



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
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Minutes of the February 5, 2015 AZ MOAA Chapter Board of Directors Meeting
Regional Training Institute, AZARNG, 5636 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix AZ

Call to Order: Chapter President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, February 5, 2015 with the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Jim Cullison, Beth Cullison, Arlene Day, Dave Fleming, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Rob Welch

President's Announcements:

- ❖ Communication Awards - submission has been done
- ❖ StandDown for Homeless Veterans – reminder that this year's program is the weekend of February 12 – 14; please let Jim Cullison know if you'll be volunteering
- ❖ Patriotic Gala – March 21 at Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale; sign up prior to February 16th and the ticket cost is \$55.00pp – a savings of \$10.00
- ❖ Levels of Excellence – June 1 is the deadline; Jim will start working on this year's submissions

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Beth Cullison, seconded by Leonore Hoak and passed by all present to waive reading the January 2015 minutes

Treasurer's Report: Jim Cullison reports for Charlie Bitner; we have a grand total of \$27,034.51 – the general fund has at \$8,555.09, the scholarship fund has \$18,379.42 and petty cash has \$100.00

Membership: Dave Fleming reports total membership is currently 199; 167 regular/32 auxiliary. To date, 119 chapter members have renewed and paid their 2015 dues; 80 members remain unpaid. Dave is sending out reminder emails and a new notice will be posted on our website to encourage those who still have not renewed

Arrangements: Arlene Day reports that she has the menus set with McCormick Ranch through December 2015 at current rates; there will be an increase in 2016. There is an ongoing problem with members not signing up for the luncheon meetings by the deadline (Tuesday prior to Saturday meeting); there is a very limited number of seats available for those who do not respond and simply appear at the door; Arlene, Charlie and Jim will discuss options and revisit issue at the March BOD meeting

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt has no report this month

Council of Chapters: Ron Perkins reports that Arizona is doing well with its local MOAA chapters; there is a new satellite chapter in Marana from the Saddlebrook chapter, and the Superstition chapter reports they also have a request for a new satellite chapter in Casa Grande

ESGR: Chuck Schluter has no report this month

JROTC Scholarship Fund: Rob Welch reports that the scholarship letters have been sent out to 17 area schools; there has been no response to date; the deadline for applications is March 19. Rob recommends that the chapter extend the scholarship offer to local university/college ROTC students in 2016. Issue to be discussed at future meetings.



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JROTC Awards: Terry Tassin has contacted and heard from all but 4 of the 17 schools with the dates for their individual award nights; as always he needs volunteers to present the awards at each school. The awards have been ordered from National MOAA and should arrive shortly

Legislative Affairs: Gary Fredricks current report is in *The Sentinel*

MSVA/MANA House Liaison: Ron Green reports that he continues to deliver water, socks and toiletries

Newsletter: Jim Cullison reports *The Sentinel* is current and up-to-date

Personal Affairs: Lee Lange asks that members read his monthly article in *The Sentinel* to keep current

Programs: John Ady reports that former FLDS member Flora Jessop will be the guest speaker in February; RADM Connie Mariano MD is set as speaker on the second Saturday (March 14); Congressman Schweikert is unable to attend the April meeting but a military affairs speaker from his staff will attend

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak reports there will be no spotlight speakers at the February or March meetings; Mark Day is scheduled for April; Charlie Bitner is scheduled for May; new chapter member Janet Stultz will speak in September; no spotlights in October or December

Transition Liaison: Jim Draper has no report this month

Webmaster: Rob Welch reports our site is current and the February *Sentinel* has been uploaded

OLD BUSINESS

- ❖ Veterans Hall of Fame Nominations – we are still looking for nominees; Jim Cullison will talk to Bill Roscher and John Ady prior to the March 31 deadline
- ❖ Cars, Coffee & Donuts – offer is unavailable as a summer; we will pursue as a fall option
- ❖ Fundraising – several options are being discussed by the committee; a silent auction, a formal wine auction/dinner venue and the Sunday Brunch at Rusconi's in Scottsdale. A motion was made by Beth Cullison, seconded by Rob Welch and passed by all present to proceed with the brunch option on April 26. Beth will meet and formalize the date; Rusconi's will donate a generous 20% from chapter attendees
- ❖ Luncheon Meeting Dates – tabled for future discussion
- ❖ Property Storage – the chapter is currently looking for a storage option that will allow our flags, wreaths, hats, table decorations, etc to be kept together; more info is needed at this time
- ❖ Flag Disposal – John Ady will be in charge of the new service that will allow the chapter to collect old flags for proper disposal. A motion was made by Leonore Hoak, seconded by Dave Fleming and passed by all present to proceed. Specific information to follow

NEW BUSINESS

- ❖ Request for Donations – a request has been received from the National Memorial Ladies of Phoenix that we consider making (another) chapter donation; the NML attend the funerals of every veteran at the National Memorial Cemetery in Phoenix so that no veteran will ever be buried alone. A motion was made by Frank Hoak, seconded by Dave Fleming and passed by all present to send them a chapter donation of \$200.00
- ❖ CPR Training – Lee Lange will place a notice in *The Sentinel* to see if there is any interest



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- ❖ Summer Activity – A motion was made by Beth Cullison, seconded by Dave Fleming and passed by all present to proceed with getting group rate tickets for the August 8 Diamondback vs Cincinnati baseball game; this game will honor the retirement of Randy Johnson's number
- ❖ Liaison to Representative Gallegos – Dave Fleming will contact Lee Lange to see if he will be the local MOAA chapter liaison
- ❖ February Greeters – Dave & Wanda Fleming
- ❖ March Luncheon – remember that the date has been changed to the second Saturday in March (March 14) due to a schedule conflict at McCormick Ranch

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- ❖ Military Honor Walk – there is a walk on March 1, starting/ending at U S Airways Arena; Rob will check for more information to see if the chapter might be interested in joining in
- ❖ ASU Gammage Theatre – Leonore Hoak will check on dates/rates for a possible chapter outing

Adjournment: A motion was made by Beth Cullison, seconded by Leonore Hoak and passed by all present to adjourn at 1150 hours