



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



Minutes of the October 1, 2015 AZ MOAA Chapter Board of Directors Meeting
Regional Training Institute, AZARNG, 5636 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix, AZ

Call to Order: First Vice President Dave Fleming called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, October 1, 2015 with the Pledge of Allegiance; Dave is presiding in the absence of President Jim Cullison

Member's Present: John Ady, Charlie Bitner, Jim Draper, Dave Fleming, Lee Lange, Ron Perkins, Paul Schnur

OFFICER'S & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: The September Minutes have not yet been distributed; discussion will be waived until the November 5 meeting

Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$7,044.16, Scholarship Fund \$17,956.04, Petty Cash \$200.00 for a total of \$25,200.20. Charlie notes we have a revenue shortfall on a year to year basis of \$1563.00 which indicates more spending and less revenue, so this issue needs to be addressed going forward. There was some discussion of raising lunches to \$24. The board agreed it was in the Chapter's best interest to retain the \$22 per person fee

Membership: Dave Fleming reports there are currently 135 regular members and 28 auxiliary members for a grand total of 163

Arrangements: For the October picnic Charlie will need the final headcount one week in advance so Beth Cullison can co-ordinate with Famous Dave's catering. MOAA will send an email to all local members in our area that are not chapter members; we need to encourage members to "bring a buddy" who are eligible to join.

Legislative Affairs: Lee gave a thorough update on the Defense Authorization Bill and the Continuing Resolution which would fund the federal government through December 11th.

Personal Affairs: Lee briefly reviewed his article from the current newsletter and reminded everyone that MOAA has financial and retirement specialists who are a phone call away to assist members in these areas.

Programs: John Ady summarized all programming through January, 2016. We unfortunately lost the entertainer who was supposed to appear at the BBQ; he passed suddenly after a performance last week. John was able to find a very good replacement, Ted Newman who is an accomplished singer, guitar player and story teller. Ted is a former USA Major and helicopter pilot who lives in Gilbert.

Spotlight Speakers: Dave reports for Frank Hoak that we will have no spotlight speaker in either November or December. Gene Raffanelli will be the spotlight speaker in January.

Transition Liaison: Jim Draper has no information to report



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Chapter Meritorious Service Awards: Dave Fleming met with committee members Lee Lange and Leonore Hoak to recommend award nominations for chapter members Lee Lange, Charles Bitner, Frank Hoak and Dave Fleming. It was moved by John Ady, seconded by Jim Draper and passed by all present to accept the committees nominations

NEW BUSINESS

- The nominating committee of Lee Lange, Ron Bright and Dave Fleming presented the following recommendations for the new 2016 Board of Directors:

President: Dave Fleming

1st Vice President: Lee Lange

2nd Vice President: Ron Bright

Secretary: Paul Schnur

Treasurer: Charlie Bitner

Past President: Jim Cullison

Directors: Donna Bright, Beth Cullison, Jim Draper, Bruce Kosaveach, Janet Stultz

Committee Chairs: Dave Fleming/Membership; Bruce Kosaveach/Programs with Dave Fleming; Rob Welch/Scholarships; Terry Tassin/JROTC; Donna Bright/Arrangements; Lee Lange/Legislative & Personal Affairs

Special Committee Chairs: Susan Farrell/Auxiliary Liaison; Jim Draper/Transition Liaison; Ron Perkins/Council of Chapters; Mark Day/Public Affairs; Dave Fleming/Spotlight Speakers; Rob Welch/Webmaster; Chuck Schluter/ESGR; Ron Green/MSVA & MANA House Liaison; Jim Cullison/*The Sentinel* Newsletter

This slate of officers will be voted on at the November 5th board meeting.

Chapter Membership Dues: Charlie Bitner brought up the fact that if MOAA takes over the new credit card arrangement to collect our dues, there is a provision that MOAA can sell the database or provide it to their corporate members for commercial purposes. The board is concerned about this issue. Lee will discuss with Barry Wright and staff before a final board commitment

October Greeters: Volunteers are Dave & Wanda Fleming with Lee and Janet Lange; Chapter members who will greet and assist prospective new members are Paul Schnur (USA), Dave Fleming (USAF), Lee Lange (USMC) and Jim Draper (USN)

Adjournment: At 1135 hours John Ady made a motion to adjourn, it was seconded by Ron Perkins and passed by all present