



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

Arizona's First Chapter



Minutes of the September 3, 2015 AZ MOAA Chapter Board of Directors Meeting
Regional Training Institute, AZARNG, 5636 E. McDonald Road, Phoenix, AZ

Call to Order: Chapter President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, September 3, 2015 with the Pledge of Allegiance

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

OFFICERS & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Jim Draper and passed by all present to waive reading the May 2015 minutes

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Bitner reports a grand total of \$25,687.51 in the treasury; \$7787.36 in the general fund, \$17700.15 in the scholarship fund and \$200.00 in petty cash

Membership: Dave Fleming reports a current total of 162 members; 134 regular and 28 auxiliary. Dave and Charlie Bitner are currently looking in to the feasibility of using National MOAA's automated membership program to allow members to pay by credit and/or debit cards

Arrangements: Donna Bright reports that the Monthly meeting at McCormick Ranch is set

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt has no report this month. Leonore Hoak requests that the chapter consider sending out Thanksgiving cards and an invitation to a complimentary meal at the annual Christmas party to Auxiliary members again this year; a motion was made by Dave Fleming, seconded by John Ady and passed by all present to proceed. Leonore will order the cards from Cards for Causes and have them ready for mailing in November

Council of Chapters: Ron Perkins reports that summer has been dark for all local chapters. The COC current focus is to promote MOAA and recruit new members; the October picnic is a great time to "bring a buddy" and acquire a new member. A blast email will be sent to members to promote

ESGR: Chuck Schluter has no report this month

ROTC Scholarships: Rob Welch requests that the chapter move the awards ceremony from May to April

Legislative Affairs: Lee Lange has his in depth report written in *The Sentinel*. Former chapter member and State Legislative Affairs reporter Corey Harris is now on staff for State Representative Ruben Gallego; Lee will work to set a meeting to discuss veterans affairs. The Arizona State Legislature has a caucus meeting set to discuss state veterans affairs

MSVA/MANA House Liaison: Ron Green has no report; he continues to acquire and deliver water to area veterans

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

Personal Affairs: Lee Lange has his monthly report and timely information in *The Sentinel*

Programs: John Ady has speakers set through January; no speakers at the October picnic or December Christmas luncheon



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Public Affairs: Mark Day has no report this month

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak has Janet Stulz in the September spotlight and Gene Raffanelli in the January spotlight; there are no spotlight speakers for the October, November or December meetings

Transition Liaison: Jim Draper has nothing to report this month

Webmaster: Rob Welch will put a link on our website with the annual membership renewal form

OLD BUSINESS

- Chapter Property Storage – a storage facility has been rented on Scottsdale Road
- Property Duty Roster: the duty roster for retrieving/returning the flags, tips, stands and table decorations required for the monthly meetings at McCormick Ranch has been posted by Dave Fleming – September/Jim Cullison, October/Dave Fleming, November/Jim Draper, December/Frank Hoak. The 2016 roster to follow
- Meritorious Service Awards – report will be posted next month

NEW BUSINESS

- BOD – Dave and Lee are working on the 2016 final slate, all positions have been filled with the exception of one Director, and Lee will ask Janet Stulz to accept the position. Officers will be ready for a November vote at the chapter general meeting
- U S Naval Sea Cadets/Veterans Pride Chapter – a motion was made by Rob Welch, seconded by Dave Fleming and passed by all present to donate \$500.00 to the cadets for their service; the cadets are trying to raise funds to allow them to be at the 75th Anniversary Ceremony at Pearl Harbor Hawaii in December 2016
- UAV/AZ Veterans Hall of Fame – Two of our Chapter members, John Ady and Bill Roscher, are being inducted this year. Rob Welch has requested that we again donate to show our chapter support; a motion was made by Frank Hoak, seconded by Dave Fleming and passed by all present to make a \$250.00 donation
- October Picnic – Beth Cullison and John Ady are working on final plans for the annual event; catering will be by Famous Dave's and entertainment has been confirmed; John was (again) able to secure the date at the McCormick-Stillman RR Park in Scottsdale
- Dues Renewal – Dave Fleming and Charlie Bitner are working on several options to make the renewal process easier for members
- 2016 McCormick Ranch Luncheon – the contract rate has been increased to \$22.00pp for the 2016 season. A motion was made by Dave Fleming, seconded by Frank Hoak and passed by all present to delay a membership price increase and retain the current membership rate of \$22.00
- September Greeters – Sharon & John Ady
- Call for New Business – Frank Hoak invites all chapter members to join in an evening of fun and attend the 240th Navy Ball on October 10

Good of the Order

- Dave Fleming will be on board to run the Chapter BOD meeting on October 1 for traveling President Jim Cullison

Adjournment: 1200