

**Nov 2015**

## President's Corner

*by John Toth, LTC USA (Ret)*



### ***Climbing Democrat***

As I climbed to the top of Mount Democrat, head down, lungs screaming, heart exploding, I found myself falling into a sequence of actions designed to help me reach my goal - climb till my heart felt like it was going to burst from my chest; assess how far I was from the summit; decide to keep going or turn back.

I tried to measure my steps and find a manageable rhythm but my body just screamed for me to quit. Legs, lungs, heart, back, neck - everything. My heart beat in my throat like a drill sergeant barking for one more push up. Of course, I could just be out of shape.

I'd find what looked like a good place to take a break, take a drink of water and look up, trying to decide if the high ground in front of me was the true summit, calculating the percentage of climb remaining, guessing at the steepness. Rarely did I look back to see how far I'd come.

The people I'd told I was making a summit attempt usually came rushing into my mind when I considered my options for moving forward on turning back. Family, friends, co-workers - my community. I didn't want to let them down.

But throughout the climb, I was surrounded by support. If I stopped, someone asked if I was ok. When I sat on the side of the trail, others offered an energy bar or extra water. When I stumbled and fell, they reached out with support. In the end, it was my community, near and far, that kept me going.

Sometimes, life is like Democrat - hard, unmoving, unconquerable. It makes us hurt; forces us to pause; causes us to question our commitment. That's when we need our community most - to draw on their strength, support and experience to help us reach our next summit.

-- John Toth



*For those concerned about gender equality in the military, rest assured -- chivalry is not yet dead.*

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## From the Treasurer's Desk

by Gary Reid

### General Report

Membership		Treasury
3 Honorary	General Fund	\$4,232.48
17 Surviving Sp	USO Fund	\$ 731.41
30 ROTC	Scholarship Fund	\$3,907.35
80 Regular		
<b>137 TOTAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$8,871.24</b>

*Editor's Note -- These figures were submitted prior to publication, and may be subject to change.*

### Welcome Aboard!

Please welcome as a new member **George McKee**, who with his wife Andrea live in Louisville. George is a former USAF Captain who served during Vietnam.

### USO

In October AABC made our quarterly contribution of "goodies" to the USO Lounge at DIA. Thanks to Lee Lawson for making the trip, and to two generous donations which will allow AABC to continue this worthwhile project. Our thanks go out to all those members who have contributed time and money!

### Chaplain's Corner

submitted by Hal Riggs

One responsibility of the chaplain of an organization is to keep the commander, staff and members of the unit informed of the general health and welfare of the individuals that are a part of that group. The real purpose is to support those who are sick, injured, hospitalized, "shut-in", or suffering from depression and worry.

I would like to organize a contact program by the chaplain and leadership to reach out to those who may have a need. This will require all members, auxiliary and wives to inform the chaplain/staff when they or other members have some sort of need.

Your ideas or suggestions are requested. Ideally we should make an effort to have a concept of systems and procedures ready by the first of the year. Please send your comments to [HBJLRIG@comcast.net](mailto:HBJLRIG@comcast.net).

-- Hal

## Taps

submitted by Hal Riggs

### BLAIR SMALLWOOD |

The Board of Directors was informed of the passing of Blair Smallwood on August 21st, 2015. He had been in declining health recently, and was being cared for at the Boulder Manor.

A memorial service was held at First Presbyterian Church in Boulder on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM in the church Chapel.

Blair retired from the US Army as a Colonel. He served during World War II and in Korea.

Blair was a long time member of AABC, serving as President in 1994 and 1995. He was also a Life Member of MOAA. Blair and Jo Anne lived on Iliff Street in Table Mesa where Jo Anne still resides.

### VA Hospital Update



We are pleased that Congress passed legislation allowing VA to use funds we already have to continue construction of the replacement medical facility that will serve Veterans across Colorado and expand needed medical services in Denver.

The funding authorized not only prevents a shutdown of the construction site, but also gives VA the flexibility it needs to complete the project. It simultaneously allows time for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to award a long-term contract to complete the needed state-of-art facility for the Veterans of the greater Colorado area.

We know we made mistakes in the development of this medical center, but we remain steadfast in our commitment to complete the state-of-the-art facility for Colorado Veterans and doing so while being good stewards of taxpayer dollars. We thank our partners in Congress, particularly those representing Colorado Veterans, as well as the many Veteran Service Organizations that





advocated for and stressed the importance of the new medical center.

- See more at: <http://www.denver.va.gov/features/Replacement-Hospital-Update.asp#sthash.B1Zlw1W1.dpuf>

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## Social Events

On Sunday, October 18th, AABC members and guests were entertained by the musical *"The Buddy Holly Story"* at the Boulder Dinner Theatre (BDT Stage). To a person, this show proved to be one of the best ever seen at the venue. At our last Breakfast Meeting many who had seen it encouraged everyone who had not to attend this exceptional performance.

Save January 31st, 2016 (Sunday evening) on your calendars for the next AABC outing here when *"The Addams Family"* [bottom, right] will be offered. Cost per person will be \$39 for both dinner and show. Please sign up at the next meeting, or contact Hal Riggs at (303) 494-6122 or Gary Reid at (720) 253-8616 to make reservations.

### July Picnic

The entire Riggs' family hosted once again AABC's Annual Picnic. Many of our members, spouses and guests enjoyed the festive setting and memorabilia that is the Riggs' home. Thanks to Jan and Hal and their tribe for making July 11th a great day.

[For those who missed out, please see pictures below & right].



### ANNUAL DUES

2015 dues are presently over-due. If you haven't paid yours yet, Regular membership is \$30 for the year, while annual Auxiliary fees are only \$15. Payment can be sent to:

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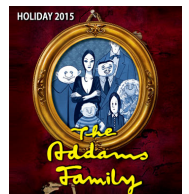


### Coming January 31st, 2016

The weird and wonderful family comes to devilishly delightful life in *The Addams Family*. Wednesday Addams, the ultimate princess of darkness, has grown up and fallen in love with a sweet, smart young man from a respectable family. A man her parents have never met. And if that weren't upsetting enough, she confides in her father and begs him not to tell her mother.

Now, Gomez Addams must do something he's never done before-keep a secret from his beloved wife, Morticia. Everything will change for the whole family on the fateful night they host a dinner for Wednesday's "normal" boyfriend and his parents.

*The Addams Family* is a musical comedy with music and lyrics by Andrew Libba with musical numbers like: "When You're an Addams," "Where Did We Go Wrong," "One Normal Night," "The Moon and Me," "Crazier Than You," and "Live Before We Die." Come meet the family. We'll leave the lights off for you.





## ***A Woman of Her Time***

*by Carl Wright*

She was born in 1877 in The Hague in the Netherlands as Margarita Geertruda Zeele. She married and divorced a man named MacLeod and afterwards went by the name Madame MacLeod.

In 1914, she was an exotic entertainer in Berlin, billed as a Javanese dancer. When the assassination of Archduke Ferdinand started the frenetic declarations of war among the European nations who were allied with one another one side or the other, she returned to The Hague and lived quietly as Madame MacLeod. Like most people at that time, she believed the war would be over by Christmas. As it dragged on, she became bored and in 1915, she went to Paris. By this time, life behind the lines had stabilized after fears that Paris would fall to the Germans.

No longer in demand as a dancer, she took up her old vocation as a courtesan to important people. Among her earlier paramours was a high ranking police officer and Crown Prince William, son of Kaiser Wilhelm. She consorted with Belgian, German, and French upper level military and political figures. She came under suspicion of carrying information among her admirers and made the British List of Suspected Spies. By the summer of 1916, she had access to many ranking officials and presumably some information came into her hands but nothing of an extraordinary nature.

During this time, the puritanical had become concerned about what they termed sex hysteria. With the war had come a dramatic loosening of morality, and women experienced more sexual freedom than they ever had. They were not about to give it up. At that time, as now, many of the prudish considered that anything to do with sex was evil.

Kaiser Wilhelm was obsessed with the idea that the “French whores” were deliberately trying to weaken the German army by spreading venereal diseases. He also considered a new dance from Brazil, the tango, to be too sexually explicit and forbade any officer in his army from dancing it while in uniform.

As the war dragged on, the morally rigid German authorities became more realistic. To control the spread of venereal disease, they adopted regulations that called for licensing prostitutes and for inspections. Separate brothels were established for officers and enlisted men. They were identified by blue lanterns for officer bordellos and red lanterns for enlisted men bordellos, establishing the term “red light district.” A survey also revealed that 80% of the brothel women were Belgian or French. Enlisted men were subjected to periodic inspections for venereal diseases, but the officers were exempt, assuming that they would be responsible for their own conduct. As a result, the German officer corps had the highest occurrence of sexually transmitted diseases and were mainly responsible for their spread.

It was estimated that at that time there were 70,000 prostitutes in Paris. For the men on leave from the front lines, the only relief from the boredom and death in the trenches was sex. The motto of the times was “Today we live for tomorrow we die.” There were secret dance clubs, thin disguises for brothels. Paris was known as the “Capital of Pleasures.” At the Germans' closest approach to Paris, the lights were put out, a curfew imposed, and the city placed under martial law. After the German failure to conquer Paris, due to the famous French offensive carried into battle by all the taxicabs of the city, life in Paris returned to normal, i.e., the delirium of erotic adventurism.



The French men were kept at the front for more than a year at the beginning of the war and the birth rate began to decline. The soldiers were finally given leave, a measure to increase the population of the country.

In 1916, 39-year-old Madame MacLeod fell in love with a Russian soldier, Vladimir Masoff. When he proposed marriage, she accepted. As a married woman, she could no longer continue her life as a courtesan so she decided to acquire a nest egg by calling in all favors. In 1917, she planned to seduce Crown Prince William again and collect the flood of information that would flow “like chicken feathers from a torn pillow.”

She contacted a French intelligence agent, Georges Ladoux, and supposedly made a deal for a million francs for the intelligence she would bring back. On the way to Berlin through Madrid, she had assignations with several German and Spanish agents, compiling information she considered worth the million francs. When she went back to Ladoux, he refused to meet with her. She realized she was in deep trouble.

In February of 1917, she was arrested by the French and charged with espionage. To her great misfortune, France was in great turmoil. The army had mutinied and the government was cracking down. Her trial was scheduled for July.

In the meantime, the United States entered the war on the side of the Allies on April 2, 1917. A wave of patriotism swept the American nation with the same sexual freedom that had affected Europe in the first days of the war. To protect the American troops from the “evils” of sex, the Government established a Commission on Training Camp Activities, the CTCA. No brothel was allowed within five miles of an army training camp. Dance halls, music halls, and other gathering places were closed. The troops were subjected to sex propaganda but no sex education.

In July of 1917, Americans landed in France. General Black Jack Pershing preached abstinence and threatened any soldier contracting a venereal disease with courts martial. In fact, Pershing had contracted gonorrhea twice while serving in the Philippines. In France, he was supplied with a French mistress and a Parisian apartment, another example of the hypocrisy of those who preach virtue for others.

The Americans arrived in time for Madame MacLeod's trial. She denied any guilt or participation in espionage activities. When the prosecution called her lover Masoff to testify and he denied their engagement, Madame MacLeod felt betrayed and lost interest in her fate. She was found guilty and sentenced to death by firing squad. On October 15, 1917, at the Chateau de Vincennes, she left this life with the same panache with which she had lived it. Stylishly dressed, she refused a blindfold and between the orders of “ready, aim, fire,” she blew kisses to the priests and nuns who had escorted her to her fate.

The CTCA went on to become eventually the FBI and spent a fortune enforcing another unpopular idea; prohibition.

Madame MacLeod became the subject of romantic movies and novels under the name she used as a Javanese dancer; *Mata Hari*.

“I wrote ‘The Spy Who Came in from the Cold’ at the age of 30 under intense, unshared personal stress and in extreme privacy. As an intelligence officer in the guise of a junior diplomat at the British Embassy in Bonn, I was a secret to my colleagues, and much of the time to myself.” -- *John le Carre*



## AABC-MOAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Checks payable to ADM Arleigh Burke Chapter MOAA. Please mail to Secretary, PO Box 17224, Boulder, CO 80308-0224

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Rank: _____ Service: _____	National MOAA Member Number: _____
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First Name: _____ MI: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> WWII (07 Dec 41 - 31 Dec 46) <input type="checkbox"/> Korea (27 Jan 50 - 31 Jan 55)
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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Afghanistan (2002 - 2013) <input type="checkbox"/> Iraq (2003 - 2011)
Home Phone: _____	Annual Chapter Dues & Donations
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	Current Date: _____ Total enclosed: \$ _____

### Colorado Council of Chapters

*submitted by Dick Smith*

On 10 October 2015 AABC was the host chapter for the semi-annual meeting of the CCoC board, chapter presidents and other interested Colorado MOAA members or spouses. The meeting followed our regular AAABC meeting and was held in the same location – the Frasier Community “Sky Lounge”. CCoC members commented on the excellent facility we have at Frasier for our meetings. As usual Frasier dinning director Mike Lacopo arranged for excellent beverage, snack and lunch services to be made available.

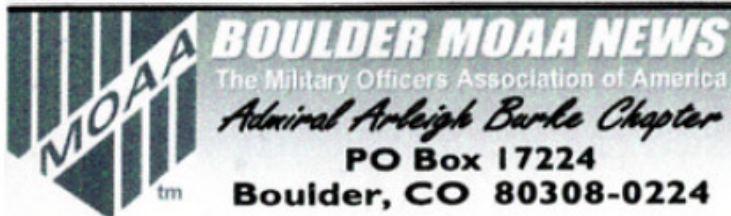
The CCoC is composed of the following Colorado MOAA chapters: AABC (Boulder), Mile High (Denver), Four Corners (Durango), Pikes Peak (Colorado Springs) and Western Colorado (Grand Junction). See <http://ccoc-moaa.org/> At this meeting the slate of CCoC officers for 2016 was introduced and elected. They are: **President**, LtCol (R) Bob Nelson (Pikes Peak); **Vice-President**, COL (R) James Sherman; **Secretary/Treasurer** (Mile High), CAPT (R) Dick Smith (AABC); **Past President**, Lt Col (R) Shelly Kalkaska (Northern Colorado – inactive chapter); **Surviving Spouse** (formerly Auxiliary) **Representative**, Dr. Sharon De Vaney (Pikes Peak); **Historian**, LTC (R) Jeffrey Wetjen (Pikes Peak); and, United Veterans Committee of Colorado Representative, BG (R) Monroe Mathias (Mile High). These officers assume the duties of their respective offices on January 1, 2016.

### Ralph & Verna Burke Anniversary

Ralph Burke (Nephew to Admiral Arleigh Burke, for whom our chapter is named) and his lovely wife Verna recently observed their 55th wedding anniversary. Please extend your congratulations when next you see them!



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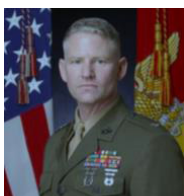


*We've moved! For those who haven't attended Saturday Breakfast Meetings in some time, we're now located in the Frasier Meadows facility in Boulder at 350 Ponca Place in the top floor meeting room. [The building is directly opposite the Admiral Arleigh Burke Memorial, and the main entrance is under the green canopy]. The regular (full) breakfasts are now \$15, and the continental breakfasts are now \$12.50.*

**Note: Annual Dues and Contributions to the Scholarship, USO or General Operating accounts may be made at Members' Breakfast Meetings or sent by mail to AABC, P.O. Box 17224, Boulder, Colorado.**



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## ***Saturday Members' Breakfast***

Speaker: Lt Col Gregory Field, Inspector Instructor for Combat Logistics Battalion 453

Date: Saturday, Nov 14, 2015 - 0800 Hrs

Topic: "Reserve Marines - Ready to answer the call"

**About The Speaker:** Lt Col Field was born and raised in Reston, VA and attended Miami University on a Marine-Option Naval ROTC scholarship where he received a commission as a Marine Lieutenant. He's served across the country and around the world as a Marine Supply Officer at the division, regimental, group, battalion and detachment level.

Notably, he oversaw Deployment Assistance Teams preparing units for the logistical and embarkation requirements for a rapid Division level deployment and conducted a Maritime Preposition Squadron offload to reconstitute a Regimental Combat Team in Kuwait as part of Operation Enduring Freedom. Lieutenant Colonel Field took part of the assault into Iraq and Baghdad and served two additional deployments in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

He supported the professional development of future Marine officers at the University of Missouri Naval ROTC and holds a MA in Education from Central Michigan University. Lieutenant Colonel Field assumed duty as Inspector Instructor of Combat Logistics Battalion 453 in Aurora, CO in 2015 and lives in Aurora with his family.

**About The Program:** Lt Col Field will discuss the role of the Combat Logistics Battalion 453 in Aurora and how this unit prepares Reserve Marines to augment or reinforce the Active Component with only 38 training days a year. He will address the challenges the mission presents and highlight the great Marines we have volunteering to support and defend their country. We will also take a few minutes to talk about the Marine Corps Birthday, the traditions that surround it, and honor those who have served in the finest fighting force the world has ever seen.