



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

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Minutes of the September 4, 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, September 4, 2014 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Charlie Bitner, Nancy Burt, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Jim Draper, Dave Fleming, Ron Green, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher, Rob Welch

President's Announcements:

- Veterans Hall of Fame – Chapter members Dan Conway & Paul Schnur will be inducted at the October 24 Luncheon
- 5 Star Level of Excellence – our Chapter has again been chosen for the 5 Star Award by National MOAA. This year all 9 AZ Chapters have received a 5 Star Level of Excellence Award
- MOWW Massing of the Colors – this year's remembrance for our fallen warriors will be on September 14, a JROTC student will carry our Chapter flag
- Rance Farrell Tributes – a notice from Susan Farrell and family has been sent out detailing the November 14 remembrance ceremony for Rance and the November 15 Golf Tournament at Luke AFB. The Chapter General Meeting in September will honor Rance with a short bio and toast; a \$50.00 donation from the Chapter to the Scholarship Fund has been made; the BOD may address other options at the October meeting

OFFICER'S & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Dave Fleming, seconded by Ron Green and passed by all present to waive reading the May 2014 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reports that the General Fund currently has \$12,444.16; the Scholarship Fund has a current total of \$14,162.11; Change Fund has \$100.00 for a Grand Total of \$26706.27. A motion was made by Bill Roscher, seconded by Jim Draper and passed by all present to move \$2500.00 from the General Fund to the Scholarship Fund and to accept the months report

Membership: Dave Fleming reports a current membership total of 187; 154 regular/33 auxiliary. This is an updated membership roster, slightly down from 2013. We will again be offering the early sign up/dues payment discount of 10% for members paying their dues by the end of December 2014. The early sign up remittance form will be included with the October *Sentinel*

Arrangements: Arlene Day reports that the September general meeting is set and that the October Picnic at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park is being finalized with both catering and entertainment

Auxiliary & Wives: For the first time an auxiliary member has been elected to serve a 6 year term on the National MOAA Board. Nancy Burt does periodic check- ins with auxiliary members. As we get underway with the fall schedule, Nancy will try for more auxiliary input/involvement.



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Council of Chapters: Ron Perkins reports that the upcoming COC meeting is in Flagstaff, November 13 and 14; an unfortunate conflict with the remembrance service for Rance Farrell. In November of 2015 our Chapter will host the COC meeting. A motion was made by Dave Fleming, seconded by Leonore Hoak and passed by all present to invite a speaker from National MOAA to address the November 2015 Chapter meeting – perhaps as a Spotlight Speaker – to keep members up-to-date with National's priorities and long range goals.

ESGR: Chuck Schluter has no report this month

JROTC AWARDS: Terry Tassin has nothing to report this month; her will be ready to gear up after the first of the year

JROTC SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Rob Welch reports \$250.00 in the scholarship fund from the sale of the new, improved AZ Chapter MOAA shirts

Legislative Affairs: The September *Sentinel* has Gary Fredricks latest updates and news

MSVA/MANA House Liaison: Ron Green reports that he has received a better response for assistance this year. He continues to pick up and deliver water for local veterans along with donations of towels, toiletries and clothing. His Lutheran Church donated backpacks filled with supplies for area homeless vets

Newsletter: Jim Cullison is still looking for a volunteer to take over his duties as Editor of *The Sentinel*, please email Jim if you are interested in getting involved

Personal Affairs: Lee Lange met with Susan Farrell to go over her military benefits; Susan has advised that she will continue as an auxiliary member

Programs: John Ady reports that Gary Fredricks will be the September Chapter meeting speaker to update members on MOAA business; there will be no speaker at the October picnic; he is still working with Luke AFB on getting a representative to discuss the new F-35's; December will be the Chapter Christmas Party with no speaker. He will be working on a new list of possibilities for the 2015 schedule

Public Affairs: Mark Day has nothing to report

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak reports there will be no Spotlights at the September, October or December meetings; Dr Paul Schnur has agreed to be in the Spotlight at the November meeting, Marie Fredricks at the January meeting and Charlie Bitner at the February meeting. We need volunteers to step up and share some of their military experiences, please email Frank Hoak if you would like to participate

Transition Liaison: Jim Draper has nothing to report this month

Webmaster: Rob Welch reports that the Chapter website has been updated and is current



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OLD BUSINESS

- **By-Laws** – There is currently no report
- **Honorary/Life Membership** – Ron Perkins, Lee Lange and Dave Fleming will meet to look at MOAA official guidelines and report at the October BOD meeting
- **Fund Raising Initiatives** – Beth Cullison, John Ady & Rob Welch met to discuss possible new fundraising ideas for the scholarship fund. The idea of selling raffle tickets for an enhanced 50/50 cash drawing showed the most promise; a motion was made by Bill Roscher, seconded by Leonore Hoak and passed by all present to proceed with the 50/50 raffle. Beth, John & Rob will meet for additional discussion.

New Business

- **Officer Nominations for 2015** – the list of the 2015 Board Slate was presented by Frank Hoak; a motion was made by Bill Roscher, seconded by Beth Cullison and passed by all present to accept the Officer nominations
- **MSA Nominations** – a committee of Jim Draper, Frank Hoak and Marie Fredricks will meet to discuss and offer 3 nominees
- **Pearl Harbor Day Observance** – the Chapter is registered to again take part in the Sunday, December 7th ceremonies. Jim Draper & Frank Hoak will present the Chapter Wreath; Rob Welch will be representing the UAV. This is a memorable annual event
- **Chapter Donations** – the Board is looking at several ideas for new donations and will be discussing at upcoming BOD meetings. Rob Welch, UAV President, has asked the Chapter to assist him with covering a short-fall, from lack of prior sponsorship, for the 2014 AZ Hall of Fame presentations. A motion was made by Dave Fleming, seconded by Beth Cullison and passed by all present to present Rob with a Chapter donation of \$500.00 to assist with this worthy cause
- **Gifts** – Frank Hoak ordered the new guest speaker gifts from the national MOAA website; a magnifying paperweight was selected by the Board at the May meeting
- **September Greeters** – Nancy Burt and Leonore Hoak
- **Other Business** – a motion was made by Dave Fleming, seconded by Leonore Hoak and passed by all present to give Pat Dale a gift of wine/liquor as special thanks for his hard work at the Chapter's golf tournament in May and to give Gary Fredricks a dinner gift card for his years of hard work as a member of the National MOAA Board of Directors

Good of the Order

- Ron Perkins would like to congratulate the Chapter on its 2014 5 Star Level of Excellence Awards and to compliment Jim Cullison on his excellent September newsletter
- Lee Lange and Dick Jonas will be guests on a Payson radio talk show discussing MOAA and the possibility/interest in opening a (new) satellite chapter in the area

Adjournment: a motion was made by Beth Cullison, seconded by Jim Draper and passed by all present to adjourn at 1225 hours