



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America
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Minutes of the October 2012 Board of Directors' Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the Arizona National Guard Headquarters, 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Nancy Burt, Rance Farrell, Ron Green, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher, Rob Welch.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported the General Fund balance is \$10,712.61, Scholarship Fund is \$12,784.20, Petty Cash is \$50.00 for a grand total of \$23,546.81.

Legislative: John Ady addressed the Board in Gary Fredricks absence; coming off summer hiatus legislative affairs were basically quiet. Important issues remain pending – Tricare, sequestration, veteran affairs. Ron Perkins advised of a pending plan for an annual Storming of the Hill for the Arizona State Legislature. Gary Fredricks provides his written status report in the October issue of *The Sentinel*.

Membership: Ron Perkins reported our current membership is 219; 179 Regular and 40 Auxiliary. National MOAA currently has a postcard inserted in their monthly magazine to identify National members interested in Chapter membership. There is an incentive during October/November of \$15.00 to offset dues to join local chapters.

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks sent a notice that the October picnic at McCormick Park is set for a great day of fun, food, music and socializing. November and December meeting venues are being finalized at this time.

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt reported that plans were in process to send out personal cards to all auxiliary members during the Thanksgiving – Holiday season. As previously discussed there will be semi- annual personal phone calls to check in with our auxiliary members to let them know we're thinking of them. Nancy requested that the Chapter consider a \$200.00 donation to the National Memorial Ladies Organization to help offset the cost of the remembrance cards given to veteran families during funeral ceremonies at the Cave Creek Veterans' Cemetery. All BOD present agreed to her request to support this worthy cause.

Website: Rob Welch had nothing new to report. Our award winning site is always a work in progress.



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Homeless Vets Water Project: Ron Green continues to pick up and dispense bottles of water to our local homeless vets. To date Ron has purchased 456 cases of water – the BOD recognized Ron for his hard (and heavy) work.

Scholarship Fund: Rob Welch reported that the Scholarship Fund Solvency Committee met on September 26th. The Committee, recognizing that our funding sources are shrinking, recommended future scholarships be given out to only those JROTC cadets desiring to serve as military officers of our country. After receiving consensus of the Board, President Ady tasked the Committee to revise our COI reflecting this focus, the revised COI to be submitted at the November Board of Director's meeting. Several Fund raising scenarios were discussed including a Chapter cruise, manning concessions at sporting events, solicitation letters to professionals that our members come in contact with, estate planning, and scholarship co-sponsors by local businesses. President Ady appointed Leonore & Frank Hoak to do follow-up surveys on the cruise. President Ady also advised Rob Welch to develop the other scenarios.

MOAA Western States Symposium: BOD members who were requested to attend the Symposium felt MOAA was well organized and timely in its breakouts and presentations. High praise was awarded to Vice Admiral Ryan for his impressive leadership style and his communication skills; MOAA is lucky to have such a skilled lobbyist representing our organization.

Senior Membership Proposal: The issue of offering life membership status to Chapter members who have reached certain age and/or membership requirements was proposed by Dan Conway in April 2012. Ron Perkins has agreed to compute how many members would be affected and advise at the next BOD meeting. Final vote has been tabled until further study is undertaken.

Army – Air Force Football Game: Informal get-together on November 3, 1030am at Nimbus American Bistro & Brewery, 7001 N. Scottsdale Road just north of McCormick Stillman Railroad Park. Come support your team – or come for fun – all are welcome.

Members Spotlight: Frank Hoak reports that Chapter members have stepped up to do a brief presentation of their military service at the monthly meetings; volunteers are set October through April.

COI Approval for Travel Funds: Request made that all travel expenses to authorized MOAA events be pre-approved by BOD.



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MSA 2012 Awards: An MSA committee of Jim Cullison, Chairman, Marie Fredricks and Ron Perkins has been appointed by President John Ady. The committee is set to get recommendations and report at the November BOD meeting for the actual awards to be given; i.e. stars for repeat recipients, medallions for new recipients.

Greeters: November – Ron Perkins; December – Frank & Leonore Hoak

Scholarship Funding Questionnaire: A brief questionnaire will be handed out at the October Chapter Meeting to ask members for their interest in a possible travel fund raising option to increase the scholarship coffers. Your votes count so please remember to fill out and return to Frank Hoak.

Arizona Vietnam Veterans' Dinner: October 20, 2012 is the annual dinner at Horse Shoe Pass Casino. Ron Perkins has 14 members signed up to attend. There is still time to show your support and attend this worthwhile event.

Arizona State Fair: The Arizona State Fair starts on Oct 12th and runs through Nov 4th. They are looking for volunteers to work different shifts during that time – the normal pay of \$11.00/hr per person will be donated to help offset the Coliseum rental fee of \$10,000.00 during the AZ Homeless Veteran Stand Down in March 2013.

March Member Meeting: Col. Joey Strickland USA (Ret.), Director of Arizona Department of Veterans Services, Native American, Vietnam veteran will be the featured speaker at the March 2013 Member Meeting.

Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday, October 20, 2012 at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale – Picnic and Social Event.

Next Board of Director Meeting: Thursday, November 1, 2012

Adjournment: 1150 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Leonore K. Hoak, Secretary



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