



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



Minutes of the February 6, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting
Regional Training Institute, AZARNG, 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ

Call to Order: President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, February 6, 2014.

Members Present: John Ady, Jim Cullison, Mark Day, Rance Farrell, Dave Fleming, Gary Fredricks, Marie Fredricks, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Lee Lange, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher

President's Announcements: Dan Conway advised of the passing of Chapter member Jim Seidl's wife. He will keep us informed as arrangements become available.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Lee Lange and passed by all present to waive the reading last month's minutes.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reports \$12,055.66 in the General Fund, \$15,217.42 in the Scholarship Fund and \$100.00 in Petty Cash for a Grand Total of \$27,373.08. Ron Perkins has finished his annual financial review for 2013. He has reviewed the income and expenses for the General and Scholarship Funds and the 2013 bank statements; all is accurate and up to date. Ron asks for a special thank you to Bill for all his hard, meticulous work on the Chapter's behalf. A motion was made by Rance Farrell, seconded by John Ady and passed by all present to accept Ron's report.

Membership: Dave Fleming reports a current membership total of 235; 195 regular and 40 auxiliary members. To date, 65% of members have paid their 2014 dues, a testimony to the early payment discount offered if dues were paid nlt December 2013. Dave will send out letters to the 81 members still pending. He continues to work on and update the roster and will email the newest copy to Board members.

Ron Perkins reports from The Affiliate that the Chapter was a winner for its retention of members and received funds of \$1,345.00 from National. Also, since there are over 9,000 National MOAA members in Arizona and only 15 – 20% belongs to local chapters, there is a large number open for recruitment to keep the Chapter's numbers strong.

Arrangements: Mark Day reports for Arlene that Chapter lunches are set through the May meeting. Arlene will present her final accounting for the Christmas luncheon at the next meeting.

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt has nothing to report this month.

Council of Chapters: Ron Perkins will attend the spring meeting in Sierra Vista, May 15-17.

ESGR: Chuck Schluter reports that he is still looking at having the awards at the April meeting although it is not a guarantee at this time. He is open to setting a "not later than" date to get final confirmations. A problem he is encountering is the fact that employers do not want to give up their Saturdays to attend the ceremony.



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JROTC Awards: Terry Tassin has the award medals from National and is currently working on getting names and schedules from the schools in our district

JROTC Scholarship Fund: Rob Welch reports that the applications and information have been sent to the Chapter's area schools. No applications have been received to date.

Legislative Report – Federal: Gary Fredricks reports there is nothing much going on at the moment. In February the 2015 budget request from the President will be released; MOAA keeps a close look on the Administrations priorities and how they will affect veterans and the defense budget in preparation of the annual April Storming the Hill. The federal debt ceiling should be reached in late February/early March. For an in-depth report, please see Gary's monthly column in *The Sentinel* for both state and federal updates.

MSVA/MANA House Liaison: No report from Ron Green this month. He is unable to attend today's meeting as he's out collecting towel donations for the upcoming Veterans StandDown.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison reports the zip code error for Dave Fleming was corrected and a notice sent to members with their January general meeting minutes. Jim is actively seeking a volunteer(s) to assist him with putting together the monthly *Sentinel*. Please contact Jim if you'd like to be a part of our award winning newsletter.

Personal Affairs: Since Dan Conway retired at the end of 2013, the position remains vacant. Anyone wishing to fill the position please contact Jim Cullison.

Programs: John Ady has Retired USAF Captain George Burk signed for the February meeting; Captain Burk has also joined the Chapter as one of its newest members. John is still awaiting a confirmation from Luke AFB that they will have a senior officer available to speak at the March meeting. April is pending until the ESGR award luncheon has been confirmed.

Public Affairs: Mark Day is exploring some options and possibilities for 2014. He will meet with the new President to discuss.

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak reports the current speaker lineup to be Ron Perkins – February; Lee Lange – March; Corey Harris – currently slated for April; no May speaker at the Scholarship luncheon; Gary Fredricks – September; Chuck Schluter – either October or November. Please contact Frank if interested in sharing (your) military experiences.

Transition Liaison: Jim Draper has no report this month.

Webmaster: Rob continues to keep the website current.

OLD BUSINESS

- **By-Laws** – Discussion on changing the installation of officer's date to the December meeting and changing the collection of Chapter dues through National to allow credit card payments. Discussion is tabled until the March meeting.



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- **2014 Golf Tournament May 1st, Rio Verde Country Club, Fountain Hills** – Pat Dale is actively soliciting sponsors, players and volunteers to help make this year's major Scholarship fund raiser a success. Ron Perkins is assisting with the event flyer and sending the info to AUSA for their support. AUSA has a golf tournament fund raiser on April 18 and would like to have our Chapter support their efforts also. Rob Welch is adding the info to the Chapter website next week.
- **Diamondbacks Baseball Game** – Plans are still in the works to join with the MOAA Superstition Chapter to attend a Sunday game on July 20th. They will keep us informed as things develop.
- **2013 Communication Awards:** Rob Welch reports that the three applications went out in January for this competition.
- **Monthly Drawing for Free Lunch:** A motion was made by John Ady; seconded by Dave Fleming and passed by all present to stop the drawing effective February 2014.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Luncheon Greeters:** Lee and Janet Lange
- **Arizona Stand Down** – Next weekend is the 2014 StandDown and there is still time to sign up to help. Ron Perkins and Lee Lange have already signed up to volunteer their time for the cause.
- **May Board of Directors Meeting** – because of the conflict with the golf tournament, the Board has decided to reschedule the meeting. The original alternate was May 8 but due to the unavailability of too many Board members; the revised date is now Friday, May 2.
- **Unpaid Membership Dues** – Dave Fleming will send emails/letters to the remaining 81 members who have not renewed their Chapter membership. In March the Board will follow up with personal phone calls to those who remain unpaid. If necessary, more letters with self-addressed return envelopes enclosed will be mailed.
- **Chapter Flags** – Dave Fleming has agreed to store and bring to meetings the Chapter flags through the May General Meeting. We are looking for alternate Board members to volunteer their assistance with storing the flags. Please advise Jim Cullison if it is something you may be able to help the Chapter with.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Special thanks to Marie Fredricks for filing in for Bill Roscher during his absence.



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- 4 tickets for a Giants vs. Diamondbacks Spring Training Game are being offered by member Jeff Young for a Chapter Scholarship Fund raffle. Raffle will take place at the February 15 Luncheon Meeting.
- Rance Farrell suggested a summer outing to ASU Gammage Theatre for a military family night out. More to follow.

Adjournment: 1130 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Leonore K. Hoak
Secretary