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PRESIDENT’S FORUM

By Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)

The MOAA Chapter can be very proud of its accomplishments this year. We pledged \$2,500 and donated \$2,643 to the **USO** at the **Portland International Airport**, and we will provide \$1,000 to the **Oregon City High School JROTC** for two cadets to attend the June 2015 Northwest Youth Leadership Conference in Tacoma, WA. We provided ROTC scholarships of \$500 each for the AFROTC and AROTC cadet who won the MOAA National Awards for Outstanding Leadership at the University of Portland. We gave a set of Gold Bars to each of 38 commissioning AFROTC and AROTC cadets at the University of Portland. We presented Veterans of Oregon Honorary Service Medals to four individuals. We have heard from a variety of diverse, interesting, and educational guest speakers at our brunch and dinner meetings. We welcomed four new members to the chapter. The Auxiliary and chapter members continue to support Operation Homefront through donating diapers and wipes--and backpacks and school supplies for the Back-to-School Brigade. In addition, the donation of old cell phones for the Cell Phones for Soldiers Program has ensured pre-paid phone cards are distributed to our local Air National Guard troops so they can keep in touch with their families while deployed. Last, but not least, the chapter has earned MOAA’s top award, the Five Star Levels of Excellence Award, seven years in a row—an exceptional feat!

Many thanks to my fellow officers, board members, and committee chairs for all their hard work and dedication in ensuring the success of our chapter programs this year! Also, I wish to express my deep appreciation to retiring board members **LTC David Hill, USA (Ret)** and **Major James Simpson, USMC (Ret)** for their stellar service over the years--and welcome **LTC James Asaph, USA (Ret)** and **Captain Herb Richardson, USMC (Ret)** as their worthy successors.

IN MEMORIAM:

May They Rest in Peace!

LT Theodore (Ted) Dec, USNR (Ret)

COL Melvin Garten, USA (Ret)

Lt Col John Walls, USAF (Ret)

JUNE CHAPTER DINNER MEETING:

Tuesday, 2 June 2015

Social: 1700, Dinner: 1830

The Monarch Hotel

12566 SE 93rd Avenue

Clackamas, Oregon 97015-9760

Phone: (503) 652-1515

PROGRAM:

Mr. Eddie Murphy, Former XO of the USS Pueblo and POW in North Korea, will speak on “**My Experiences in the USS Pueblo Incident.**”

MENU:

Northwest Salad

Beef Bourguignon

Potatoes Au Gratin

Sautéed Green Beans

Rolls and Butter

Strawberry Shortcake

Coffee, Tea, Decaf, or Iced Tea

COST: \$26.00 per person (includes 20% gratuity)

Please make checks payable to PDX-MOAA.

RESERVATIONS: To make your reservations, please contact **LTC George M. Peters, USA (Ret)** at **503-659-0834** or george.m.peters@gmail.com or online at our chapter website **NLT 1100 on Wednesday, 27 May 2015. No late reservations, and please call** if you must cancel as we have to pay for no-shows. (*Note: Please indicate if you have any dietary restrictions.*)

DURING THE JUNE MEETING: Raffle tickets are available for several bottles of fine wine to benefit the **Oregon City High School JROTC**, the project selected by the Board of Directors at its 14 May meeting. For **Operation Homefront**, please continue to bring in packages of diapers and baby wipes—and, for the **Operation Homefront Back-to-School Brigade**, contribute new backpacks for school children (especially grades one through eight) and school supplies. Finally, please donate your old cell phones to the **Cell Phones for Soldiers Program**.

***MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 7,
2015 DINNER MEETING***

By CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)

- **51** members and guests attended the meeting at the Monarch Hotel in Portland, Oregon. Chapter President, **Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)** called the meeting to order at **1825**, followed by the national anthem and the invocation by **Chaplain (LTC) Grant McAllister, USA (Ret)**.
- Mary reported that the chapter has exceeded its pledge of \$2,500 to the USO at PDX, with a total contribution of **\$2,643**. She thanked the chapter members for their continued generosity. She also noted that the Board of Directors will determine our next fundraising project at the May Board of Directors Meeting and asked that any ideas for that project be provided to her in advance of the meeting. She may be reached at either her email address, maryjmayer@yahoo.com, or on her cell phone at 310-897-1902.
- **Status of the 2014-2015 Chapter Budget and Membership:** President Mayer reported outstanding progress in the effort led by Treasurer **LTC Myrna Trull, USA (Ret)** to collect dues for the current fiscal year. Myrna mounted a program of invoicing and contacting members which has raised the number of paid members to **126** from **69** in early February, plus **7** auxiliary members who paid chapter dues. This herculean effort resulted in the collection of **\$3,960**, with more to come. President Mayer recognized Myrna for her outstanding work, and thanked her on behalf of the entire chapter. President Mayer noted that dues must be paid by April 15, 2015 to remain an active member of the chapter! With the success to date, the chapter will be in the **black** this year and will be able to meet our scholarship commitments to the ROTC units we support.
- **Officer Nominations:** For the coming year, we will break the Secretary position into three components: Correspondence, Recording, and Reservations. The slate of officers found on *page 7* of this newsletter were nominated and approved by the membership. The election of officers for the coming year will occur at the May Chapter Meeting, and installation of the officers will be at the June Chapter meeting. Members are encouraged to attend both events.
- **2015 Five Star Levels of Excellence Award Submission:** President Mayer asked that, in connection with the Chapter submission in May, chapter members who are active in community affairs outside of MOAA email that information to her for inclusion in our report to MOAA National, due by 1 June 2015. Submissions do not need a lengthy explanation.
- **MOAA Portland Chapter Board of Directors' Meeting:** Due to a scheduling conflict, President Mayer has to move the date from 7 May to 14 May 2015.
- **ODVA Advisory Committee Meeting:** The next Advisory Committee meeting is on Wednesday, 3 June 2015 at 0930 at the Department of Public Safety and Training Academy in Salem. Any possible agenda items can be emailed to vaac@odva.state.or.us. Attendance is encouraged! (Note: President Mayer sits on the Committee.)
- **Oregon Military Community Workshop:** This event sponsored by the MOAA Oregon State Council of Chapters and Oregon State University is scheduled for 25-26 September at Life Community Church in Corvallis. This is a "roll up your sleeves and get involved" brainstorming activity addressing the needs of the military and veteran communities and their families throughout Oregon. Over a busy two days the goal is to have personnel commit to a 5 year collaborative vision. For more information go to www.oregonmcw.com/home.
- **Membership Committee:** Chair **Lt Col Boyd Yaden, USAF (Ret)** introduced two new members in attendance: **LTC Gary D. Battles, USAR (Ret)** and his wife **Anne** and Auxiliary member, **Mrs. Eileen Hattan**.
- **Guest Speaker: Mr. Willie Paradise:** Willie Paradise enlisted at age 16 ½, one of some 250,000 individuals, both men and women, who did likewise before the utilization of Social Security numbers

and the advent of computers essentially ended the practice. To accomplish this required nerves of steel, a brash nature, and an ability to prevaricate. Many of these underage enlistees were caught and discharged from the military, but a large number survived boot camp and served honorably. The youngest were twelve, which is difficult to contemplate, and many enlisted or attempted to enlist more than once. Willie detailed that he was driven to enlist to better his life after his dad died when Willie was 8 and left 6 children in South Texas. It is quite a tale, especially the fact that one underage enlistee rose through the ranks to become a four star Admiral and win appointment to be the Chief of Naval Operations. After Willie's presentation, President Mayer presented him with a gift.

- We learned that two of our chapter members were underage enlistees: **LTC Bill Kroger, USAR (Ret)** and **Captain John Sweeney, OARNG**.
- **Special Events Committee:** Chair **MAJ John Sampson, USA (Ret)** reported that in April and May, President Mayer and he will be presenting MOAA Awards and \$500 chapter scholarships to an AFROTC cadet and AROTC cadet from the University of Portland. Gold Bars will be presented to the Air Force and Army commissioning cadets.
- **Legislative Affairs Committee:** **Captain Sharon Sebbio, USN (Ret)** briefed the chapter on the annual MOAA "Storming the Hill" which will be held on 15 April 2015 in Washington, DC. Position papers on the topics they will pursue are available at www.moaa.org, under the "Take Action" area.
- **Auxiliary:** Auxiliary Chair **Mrs. Jean Hillman** announced that the next luncheon is scheduled for 21 April 2015 at 1300 at Albertina's.

Auxiliary members and wives are cordially invited to attend.

- **Personal Affairs Committee:** Chair **President Mayer** reported that, in the course of pursuing dues over the past several months, the chapter became aware of a number of member deaths that had not been reported to the membership, including: **Bill Daudistel, Harold Peck, Michael Mulkey, Matthew Hudson, Frank Pfersch, David Sniogowski, Robert Sheridan, and James Scudder**.
- **Raffle:** **CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)** announced that the raffle had raised \$300, and then raffled off three bottles of wine.
- **President Mayer** thanked guest speaker **Mr. Willie Paradise** and his wife **Phyllis, Mrs. Edie Rieken** for the table decorations, and the staff of the Monarch Hotel.
- The next meeting will be a **Saturday, 2 May 2015** brunch meeting at the Monarch Hotel. Guest speaker is **Mr. Mark McMullen**, the State Economist, Office of Economic Analysis for Oregon. The meeting adjourned at **2045**.

MINUTES FROM THE May 2, 2015 BRUNCH MEETING

By LTC George M. Peters, USA (Ret)

- **44** Members and guests attended the meeting at the Monarch Hotel in Portland, Oregon. Chapter President, **Colonel Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)**, called the meeting to order at **1003**, followed by the singing of the national anthem and the invocation by **Chaplain (LTC) Grant McAllister, USA (Ret)**. President Mayer wished Mother's Day greetings to all great grandmothers, grandmothers, and mothers in attendance and reminded everyone that May was Military Appreciation Month.
- **President Mayer** reminded all that the Board of Directors will select our next fundraising project at the 14 May 2015 Board meeting and asked that any ideas for that project be provided to her in advance of the meeting. So far, she has received the following suggestions for funds for consideration: JROTC scholarships, second MOAA scholarship, Oregon Veterans' Homes, Vietnam Wall Memorial upkeep, Operation Homefront, and the Oregon Military Museum.
- **Status of the 2014-2015 Chapter Budget and Membership:** President Mayer reported

outstanding progress in the effort led by **Treasurer LTC Myrna Trull, USA (Ret)** to collect dues for the current and prior fiscal years. Myrna mounted a program of invoicing and contacting members which results in the May status today (2 May 2015): **2015 dues** (140 regular members, 9 auxiliary, and 2 honorary members) and **2014 dues** (119 regular members, 9 auxiliary, and 2 honorary members.) The chapter budget is definitely in the **black** for this year! President Mayer thanked Myrna for her outstanding work on behalf of the entire chapter.

- **Recruiting:** Members are the lifeblood of any organization, and our chapter is no exception. President Mayer asked members to help to educate their eligible friends and colleagues about the benefits of being a MOAA Portland Chapter member. Bring potential members with you to every meeting! And don't forget to use our award-winning website and newsletter as recruiting tools! Bring at least one guest to the last chapter meeting of the program year on **Tuesday, 2 June 2015** at the **Monarch Hotel**.
- **2014 Five Star Level of Excellence Award Submission:** President Mayer asked, if any members are active in community affairs (besides MOAA), to contact her with the particulars. Submission must be sent to MOAA National by 1 June 2015.
- The next **MOAA Portland Chapter Board of Directors Meeting** will be held on Thursday, 14 May 2015, from 0930-1200, at the Colwood Golf Course. President Mayer encouraged all board members and committee chairs to attend this meeting and to please RSVP as to whether or not you will attend.
- **ODVA Advisory Committee Meeting:** *See write-up in the 7 April 2015 minutes.*
- **Oregon Military Community Workshop:** *See the write-up in the 7 April 2015 minutes.*
- **Lt Col Boyd Yaden, USAF (Ret)**, the Membership Committee Chair, introduced new members **LCDR Betty Fish-Ferguson USN (Ret)** and **LCDR Christopher Gale, USCG (Ret)**.
- **Guest Speaker, Mr. Mark McMullen:** As the State Economist and director of the Office of Economic Analysis for Oregon (OEA), he oversees economic and revenue forecasting; the kicker forecast; and long-term outlooks for population, housing sales and new construction, jobs, income and spending. He stressed that Oregon statewide statistics in a category, are usually better than the same for the nation. Advisory group sessions continue to provide important input on the statistical numbers. After Mark's presentation, President Mayer presented him with a gift.
- **Officer Elections:** Reporting for **LTC Gary Brink, USA (Ret)**, the Nominating Committee Chair, **President Mayer** presented the slate of nominees for the 2015-2016 chapter officers found on *page 7*, and, after asking for other nominations from the floor (there were none), conducted the voting. The slate was unanimously approved.
- **Special Events Committee:** **Chair MAJ John Sampson, USA (Ret)** reported on the University of Portland ROTC Formal Awards Banquets. President Mayer attended the AFROTC Formal Awards Banquet on 17 April 2015, and MAJ John Sampson, USA (Ret) attended the AROTC Formal Awards Banquet on 1 May 2015. At these banquets, a MOAA Award--with a \$500 MOAA Portland Chapter Scholarship--was presented to the AFROTC cadet and AROTC cadet who won the MOAA awards. In addition, a set of Gold Bars was presented to each of the 38 AFROTC and AROTC cadets who are commissioning this year. John then presented the Veterans of Oregon Honorary Service Medal to **LTC Myrna Trull, USA (Ret)**.
- **CAPT Sharon Sebbio, USN (Ret)** presented the **Legislative Committee** report regarding the MOAA Annual "Storming the Hill" on 15 April 2015 in Washington, DC. Issues discussed with legislators included: Sustain Military Pay and Benefits, Reject Disproportionate TRICARE Fee Hikes and Health Plan Coverages, Eliminate Harmful Sequestration Cuts, and Address Remaining Inequities for Disabled Retirees, Survivors, and Guard/Reserve. MOAA Council

Second Vice President, **CAPT John Stensland, USN (Ret)**, attended the event and represented Oregon; he talked with our two senators and five representatives.

- **Auxiliary:** **Mrs. Carol Patrick** reported for Chair **Mrs. Jean Hillman** that the next luncheon is scheduled for 1300 on 30 June 2015 at Albertina's. Auxiliary members and wives are cordially invited to attend. **President Mayer** reported that the MOAA National Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee has changed its name to the "Surviving Spouses Advisory Committee" to better reflect its membership; it remains to be seen whether or not the name will be changed at the chapter level.
- **Personal Affairs:** **President Mayer** reported that, since the last meeting, two chapter members have passed away: **LT Theodore (Ted) Dec, USNR (Ret)** and former member **Lt Col John Walls, USAF (Ret)**. She asked for members to continue to let her know of any deaths—or any chapter members who are sick or having surgery.
- **Raffle:** **CAPT Tony Sebbio, USN (Ret)** announced that members donated **\$215** for raffle tickets, and then he had tickets numbers drawn for three bottles of wine.
- **Adjournment:** President Mayer thanked guest speaker **Mr. Mark McMullen**, those who attended an indoor meeting on such a pleasant day outdoors, **Mrs. Susie Raat** for the table decorations, and the staff of the Monarch Hotel.
- The next meeting will be held on **Tuesday, 2 June 2015** at the **Monarch Hotel**. The guest speaker will be **Mr. Eddie Murphy**, the XO on the USS Pueblo and POW of North Korea. The meeting was adjourned at **1205**.

***AN OPINION PIECE:
MY TAKE ON LEGISLATION, REGULATION,
AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS
By CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR (Ret)***

This column originally was focused on legislative affairs, both national and state. However, as legislation declined in volume at the national level to be replaced by rampant regulation and "Executive Orders," the reporting followed that change. Now, with Senator Reid no longer in the driver's seat, and replaced by a Majority Leader who is reverting to "Normal Order" in the Senate, legislation is again in the game. Note that for the first time in six YEARS, the House and Senate have passed a budget from which the various Appropriations Committees can create their individual departmental appropriations bills. It was extraordinary that no budget bill was even considered, much less debated and passed, until the Republicans gained control of the Senate this past January. So, I expect that legislation will again become important over the ensuing two years, and we shall see what occurs in the 2016 election.

The Cola Outlook: Let's start with good news, or a glimmer thereof, for our retired member, or anybody who receives increases in payments related to the cost of living index. The March CPI-W, which governs COLA, increased an unexpected 0.7%, countering the downward trend of the CPI from the beginning of the fiscal year. Year to date, the CPI is down 1.4% with six months to go through the end of the fiscal year. To achieve a positive COLA, the CPI would need to average a .23% increase through the second half of the year. This seems feasible, but the April reading, due out on May 22nd, will give us a view as to whether the March figure was a blip or the beginning of a trend. My range of alternatives is from a 1.6% CPI rise to a 0.8% decline, but we will just let the numbers lead us. At the very least, the rebound in energy prices so far this year mitigates the very negative COLA outlook that persisted through February.

The Trans Pacific-Trade Pact and Trade Promotion Authority--Democrats Rebel Against Their President: Just in time for this report, the Senate on May 12th refused to bring cloture to a bill that would enable the President to negotiate a trade pact with major Pacific Rim trade partners, and then present it to the Senate for a yes or no vote, without the possibility of

amendments. Only a single Democrat voted for the motion. Even our own Senator Ron Wyden, often depicted as a leading advocate for free trade, voted against the President. The net vote was 52-42, when 60 affirmative votes were required. The President responded by turning his contempt on his fellow Democrats, whom he accused of “whooping on me,” whatever that is supposed to mean. He also accused them, and, specifically Senator Elizabeth Warren, of “making this stuff up.” As of today, Senate leadership indicated that they had a deal and would reintroduce a cloture vote shortly. However, the violent response of the Democrat caucus may show that the Democrats in Congress, at least in the Senate, are no longer cowed by the Administration. The United States has been absent from the free trade scene since the President took office and continued to denigrate free trade from the campaign for the next 6 years. Such absence has not been a positive for the economy, as numerous bilateral trade pacts were effected without our input. If the TPP fails because of our actions as a country, trade agreements are going to be written by the Chinese, not to our liking. Let’s hope that the trade bill can be salvaged.

Syrian Chemical Arms: Do you remember, first the President’s “red line” comment regarding Syrian use of chemical weapons against its own people, and then the crowing over the 2013 deal between the U. S. and Russia to remove such chemical weapons from Assad’s hands? Well, count that as another achievement that has blown apart. A report last year by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons found that weaponized chlorine gas has been “systematically and repeatedly” used against civilians in Northern Syria. The U.S. State Department says that “the factual record is straightforward and devastating in terms of regime use.” And

just recently, investigators recently discovered traces of Sarin and VX nerve agents at a “previously undisclosed military research site.” Hmmmm! If Syria and Russia cannot be trusted to adhere to an agreement and blatantly disregard the terms, what can one expect of any nuclear arms agreements with Iran?

Some More Good News--A Recession in Russia is Constraining their Arms Modernization: Although unreported in the main stream media, it is becoming evident that the slide in commodity prices and sanctions placed on Russia as result of the Ukrainian incursion and annexation are forcing a slowdown of Vladimir Putin’s plan to modernize 70% of the Russian military by 2020. Putin in 2010 declared his intent to spend 20 trillion rubles, or \$650 billion at that point, for modern armaments, including tanks, ships, guns and planers. Indeed, Russian military spending doubled between 2007 and 2013, and was expected to grow by 1/3 in 2015 to 3.3 trillion rubles. Of course, over the last year, the ruble has declined by some 50% to around 60 rubles per dollar today. Also, the Russian economy is expected to decline by a very significant 4.6% this year, making it extremely difficult to fund budgeted spending. As a consequence, Russian military spending, which had been the third largest in the world, has now declined to the number seven or number eight position. And guess what? New armaments are turning out to be much more expensive that forecast. The net is that procurements are being cut back, although it is difficult to measure such cutbacks accurately. However, with China adding greatly to its military strength, Russia continuing to modernize, albeit more slowly, and the US military still suffering from sequestration, any slowdown in spending by an adversary is a positive.

AUXILIARY CORNER By Mrs. Jean Hillman,
*Liaison to the Auxiliary Member Advisory
Committee*

Fifteen attended our April 21st **MOAA Portland Chapter Auxiliary Luncheon**. As always, our luncheons are enjoyable and have something special to offer. With dessert and a song, we celebrated **Marjory Fischer’s 98th birthday**. We welcomed our newest auxiliary member, **Eileen Hattan**. After a long absence from our luncheons, **Lila Jean Allen** was welcomed back. **Michael Nuttbrock** from Operation Homefront spoke of needing **new backpacks** to give students of

military families for the **Back-To- School Brigade**. Grades **one** through **eight** are most needed, but all backpacks will be appreciated. These will be needed by early July.

Our next luncheon is scheduled for **1:00 p.m.** on **Tuesday, June 30** at **Albertina Kerr's Restaurant, 424 NE 22nd Avenue, Portland, 97232**. Chapter wives are cordially invited to attend. If you plan to attend, please call or e-mail **Carol Patrick** at **503-654-1511** or jymbo@earthlink.net to make your reservations. Please continue to bring diapers and wipes for **Operation Homefront** and used cell phones for the "Cell Phones for Soldiers" Program.

UPDATE ON EMPLOYER SUPPORT OF THE GUARD AND RESERVE (ESGR)

By **COL Bob Windus, USAR (Ret)**

Our MOAA Portland Chapter ESGR Committee Chairs, **Colonel Bob Windus, USAR (Ret)** and **Colonel Herb Hirst, AUS (Ret)**, are currently serving approximately 2,000 soldiers at the 41st Infantry Division Armed Forces Reserve Center at Camp Withycombe in Clackamas, OR. Area 9 team members include Windus (Area Chairman), Hirst, Colonel John Welsh, and SGM John Boyce. Joining the team will be Captain Robbie Roberts, USCG. Area 9 has joined with the SW Washington ESGR Team to better serve all events and units located in the Portland, Clackamas, Gresham, Tigard, Hillsboro, Vancouver, Camas, and Longview/Kelso areas.

Area 9 team members continue to support all unit activities and family support related events, to include mobilization and de-mob events. Increased emphasis is being placed upon the H2H (Heroes to Hires) program throughout the state. Oregon led the nation in placing veterans in jobs in 2014,

with approximately 1800 soldiers placed. The team also continues to support all job fair events, to include the US Chamber of Commerce jobs fairs. In the latter part of 2014, we saw a reduction in the number of complaints against employers for violations of USERRA. Area 9 regularly presents DOD/ESGR Patriotic Awards to area businesses for their support of their employees who are members of the Guard and Reserve.

ELECTED 2015-2016 CHAPTER OFFICERS

Congratulations to the following retired members who were elected as Chapter Officers on 2 May 2015 and will be installed on 2 June 2015 by **Brig Gen David E. Price, USAF (Ret)**, member of the MOAA National Board of Directors:

President: **Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF**
 First Vice President: **CAPT Larry Roberts, USNR**
 Second Vice President: **Lt Col Boyd Yaden, USAF**
 Correspondence Secretary: **LTC George Peters, USA**
 Recording Secretary: **LTC Roy Raat, USA**
 Reservations Secretary: **CDR David Bredemann, USN**
 Treasurer: **LTC Myrna Trull, USA**
 Immediate Past President: **LTC Gary Brink, USA**

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MOAA PORTLAND CHAPTER UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars!

July and August 2015 *No scheduled chapter brunch or dinner meetings*

August 6, 2015 *Board of Directors Meeting (Location: Colwood Golf Course)*

September 1, 2015 Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker (Location: The Monarch Hotel)

September 25-26, 2015 Oregon Military Community Workshop, Community Life Church, Corvallis, OR

October 3, 2015 Brunch Meeting with Guest Speaker (Location: Hayden's Lakefront Grill)

November 5, 2015 *Board of Directors Meeting (Location: Colwood Golf Course)*

November 7, 2015 Brunch Meeting with Guest Speaker (Location: Hayden's Lakefront Grill)

December 1, 2015 Dinner Meeting with Entertainment (Location: The Monarch Hotel)

NOTE 1: All monthly chapter meetings are held at the locations indicated.

NOTE 2: All Board of Directors Meetings are held at 0930—and ***are open to all members!*** Location is indicated.

NOTE 3: All articles for the ***September 2015 Brass Bulletin Newsletter*** must be submitted to the editor, **Col Mary J. Mayer, USAF (Ret)**, at maryjmayer@yahoo.com by **8 August 2015**.