



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
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Minutes of the April 3rd, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA, AZNG HQ, DLC Conference Room, 5636 E. McDowell Rd, Phoenix, Arizona 85008

CALL TO ORDER

President Rob Welch called the meeting to order at 1030 hours with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Nancy Burt, Jim Cullison, Jim Draper, Gary Fredricks, Ron Green, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Bill Roscher, Ron Perkins, Rob Welch.

GUEST SPEAKER

President Rob Welch introduced Cory Harris, Government & Community Relations Liaison, Madison Street Veterans Association (MSVA). Mr. Harris briefed the Board on the work of the MSVA, a program of the Lodestar Day Resource Center (LDRC), a 501(c)(3) organization. The MSVA operates a Veterans Outreach Center, a Mobile Outreach Van, and the MANA House in Phoenix. A transitional living center for veterans, the MANA houses both male and female veterans who are working towards independence and self-sufficiency.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Ron Perkins and seconded by John Ady to waive the reading of minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reports the current figures to be:

- General Fund \$10960.12
- Scholarship Fund \$16284.53
- Cash Exchange \$ 100.00
- Grand Total: \$ 27344.65

A motion was made by John Ady and seconded by Jim Draper to accept the report.

Ron Perkins has reviewed and accepted the 2012 Treasury Report submitted by Bill Roscher.

Arrangements: Arlene Day reports the menus for April & May have been finalized and sent to McCormick Ranch Golf Club and Jim Cullison for inclusion in *The Sentinel*.

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt called and spoke to 9 non-renewal Auxiliary Members; almost all will renew in the near future. Several Auxiliary Members are "missing in action" and further contact is pending.

Chaplain: Position is currently vacant.

ESGR: Chuck Schluter has nothing to report this month.

Historian: Jim Cullison has nothing to report this month.



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JROTC Awards: Terry Tassin has nothing to report this month.

JROTC Scholarships: Rob Welch reports that we received six scholarship applications. The Scholarship Committee, consisting of Bill Roscher, Rance Farrell & Rob Welch, is recommending four of the applicants for scholarships. The breakdown is two Army & two Air Force, two male & two female. The recommended amounts are \$1,500 each, for a total of \$6,000. The two top scorers in our selection process have pending applications to service academies as well as ROTC schools. Because service academies are of no monetary cost to cadets, plus they receive a monthly stipend equivalent to E-5 pay, it is recommended that they only receive \$500 each if they accept an appointment to a service academy. The cutoff date for acceptance is the end of this month, so we will know before the scholarship award presentation what amount to present. The excess money will remain in the Scholarship Fund for distribution next year.

A motion was made by Nancy Burt and seconded by Ron Perkins to accept the Committee's recommendation.

Legislative Affairs: Gary Fredricks reports no additional news on the legislative front. The President's 2014 budget is expected on April 8. The two month delay in the budget unveiling has impacted the annual "Storming the Hill" on April 17. Gary feels that the Arizona State Legislative Bill SB1287, that would double the retired pay exclusion from state income taxes, has little chance of passing.

Membership: Ron Perkins reports

- current Chapter Membership: 216
- Regular Members: 178
- Auxiliary Members: 38
- Retention Suggestions & more: There is a net loss of 10 members so far this year; 6 are deceased, 3 have moved from the area and 1 has resigned. An additional email will be sent to the current list of non-renewal members with the official renewal form and a line that reads "Do Not Intend To Renew".

Newsletter: Jim Cullison has nothing to report this month.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway has nothing to report this month.

Programs: John Ady reports that all is set for our April General Meeting. Congressman David Schweikert will be the guest speaker at the breakfast meeting. John is also working on getting a speaker from the FBI for the September meeting – more info to follow.

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak – speakers have been booked for the balance of 2013. Members are currently being sought for the 2014 meetings.

TOPS: Frank Hoak reports that he received a Welcome to TOPS email from Harry E. Bowen Sr., MOAA AZ TOPS Coordinator on March 21. The info piece has all the local websites and job links for veteran job seekers as well as the moaatopsaz.com network links.



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Frank also noted that the Navy has instituted a separation workshop for all veterans prior to their departure from active duty to address their employment options.

Webmaster: Rob Welch reports that the email forwarding system of our website was out for several days last week. It was corrected on Monday. The problem was due to an update to the system by our host, Go Daddy. Unfortunately, the file had to be completely rebuilt.

OLD BUSINESS

AZ Chapter MOAA Golf Tournament: Remember the annual golf tournament in support of the Chapter Scholarship Fund. This year's event is Thursday, April 18 at Starfire Golf Club, 11500 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale. Tournament fee is \$70.00 pp; hole sponsorship is \$30.00; non-golfers luncheon is \$12.00. You may email Chairman Pat Dale with any questions: golf@azmoaa.org. Join In – Have Fun – Support A Great Cause!

AZ NG Conference May 17-18, 2013: Rob Welch reports that he is still waiting to hear back from Arlan Allen, president of the Superstition Chapter about covering this event on Saturday morning while we have our business meeting. Arlan indicated that he hopes to cover it, and will let Rob know when that is firmed up.

AZ StandDown, March 8-10, 2013: Rob is still waiting to hear back from members the hours that volunteered at the StandDown. Please advise Rob of your day(s) and hours worked by email.

Board Vacancies: There is currently one Board vacancy; Chaplain. Please contact Rob Welch at president@azmoaa.org should you know of an officer who might be interested in volunteering.

Water for Homeless Vets: Ron Green delivered 107 cases of water last month. Ron has also received a donation of 72 cases/1 pallet of water from Safeway and an offer from Fry's to purchase water "at cost".

By-Laws: Tabled this month.

National Memorial Cemetery Donation & Sign-in (wreath & Color Guard): Rob Welch reports that we are registered for Memorial Day services for both a color guard & a wreath. Color Guard members Bill Roscher and Jim Cullison have volunteered; additional members are requested to advise Rob of their availability on that date. Rob Welch and Frank Hoak will present the Chapter's wreath.

National Memorial Cemetery Special Donation: John Ady reports that donation plans are pending.



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New Chapter Name Plates: Tabled this month.

StandDown vs Local Veteran Donations: Rob Welch recapped the Board's consensus during our last meeting that we feel our chapter's donations should go to organizations that operate in our chapter's area of influence/responsibility. So it doesn't get out of hand, Rob suggested setting an annual budget of 15% for donations to 501 (c) (3) organizations in our territory. Such expenditures might include the Madison Street Veterans Association which we heard from at the beginning of this meeting, the local Wounded Warrior Program the Arizona Chapter of AUSA coordinates and MOWW's Youth Leadership Conference/Camp.

Summer Group Outing to a Diamondback Game: Jim Cullison is working on getting tickets for the July 5th Veterans' Appreciation Day game, approximate cost \$12.00pp. The game is on Friday evening at 1840. A sign- up sheet will be available at the April 20 General Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Chapter Letter to Governor Jan Brewer: In response to Governor Brewer's request for the resignation of Department of Veterans Services Director Joey Strickland, a motion was made by John Ady and seconded by Frank Hoak to allow the AZ Chapter MOAA to sign off on a bi-partisan veteran caucus letter to the Governor to re-instate Director Strickland. A second motion was also made to draft a Chapter letter in support of Director Strickland. Both motions passed unanimously.

MOAA Travel Monies: Rob Welch reports that we recently received a check from MOAA Travel for \$150.00. The board voted that it be deposited in the General Fund.

Playing Cards for Veterans Hospitals/Homes, USOs, ETC: Rob Welch reports that he has received an email from LT Michael Cameron, USN, Retired, who is the Past President of the Southern Nevada Chapter of MOAA, located in Las Vegas, Nevada. His chapter has an almost unlimited supply of used decks of playing cards. These cards come from the Cannery Casinos in Las Vegas. These decks of cards are available to MOAA Councils and Chapters to distribute to local VA Hospitals, USO's, Veterans' Homes, troops deployed overseas or in CONUS or to any worthwhile organization. The cards are free, shipping is additional. Ron Perkins and Ron Green will be in Las Vegas during the next few weeks and offered to pick up several boxes.

MOWW's Youth Leadership Conference Assistance: Tabled

Wounded Warrior Assistance: Tabled

Fall Personal Affairs/Social Security Workshop: Rob Welch reports that Chapter member Jeff Young has volunteered to give a seminar session on social security to members; session is geared to members between the ages of 50 and 65. Dan Conway will also be asked to give his Personal Affairs Workshop. Fall date to be announced.



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Volunteer Needed: Rob Welch reports Ron Perkins will not be able to attend the next 3 Chapter meetings; Jim Cullison has volunteered to take the flags and the harnesses for the April, May, September meetings and for the Memorial Day services.

April Greeters: Jim and Beth Cullison

Adjournment: 1230

Respectfully submitted,

Leonore Kenefic Hoak, Secretary