



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
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Minutes of the September 5, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting
Distance Learning Center, AZARNG, 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ

Call to Order: President Rob Welch called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, September 5, 2013 opened with Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Nancy Burt, Jim Cullison, Arlene Day, Mark Day, Jim Draper, Dave Fleming, Gary Fredricks, Marie Fredricks, Ron Green, Corey Harris, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher and Rob Welch

President Rob Welch's Announcements:

- Chapter members Ron Green & Gene Rafanelli – 2013 inductees to AVHOF
- Five Star Level of Excellence Award (Chapter's 10th consecutive one) - The award will be presented to our chapter at MOAA's national meeting in November. We will add it to our flag during our Christmas luncheon
- Our \$250.00 donation to MOWW appeared in their national magazine in September along with a photograph of the presentation
- Legislative Affairs split – Federal (Gary Fredricks) & State (Corey Harris). This split will allow us to focus more on veteran's issues which affect our state and our veterans
- New Chapter liaisons appointed to State Congressional offices;
John Ady as liaison to David Schweikert's office and Corey Harris as liaison to Ed Pastor's office
- A new Sentinel Editor, Ed Balaban, has been appointed and is working with current Editor Jim Cullison. Rob has donated a laptop to the Chapter with MS Publisher on it so Ed can continue to use our newsletter templates. Rob has also donated another laptop to the Chapter replacing an older model that Rance Farrell donated. Rob has returned Rance's computer to him with the Chapter's thanks
- The New Recruiting Brochure is being worked on by Dave Fleming and Lee Lange. More about this later in the meeting directly from Dave. It is a very professional product with a look toward the future making it more appealing to our potential recruits
- 2013 MSA Committee Appointed – Jim Cullison, Chuck Schluter and JoAnn Roscher. They will report their findings and recommendations to us in October. The awards will be presented at our December Christmas luncheon
- MOWW Massing of the Colors – Sunday 8 Sept. – Rob Welch will be representing the chapter at this event. Fifty colors from various organizations throughout the valley will be showcased during the ceremony. Secretary of the State Ken Bennett will make remarks. If you are interested in attending, please contact me for further information
- State Fair Volunteers Needed – please email me if you are volunteering
- Frank Hoak has signed us up for the 2013 Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony on the 7th of December. Frank will present the MOAA wreath this year, assisted by Jim Draper. It should really be a great ceremony this year as it will also include the new WW II Memorial. A deck gun from both the USS Arizona & the USS Missouri will be dedicated and presented
- Frank Hoak also advised that Mark Field, Editor of the newly formed AZ Veterans Magazine has notified him that his article on Pearl Harbor will be featured in the October edition



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OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report: Waive reading Minutes of last meeting

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reports the current figures; General Fund \$10,645.46; Scholarship Fund \$13,014.47 and Petty Cash \$50.00 for a Grand Total of \$23,709.93

Membership: Dave Fleming reports 218 current members – 174 Regular and 38 Auxiliary.

The October Picnic will be the Chapter's Recruiting Drive with National MOAA assistance & partial funding from USAA. Lee Lange and Dave have completed work on a new, updated 2013 Recruiting Brochure; it has a very professional look and should appeal to our potential recruits

Arrangements: Arlene Day reports that the September General Meeting is set with McCormick Ranch. Plans for October picnic are being finalized.

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt reports there is currently nothing pending due to the summer hiatus

Chaplain: Position is currently vacant

Council of Chapters: Rob Welch reports that at the upcoming COC meeting he will present a motion to waive the council's annual assessment to chapters for any Basic MOAA member who is a member of a chapter. Basic members do not pay dues to MOAA as it is a free membership. Our chapter mirrors national's membership, therefore we collect no dues from Basic members. This will bring the COC into compliance with national policy

ESGR - Chuck Schluter reports that he is working with Butch at ESGR right now on the agenda for November's ESGR presentations

Historian: Jim Cullison has no report this month

JROTC Awards: Terry Tassin has no report this month

JROTC Scholarship Fund: Rob Welch defers his remarks until after the special report.

Special Report by the Scholarship Fund Treasurer Bill Roscher – current fund has \$13,014.47. Rob Welch added that, in addition to the 3 members of the Scholarship Committee, he will appoint two additional members to serve on the Scholarship Fund Raising Committee.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – Federal: For Gary Fredricks in depth and up to date report please see your of September issue of *The Sentinel*

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS – State: See Corey's MSVA/MANA House report below



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MSVA / MANA HOUSE LIASION - Ron Green reports that he has delivered 654 cases so far this year, and his fund is depleted. He will attend (his) American Legion meeting; has contacted two churches; and the Diamondbacks Organization for donations. MANA House is also in need of clothing and members are urged to donate.

Special Report by Rob Welch and Corey Harris outlining the loss of anticipated federal funding support for the MSVA's MANA House Women Veterans section. It is estimated that their monies will run out by the end of the month. They are seeking corporate sponsorship, but need an infusion of funds. A motion was made by Ron Green and seconded by Jim Draper that our Chapter make a one-time donation of \$500 to the MSVA for this cause. Motion unanimously carried. Bill Roscher made out the check and Rob Welch presented it to Corey Harris immediately after the meeting.

Newsletter: Editor Jim Cullison & Co-Editor Ed Balaban are currently working together on the newsletter

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway has no report this month

Programs: John Ady is currently working on getting guest speakers. The September guest speaker will be Mike Burke, USA Retired, Director of Army Attack Rotorcraft Business Development for Boeing Military Aircraft and the November guest speaker will be Dr Alex White, holocaust survivor, U S Army Med.Corp

Public Affairs: Mark Day is currently working on several items; more to follow

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak reports that Dave Fleming is onboard for September and John Ady is onboard for November. Frank is now accepting dates for 2014 and requests that volunteers send him an email (FHoak3@aol.com) with their preferred month.

TOPS - Jim Draper is reviewing the material that Frank Hoak gave him when he took over this position. Jim is also waiting for direction from National as they work out the new responsibilities caused by the consolidation of TOPS & Personal Affairs into one unit called "Transition Center"

Webmaster: Rob Welch has no report this month

OLD BUSINESS

By-Laws: Rob Welch has no report this month

Name Plates (New Style): Rob Welch has no report this month

Summer Activity: Organ Stop Pizza – Arlene Day reports the outing was a success! We had 29 attendees, including a non-member and 3 members of his family.

Summer Activity: Baseball Game – Jim Cullison reports a very successful event. We had 44 attendees to this event. Four of our members, one from each service, represented our chapter during the honor to our veteran's ceremony on the infield. In addition, Frank Hoak was given the honor of throwing out the first pitch of the game



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Fall Personal Affairs Workshop: Dan Conway has no report this month

Playing Cards: Jim Cullison is working on delivery of the cards to our local Veteran Hospitals & Homes, USO's, etc

Communication Awards: Rob Welch reports that the three first place awards will be presented to the Chapter at the September general meeting.

Membership Dues Committee Report:

Bill Roscher

2014 Board Slate: John Ady, reporting for Committee Chair Frank Hoak, read off the 2014 slate. A motion made and seconded to accept the slate and present it to the general membership for vote after publishing it in October's newsletter. Unanimously carried. The new slate is:

- President: Rob Welch
- 1st VP: Jim Cullison
- 2nd VP: Frank Hoak III
- Secretary: Leonore Hoak
- Treasurer: Bill Roscher
- Immediate Past President: John Ady
- Directors: Nancy Burt, Beth Cullison, Jim Draper, Rance Farrell, Dave Fleming
- Newsletter: Ed Balaban
- Historian: Jim Cullison
- Electronic Communication: Ron Perkins
- Public Affairs: Mark Day
- JROTC Awards: Terry Tassin
- US Congress Liaison: Gary Fredericks
- State Legislature Liaison: Corey Harris
- Membership: Dave Fleming
- Auxiliary: Nancy Burt
- Transition Center: Jim Draper(Employment) & Dan Conway (Personal Affairs)
- Chaplain: Vacant
- Programs: John Ady
- Arrangements: Arlene Day
- ESGR Liaison: Chuck Schluter
- Scholarships: Rob Welch
- Web Master: Rob Welch
- Golf Tournament: Pat Dale
- Share a Ride: Jim Draper
- MSVA House Liaison: Ron Green

NEW BUSINESS

MOAA National Convention Colorado Springs, 15-17 Nov 2013: Rob Welch reports that he and his wife, Ronnie, have been invited to attend the National Convention, and request preliminary approval for reimbursement of travel expenses to Colorado. Anticipated expenses for 2 economy roundtrip airplane tickets (\$330) to Denver, rental car (\$110) to Colorado Springs, gas (\$40) reimbursement, plus \$30 for PHX parking is \$510. This will be cheaper than round trip tickets from Phoenix to Colorado Springs



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(\$724), plus \$40 for round trip taxi, plus \$30 PHX parking, totaling almost \$800. Motion was made by John Ady and seconded by Jim Draper to approve expenditures. Motion was passed approving the above expenditures of approximately \$510

Toys for Tots: Terry Tassin reports that it is not too early to start thinking about the program for the coming holiday season. Again this year we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys from members for delivery to the USMC Reserve Center for their Toys for Tots program at Christmas. All members are encouraged to bring at least one toy for donation to this worthy program. Each year, the 9-12 year-old age group is the most difficult to accommodate. Stuffed animals are not desired. Please bring your donations to the November luncheon meeting or December Christmas meeting

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Rob Welch

- Anyone attending the AVHOF luncheon, that is not sitting at Ron or Gene's tables, please let Rob Welch know asap by email so he can arrange to have us all sit at the same table/s

Adjournment: 1250 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Corey Harris for Chapter Secretary Leonore Hoak