



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



Minutes of the October 2, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting
Regional Training Institute, AZARNG, 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix AZ

Call to Order: Chapter President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1030hours, Thursday, October 2, 2014 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Jim Draper, Dave Fleming, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Lee Lange, Ron Perkins, Rob Welch

President's Announcements:

- 2015 Golf Tournament – Pat Dale has set the date for April 23rd at the Stone Creek Golf Course in Scottsdale
- MOAA Annual Meeting – Jim & Beth Cullison will attend this year's meeting in Arlington VA, October 26 and 27. A motion was made by Frank Hoak to pay the travel expenses of the Chapter President and his spouse, seconded by John Ady and passed by all present
- Veterans Hall of Fame Induction will take place on October 24 – please consider attending. Cost of the luncheon is \$60.00. This year we have 2 of our Chapter members being inducted – Dan Conway and Dr Paul Schnur

OFFICER'S & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Beth Cullison, seconded by John Ady and passed by all present to waive reading the September 2014 minutes

Treasurer's Report: Marie Fredricks provided the current figures: General Fund \$9,244.24, Scholarship Fund \$17,192.11, Change Fund \$100.00 for a total of \$26,536.35

Membership: Dave Fleming reports a total of 190 Chapter Members; 157 Regular and 33 Auxiliary. There are 3 new members since our last meeting primarily due to our October picnic promotion. We have again received monetary assistance from USAA to help promote our drive to attract new members

Arrangements: Arlene Day confirms that all arrangements for the October picnic have been set

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt has nothing to report this month

Council of Chapters: Ron Perkins reports that all Chapter Presidents will be attending the upcoming annual MOAA meeting in DC; special note should be taken that all AZ Chapters have been awarded a 5 Star Level of Excellence. The semi-annual COC meeting will be in Flagstaff on November 13-14, 2014; Jim Cullison and Ron Perkins plan on attending. There is an unfortunate conflict with the memorial service for Rance Farrell but numerous members of the Chapter will be in attendance

ESGR: Chuck Schluter has no report this month. The Chapter is in discussion with Chuck and Butch about a possible revision to the April ESGR Award program



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JROTC Scholarship Fund: Rob Welch has no report this month

Legislative Affairs: Gary Fredricks is unable to attend this BOD meeting this month, his report is in the Legislative Affairs section of *The Sentinel*

MSVA/MANA House Liaison: Ron Green is travelling for the month of October and has no formal report; the water supply for veterans was fully stocked prior to his departure

Newsletter: After a rocky start, this month's newsletter has been finalized and sent to the members. Jim is working on an old version of Publisher and the system has finally given up. A motion was made by Dave Fleming, seconded by John Ady and passed by all present for the Chapter to fund (up to \$500.00) a new version of Office Suite/Publisher to allow Jim to continue with his great work on *The Sentinel*

Personal Affairs: Lee Lange wants to set up a small Personal Affairs Committee. He will talk to Nancy Burt to ask if she will consider being on the committee to help with Auxiliary issues; when the Chapter is able to fill its Chaplain position, they would also be asked to be on the committee

Programs: John Ady reports on his upcoming line-up of guest speakers; October 2014 – picnic, informal setting with no speaker; November 2014 – Luke AFB has finally confirmed that a representative will attend and speak on the base's support of the new F-35's; December 2014 – Christmas Program, no guest speaker; January 2015 – Captain Dave Price, Commanding Officer of the ASU NROTC Program; February 2015 – Pending; March 2015 – Dr Connie Mariano, Rear Admiral (Ret), former White House Doctor for 3 Presidents

Public Affairs: Mark Day has spoken to Mark Field at AZ Veteran Magazine about the Chapter ad in the upcoming edition; they will be meeting to discuss the layout and other specifics

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak reports on his current list of speakers; October/no speaker at picnic; November – Dr Paul Schnur; December – no speaker at Christmas Party; January – Marie Fredricks; February – Charlie Bitner, incoming Chapter Treasurer; March – no speaker in deference to guest speaker Dr Mariano. Frank is actively looking for more members to share some of their military experiences with us, please contact him at FHoak3@aol.com to volunteer

Transition Liaison (Jobs): Jim Draper has nothing new to report

Webmaster: Rob Welch asks that we remember to send him all informational flyers and forms so he can post them on the Chapter website to keep members updated

OLD BUSINESS

- **MSA Committee Report** – Jim Draper reports that the committee will meet and report at the November BOD meeting
- **Recommendations for Life/Honorary Membership** – Dave Fleming met with Lee Lange and Ron Perkins to discuss changing the by-laws to allow the Chapter to grant Life/Honorary membership status to certain members. It is their consensus that national



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MOAA by-laws are quite clear on the definition of honorary membership and they are not in favor of changing the AZ Chapter's by-laws. They did suggest that the Board consider offering a sponsorship, by a Board member, on a case by case basis. After proper vetting of the Chapter member by the Board member shows his/her desire to remain involved in Chapter activity, the Board member may request a vote of the BOD to offer sponsorship. A copy of the Sponsorship document will be added to the Chapter's Operating Manual.

- **Chapter Donation** – Frank Hoak has requested that the Chapter look for new ways to actively support military members, their families and veterans. Anyone with new ideas please contact either Frank at FHoak2@aol.com or Jim Cullison at cullison30@q.com

NEW BUSINESS

- **Auxiliary Christmas Luncheon Invitation** – a motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Lee Lange and passed by all present to continue to invite all auxiliary members to be our guests at the Chapter's Christmas Luncheon
- **Auxiliary Thanksgiving Cards** – a motion was made by Dave Fleming, seconded by Beth Cullison and passed by all present to purchase cards to send to our auxiliary members. Leonore Hoak will research and purchase the cards to have them ready for mailing in early November
- **December Luncheon** – we will continue with the tradition of having BOD members supply the gifts for the holiday auction
- **October Greeters** – Lee & Janet Lange; Lee would like to have a member of each service meet and offer a special welcome to new members/attendees; Rob Welch/Army, Ron Perkins/AF, Jim Draper/Navy have offered their services

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- **Raffle Feedback** – Beth Cullison has asked if any members have mentioned pro/con of having less but larger raffle denominations
- **AZ Fairgrounds** – if anyone has/will sign up to work the AZ State Fair to benefit the StandDown please advise Jim Cullison so he can track the hours/payments
- **Ft Tuthill Recreation Area** – research the possibility of using the facility for a Chapter "get away" next summer
- **Amazon** – in past years Amazon has offered non-profit groups the opportunity to make money for their organizations by signing up to wrap Christmas presents at the Amazon warehouse in metro Phoenix. The "salary" of the wrappers is donated by Amazon to their designated organization. We are currently looking into the possibility of getting the Chapter involved during this year's holiday season. Check the November minutes for news and volunteer options

Adjournment: A motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Jin Draper and passed by all present to adjourn at 1200 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Leonore Hoak, Secretary