



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
Arizona's First Chapter



Minutes of the March 6, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting
Regional Training Institute, AZARNG, 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix AZ

Call to Order: President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, March 6, 2014.

Members Present: John Ady, Nancy Burt, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Rance Farrell, Dave Fleming, Gary Fredricks, Marie Fredricks, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Lee Lange, Rob Welch

President's Announcements:

- Lee Lange has agreed to become the new Chapter Personal Affairs Director
- The Chapter is still looking to fill both the Chaplain and Newsletter position
- Met with the AZ Recruiters Staff, representatives from several veteran's organizations, a staff member from Rep. Pastor's office and LTC Jennifer McAfee, commander of the recruiting battalion, who talked about how only 1 in 5 high school students are eligible for military service and the need for testing at the high school level for military aptitude

OFFICER'S & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Rance Farrell and passed by all present to waive the reading of last month's minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Marie Fredricks reports for Treasurer Bill Roscher that the General Fund has \$13,336.66; the Scholarship Fund has \$15,613.02 and Petty Cash \$100.00 for a grand total of \$29,049.68. Marie requests that due to the shortness of time between the two general meetings, an email alert be sent to all members with her phone contact information. The April general meeting will be on the second Saturday - April 12 – due to the Easter holiday.

Membership: Dave Fleming reports a current membership total of 235; 195 regular members and 40 auxiliary members. Dave has requested the assistance of several Board members to contact the roster of members who have yet to renew their Chapter dues. The renewal deadline is March 31, 2014.

Arrangements: Arlene Day reports that both the March 15 and April 12 meetings are set.

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt has nothing new to report this month. She will contact the auxiliary members who have yet to renew their dues this month.

Council of Chapters: Gary Fredricks and Ron Perkins will attend the spring COC meeting in Sierra Vista, May 15 – 17. This meeting conflicts with the Chapter's May meeting and Scholarship Awards event.

ESGR: Chuck Schluter reports that at this time he is scheduled to have the awards presented at the April 12 general meeting.



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JROTC Awards: Terry Tassin reports that he still needs presenters at four high schools.

JROTC Scholarship Fund: Rob Welch reports that the Chapter has received one scholarship application to date; more are expected prior to the March 25 deadline.

Legislative Affairs – Federal: Gary Fredricks is preparing for this year's Storming the Hill in DC. The focus will be on the President's budget requests and to a) sustain military pay increases for 2015 b) address the DOD Tricare fee hikes and c) eliminate the catastrophic sequestration. Gary's monthly in depth report is posted online and in *The Sentinel*.

MSVA/MANA HOUSE Liaison: Ron Green is out making his rounds getting water for area homeless vets and collecting much needed towels, sheets and toiletries.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison is still seeking a person willing to work on our monthly (award winning) newsletter *The Sentinel*. Please contact Jim if interested.

Personal Affairs: Lee Lange has come onboard as the new personal affairs officer; he has met with Dan Conway to discuss issues and will report at next month's meeting.

Programs: John Ady reports that the March 15 luncheon speaker, Pete Palmer, BG USA, Ret. is set. The April 12 meeting will be the ESGR awards and the May 17 meeting will be the annual Scholarship Awards – there will be no speakers at either luncheon. John has Gary Fredricks tentatively scheduled as the September speaker; Gary will report on national MOAA issues.

Public Affairs: Mark Day has no report this month

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak reports that Lee Lange will be the March speaker; Chuck Schluter will be the April speaker; no speaker at the May Awards luncheon; at the moment the September meeting has Gary Fredricks scheduled but it may need to be revised. Please contact Frank if interested in sharing one of your military experiences.

Transition Liaison: Jim Draper has no report this month

Webmaster: Rob Welch has nothing specific to report this month; Rob is constantly revising and updating the Chapter's website.

OLD BUSINESS

- By-Laws – A committee of members Lee Lange, Dave Fleming and Chair, John Ady will meet over the summer to review the current by-laws. Rob Welch will email his ideas and thoughts to the committee for their review and consideration.
- 2014 Golf Tournament – May 1, Thursday will be the date of this year's scholarship golf tournament at Rio Verde Country Club. Please contact Pat Dale for additional info or to volunteer your services. We ask that all Chapter members support this event; it is our major fund raising event for the year.
- D-Backs Baseball Game, July 20 – Jim will send a message of support to the Superstition Chapter; we will await their further directives



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NEW BUSINESS

- May BOD Meeting – because of the conflict with the Golf Tournament, the May Board meeting will be on Friday, May 2, 10am, AZARNG, Regional Training Institute
- Member Renewals – Dave Fleming is working on getting Board members to contact the remaining Chapter members who have not yet renewed their dues
- Levels of Excellence – the Chapter submissions need to be sent prior to June 1
- Veterans Hall of Fame – A motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Lee Lange and passed by all present to nominate Chapter member Dan Conway. Dan is an active volunteer within the veteran community, MOAA and community outreach programs. A motion was also made by John Ady to talk to Chapter member Dr Paul Schnur for entry as a possible second nominee
- Luncheon Speaker Gifts – Frank Hoak will research and report at next month's Board meeting options for upgrading the current gifts
- Donations – A motion was made by Rob Welch, seconded by John Ady and passed by all present to continue the Chapter's yearly donations of \$250.00 to support the AUSA annual golf tournament fund raiser and \$250.00 to send a student to the MOWW youth camp

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Jim Cullison has received information from Admiral Symonds about his golf therapy program for returning combat veterans. Jim will distribute the information to members.
- Rance Farrell will be sending Jim the Chapter's invitation for the March 22 MOWW luncheon for distribution. Rance's son Thorsten will be the guest speaker; he is a member of the AZ Border Patrol working out of the Casa Grande office
- Dave Fleming will send a draft letter to Jim for his review and distribution in a last effort to get additional membership renewals prior to the March 31 deadline

Adjournment: 1155 hours