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THIS WEEK

The February 27, 2023 club meeting was called to order by Jenny Clement-Shaw. Larry Kindt led the group in prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.



Joe Gallagher

Joe Gallagher, Deputy to the Commanding General at Fort Sill, was the guest speaker. He's served in the position for almost ten years. "It's been great," he said. "I've been blessed to be out here and work with some of the greatest soldiers and civilians that I've ever run into."

Gallagher is the senior civilian on post, a two-star equivalent, after retiring as a colonel with 27 years. "It's the most interesting work I've ever done." He said the opportunity to work with big problems and see results is rewarding. Gallagher is now serving his sixth commanding general.

The Counter-UAS School moving from Yuma, Arizona to Fort Sill is on track to open October 1. Gallagher said about half of the staff needed to open the academy has been hired. He said it will be at full operating capacity by October 1, 2024. 22 countries are interested in sending students. Gallagher said he planned to retire around this time, but the opportunity for the academy with new ranges, a schoolhouse, hiring instructors and the overall movement from Yuma made him change his mind. "It's just really been exciting."

AMTRYKE BUILD



Great Plains AMBUCS members met at Mark Glenn's home on Thursday to assemble AmTrykes for new recipients.

CHAPTER NEWS

- The quarterly District 5-A meeting is set for Thursday, March 23 from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m. at La Grand Cantina in Central Plaza. Gordon Shaw will give a presentation on the new AMBUCS Hub.
- Volunteers are needed for the AmTryke Rodeo March 25 at Hungry Hearts Feeding Ministry - 605 SW 11th Street. Kathleen Martin is requesting members choose a shift of 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. or 12:30 to 3 p.m. The work will involve moving tables and manning stations.
- Only a few sponsorship opportunities remain for the 2023 Bags for Cash Charity Cornhole Tournament March 17 - 19. Volunteers can still sign up to work shifts. Our chapter plans to hold an AmTryke presentation at the event on Saturday, March 18 at noon.
- The Spring Roundup membership recruiting campaign is underway through April 30. Member who receives the most points for guests, new members and Big Hatting, will receive free hotel stay and fees paid for regional conference.

NATIONAL & REGIONAL SPOTLIGHT

- Sponsorship opportunities are available for the 101st AMBUCS National Conference, being held August 2 - 5, 2023 at the Galt House Hotel in Louisville, Kentucky. Levels range from \$500 to \$10,000. All sponsorships will be matched, dollar for dollar, thanks to a generous donor. Commitments are due by July 1 in order to be recognized in conference materials.
- Deadline for submitting news items for the summer edition of AMBUCS Magazine is May 10.
- May 1 is the deadline for students to submit applications for AMBUCS Scholarships for Therapists program. Awards range from \$600 to \$1,500, with one two-year, \$6,000 scholarship awarded annually. Students will pursue graduate or doctoral degrees in physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech language pathology and hearing audiology. Applications sponsored by chapters must be submitted to headquarters by May 15.

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Larry Kindt drew the Seven of Spades. The pot stood at \$378.

NEWSLETTER

Jeff Dunning had the winning ticket and his copy of AMBUNK.