



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
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REVISION #2

Minutes of the December 6, 2012 Board of Directors Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, December 6, 2012 at the National Guard Distance Learning Center, 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix AZ with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Jim Cullison, Jim Draper, Marie Fredricks, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Ron Perkins, Rob Welch and special visitor Sully Truesdell.

Officer & Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: John Ady reported for Treasurer Bill Roescher – General Fund balance \$8,814.09; Scholarship Fund balance \$13,147.36; Petty Cash \$50.00 for a Grand Total of \$22,011.45.

Membership: Ron Perkins reported total Chapter Membership of 225. Regular Members total 184; Auxiliary Members total 41. The Chapter has acquired 39 new members; 16 from the MOAA Give Me 10 Program. Ron also reports that the 2013 goal of National MOAA is to recruit new Chapter members. There are now three MOAA membership levels: Basic – recruits new members under age 35 with free membership but limited benefits; Premium – for the regular members with full password access to national MOAA's website; Life – added benefits to regular membership. See this month's *The Sentinel* for comprehensive info.

A new Honorary Senior Life Membership proposal by Dan Conway was discussed. A motion by Rob Welch was made to have a January membership vote to change the Chapter by-laws to add this new membership level; motion seconded by Jim Cullison. Motion passed by all those in attendance.

Legislative: John Ady reported for Gary Fredricks on the Senate Authorization Bill Highlights and Lowlights. Most disappointing issues were the increase to TRICARE pharmacy co-pays and the Survivor Benefit Plan (deduction of VA survivor compensation from SBP annuities). Positive news on concurrent receipt amendment and the military health care amendment (acknowledgement that health care is an earned benefit for retired military members and their families for their service and sacrifice). Please see *The Sentinel* for full report.

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks reported that plans for the annual December Meeting/Christmas Party have been completed. The Carefree Chorus has graciously offered to provide music during Happy Hour, lunch and a small holiday concert.



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The Chorus provides their services free of charge to honor military members and veterans. Rob Welch made a motion, seconded by Ron Perkins to offer a \$100.00 honorarium to thank the Chorus for their kindness. Motion passed by all members present.

Meeting is set to open with President John Ady offering a Military Toast; ending with a Chinese auction hosted by the Board of Directors.

2013: Arrangements for the year are in the final planning stage. Rob Welch, John Ady and Arlene Day are working on dates, schedules and options.

McCormick Ranch has raised the price of the monthly luncheon for the year 2013. It was kept to a modest increase with the hard work of Marie Fredricks. A motion was made by Frank Hoak and seconded by Jim Draper to increase the monthly meeting cost from \$20.00 to \$22.00 per person. Motion passed by all those in attendance.

We are looking for new ideas/new speakers for the upcoming year. Please email John Ady with your ideas/requests.

Marie Fredricks is stepping down as Arrangement Chairman. In January 2013 Arlene Day will become the new Arrangement Chair.

We will miss Marie and thank her for her years of tireless service.

Newsletter: Our award winning newsletter continues to inform under the direction of Jim Cullison.

Website: Rob Welch has the new Chapter website www.AZMOAA.org up and running smoothly. Members will be automatically redirected from the old site to the new.

OLD BUSINESS

Bingo at the VA Home: A motion was made by Rob Welch, seconded by Frank Hoak to continue the Chapter's support. The Chapter donates \$50.00/month to provide refreshments and prizes for the veterans attending. Motion was passed by all in attendance.

December 7th Memorial: Rob Welch and Frank Hoak will present the Chapter wreath at the memorial service, Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix at 1055 hours. Jim Cullison is bringing a Pearl Harbor survivor to be honored at the ceremony. A motion was made by Jim Draper and seconded by Leonore Hoak to reimburse Rob Welch \$50.00 for his purchase of the new Chapter wreath. A motion was also made by Frank Hoak and seconded by Jim Cullison to reimburse Rob \$43.58 for a new larger, bolder MOAA Chapter sign for posting. Both motions were passed by all in attendance.



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New Business

Public Relations: Rob Welch suggests that the Chapter look for a willing volunteer to work as a public relations liaison for 2013. Rob, as incoming President, would like to have a person to work on Chapter press releases to both newspaper and TV media. Anyone interested may contact Rob Welch at celticop@cox.net.

Funding the Scholarship Fund: Discussion on how to generate more revenue with the meeting raffle(s). Several new venues will be discussed at the January meeting.

2012 Communications Awards: February 1, 2013 is the deadline to apply. The Chapter will be submitting our website, newsletter and recruiting brochure for consideration. Last year we were awarded first place in all 3 categories.

Member's Spotlight: No speaker until January 2013

Expense Reimbursement: A request was made by incoming President Rob Welch for reimbursement of the \$55.00 spent on 4 sets of glasses used to gift Chapter Guest Speakers. Motion to pay reimbursement made by Jim Draper and seconded by Ron Perkins. Motion was passed by all in attendance.

Reimbursement of \$132.75 was made to Leonore Hoak for her purchase of Thanksgiving cards and postage for mailings to Chapter Auxiliary members in November.

Good of the Order

2012 Hall of Fame: Ron Perkins has been inducted into the Hall of Fame

Scholarship Golf Tournament: Starfire Golf Club has sent the 2013 contract for the Chapter's annual golf tournament to be held in April.

Greeters: December – Frank & Leonore Hoak January – Jim & Judy Draper

Adjournment: 1230 Hours

Respectfully submitted,
Leonore K. Hoak
Secretary

Summary: All motions to pay requested funds were approved and passed by all Board Members in attendance.