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**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ron Bright called the meeting to order at 10:30 am. President Bright led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance. Members Present: Ron Bright, Lee and Janet Lange, Bob Hinton, Jon Shawl, Jack Farley, John Ady, and David Boyd.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Ron announced that Rob Welch and Jim Cullison had each won 5 Star Communications awards. Ron added that Rob Welch would like to be relieved of the Webmaster responsibility by the end of this year.
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3. Ron reported for Susan Farrell. Chapter will find a way for Surviving Spouses to receive recognition pins.
4. Ron stated we have 15 Jr. ROTC programs in our area; contact with them has been "heartwarming".

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Secretary's report:** The minutes of the last BOD meeting had been emailed to the BOD. Motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion passed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed. A further motion was made to approve the minutes of the last Chapter meeting (after names of the ROTC Scholarship winners were inserted), as amended. Motion passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was submitted by Charlie Bitner to Ron Bright. The Treasurer reported that the General Fund is at \$12,218.08 The Scholarship Fund has \$20,285.41. Petty Cash is at \$200.00(used to make change for ticket sales and lunches), for a Grand Total of \$32,703.49.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** David Price reported the following to Ron Bright: Chapter has 128 regular members + 21 Surviving Spouses, for a total of 149. There are 39 DINKS. A letter will be drafted, for President Bright's signature; this will be mailed to members who are delinquent on their dues. This letter will have a tear off attachment, which can be



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returned with a check to the Treasurer. A discussion was held about a MN Chapter who is very successful on recruiting. The MN Chapter has a very large, standing committee to support recruiting.

**PROGRAMS:** Speaker for the May Chapter general meeting will be Dr. Eduardo Pagan, who is an ASU History Professor. The topic will be "Memorial Day Meanings". Summer Baseball game is scheduled for 1 July. In August, a tour will be arranged at the Amazon Fulfillment Center. The Committee is trying to obtain a speaker for the Sept. Chapter meeting. Concerning the annual picnic, John Ady stated the date had to be shifted to 27 Oct. Another change at the picnic site, is that motor vehicles cannot be used to ferry food to the ramada.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Members with dietary requirements can still make those arrangements for luncheons.

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:** Lee stated that Arizona had 3 representatives attend the "Storming the Hill" event in Washington, D.C. At the AZ council meeting in June, the VP will share who they visited, etc. Each chapter will present a short list of accomplishments at that meeting. Ron stated he will draw from our LOE submission document. The state bill for giving military retirees a bigger tax break on retired income had competition from effort to raise teacher salaries. So any action on the military retiree tax break is delayed. The state legislature did fund two veteran homes; one is up north, and the other will be in Yuma.

**PERSONAL AFFAIRS:** Lee advised our members to check the settings on email, facebook, etc, regarding who may have access to your data. Regarding the MOAA, Dental/Vision plans, Ron reminded members to review all the plans, as the window for enrollment may be narrow.

**SURVIVING SPOUSES:** No report.

**TRANSITION LIAISON:** No report.

**NEWSLETTER:** Janet said the deadline for new submissions to "The Sentinel" will be 24 Sept.

**JROTC PROGRAM:** The teacher walkout has changed the schedules for presentations.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**



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MOAA LOE Submissions Committee: After review by President Ron Bright, Lee and Dan Conway submitted the application, and got an acknowledgement of receipt.

AZ Council of Chapters meeting, 1 June: Several members, including Ron, Lee, and Mike Rogers, will attend. Each Chapter is required to give an update of accomplishments, so Ron will put together a Power Point program on a thumb drive.

Summer Ball game, 1 July: Approximate cost per ticket will be \$35.00 each.

Evening Happy Hour; date TBD: Location will be at the Thunderbird Best Western Hotel, near the Scottsdale airport; it has a bar with an aviation theme. Lee said he would make contact with bar manager re: arrangements such as bar food. Jack Farley will assist.

Option B to Happy Hour event; Bob Hinton: Bob has offered to hold reception at his house for the Board. He indicated that the township of Paradise Valley is repaving the streets. Therefore, there is no on-street parking available. This will be delayed until later this year.

Tour of Amazon Fulfillment Center: Ron gave Chuck Schluter to arrange it for August, but Bruce Kosaveach and Lee will coordinate tour for up to 30 people.

Picnic Entertainment for 27 Oct: Have been rescheduled for this later date.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fundraising Committee Update; Auction Report: Jack Farley updated the members on Silent Auction. Auction raised \$4,525.00. Added to the revenue raised from Golf Tournament, the total was \$6,984.75. Fundraiser from Portillo's raised \$45.00.

Scholarship Committee: Jon Shawl reported that he is coordinating the appearance of Midshipman Autumn Ballesteros, in uniform, to acknowledge her receipt of \$2,500, at the September Chapter meeting.

MOAA National meeting in Phoenix(31 Oct-2 Nov): Our Chapter has the lead for the AZ Council meeting, so we can use the meeting rooms, etc. that MOAA National will use later. Ron floated an idea of selling some items to raise money.

May greeters: Elizabeth and Dave Boyd

Color Guard 28 May: Lee will head up this effort for appearance at National Memorial Cemetery.



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**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** May Duty Officer: Dave Boyd. September Duty Officer: Ron Bright.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:39 AM.

Respectfully submitted, David Boyd, Secretary

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