



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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Thursday NOV 8, 2018

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

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: President Ron Bright called the meeting to order at 10:24 am at the Regional Training Institute, 5636 E. McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ. President Bright led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Ron Bright, Lee and Janet Lange, Mike Rogers, Bob Hinton, Charlie Bitner, Bruce Kosaveach, Jack Farley, Jon Shawl, and Donna Bright.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Secretary David Boyd submitted his resignation effective immediately, November 4, 2018, due to a family emergency.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- Secretary: As Secretary had electronically distributed minutes of the October 4, 2018 BOD meeting, motion was made and passed to adopt them as written. The same procedure was followed for the Chapter meeting minutes of October 17, 2018; motion was made and seconded to adopt them as written.
- Treasurer: Charlie Bitner gave following report: General Fund has \$5,316.26 (including \$200.00 for Petty Cash), and Scholarship Fund has \$28,184.72. The total is \$33,700.98. Charlie commented that the General Fund is a bit low. Members discussed some ideas on how to raise balance of this fund. Currently, the Chapter breaks even on lunches. Ron indicated we need to make it known that Chapter needs donations to both General and Scholarship funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Dave Price's electronic report stated there are 163 total members.. There are 25 members that have not renewed their memberships as of this date, Campaigns are underway to reduce the delinquencies and recruit new members. Between Ron, Lee, and John Ady, 111 packets were mailed out. The recipients of those packets are National MOAA members, who are not members of our Chapter. Within the last four days, there are 4 new members enrolled.

Programs:

The speaker for the Chapter meeting in November will be the Administrator for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix.

Board voted to pay \$250 for Navahoe Code Talkers Program in early 2019.



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Arrangements: Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner for November. Great October Picnic!

Legislative Affairs: Lee stated that the Dept. of Defense Appropriations Bill was signed prior to 1 Oct. COLA increase for 2019 is approved for 2.8%. Prospects for the 2020 budget are that there will be a strong push to reduce military spending by the new Congress.

AZ State Tax Exemption Tax on Military Pay: Legislation approved to raise tax exemption from \$2,500 to \$3,500 for 2018 AZ State Taxes. The Legislation denied Gov. Ducey's request for \$10,000 exemption.

Personal Affairs: Lee stated for the new TRICARE Vision/Dental Plan, military retirees will be lumped in with Federal Civil Service. New rates and plans have been published. Open season is 12 Nov-10 Dec 18. This month's MILITARY OFFICER has a very comprehensive outline comparison of new FEDVIP plans and rates.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Surviving Spouses: No Report

Transition Liaison Jobs: No Report

Newsletter: Janet stated that deadline for submission of articles will be November 23, 2018 at 8 AM.

OLD BUSINESS:

Toys For Tots Collection - Reminder of November Luncheon deadline

New Member Dues: Group discussed text of Bylaws change regarding dues for new Members. Motion seconded and passed to change By-law as follows:

A new member joining between Jan 1 and June 30 will remit with application dues for that calendar year. A new member joining between July 1 and December 31 will remit with application dues for the remainder of the calendar year which includes the following calendar year.

Bylaws change regarding Surviving Spouses. Change obsolete term of Auxiliary to Surviving Spouses wherever it occurs. Motion seconded and passed.

NEW BUSINESS:



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First VP Mike Rogers presented his Nominating Committee's recommendations for Officers and Directors for 2019. The Board approved the report and voted to approve the recommended nominees. Election by the members at November Luncheon.

The Board of Directors Nominated:

President	CDR Mike Rogers USN (ret)
First Vice President	MAJ Pete Berger USAF (ret)
Second Vice President	Col Tom Sheets UCMC (ret)
Secretary	(open)
Treasurer	COL Charlie Bitner USAF (ret)

Directors: CDR Jack Farley USN (ret), LT Bob Hinton USN (fmr),
 Capt Jon Shawl USN(ret), CAPT Judy Brooks USN (ret)
 CAPT Bruce Kosaveach USN (ret)

Meritorious Service Awards: The President appointed Bruce Kosaveach, Beth Cullison and Lee Lange to recommend members for the Meritorious Service Awards. The Committee recommended the following members for awards: Jack Farley, Janet Lange, David Boyd, Susan Farrell, and Bruce Kosaveach. The nominees were approved by the Board.

New Program for Homeless Veterans: Mike Rogers proposed a new program where tote bags donated by the VA be distributed to our members with a list of comfort items that will then be filled by our members and distributed by a Veteran Service Organization where Mike has a contact. Motion seconded and passed to conduct initial distribution of tote bags at November Luncheon. Mike Rogers has the lead on this project.

Board voted to support Navy Recruiting District's Award dinner with donation of \$150.

Gift exchange at December Luncheon: Board elected to continue tradition of voluntary gift exchange with option to pick other's gifts at December Luncheon.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

November Duty Officer: Jon Shawl
December Duty Officer: Pete Veitenhans
December Board Meeting: December 6

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made and seconded to adjourn; time was 12:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Bright, Acting Secretary