



# THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

## Military Officers Association of America

### Arizona's First Chapter



Minutes of the March 5, 2015 AZ MOAA Chapter Board of Directors Meeting  
Regional Training Institute, AZARNG, 5636 E McDowell Rd, Phoenix AZ

**Call to Order:** Chapter President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, March 5, 2015 with the Pledge of Allegiance

**Member's Present:** John Ady, Charlie Bitner, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Jim Draper, Dave Fleming, Gary Fredricks, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Lee Lange, Rob Welch

#### **OFFICER'S & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Beth Cullison and passed by all present to waive reading the February 2015 minutes

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Bitner reports a grand total of \$27, 637.18 in the treasury; the general fund has \$9,082.34, the scholarship fund has \$18,554.48 and petty cash has \$100.00

**Membership:** Dave Fleming reports a current total of 200 chapter members; 167 regular and 33 auxiliary. There are 11 gold bar members being dropped. Dave has sent out over 200 emails to members asking for their dues renewals; BOD members will personally call those members who remain unpaid and will report at next month's BOD meeting

**Arrangements:** Arlene Day reports that all is set for the upcoming March & April meetings

**Auxiliary & Wives:** Nancy Burt reports that she has contacted all auxiliary members who have not sent in their membership renewals

**Council of Chapters:** Ron Perkins has no reports this month; Gary Fredricks reports that he, Lee Lange and Ron Perkins met with members of the Sierra Vista Chapter who objected to the raise in COC dues, the Chapter subsequently paid their current dues

**ESGR:** Chuck Schluter has no report

**JROTC Awards:** Terry Tassin reports he currently has all high school presenters assigned; he is awaiting the medals and certificates from National

**JROTC Scholarships:** Rob Welch reports there is only one applicant to date; the applicant is from Cesar Chavez High School, a school not in our district. Rob will forward application to the Luke MOAA Chapter

**National Legislative Affairs:** Gary Fredricks reports it's a confusing time in Washington; FY2016 budget proposals, looming sequestration, Medicare/TRICARE payment reductions, the government's failure to fund the Department of Homeland Security etc etc. Please read your copy of the March 2015 *Sentinel* for current, in depth information

**State Legislative Affairs:** Lee Lange reports that the State Veterans Caucus is working on assisting incarcerated veterans with counseling, education, training, family support and receiving VA benefits. Lee was appalled at the flex loan plan (HB261) introduced in the State Legislature that allows up to 218% interest to be charged – a loan utilized by the poor who are least able to afford it! The law passed 31/29 in what became a Republican vs. Democrat issue. For more info please read Lee's article in *The Sentinel*

**MSVA/MANA House Liaison:** Ron Green reports he is diligently collecting and delivering water, backpacks and toiletries; he is also working on securing two (large) donations



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**Newsletter:** Jim Cullison reports *The Sentinel* is up-to-date

**Personal Affairs:** Lee Lange reports that he has sent a letter of support to the widow of recently deceased chapter member Captain Stephen Wallach. Look for Lee's article in the March *Sentinel* on tax season scams and illegal schemes

**Programs:** John Ady reports that Dr Connie Mariano is confirmed for the March meeting; Kevin Knight and Ned Colletti, 2 representatives from Congressman Schweikert's office will be on the April program

**Public Affairs:** Mark Day has no report this month

**Spotlight Speakers:** Frank Hoak has Mark Day/April, Charlie Bitner/May and new member Janet Stultz/September on the schedule

**Transition Liaison:** Jim Draper has nothing to report this month. John Ady reports that John Stumpf, CEO of Wells Fargo, is setting up a mentoring program at ASU for vets returning to school; they are looking for veteran volunteers to work within the program as mentors, a low time involvement of 4 -5 hours per year

**Webmaster:** Rob Welch reports that our chapter website is current

#### OLD BUSINESS

- Fund Raising – our scholarship fund raising event will be on Sunday, April 26 at RUSCONI'S American Kitchen at 10637 N Tatum Blvd between 10AM and 2PM. Reservations are required either by phone or Open Table and a specific mention of our AZ Chapter MOAA is needed to receive the 20% donation from your pre-tax/tip bill. See *The Sentinel* for additional info
- Luncheon Meeting Dates – the Board discussed the possibility of changing the monthly general Meeting date to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday; all agree that for the foreseeable future we will keep the meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday. Changes will be handled on a case by case basis as required
- Chapter Property Storage – A motion was made by Dave Fleming, seconded by Leonore Hoak and passed by all present to proceed with the rental of a public storage locker starting in May 2015; a duty roster will be implemented to retrieve stored items as needed
- CPR Training – possible May date is currently being discussed; more promotion is required
- Luncheon Reservation Policy – we will continue to increase notices of the monthly reservation date deadlines to curb the current attendance problem of members without reservations

#### NEW BUSINESS

- Memorial Day Ceremony – need members to sign up to march
- Comedy Club – possible fund raising event May 8<sup>th</sup>, Frank Hoak to report
- JROTC Medals/Money – consensus of Board is to retain medal awards only
- AUSA Golf Tournament- Luke AFB Golf Course, April 11, chapter to support with a \$200.00 sponsorship check
- Diamondback Baseball Game – Jim Cullison will request veteran tickets for Sunday, August 9, game is at 1pm vs. Cincinnati
- March Greeters – Rob Welch and Leonore Hoak
- Superstition Chapter Diamondback vs. Dodgers Game – we will promote their 9/13 game date



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**Good of the Order:** the chapter will present a wine/liquor basket to Pat Dale at the golf tournament luncheon. A motion was made by Rob Welch, seconded by Leonore Hoak and passed by all present to purchase the \$50.00 basket

**Adjournment:** 1200 hours