



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Thursday January 5, 2017

Regional Training Institute, AZARNG, 5636 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: President Lee Lange called the meeting to order at 10:30 am at the Regional Training Institute, 5636 E. McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ 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, Dave Price and Janet Stultz

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

We now have a 2017 Management plan and a duty roster. Copies sent to Board members. Lee recently attended the memorial service of one of our members, Dick Weiss. An announcement was made that Kay Budzowski died recently. She was the wife of member Ben Budzowski.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

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 \$7,269.79 in the general fund, \$26,477.84 in the Scholarship Fund, \$200.00 in petty cash for a Grand Total of \$33,947.63.

SPECIAL REPORTS;

AZ Council of Chapters – Now that Ron Perkins has stepped down as President there is new leadership. The next meeting is in May in Northern Arizona. The Council is now taking on legislation to change fund for "Post 911 Vets". There is 5 million dollars in this fund and they are not able to use it all as there is a limited number of Veterans in this category. This fund cannot be changed so there are those who want to end tax credits to the fund and transfer the money to a similar fund run by ADVS. This will take an act of the State legislature.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: David Price reported that we currently have 135 regular members and 27 surviving spouses for a total of 162. We still have some people that came to the picnic



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that are interested. The trend is upward. The membership committee is still working on new members.

Programs:

The January program will be the previously cancelled program on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. For February, the program will be Brittney Henritze to talk on the Veterans Heritage Project. March will be a talk by U.S. Rep Schweikert. April is the Scholarship presentations and May is hopefully Jack Holder a Pearl Harbor survivor.

Scholarships: The transfer of the Chairmanship to Jon Shawl is almost complete and he will take over this month.

Arrangements: No report, remember the March lunch is in the Pavilion.

Legislative Affairs: President Lee reported that we now have a Defense Bill from Congress. The pay raise is the biggest in 10 years, Tri Care fees were kept in line and Tri Care for Life has been kept intact. This bill only is good to April 28th of this year so the new Congress is going to have to revisit this bill and pass one for 2018. The state exempting military pension funds for income taxes is still in the works and the outlook for progress is good.

Personal Affairs: Refer to newsletter article.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Surviving Spouses – Susan Farrell No report

Transition Liaison Jobs – Jim Draper No report

Newsletter – Jim Cullison No report

Webmaster – Rob Welch No report

JROTC Program – Terry Tassin No Report

Terry is lining up the presentations. Since national MOAA is not going to pay for the medals and certificates we must purchase these items. We are waiting to hear from MOAA as to the cost.

MSVA/MANA House Liaison – Ron Green No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

Automated Dues Renewal Update. This is not working yet but it will be working soon.



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NEW BUSINESS:

Golf Tournament Update. Pat Dale will put it on this year on April 21st at Starfire Golf Club.

Renew Design/Cost Estimate MSA pins. We are out of these pins. Lee is getting estimates for new ones and they will be about \$5.00 a pin. There will be the new logo on them. We will order 100 for \$500. Once estimates are received, Lee will forward for Board review.

Meal price – The cost of the meal will not be increased until January of 2018

Meeting Greeters – January greeters will be Lee, Janet and Ron.

Duty Officer for the next meeting is Lee. Dave Price will handle February.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Charlie Bitner has tax letters for those who have donated to the scholarship fund.

Next Chapter Meeting – This will be January 21, 2017

Adjournment: At 11:20 a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed. Next meeting of the Board will be February 2, 2017

Respectively submitted, Paul L. Schnur, MD, Secretary

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