

MOAA AABC
Tentative Speaker Schedule 2018

January

David M. Hays returns to MOAA/AABC after a giving a presentation on the University of Colorado's WWII Japanese Language Program in August of 2017. Dr. Hayes is an archivist and has directed US Navy Japanese/Oriental Language School Archival Project at the Special Collections and Archives of the University of Colorado at Boulder Libraries since 2000.

He was born into an Army family, to a 1942 USMA graduate, then the Commander of the 2/26th Infantry in Bamberg, FRG. The family was later stationed at: Yokosuka, Japan; Carlisle Barracks; West Berlin; and West Point. He received his BA at the University of Idaho, with an Army ROTC scholarship, served as a Field Artillery officer in the 1/11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda, FRG, and the 3d Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, TX, from 1975-1979. He received his MA in US History from the University of Colorado in 1981 and taught US History as a doctoral student in the 1980s. He has worked in the Archives since 1981, on and off, and since 1988, full time.

Dr. Hayes will discuss the nature of archival collections, how they are assembled and stored, how they are used, and their importance as sources for historical researchers. He will present a short history of the University of Colorado's repository, their areas of emphasis, and the breadth of the material they contain.

February

Chuck Howe

Group Trivia

March

J. Brian "Bear" Lihani "Dive Into America's Fortress"

J. Brian "Bear" Lihani was a career US Air Force officer who spent most of his career doing the NORAD mission at a variety of locations, holding numerous positions from Combat Crew Member to Unit Commander. The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) was established as a result of an agreement between Canada and the United States to defend against increasing soviet military capabilities. In the early years of World War II, the leaders of the United States and Canada agreed to military cooperation, thus beginning strong defense relations still evident today. Military and civilian personnel from both countries work together for the defense of North America. Established as a formal military command in 1958, NORAD has been headquartered in Colorado Springs since its inception. In the late 1950s, a decision was made to move the Continental Air Defense Command combat operations center to an underground facility to provide a secure and hardened location for air defense operations. After several locations were evaluated, Cheyenne Mountain, south of Colorado Springs, Colorado, was chosen for the new command center. In operation since 1966, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station continues to be America's fortress.

April

Dr. David N. Spires is Senior Instructor Emeritus in the Department of History at the University of Colorado at Boulder who specializes in space, military, and German history. During his military career he taught at the U.S. Air Force Academy. His book publications include *On Alert: An Operational History of the United States Air Force Intercontinental Ballistic Missile Program, 1945-2011* (2012), *Beyond Horizons: A History of the Air Force in Space, 1947-2007* (2007), *Orbital Futures: Selected Documents in Air Force Space History* (2004), *Patton's Air Force: Forging a Legendary Air-Ground Team* (2002), *A Theater in Conflict and Transition: United States European Command Operations During the Tenure of General George A. Joulwan, 1991-1997* (2004), and *Active Engagement and Preparedness: United States European Command Operations During the Tenure of General Wesley K. Clark, 1997-2000* (2004).

Dr. Spires' presentation will emphasize the policy of assured access to space, from the Challenger tragedy to the current Space Enterprise Vision project to develop a more responsive launch capability.