italy near the city of Livorno. Bob was discharged from the Army and returned to the University of Nebraska and graduated with a B.S. in Business Administration in 1948.

In the meantime, the second daughter, Margo, was born October 11, 1946 in Lincoln Nebraska. The family moved to Buffalo, Wyoming where they lived and their third daughter, Lynne, was born in Sheridan, Wyoming on December 22, 1949. Bob was called back into service in Korea building roads and bridges in 1951 and then transferred to Okinawa where the family joined him. In 1954,



Bob was assigned to the ROTC Detachment at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. His next assignment came in the spring of 1959 when he was sent to Germany where his family joined him. He was assigned to a Combat Engineer Group as Intelligence Officer (S-2). In 1962, he was assigned to the ROTC Detachment at the University of Colorado in Boulder. This was his last assignment and he retired from the military service in April 1966 with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel after 26 years.

Bob went on to work for Mock Realty where he learned a new profession and continued there until 1985 when he retired a second time. Hunting, fishing, and golf occupied a great deal of his time. Bob and Evelyn were married for 72 wonderful years. He is survived by his wife Evelyn, and daughters Karen Eurich (Don), Margo Moran, Lynne Ross (Dan), four grandchildren and six great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Brothers, Harold and Carl and Sisters, Alice and Betty and Son-In-Law Tom Moran. Funeral services for Bob will be held in Buffalo, Wyoming at a later date.

Bob Kube was a charter member of the Boulder County chapter TROA, which is now the Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter of MOAA. Bob joined the chapter in May 1971 and served as Secretary in 1980 and as 1st Vice President in 1982. He was also a member of The Muffin Club along with Bill Bower, Joe Malcomb and other early members of the chapter.

May he rest in peace!

-- R.F. Brockish

Welcome Aboard!

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If you know someone who was an officer, bring them to a meeting for some good food and lively discussions.



As part of an air-readiness exercise it was discovered that the Navy claim of being able to land anything was optimistic.

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I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts. -- Will Rogers

!!! Special Notice to Breakfast Attendees !!!

We've moved! For those who haven't attended Saturday Breakfast Meetings in some time, we're now located in the Frasier Meadows facility in Boulder at 350 Ponca Place in the top floor meeting room. [The building is directly opposite the Admiral Arleigh Burke Memorial, and the main entrance is under the green canopy].

The regular (full) breakfasts are now \$15, and the continental breakfasts are now \$12.50.

If you do not receive a notice from your designated caller, please contact Gary Reid at garyreid4@comcast.net or call (303) 494-5053 to confirm your seating.



Colorado Council of Chapters

One Powerful Voice for Colorado's Military & Their Families

2015 First Quarter President's Report to Members

By Shelly Kalkowski, Lt Col (Ret), USAF

A new year, a new calendar and a new event and date for Colorado MOAA members to include in their Spring planning. The third annual **Colorado State Membership Convention** is scheduled for Saturday, May 2 at the Falcon Club, Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs. Planning is still underway, but we wanted to make sure you are aware. I'm sure it will be a great opportunity to network with fellow MOAA members from across the State, find out what happened at April's Storming of the Hill and hear some interesting guest speakers. Keep an eye out for more information!

Last November, the second annual State Convention was held in Loveland, CO. A snow storm limited attendance, but we did enjoy a tour of the Windsor National Guard Readiness Center, as well as presentations from Col Barry Wright, MOAA Director of Council and Chapter Affairs; Steve Ryland, president of the Colorado United Veterans Committee (UVC) and Bill Hanna, UVC's lobbyist, and a celebration of the Council's 40th Anniversary.

We also considered the following State-wide goals for 2015:

- Increase local Public Awareness of MOAA
- Develop a MOAA-Like e-system to disseminate State-level information on veterans/military issues
- Increase member participation in annual State Convention
- At least one MOAA chapter member on every Congressional Academy interview panel
- Revive Northern Colorado Chapter
- Consider establishing Four Corners as Western Colorado satellite
- Level of Excellence awards for all Chapters

Another important change occurred in 2014. It was decided to reduce the number of CCoC meetings from four (one each quarter) to a minimum of two, one after the annual Storming of the Hill in late Spring and another after the National MOAA meeting in the Fall. In place of the quarterly meetings, CCoC members asked the President to write quarterly reports to be shared with members via Chapter communications.



more than 50 member veteran organization dedicated to advocating for Colorado veteran's interest in our communities, at work and at home.

MOAA CCoC is a charter member of this influential organization, and we are represented by BG Monroe Matthias as our voting member. Last Spring, I joined the UVC's legislative committee meeting monthly in Aurora. LTC John Toth (Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter president) and Col Phil Andreski of the Pikes Peak Chapter are also UVC legislative committee members. We are working to get timely information on proposed Colorado General Assembly legislation of interest to military and veterans to you, our members. Please feel free to contact your State Senators and Representatives to express your support or concerns on any of these proposed bills.

In addition, the UVC has established an Outreach Committee working to set up informational meetings outside of the Denver Metropolitan Area. They currently are looking at setting up meetings in Colorado Springs, Grand Junction and Fort Collins. For more UVC information checkout their website: <http://unitedveteranscommittee.org>. The organization's annual fundraising banquet is scheduled for Sunday, April 19. Tickets are available on their website.

AABC'S Night out at the Theater

by Gary Reid

Join with other members and spouses on Sunday evening, April 19th for the performance of "Forever Plaid" at what is now called 'BDT Stage'. For just \$38 per person, you get a good dinner, beverage, gratuity paid, AND a great show.

This deliciously goofy revue centers on four young, eager male singers on their way to a first big concert. Miraculously revived after a car crash, they have a posthumous chance to fulfill their dreams. The Plaids dreamed of becoming like their idols-The Four Aces, The Four Lads, The Four Freshman and The Crew Cuts. Songs include: "Three Coins in the Fountain," "Crazy 'Bout Ya Baby" and "Love is a Many Splendored Thing". The musical will put a smile on your face, tap in your toes and a tune in your heart.

Make reservations at February's meeting, or by calling Gary Reid at 720-253-8616.

Boulder Veteran's Council

by Bob Brockish

In the fall of 2001 the late AABC Past President Tom Hodgson felt the need to enhance the recognition of our veterans and military in the City of Boulder. He formed the Boulder Veterans Council (BVC), a coalition of organizations including the local American Legion, VFW, DAV and AABC MOAA. In 2002, at Tom's request the mayor of Boulder proclaimed the week including Memorial Day to be Military Appreciation Week in Boulder. The BVC organized and coordinated the placement of American flags on the graves of all veterans in cemeteries within Boulder, presented a patriotic band concert at Central Park and held a sunset ceremony at Arleigh Burke Park on Memorial Day. Later participation in the Boulder Creek Festival was added to the activities. These events have continued up to 2014.

For the last few years, Ralph Utley, R Adm USCG (Ret) has served as the president of the BVC. Ralph has moved to Florida. There is no apparent leader for the BVC. The current regular participants are in their eighties and don't feel up to continuing the coalition. Ralph has provided some suggestions for the future of the BVC.

Ken Camell, Hal Riggs and I (Bob Brockish) have discussed the future direction of the Boulder Veterans Council in light of Ralph's comments. Our consensus is that the BVC should be disbanded and its activities assumed by the American Legion and AABC MOAA. Specifically we suggest the following items towards this end:

Discontinue the Monday evening ceremony in Admiral Arleigh Burke Park. It has been poorly attended the last few years and



- there are similar programs in Boulder, such as the ceremony at Folsom Stadium as part of the Boulder Bolder race and the American Legion ceremony at 11 a.m. on Memorial Day.
- Ken and Hal have approached American Legion Post 10 to see if they would take over sponsorship of the band concert. Karen Wessling of the Legion Auxiliary coordinated the concert last year.
- Turn the flag placement at the cemeteries over to individuals or other organizations.
 - o Green Mountain – Ken Camell will continue.
 - o Sacred Heart of Mary – Boulder Assembly 93, Knights of Columbus
 - o Columbia – Contact AABC regarding any interest in taking this over.
 - o Mountain View – Rol Sharette would take it over.

There are enough flags to cover the cemeteries.

The hole-punchers, tools which facilitate placing the flags, need to be shared and scheduled.

- The AABC board has been asked to consider taking over responsibility for overseeing the placement of flags on local cemeteries and be responsible for placement on the Columbia Cemetery. The board will consider the request and vote in February.

BVC Bylaws state that the Funds (and presumably any property) will be distributed to the non-profit organizations who have donated funds. The current BVC balance in the 1st Bank account is \$1669.94. These funds could also be used to pay forward for several concerts rather than refunding them. This would be consistent with the intent for which the funds were donated.

For the time being the BVC bank account and the BVC status with the Colorado Sec. Of State and the IRS will remain unchanged. If and when the time comes to disband, I will handle the disbursement of the account and the other business matters.

Bob Brockish, Treasurer, Boulder Veterans Council.



Anthem Veteran's Memorial

by Gary Reid

Once a year at 11:11 am the sun shines perfectly on this memorial . . .



The Anthem Veterans Memorial located in Anthem, Arizona, is a monument dedicated to honoring the service and sacrifice of the United States armed forces. The pillar provides a place of honor and reflection for veterans, their family and friends, and those who want to show their respects to those service men and women who have and continue to courageously serve the United States.

The memorial was designed by Anthem resident Renee Palmer-Jones. The five marble pillars represent the five branches of the United States military. They are staggered in size (from 17 ft to 6 ft) and ordered in accordance with the Department of Defense prescribed precedence, ranging from the United States Army, the United States Marine Corp, the United States Navy, the United States Air Force and the United States Coast Guard. Anthem resident and chief engineer, Jim Martin was responsible for aligning the memorial accurately with the sun.

Additionally, the brick pavers within the Circle of Honor are inscribed with the names of over 750 U.S. servicemen and women, symbolizing their support for the Armed Forces.

Awards: Arizona Historic Landmark Designation 2012 – Arizona Historical Society; Arizona Public Works Project of the Year Award 2012; Arizona Chapter of the American Public Works Association -- ACEC 2012 Grand Award – Best Engineering and Environmental Consulting Project

Veterans Day is an official United States holiday that honors people who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces, also known as veterans. It is a federal holiday that is observed on November 11. It coincides with other holidays such Armistice Day and Remembrance Day which are celebrated to mark the anniversary of the end of World War

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Transportation Assistance

by John Toth

Our next monthly meeting is 14 February at Frasier Meadows in Boulder. The Army ROTC commander will give an update on the changes going on with that service and the ROTC program.

We want as many members as possible to have the opportunity to attend. We will have 15 Cadets at the meeting so it will be a great way for you to connect with the next generation of Army leaders!

If you need transportation help getting to the meeting, please let us know and we will work to coordinate a ride for you.

Just send a note to John Toth at john.ryan.toth@gmail.com, call 270.839.7975 or notify the person who calls about the meeting during the week.

Have a great weekend



War is easy. Comedy is hard.

Twisted Pine Brewery Outing

by John Toth

An open invitation was issued to join us at the Twisted Pine Brewery Friday, 30 January from 6-8pm for Happy Hour. This provided everyone an opportunity to meet some new members and connect with fellow veterans from the Boulder area. Depending on the response this may well become a recurrent event, so make yourself known!

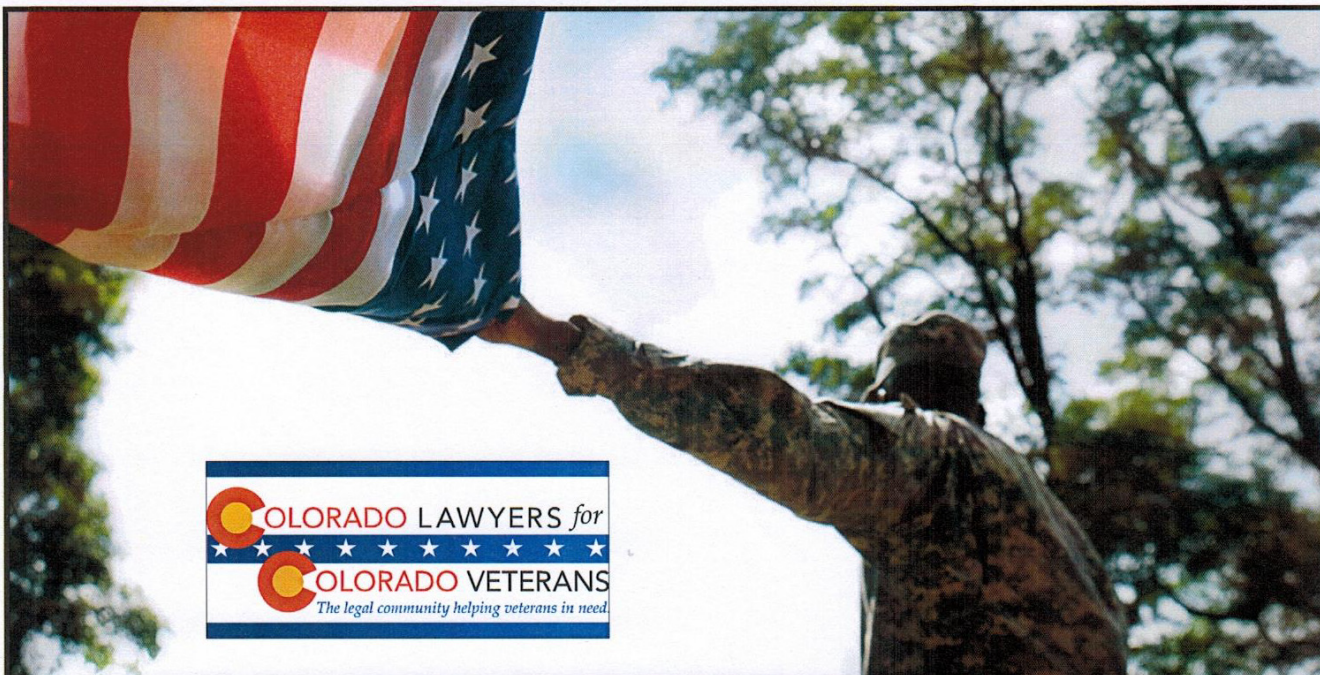
While there was no formal RSVP, anyone with questions about future engagements is welcome to call me at (270) 839-7975

Twisted Pine Brewery is located at 3201 Walnut Street, Boulder, CO 80301

John Toth



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Colorado Lawyers for Colorado Veterans Boulder Clinic

Meet with an attorney free of charge and get information on topics such as veterans resources, benefits, taxes, housing and family law.

Naropa University's Nalanda Campus,
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Dates

Thursday, Feb. 5, from Noon–2 p.m.

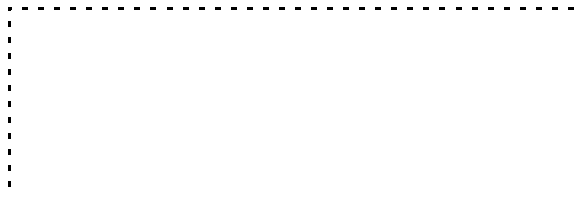
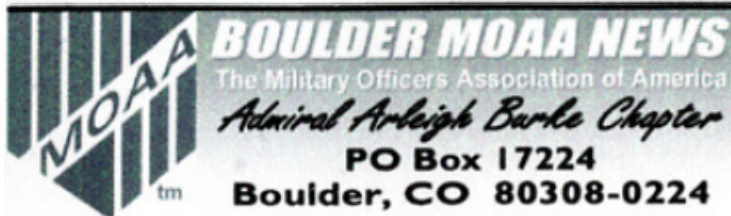
Thursday, April 30, from Noon–2 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 6, from Noon–2 p.m.

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The Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter **BOULDER MOAA NEWS**
The Military Officers Association of America

About the Program:

Speaker: LTC Aaron Roof; Professor of Military Science, University of Colorado Boulder

Date: Saturday, February 14, 2015

Topic: *United States Army Update*

LTC Roof will update our members on the state of the Army. In the midst of change following 13 years of war and facing new challenges the Army is shrinking and refocusing. Our Army remains engaged in military operations around the world while also accomplishing stabilization, humanitarian, peacekeeping, and nation-building missions during very uncertain times – and with serious budget constraints. Concurrently, the Army is also changing the way it trains future officers. With an eye toward developing adaptive and agile officers to lead our Soldiers, ROTC is restructuring its training program. Join us to hear a great officer share his thoughts on the future of the Army.

Lieutenant Colonel Aaron Roof serves as the Professor of Military Science at the University of Colorado, Boulder. Originally from Baltimore, MD, Aaron was commissioned into the infantry in 1997 from the United States Military Academy with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. LTC Roof first served as a platoon leader in the 82nd Airborne Division, Ft Bragg, NC, then later as a platoon leader and adjutant for 2nd Ranger Battalion at Ft. Lewis, Washington. Following the infantry captain's career course, Aaron served at the Joint Security Area in Panmunjon, Korea prior to commanding 2nd Infantry Division's Long Range Surveillance detachment. In 2004 Aaron transitioned to Army Special Operations – serving as a troop commander and squadron operations officer in USASOC. In 2009 LTC Roof graduated from the Naval War College with a degree in National Security and Strategic Studies. He was then assigned to the Joint Staff – serving with the Deputy Director for Special Operations. In 2012 Aaron returned to USASOC in both operations and staff positions.

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