



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

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Minutes of the January 7, 2016 AZ MOAA Chapter 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 1030 hours, Thursday, January 7, 2016 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Member's Present: John Ady, Donna and Ron Bright, Charlie Bitner, Jim Cullison, Jim Draper, Dave Fleming, Frank & Leonore Hoak, Bruce Kosaveach, Lee Lange, Ron Perkins, Paul Schnur, Rob Welch

President's Announcements:

- Dr Edward Waldmann, a longtime Chapter member, passed away December 14, 2015 after a lengthy illness
- This year's Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame nominations are due March 31
- The 2016 Board of Directors will be sworn in at the General Membership meeting on January 23

OFFICER'S & COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Bitner reports \$7224.31 in the general fund, \$19234.45 in the scholarship fund and \$200.00 in petty cash for a total of \$26658.76. The final accounting for the 2015 year has been turned over to Ron Perkins for review. Charlie's recap shows a match between his Quicken accounting and the Wells Fargo year end bank statement; for future consideration is the net loss of \$198.60 from calendar year 2014 to 2015. Charlie suggests caution be used with the decline in the general fund coffers; possibly consider a 2016 fund raiser of sorts to increase the fund. Incoming President Dave Fleming will be added as signatory to the Wells Fargo account

Membership: Dave Fleming reports a total of 173 members; 145 regular members and 28 Surviving Spouses. This is an increase of 3 members. As of December 31, 2015 there has been approximately 53% Chapter dues renewals, about in line with the December 2014 renewals

Arrangements: Donna Bright has January luncheon arrangements set with McCormick Ranch

Surviving Spouses: Susan Farrell has nothing to report at this time

AZ Council of Chapters: Ron Perkins reports that Steve Abel, COC Vice President has resigned due to health reasons; Dick Jonas has agreed to become interim VP. The AZ Chapter has sent in its roster to the COC and will receive \$50.00 for its timely efforts

ESGR: Actions are still pending

ROTC SCHOLARSHIPS: Rob Welch has no current news to report; he should have something by next month re the pending ASU ROTC program and revision of respective OI

JROTC SCHOLARSHIP MEDALS: Terry Tassin will begin getting the 2016 program set up

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Lee Lange says the main budget issue to watch this year is health care reform and the heavy hit pending for retiree user fees at Tricare; see Lee's in depth report in January's *The Sentinel*. Lee will address several pending state legislative issues next month



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MSVA/MANA HOUSE: Ron Green has sent his year end accounting to Jim Cullison; Ron continues to solicit water, monetary donations and personal items for area homeless veterans

NEWSLETTER: Jim Cullison has *The Sentinel* current and posted on the Chapter website

PERSONAL AFFAIRS: Lee Lange warns members to beware of tax scams at this time of year; see *The Sentinel* for this month's informative, helpful news

PROGRAMS: John Ady has the January meeting confirmed with guest speaker Col. Wanda Wright, USAF (Ret). Incoming Director Bruce Kosaveach has assumed the reins and has several new and exciting speakers in the works.

SPOTLIGHT SPEAKERS: Dave Fleming currently has Gene Rafanelli/January, Ron Bright/February and Bruce Kosaveach/March set to speak

TRANSITION (JOB) LIAISON: Jim Draper has nothing to report

WEBMASTER: Rob Welch is working on our site; adding several new links and updating current data. He will be finished his updates before months end and will be ready to apply for this year's 5 Star Level of Excellence Award

OLD BUSINESS

- Electronic Dues Payments – Charlie Bitner and Dave Fleming are still investigating options
- Speaker Gifts – there are 2 gifts that remain; MOAA National is in the process of updating their gift offerings and might be considered for future items

NEW BUSINESS

- Council of Chapter dues of \$151.00 have been paid
- 2016 Scholarship Golf Tournament – Pat Dale has a pending date of April 21 at StoneCreek Golf Course, save the date, more to follow
- Meal Reservation Policy – Dave Fleming has written a new “change of policy notice” to include with each months *Sentinel* to try to get attendees to commit and pay by the monthly deadline as requested; this in an effort to reduce the number of no-shows as well as members who sign in with no advance reservations
- January Greeters – The Lange's and the Ady's

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- John Ady has offered to get the permit for this year's picnic at McCormick Ranch in May
- Leonore and Frank Hoak say their goodbye's and thank the Board for all their wisdom and help the last three years

Adjournment: 1157 hours