



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
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Minutes of the October 3, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting
North Mountain Visitor's Center, 12950 N. 7th St, Phoenix AZ

Call to Order: President Rob Welch called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, October 3, 2013 at the North Mountain Visitor's Center, 12950 N. 7th St, Phoenix AZ with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Nancy Burt, Jim Cullison, Jim Draper, Rance Farrell, Dave Fleming, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Lee Lange, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher, Rob Welch

President's Announcements:

- Chapter member Ron Perkins was elected as VP of AVHOF
- Chapter members Ron Green & Gene Rafanelli are 2013 inductees to AVHOF (those attending please email Rob ASAP so he can reserve a MOAA table)
- State Fair Volunteers are needed – email Rob if you are volunteering
- Revised 2014 Slate of Officers will be presented by Frank Hoak

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report: Reading of last month's minutes waived

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reports the current figures to be General Fund \$9,974.44; Scholarship Fund \$13,409.01; General Fund \$100.00 for a Grand Total of \$23,483.45. A motion was made by John Ady and seconded by Jim Draper to accept report.

Membership: Dave Fleming reports there are currently a total of 222 Chapter members with 184 Regular Members and 38 Auxiliary Members. There should 3 or 4 new members attending the October picnic meeting. The National MOAA funds for \$500.00 for retention of members will be applied to the October meeting. Currently all 8 MOAA Chapters in AZ have won 5 Star Excellence Awards from National; hoping the new Flagstaff Chapter make it 9 in 2014! There is a possible new satellite Chapter starting in Bull Head City.

Arrangements: Arlene Day reports that we are set for the October 19 BBQ at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park. Food has been ordered from Famous Dave's BBQ Restaurant – a final count will need to be called in Weds, October 16. Music will be presented by Dave Karl – a check will be required for his entertainment fee. Any members who come a bit early and assist with set up will be greatly appreciated!

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt reports that notes will be sent to all auxiliary members in November with words of thanks and an invitation to the December Christmas Meeting.

Chaplain: The position is still vacant



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Council of Chapters: Ron Perkins advised that there will be a meeting at Luke AFB on October 11. The guest speaker will be Dr. Alexander White, a holocaust survivor and member of Shindler's List. Dr White will also speak at the November 9 AZ Chapter Meeting.

ESGR: Chuck Schluter reports that he has failed in his attempts to contact ESGR's Butch Wise regarding the agenda for our November presentations. It appears that due to the current budget crisis, Butch has been furloughed and the ESGR office closed. Alternate arrangements (as needed) for the November meeting are being considered; possible expansion of the Spotlight Speaker presentation and the Meritorious Service Awards.

Historian: Jim Cullison has no report for this month

JROTC Awards: Terry Tassin reports that he is updating our JROTC instructor lists from the high schools. He has also contacted National MOAA regarding our usual quota of 17 award packets; requests cannot be filled until the end of the year so Terry will resubmit at that time

JROTC Scholarship Fund: Rob Welch has no report at this time

Legislative Affairs – Federal: Gary Fredricks has no report at this time; see the October *Sentinel* for his latest report.

Legislative Affairs – State: Corey Harris has no report at this time

MSVA/MANA House Liaison: Ron Green reports that this year to date he has delivered 760 cases of water for our local veterans and his fund is once again depleted. In September Ron was given a \$14.00 donation from his American Legion Chapter and \$87.00 from his Daedalians Chapter. Ron has also written an article for *The Sentinel* requesting clothing donations for MANA House.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison continues to work on our award winning newsletter. In the fall Ed Balaban will be on board as the new Editor of *The Sentinel*.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway has no report this month. Dan has advised President Rob Welch that he is retiring from his position effective December 31, 2013. Anyone interested in assisting with Personal Affairs for our Chapter should contact 1st Vice President Jim Cullison.

Programs: John Ady reports the January speaker will be a Retired Captain from the USS Ronald Reagan; February's will be motivational speaker Air Force Captain George Burke, only survivor of 14 from a military plane crash. Additional speakers are in the works.

Public Affairs: Mark Day has no report this month

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak reports that John Ady will be the speaker at the November meeting; Ron Perkins will be the speaker at the January meeting; Lee Lange will be in the spotlight at the February meeting. There will be no speaker at the December Holiday Meeting.



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Frank requests that those wishing to volunteer as a Spotlight Speaker send him an email to request their preferred month's meeting (email: FHoak3@aol.com).

TOPS (Transition Center/Employment): Jim Draper has no report this month

Webmaster: Rob Welch has no report this month

OLD BUSINESS

- No reports at this time on By-Laws or selection of new badges/name plates
- Fall Personal Affairs Workshop has been cancelled due to lack of participants
- Playing Cards for Veterans – Jim Cullison has delivered cards to the State & US Veterans Home, the VA Medical Center and the USO at Sky Harbor Airport. Cards have been given for insertion in care packages for our active duty troops and Ron Green has delivered cards to the Veterans Outreach Center. There are 100 remaining decks awaiting dispersal – they have been labeled “*Compliments of AZ Chapter MOAA*”
- 2014 Board of Officers Slate Revision – President Rob Welch has withdrawn from the 2014 slate; the Nominating Committee recommendations have been revised as follows: Jim Cullison, President; Dave Fleming, 1st VP; Frank Hoak, 2nd VP; Leonore Hoak, Secretary; Bill Roscher, Treasurer; John Ady, Past President. The balance of the (original) slate remains in place
- Membership Dues – Bill Roscher reports that the insert in *The Sentinel* has been very effective; to date 10 members have sent in their renewal dues to take advantage of the “early bird special”. Bill requests that the insert be continued.
- Toy for Tots – Terry Tassin reiterated that we are again participating in the annual program. We will collect NEW, UNWRAPPED toys at both our November & December meetings; a special request was made for items for the 9 – 12 age group as they are often the most difficult to accommodate; PLEASE – no stuffed animals; your donations will be delivered to the USMC Reserve Center for their annual appeal. All members are encouraged to bring a donation for this worthy holiday tradition
- Rob Welch reports that our Treasurer will be writing a check for \$200.00 to sponsor a table at the JROTC Career Day conducted by AUSA (payment was authorized at the May BOD meeting). Jim Draper and Lee Lange have volunteered to attend the event.



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- Meritorious Service Awards – Jim Cullison presented the Committee recommendations for the 2013 MSA's; Nancy Burt for her service and support of our Auxiliary members; Arlene Day for her work as our new arrangements chair; John Ady for his many years of varied service to the Chapter; Leonore Hoak for her work as the Chapter Secretary. President Rob Welch has requested that JoAnn Roscher also be recognized for her continued work in support of the Chapter. A motion was made by Jim Cullison and seconded by Bill Roscher to accept the recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business for the month

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Rance Farrell announced the passing of Nancy Shaw, Park Shaw's wife of 67 years. A \$50.00 donation has been sent by the Chapter to the Scholarship Fund in her memory. Rob Welch will send an official card of condolence to Park. The memorial service for Nancy will be a private one for family only.
- Ron Perkins made note that on October 5 they are moving a gun from the USS ARIZONA and USS MISSOURI to their place at the State Capitol Memorial Park.
- MANA House needs our help with certain items; Cory Harris will provide a list of the specific items needed (ie towels, toiletries, clothes, etc) so our members may make a donation

October Meeting: October 19, 2013, McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 11Am – 2PM. This is our annual MOAA AZ Chapter Picnic; an informal way to have fun and stay connected to Chapter members. Please plan on joining in the festivities. Additional info is in *The Sentinel*.

Adjournment: 1142

Respectfully submitted,

Leonore Kenefic Hoak, Secretary