



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

Arizona's First Chapter



Minutes of the December 4, 2014 Board of Directors Meeting
Regional Training Institute, AZARNG, 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ

Call to Order: Chapter President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, December 4, 2014 with the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: John Ady, Charlie Bitner, Jim Cullison, Beth Cullison, Dave Fleming, Gary Fredricks, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Lee Lange, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher

President's Announcements:

- The next BOD meeting will Thursday, January 8, 2015 due to the New Year holiday
- Jim Draper & Frank Hoak will present the Chapter wreath at the December 7th Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony; at 1230 hrs after the ceremony the new AZ Veteran Hall of Fame plaque will be unveiled at the State Capitol Museum
- The Chapter had good representation at the AUSA Armed Forces Career Day on November 25th

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary's Report: A motion was made by Leonore Hoak, seconded by Bill Roscher and passed by all present to waive reading the November 2014 meeting minutes

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reports the General Fund has \$9,216.94; the Scholarship Fund has \$17,752.48; the Change Fund has \$100.00 for a Grand Total of \$27,069.42

Membership: Dave Fleming reports that the total membership is 197; 164 Regular/33 Auxiliary. Six new members joined at the October BBQ; Ellen Truesdall is incorrectly listed as an auxiliary and should be listed as a regular member, corrected figures will be posted in January 2015

Arrangements: Arlene Day reports that she has all arrangements set for the annual Christmas luncheon on Saturday, December 13, 2014

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt has nothing to report this month; Bill Roscher has received an acceptance confirmation from one auxiliary member to attend the luncheon as a result of the joint Thanksgiving holiday card/Christmas luncheon invitation mailing in November

Council of Chapters: Ron Perkins, new Arizona COC President, reminds that the Chapter roster is due to National early in 2015; that local Chapter members must be National MOAA members; Ron Green received a Tip of the Hat in *The Affiliate* for his work providing water for local veterans; kudos to Chapter members Dan Conway and Dr Paul Schnur for being inducted into the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame. The local Arizona chapters are doing very well with memberships, the main issue is being able to keep members engaged in their Chapters

ESGR: Chuck Schluter has nothing to report this month

JROTC SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Rob Welch stated he will have letters ready to be mailed in January to our area high schools

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Gary Fredricks reports the next several weeks will be a critical time in government; please see *The Sentinel* for an in depth look at pending issues

MSVA/MANA HOUSE LIASION: Ron Green reports that his new Tip of the Hat should be for the Chapter and its support of the many projects providing for our local homeless veterans



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Newsletter: Jim Cullison reports he is still working through the new version of Publisher/Office Suite

Personal Affairs: Lee Lange has a very informative article in the December issue of *The Sentinel*; it is a good resource and reference point for new MOAA initiatives for military caregivers

Programs: John Ady reports there will be no speaker at the December Holiday meeting; January will be Captain David Price, Commanding Officer of ASU NROTC; February will be Flora Jessop, author and advocate for abused children; March is Rear Admiral (Ret) Dr Connie Mariano, April is pending with a possibility of a repeat appearance of Congressman David Schweikert and May is the ROTC Awards luncheon without a speaker. John thanks all who give him contacts and ideas for future speakers, he keeps them all filed for future access

Public Affairs: Mark Day has no report this month

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak reports that there will be no December speaker; January will be Marie Fredricks, first military spouse to give her perspective; February will be Charlie Bitner; no speaker in March because of Dr Mariano; April will be Mark Day; will try to get a new member as May speaker

Transition Liaison: Jim Draper has no report this month

Webmaster: Rob Welch reports that our site is current and up-to-date

OLD BUSINESS

- Sponsored Membership – committee recommendations have been added to the Chapter operating instructions as an addendum on our website
- Flag disposal – John Ady is still researching, he will report back as information becomes available
- Coffee Mugs – Frank Hoak researched the cost of having Chapter MOAA coffee cups as a possible revenue generating idea; single side printing would be \$2.50/cup and double sided printing would be \$5.00/cup – cups would need to be sold for \$10.00/cup. Idea is tabled for further consideration
- Fund Raising – Committee members John Ady, Beth Cullison and Rob Welch are still meeting to determine the best way to proceed. They feel that their initial idea of a high stake raffle would be too difficult to control. They are currently looking at doing a promotion with several local restaurants who would offer a 20% of purchase fund raising donation to the Chapter. A motion was made by Leonore Hoak; seconded by Frank Hoak and passed by all present to proceed with the restaurant promotion

NEW BUSINESS

- December Christmas Party – Jim Cullison will send another email to Chapter members to remind them to sign up; this year we will have holiday background music during the luncheon – no live performance; MSA medals will be given during the luncheon and the 5 Star of Excellence banner will be affixed to the Chapter flag by Rob Welch. BOD members will provide the gifts for the Chinese auction
- Non-Renewals – Dave Fleming informs that he is following up and working the roster; there is a 40% renewal rate at present
- Uniform optional meetings for members – January and May
- 2015 AZ Veterans Stand Down – it's time to begin signing up to assist with this year's program
- Golf Tournament – Pat Dale has a health issue and has stated that he may have to reschedule the tournament from spring to fall



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- Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce – Lee Lange will be networking with veteran owned business in the Phoenix area in hopes of getting future employment for vets. There are currently 2 chapters and the group is hoping to expand
- December Greeters – The Ady's and The Hoak's

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Bill Roscher requests that he receive any outstanding/pending bills so he can finalize the end of year financial report
- Dave Fleming will research conducting a survey in early 2015 to see what interests chapter members the most; this will provide valuable input for planning yearly activities

Adjournment: 1135 hours