



**THE ARIZONA CHAPTER**  
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**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ron Bright called the meeting to order at 10:34 am, at the above address. President Bright led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Ron Bright, Mike Rogers, Lee and Janet Lange, Bruce Kosaveach, Bob Hinton, Jack Farley, David Price, Rob Welch, David Boyd, and Charlie Bitner.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. At Ron's request, Bruce or Lee will send a thank you letter to the Speakers, and ensure that pens are available as a gift.
2. Doug Gray was the high bidder of baseball tickets for \$100.00.
3. MOAA National meeting will be in Phoenix 1-2 November, also AZ State Council meeting will be 31 Oct; our Chapter is hosting.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Secretary's report:** The minutes of the last BOD meeting, as well as minutes from last Chapter meeting were handed out to the members and reviewed. Motions were made to approve both documents as written. The motions passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was made by Charlie Bitner. The amount in the General Fund is at \$5,865.55, The Scholarship Fund has \$26,939.10. Petty Cash is at \$200.00(used to make change for ticket sales and lunches), for a Grand Total of \$33,004.65. Charlie indicated that he can use the "Square" for members' credit card purchases. Per request, Charlie will provide the number of members seated for the luncheons.

**SPECIAL REPORTS:** None

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** David Price reported there are 128 regular members, 20 surviving spouses, for a total of 148. He stated that 59 members still owe dues. As an action plan, David stated he will send an email to those delinquent on dues. This will be followed up with a personal letter. Lee and Janet volunteered to be on this committee. David will send out the updated roster. Board discussed perhaps having Chapter meetings at different days/times.



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**SCHOLARSHIPS:** There were no Army applicants this year. Awardees will be two Navy and one Air Force. Awards will take place at the April Chapter meeting. Each award winner will receive \$2,500.00(one time award amount). Scholarship Committee will send invitations to selectees for April luncheon.

**PROGRAMS:** Bruce stated that the speaker for the March Chapter meeting will be COL Tom Kirk, who was a POW during Viet Nam conflict. April's program is Scholarship Award month. There is a possibility of having the Director of the Phoenix V.A. as a speaker. Chaplain Butler works there, and may aid in inviting the Director. Bruce is working on inviting Garrison Commander, who indicated he is very interested in speaking to the Chapter, from the Yuma Proving Grounds.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Menu for luncheons is in the Newsletter.

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:** An Arizona House Bill to increase the exemption of taxes on pensions for military retirees was voted down 9-4. The opinion is that funding for education needs to come first. Lee mentioned that 26 other states have exempted military retired pay from being taxed. Rob mentioned that there will be an AZ Senate meeting concerning Military Family Relief Funds on 5 March. Members were encouraged to attend.

On Federal level, we are on another continuing resolution; expires on 23 March.

**PERSONAL AFFAIRS:** The Military Family Relief Funding only covers Post 9/11 folks. The statute expires later this year.(Additional information in above paragraph).

**SURVIVING SPOUSES:** As the pins have arrived, Ron will work with Susan Farrell on a method of distribution.

**TRANSITION LIAISON:** No report.

**NEWSLETTER:** Janet said the Newsletter came out this morning. The deadline for submitting articles is the 23<sup>rd</sup> of March.

**JROTC PROGRAM:** Ron had received a spreadsheet from John Simmons. There are 5 slots remaining for our members to volunteer to make an awards presentation. First presentation is in mid-March.

**MSVA/MANA HOUSE LIAISON:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** MOAA LOE Submissions Committee: Ron stated that Dan Conway will be helping out, as is Lee. Lee will draft the report and submit to Ron for review.



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Chapter will submit description of its highlights for the past year. Submission date is 1 May 2018.

Jack announced a Fundraising Committee meeting for 20 March.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Golf Tourney will be held in April. Jack stated he has contacted 60 golf courses regarding donations. Jack added that he expects 30 foursomes to play in tournament. We expect folks to bid on items for the silent auction, and it is doubtful that people will be carrying their checkbooks. Jack feels that because of the money we will make at silent auction, our chapter should absorb the fees that we are charged to use the "square". Motion was made that for the silent auction, the credit card fee will be absorbed. Motion was seconded and passed.

Bruce will arrange a date in April for another fundraiser at Portillo's.

Ron stated that Ron Perkins had reviewed and blessed Charlie's bookkeeping (Ron has the letter to that effect).

**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** March duty officer is Mike Rogers; April duty officer is Dave Boyd. Lee and Janet will be greeters at the March Chapter meeting.

Lee mentioned the AUSA's having a golf tournament also. We have a mutual agreement with them to sponsor each other's tournament. Cost is \$125.00 to sponsor a hole. Motion made to sponsor a hole at AUSA Tournament with \$125.00 sponsorship. Motion passed.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Boyd, Secretary

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