



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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Thursday, October 6, 2016

Home of Charlie Bitner, treasurer, 134 E. Northview Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85020

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: President Lee Lange called the meeting to order at 10:34 am at the home of Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020. President Lange led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Lee Lange, Paul Schnur, Donna and Ron Bright, Charlie Bitner, Jim and Beth Cullison, Bruce Kosaveach, Jim Draper, Ron Perkins, Janet Stultz and Rob Welch.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President's Announcements: President Lange announced that the next fundraiser will be a wine tasting/silent auction and will be held November 12, 2016. It will be discussed later in the meeting.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last meeting were circulated to the Board Members by Secretary Schnur. A motion was made and seconded that we dispense of reading the minutes. This motion passed unanimously and a motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as published. This motion also passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Charlie Bitner reported that we presently have \$7,304.62 in the general fund, \$19,181.00 in the Scholarship Fund, \$200.00 in petty cash for a Grand Total of \$26,685.62.

Charlie Bitner demonstrated the MOAA Online Dues Renewal Initiative. The one problem is that we cannot give discounts for early payment of dues. A motion was made and seconded that we accept the use of this Initiative beginning January 1, 2017 and discontinue giving discounts for early dues payment. The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Bitner also presented a devise called The Square for use on a cell phone to accept credit cards for payments at meetings. This will be investigated in detail and presented at a later meeting.

The Board was also briefed on the roster update process.

SPECIAL REPORTS;

Ron Perkins discussed the upcoming meeting of the Arizona Council of Chapters November 14, 2016. Lee Lange will attend and anyone else who would like may attend. Wanda Wright is the guest speaker. She will talk on the services of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services. Lee is treasurer of this organization.



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Lee Lange commented on the Symposium held in Las Vegas. Three members of our chapter attended. This is the last Symposium that MOAA will sponsor in this format. This is being phased out because of costs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Lee Lange reported that we currently have 123 regular members and 24 surviving spouses for a total of 147. This is an increase from 134 in April.

Programs: Programs Chairman Bruce Kosaveach reported that the November program will be on the Unknown Soldier. The December meeting will be the Christmas party and change of command ceremony. In January the program will be the one that was cancelled on the Scottsdale Police Departments 9-1-1 call center.

Scholarships: Chairman Rob Welch reported that the new chairman will take over January 1, 2017. John Shaw will be the new chairman and he is ready to go. Rob will review the activities of the committee with him.

The next scholarship fund raising event will be the wine tasting event in November. The Fundraising Committee is working this event. It will be held at the home of Jon Shawl and will include wine tasting, food and a silent auction. Committee member Beth Cullison is requesting Board members consider providing food and items for the auction and also encouraging them to purchase tickets to the event.

Arrangements: Donna Bright reported that she met with the chef at the McCormick Ranch Golf club. They finalized the menu for the next year and made some changes. Donna thinks that the members will like the changes in the menu. They will also provide us a wireless mike for the meeting. We have a new large movie screen for our meetings.

Signup sheets were passed out for people to help in the October picnic.

Legislative Affairs: President Lee Lange's article in the last Sentinel News Letter covers the legislative affairs in great detail and will not be repeated here. The state issue is the taxation for incomes from military pensions and surviving spouses. Attempts are being made to increase the amount of tax exempt income for these veterans and spouses.

There will be a meeting with Sen. John McCain on October 13 and a number of our members will be present.

Personal Affairs: Lee Lange reported that hearing aids are available at DOD a very reasonable price at selected facilities that provides these devices. There is no military



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base in Arizona that deals in hearing aids so someone interested would have to find a military facility that provides these devices. A list of bases that does this work can be found online.

Surviving Spouses – Susan Farrell was not present but it was reported that Thanksgiving cards will be sent out to the 24 spouses and they will be invited to the Christmas luncheon.

Transition Liaison Jobs – Jim Draper

No report

Newsletter –

No report

Spotlight Speakers – On temporary hold for now.

Webmaster – Rob Welch reported on the website. It is 95% up to date. The scholarships and the last AVHOF need to be updated and will be.

JROTC Program - Lee announce that in the future the national MOAA office will no longer pay for the medals and the chapter will have to pay for them.

MSVA/MANA House Liaison – Ron Green continues to collect water for homeless veterans.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOAA Chapter Symposium Update – Report given in Special Reports.

Meritorious Service Awards – They can be given to 5% of the membership. The committee met and recommended that awards be given to Lee Lange, Charlie Bitner, Bruce Kosaveach, Donna Bright, Janet Stultz, Paul Schnur and Ron Green. These awards will be presented at the next meeting. A motion was made and seconded that these people be given the awards and it passed unanimously.

Nominating Committee for 2017, Ron Bright Chairman –The Committee nominates Lee Lange as President, Paul Schnur as Secretary, Charlie Bitner as Treasurer and Jim Cullison as Immediate Past President. Ron Bright is nominated for 1st Vice President and Dave Price as 2nd Vice President. The remainder of the nominations are contained in an attached document. A motion was made and seconded to accept the nominations of the Nominating Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

In addition, we need to identify someone to take over the newsletter from Jim Cullison.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Chapter Recruiting. Lee Lange reported that membership is up 10%. They solicited the members that did not renew last year and got half of them to rejoin. They sent out a mailing to recent life members to invite them to the October picnic. Several have accepted the invitation. After the October picnic, they are going to work on all the Life Members.

Fundraising Committee Update – This was discussed under the scholarship section.

Meeting Greeters – For the picnic, Lee Lange recruited greeters from each branch of the service to talk to guests from that branch of the military at the picnic.

Other New Business - None

Next Chapter Meeting – The annual picnic October 15, 2016

Adjournment: At 12:20 a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed. Next meeting of the Board will be November 3, 2016

Respectively submitted, Paul L. Schnur, MD, Secretary

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Final Minutes sent to the BOD

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