



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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Thursday March 2, 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, Jim Draper, Charlie Bitner, Jim Cullison, Ron and Donna Bright, Dave Price, Rob Welch, Jon Shawl, Bruce Kosaveach and Janet Stultz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Lee Lange reminded that the AVHOF Patriotic Gala is scheduled for April 8 at the Doubletree Inn in Scottsdale. Everyone encouraged to attend. \$65 per person; sign up available on AVHOF website. Outstanding legislators and business leaders who support veterans' issues will be recognized and scholarships will be awarded to high school students. MOAA tables can be arranged; let Rob Welch know if you plan to attend.

No one bid on the Cubs-D'Backs tickets John Ady offered.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: Jim Draper moved, Bruce K. seconded waiving reading of Feb board minutes. All were in favor. Charlie B. moved and Janet Stultz seconded accepting minutes as written; all were in favor.

Treasurer's Report: \$7,007.08 in the General Fund, \$27,362.15 in the Scholarship Fund, \$200 in petty cash for a total of \$34,569.23. Charlie B. reported all required annual filings with the IRS and Corporation Commission have been made. There was discussion initiated by Charlie on the chapter's corporate makeup with separate corporations and bank accounts for the chapter and the scholarship fund. Wells Fargo won't allow Charlie to transfer funds between the accounts when the occasion arises; instead he has to write a check from one account to the other.

SPECIAL REPORTS;

AZ Council of Chapters – Lee Lange said the Council is encouraging all chapters to submit Level of Excellence nominations. Lee has submitted our chapter nomination. It appears MOAA might tighten up the award criteria because of the large number of LOE winners in recent years.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Dave P. reported we have 133 regular members, 27 surviving spouses for 160 total members. We lost two members last month, Martin Sours and Chet Baumer. Their spouses assume their membership. Lee sent letters to the spouses to express chapter condolences and offer assistance with receiving benefits due them. MOAA also sends a package with assistance information.

Dave distributed a list of 36 members who had not renewed their membership. Lee said a reminder letter will be sent to them in hopes they will renew by the March 31 deadline. Those who do not renew by that date will be contacted in person and encouraged to renew.

Lee said a plan will be developed to follow-up on a previous suggestion by Beth Cullison to leave our old copies of Military Officer in doctors' offices, to include information on MOAA and how to join. This was done several years ago when Chuck Schluter was president.

Programs: Bruce K distributed the list of remaining 2017 programs, including Pearl Harbor Survivor Jack Holder in March, ROTC scholarship presentations in April, Rep. David Schweikert in May, TBD in September, chapter barbecue in October, election of 2018 officers with speaker to be determined in November, annual Christmas party and presentation of individual chapter awards in December.

Scholarships: Jon Shawl reported that scholarship recipients have been selected by the scholarship committee. Each ROTC branch at ASU has a recipient – Army, Navy and Air Force. Jon will notify the recipients.

Arrangements: Donna B. reported that the luncheon contract for 2018 has to be signed in May. The board will consider luncheon pricing after the contract is signed, based on what McCormick Ranch charges us.

Legislative Affairs: Lee referred to his columns in The Sentinel, which discuss the budget and other issues. He reported there are 2 bills in the State Legislature that have significance to veterans: the Military Welfare Relief Fund bill and the veterans pension state income tax exemption bill. Both are moving through the legislature, although the income tax bill had to be resubmitted in a strike-all bill after it was killed in a committee. Lee encouraged members to attend a House Committee session on the income tax bill on Monday, March 6, to show support for the bill.

Personal Affairs: Information on personal affairs is in the article by Lee Lange in the Newsletter.



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SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Surviving Spouses – Susan Farrell

No report

Transition Liaison Jobs – Jim D. reported that he was contacted by Steve Kirby who is moving here from D.C. and wanted to know about MOAA. Jim passed his information on to Harry Bowen, Council Transition Director.

Newsletter – Jim Cullison reported being contacted by Charles Black who could not open the March edition of The Sentinel because his internet security program said it contained a virus. This was the second month it happened. No one else reported the problem. Jon Shawl will forward his copy of the newsletter to Charles to see if it can be opened.

Webmaster – No report.

JROTC Program – All 15 schools we support have chapter members set to present awards.

MSVA/MANA House Liaison – Lee reported that Ron Green developed a staph infection following back surgery and will be on antibiotics for several weeks.

OLD BUSINESS:

MSA pins and gold stars have been ordered.

The Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for April 21. Lee encouraged members to play golf, volunteer to help, join the group for lunch, sponsor a hole or do any combination

NEW BUSINESS:

Members George Burk and Jim Cullison will be nominated for induction into the AVHOF this year.

The chapter will have a table at the National Guard State Convention April 21-22 to recruit new members for MOAA and the state chapters. MOAA will send information and materials at no cost.

Meeting Greeters – Jim Draper

Duty Officer for the next meeting – Paul Schnur



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GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing

Next Chapter Meeting – This will be April 18, 2017

Adjournment: At 11:50 a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed.
Next meeting of the Board will be April 6, 2017

Respectively submitted, Paul L. Schnur, MD, Secretary with assistance from Jim Cullison

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