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10-Buck-A-Year Club Update

Contributors to the 10-Buck-A-Year Club since the last issue are listed below! Donations go into a CD account and interest helps offset the costs of the Northwest Reporter. The Club restarts as each Department Annual Meeting ends.

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President LTC Peter Halver Starts New Term



Hello all! I am honored to serve as your next President of the Department of the Northwest! Let me introduce myself for those who do not know me: I entered the Army in 1977 through Basic Candidate School at Fort Knox KY, followed by ROTC at Washington State University. Following graduation, I served with the Air Defense Artillery (ADA) at Ft. Bliss TX, then served

in the US Army Reserves until I was posted to Active Duty (AD) in 1980 as an Air Defense Officer. Follow on assignments included tours in Germany, Ft. Bliss TX (again), Colorado Springs CO, and a return to Germany (Wagenfeld and Pirmasens, both with the 59th ORD BDE) until 1993. I accepted a Reserve commission with the 124th ARCOM at Ft. Lawton (Seattle WA) in 1996, changing from AD to Active Guard. I retired September 30, 2000 as a LTC. I am a Life Member of ROA and have much family history with ROA.

Our biggest news: the Department Annual Meeting was held April 19-21, 2024 in Walla Walla. I extend my gratefulness to Chapter NW021 - Walla Walla as hosts of our meeting in eastern Washington! Highlights of our annual meeting included the attendance of Tremayne "Trey" Criner, Director of Operations at ROA National, who offered his ideas about service as well as current initiatives in recruiting with an emphasis on electronic media. Committee discussions included presentations from the Finance and Budget Advisory committees. I formed a committee to determine future sites for our annual meetings. We also have sustained great efforts to support ROTC and JROTC programs throughout the Department with the help of Col Margaret Cope as our Awards coordinator and Lt Col Judy Ford heading up Membership efforts.

The meeting minutes may be viewed at this link: https://www.roa.org/members/group_content_view.asp?group=181511&id=1083119

Please **mark your calendars:**

- 2nd Executive Council meeting will be held via ZOOM Friday August 23, 2024
- 3rd Executive Council meeting will be held in person in Bothell on Saturday December 7, 2024

Leadership Updates:

We were saddened to learn that, after many years, our Editor for the Northwest Reporter newsletter LTC Dudley Brown must step down from his duties to manage changing health concerns. LTC Brown's work on our newsletter has garnered us many awards and accolades - thank you and Godspeed Dudley!



LTC Dudley Brown

We welcome LTC Sarah Bro as our new Editor. In other news, CSM Terry Atchison was appointed as National Sergeant-at-Arms. Last but not least my thanks for the leadership of Lt Col Judy Ford during the last two years we are excited for her next steps as a newly elected member to the National EXCOM!

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Photo Highlights from the Department of Northwest Annual Meeting April 2024 -- Walla Walla



Members enjoying the Friday night Social with "Crazy Hats and Ties" theme!



The winner, by popular cheer, was **Trey Criner**, boasting a Chicago Bears hat!



Members at the Saturday business meeting



Discussing a point of order



Silent Auction Tallies



Dining together Saturday evening



Dining together Saturday evening



Trey Criner inducts our leaders for the next iteration!

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The Fallen Comrade table



Lt Col Judy Ford, outgoing Department President, presenting **MAJ Lonnie Mettler**, President of Chapter NW021, a certificate of appreciation



Our Department leadership team (L to R): Treasurer **CAPT Rickey Thomas**; outgoing President **Lt Col Judy Ford**; Secretary **Steven Ford**; incoming President **LTC Peter Halver**

Treasurer's Report CAPT Rickey D Thomas

This report is a short synopsis of the Department current treasury covering the **first five months of year 2024**:

Currently, the Department's "operational" account with **Chase Bank** has assets amounting to **\$11,058**. Our two CD's with **Pentagon Federal Credit Union** will mature in June and will be reinvested at the best earning rate possible. At maturity, they will yield **\$3100** earned interest which will be placed into a separate savings account at PenFed. Our **total Department assets** at the end of June 2024 will be **\$84,158**.

For the first five months of this year, our income vs. expenses has been practically even. We are on track to finish the year in the black! Remaining large expenditures, which have been forecasted into the operating account, will be published in the *Reporter*.