

# BOULDER MOAA NEWS

The Military Officers Association of America

*Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter*

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## The President's Corner

by Jim Morfeld

MAY 2017

This will be a little short this month. Real paid work has been occupying my time this spring but I have been spending additional time with the CU Veteran's Alumni Association helping there when I can. I was disappointed to miss Representative Polis' appearance at our last AABC meeting but I was working my CU job that Saturday as we welcomed almost 4000 prospective freshmen and their parents to the campus.

I did attend the second of what now will be 8 ceremonies that Representative Perlmutter has scheduled for the Vietnam War 50<sup>th</sup> Commemoration Pinning Ceremonies. There were over 60 Vietnam vets that received the pin from Representative Perlmutter.

I'm writing this on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Doolittle Raid. One surviving member of the 80 Raiders is still with us, Lt Col Richard Cole. I didn't hear one word of this watching the TV news this morning.

It's been a beautiful spring so far and I am looking forward to the summer. I hope most of you will be able to join us for our picnic in July at Mike Goss' home. And hope to see all of you at our May meeting.

Jim Morfeld

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## Upcoming Events

by Victoria Hebert

### MAY 2017

12 & 13MAY

29MAY

### JUNE 2017

14JUN

29JUN

### JULY 2017

04JUL

08JUL

16JUL

### AUGUST 2017

04AUG

### SEPTEMBER 2017

01SEP

04SEP

08SEP

09SEP

09SEP

Chairman)

### OCTOBER 2017

07OCT

13OCT

14OCT

19OCT

TBD OCT

CU Commissioning Ceremony (CU Graduation Day or Day After)

Memorial Day

Army Birthday

AABC Chapter Birthday (in 2017, this will be celebrated 11Mar2017)

Independence Day

Chapter Picnic hosted by Mike Goss

U.S. Public Health Service Birthday

Coast Guard Birthday

President's Report to CCoC

Labor Day

Air Force Birthday

AABC hosts CCoC Board Meeting following Chapter's regular meeting

AABC Nominating Committee Appointed (Immediate Former President is

Navy vs. Air Force Football Game, Annapolis MD

Navy Birthday

AABC Nominating Committee Announces Slate of Officers for November Election

Admiral Arleigh Burke's Birthday

MOAA Annual Membership Meeting

### Chapter Officers

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NOVEMBER 2017

- 04NOV Army vs. Air Force Football Game, Colorado Springs CO
- 10NOV Marine Corps Birthday
- TBD NOV CU Veterans Day Ceremony @ University Memorial Center (open to public) – 11/11 is a Saturday; CU Ceremony may be Friday or Monday
- 11NOV AABC Election of Officers @ Nov Meeting

DECEMBER 2017

- TBD DEC AABC Holiday Lunch & Installation of Officers
- 09DEC Army vs. Navy Football Game, Philadelphia PA
- 12DEC- 20DEC Chanukah
- 25DEC Christmas
- TBD DEC CU Commissioning Ceremony (CU Graduation Day or Day After)



A gunnery private learns how not to load a howitzer

From the Treasurer’s Desk

By Gary Reid

AABC General Fund	\$6,140.59
USO	\$ 719.25
ROTC Fund	\$2,288.35
Total	\$9,148.19

500\$ Grant Check for “Boots to Suits” Initiative  
 The most recent MOAA Board meeting approved the allocation of \$500 to facilitate a continuing grant for returning veterans to be reintroduced into the civilian workplace.

Membership

It is still 2017, and guess what? Your 2017 dues are still due if you haven’t paid them. The best way to deal with them is to come to the May meeting. If you are a “Regular” member bring an extra \$30 in cash or check. If a “Surviving Spouse” you get by for \$15. If you can’t make the meeting, just send a check to: AABC MOAA, P.O. Box 17224, Boulder, CO 80308-0224, otherwise we will bug you next month.

Tri-Military Awards Issued

MOAA Medal to each:

- Army Cadet Andrew Sheneman
- Navy Midshipmen Jacob Vornholt
- Marine Midshipmen Abigail Lealaimatafao
- Air Force Cadet Mathew Curtis

AABC MOAA \$500 Scholarships to each:

- Army Cadet Colin Campbell
- Navy Midshipman Aaron Lancaster
- Marine Midshipman Zhachary Viano
- Air Force Cadet Euni Im

In addition to the checks and medals issued above, Gold Bars will be issued to cadets of each military branch on the 12th & 13th of May

From the Membership VP’s Desk

By Mark Lindon

The Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter of MOAA proudly celebrates its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary in a few months. This is a significant milestone, one that we should all be very proud of.

To last this long, a MOAA chapter has to have members who care about the organization and what it stands for. Our chapter has approximately 100 members from the Boulder area who feel this way. However, in order to maintain our viability, we all need to identify eligible family, friends, and neighbors in the area and encourage them to join our chapter.

MOAA membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In the next few weeks, I am expecting to receive a roster of MOAA members in our geographical area who are not members or have not identified as being a member of our chapter. Since these folks believe in what MOAA stands for, they should be easy to recruit in to the AABC chapter.

If anyone is interested in helping recruit new members, please don’t hesitate to contact Mark R. Lindon at [mark.a.lindon@gmail.com](mailto:mark.a.lindon@gmail.com) or grab me at one of our meetings and we can discuss.

**Need a ride to the next membership meeting?**  
 Call any staff member, and they will make it so!



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Members' Comings and Goings

By Gary Reid

For those who keep track, we have 102 chapter members in AABC. 83 are regular members, 16 Surviving Spouses, and three honorary. There have been a few changes over the last three months:

The first new addition is Eric Klepac, although Eric is not new to the area as he was once assigned to the Navy ROTC unit at CU. Eric is a retired Lt. Col. in the Marines bringing to three the number of Marines in our group. Eric and wife Kathy live in Louisville. Eric served during the Gulf War conflict.

Our second new comer is Carol Brookshire. Carol and husband Joseph live in Eric. Carol is a retired Colonel, US Air Force who also served during the Gulf War conflict. Carol is a Life Member of MOAA.

Our third new comer is Tom Lindahl, who also is a retired Colonel in the US Air Force. Tom and wife Miriam live in Boulder. Tom also served during the Gulf War conflict.

Come to the May meeting on May 13th to meet our new members and get to know them. Do you have a local friend who is eligible to join MOAA? Invite them to a meeting. They probably will enjoy sharing their stories with the group.

We have lost a couple of members who have moved out of the area. Bill Kenny just recently left to move east (DC area and Maine) due to increasing work responsibilities. Another departure is Tom MacKenzie who moved to Arizona in order to stay with his wife. Lastly, for those who have not seen Juanita Straight for some time, Juanita is living down in Aurora and it is too much of a drive fore her.

We haven't really lost our joke teller, Fred McFarland, however, Fred as moved to the Oberon retirement community near Old Town Arvada which will be more difficult in getting a ride to the meetings. Speaking of which, if someone needs a ride to the meeting, contact any of the staff who will look for a ride for you.

"To lodge all power in one party and keep it there is to insure bad government and the sure and gradual deterioration of the public morals." - Mark Twain, Autobiographical dictation, 24 January 1906

AABC June Picnic

By Gary Reid

08 JULY 2017 Saturday at 1400 Hours

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465 Orchard Drive
Louisville CO 80027
303-494-0318

DIRECTIONS: From US 36 & McCaslin Blvd:

Go North on McCaslin Blvd to West Cherry St
Go East (Right) on West Cherry Street
Turn South (Right) on Orchard Drive

Note: Cherry has a divider; you can only access Orchard when going East on Cherry

AABC will provide Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Brats, Tea, Soda, Standard Beer & Wine (any special brews, please bring for yourself).

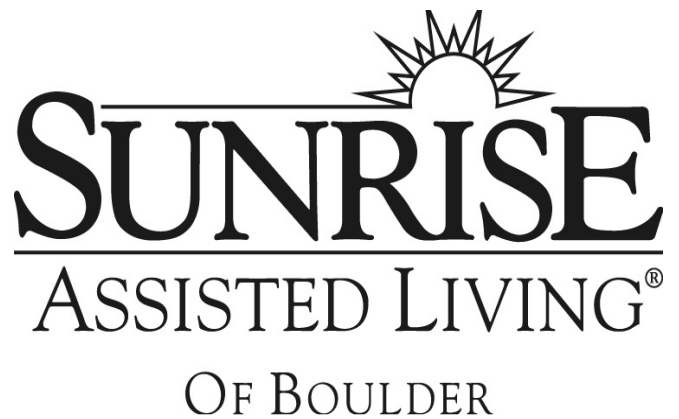
No Cost; but you are asked to BRING:

Lawn Chairs & Games if you like

Food to Share as outlined here according to your address' last digit [i.e; 1234 South Permanac St. ==> 4]

- # 1, 2, 3: Appetizers, Chips, Pickles/Onions
# 4, 5 Desserts & Fruit
# 6, 7, 8 Salads (e.g., Green, Potato, Pasta, Slaw)
# 9, 0 Vegetables, Beans, Casseroles

There is no regular Monthly Chapter Meeting in July - only the fun & fellowship of this annual picnic! At the picnic, there will be no program except Introductions, The Pledge of Allegiance & Grace.



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## Author And Agent

by Carl M. Wright

Daniel Defoe is known worldwide for his books *Robinson Crusoe*, *Captain Jack*, and *Moll Flanders*. These were written during the last dozen years of his 71-year life. Much of his life was spent as a spy. Because of his skill as an intelligence gatherer and of his setting the standard for intelligence reporting and analysis in his younger years, he is known as the “Father of [England's] Secret Service.”

He was born in London in 1660 and received a good education even though he was barred from the more prestigious schools of the time that were under the dominance of the Church of England because he was a Presbyterian. (To graduate from Oxford, for example, one had to sign an oath of loyalty to the Church of England.) In 1683, he became a merchant, starting his own store, and the next year he married. He joined the insurrection under the Duke of Monmouth that year, an ill-fated uprising that failed. To escape arrest and certain execution, he went to Europe, moving around for eight years until he thought he would be safe in returning to England. His business had failed, and he spent some time in a debtor's prison.

When released, he wrote religious and political satire in pamphlets that were widely published. One was especially popular, *The True-Born Englishman*, a best seller of the time. Another pamphlet landed him in prison, *The Shortest Way With Dissenters*, which Queen Anne found offensive. She had him pilloried, fined, and jailed. This again created dire fiscal consequences at a time when he was trying to support a wife and six children. He decided to avoid further trouble with the government by joining it as a spy.

While in jail in 1703, he wrote to the Speaker of the House of Commons, an ambitious young man named Robert Harley. He offered, in return for his release from prison and financial support, to set up an intelligence network in England to ferret out anti-government plots and political dissension. Harley was amenable to having an agent to supply intelligence on his political enemies and also to infiltrate the Jacobite movement that was attempting to restore James III - a.k.a. “The Old Pretender” - to the English throne formerly held by his father, James II. (The Jacobite movement and its infiltration by another spy was covered in the Optimist newsletters of December 31, 2009, and January 7, 2010, in the two-part article about *Allesandro Albani, Vatican Spy*.)

Harley took the idea to Queen Anne who supported it and pardoned Defoe who was released from prison.

In 1704, he put his complex plan into action, traveling through England's counties recruiting agents to report to him on the political leanings of their locals with special emphasis on clergy and administrators, their moral turpitude and political persuasions. He put these reports together with his own interpretations and analyses and sent them, unsigned, to Harley. The intelligence garnered for Harley and the use he put it to lead to Harley's appointment as secretary of state.

Defoe went under cover to Scotland to recruit agents to gather information from the movers and shakers of the time and was able to advise Harley on tactics for persuading the Scots to agree to merge their legislature with England's in 1707 to form Great Britain. Four years later, Harley became the head of the government and was knighted Earl of Oxford.

Queen Anne died in 1711, and Harley lost his influence under George I, a Hanoverian. Defoe, however, continued working as a spy for the new government. By this time, the Jacobites were working to get the “Young Pretender,” Charles Stuart, on the English throne. When George I had been in power for four years, Defoe was sent to join the Jacobites in Europe under cover and report back to the English throne. He also wrote articles and was chief editor of the *Weekly Journal*, the Jacobites' newspaper. Defoe became adept at publishing editorials harmful to the Jacobites' cause that appeared supportive but meant the opposite of what they seemed to say.

Defoe tired of spying and lost interest in writing the *Journal*. He returned to England, dropping out of the espionage business, and wrote *Robinson Crusoe* in 1719. Despite the success of his novels, he became immersed in debt to the extent that he went into hiding to avoid arrest and debtor's prison. His family never heard from him again, and he died in poverty in 1731. The cause of his death was never clear, but most versions put his death at the hands of the Jacobites who tracked him down and killed him as revenge for his part in sabotaging their cause.

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### About Our May Speaker -- **Lew House**

Lew has an avid interest in many topics, including, but not limited to history, military affairs, geopolitics and many aspects of science, mathematics and technology. He has taught a course and given several lectures on *The Rise of China's Military*. Last year he presented this topic as the keynote speaker at a gathering in Vancouver, BC.

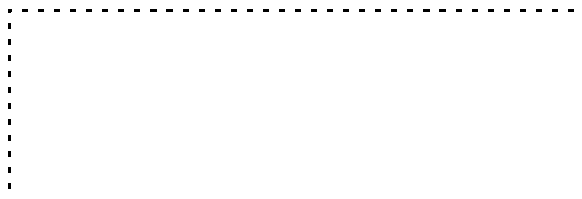
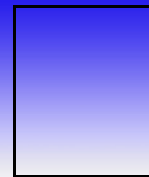
Lew retired as a Senior Scientist at the High Altitude Observatory (a division of NCAR) in Boulder, where he spent 28 years studying the atmospheres of the sun and stars, as well as teaching astrophysics. He was a Principal Investigator on two NASA satellite missions. one involving his telescope on the Solar Maximum Mission & the other involving the first in-space satellite repair mission. During a portion of this career, Lew was also an Associate in the Program of Economic & Political Change at the Institute of Behavioral Science at CU where he and a colleague published research on the "Behavioral Power of Nations."

Lew has a PhD in Astrophysics from the CU, an MS in Physics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and an undergraduate degree in Geophysical Engineering from the Colorado School of Mines. Before pursuing his graduate work, he was employed by General Electric as a physicist at the Hanford Atomic Products Operations. Later working at the Knolls Atomic Power Lab while attending Rensselaer, he did experimental physics in support of the design of Admiral Rickover's first submarine nuclear reactor.

Not too many years ago, he earned a MA in Military Studies from the American Military University. After retiring from astrophysics, in a 2nd career, he served as the Senior Director of Corporate Technology Intelligence & Alliances for a Fortune 50 corporation and later worked as a consultant to several domestic and foreign corporations in competitive intelligence. Currently he is President of the Rocky Mountain Churchillians, an affiliate of the International Churchill Center, Georgetown University. He has given numerous lectures on the life of Sir Winston S. Churchill. He is a member Society for Military History, The U.S. Naval Institute and the U.S. Naval War College Foundation. He has often attended the U.S. Naval War College Strategy Forums and he will be at this year's Strategy session this coming June. Lew served on the Board of Directors at the Academy for Lifelong Learning in Denver where he has taught several courses including: *The Rise of China's Military*, *Winston S. Churchill: The Greatest Statesman of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century*, *The Big Bang: Stars, Galaxies and Dark Stuff*, and *A Star is Born: Highlights of the Solar System*.



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***About the Program:***

Speaker: Mr. Lew House

Date: May 13, 2017

Topic: *"Paradox of the Western Pacific & the Rise of China's Military"*

China is in the news virtually every day. China claims its rise is peaceful and demands to be recognized as a great power of equal status to that of the United States. To support this claim, China is rapidly modernizing its navy based on the perception that the U.S. is attempting to contain and restrict China's rightful place as a world power. At the same time, China aggressively claims sovereignty over the entire South China Sea where it has built and militarized bases throughout the area, ignoring the legalities of the UN Convention the Law of the Sea.

One attribute of this naval modernization is an advanced anti-surface ballistic missile system that has the capability of denying U.S. Navy carrier strike groups access to international waters west of Guam. At stake is the possibility that China's authoritarian government could dominate Asia and the Western Pacific waters through which trillions of dollars of trade pass annually, thus displacing the U.S. role of peacekeeping in international waters, a role it has assumed since the end of WW II. This presentation will examine China's military rise as it is linked to the leadership of the People's Republic of China and supported by an economy that is destined to equal or overtake the U.S. as the world's leading economy in the future.

**Please plan to attend this meeting and bring a friend! You should have received a telephone invitation, but if you didn't it's not too late - contact Gary Reid at [garyreid4@comcast.net](mailto:garyreid4@comcast.net), or call at (303) 494-5053 for a reservation.**

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