



Minutes - May 7, 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, May 7, 2015 with the Pledge of Allegiance

Member's Present: John Ady, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Dave Fleming, Gary Fredricks, Lee Lange, and Rob Welch

Jim Cullison announced the Golf Tournament made \$2,371 for our scholarship fund. Pat Dale has already started planning the next tournament for April 21, 2016.

Rusconi's indicated they are not yet ready to provide final results from the brunch but Beth Cullison provided them a list of 43 attendees. A check for the scholarship fund should be available next week and is estimated to be around \$150.

OFFICER'S & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

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

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Bitner had provided Jim Cullison a current report: \$30,580.54 total in the treasury; the general fund has \$9,276.42, the scholarship fund has \$21,204.12 and petty cash has \$100.

Membership: Dave Fleming reports a current total of **161** members; 134 regular and 27 auxiliary.

Arrangements: Arlene Day has no report this month.

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt has no report this month.

Council of Chapters: Jim Cullison indicated the next COC is scheduled for May 20, 2015, in Green Valley. Ron Perkins will be there as COC President, Lee Lange as COC Treasurer and Jim Cullison will represent our chapter. One of the agenda items is to review the high school assignments to each chapter. Any Chapter member is welcome to attend

ESGR: Chuck Schluter has no report this month.

JROTC Scholarships: Rob Welch reports two scholarships will be awarded for \$2,000 each and there will be eight guests attending our luncheon including the two cadets.

National Legislative Affairs: Gary Fredricks reported the mandated 21% reduction in payments to doctors for Medicare/TRICARE services has been cancelled. The Storming the Hill issues reported in *The Sentinel* are still open. Sequestration will eventually need to be solved but likely will not be resolved this year. The idea of a blended 401K retirement plan for future military members is being studied. Gary encourages all MOAA members to take note of information provided by National MOAA and take action when requested.

State Legislative Affairs: Lee Lange went to Representative Ruben Gallego's office and requested a future meeting when Ruben is in town. Lee summarized the bills in play as the legislative session ended in *The Sentinel*. However, raising the military pension exclusion from states taxes died in the House but it will be proposed again next year.

MSVA/MANA House Liaison: Ron Green has no report this month.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison published the May newsletter on time.

Personal Affairs: Lee Lange focused on TRICARE for Life along with Medicare benefits in the May issue of *The Sentinel*. Frank Hoak forwarded an email to Jim Cullison indicating Korea War Veterans are now accepted in the Honor Flights to the Washington, D.C. memorials. Jim will cover this when emailing the reminder for our upcoming luncheon and encourage all chapter WWII & Korea War Veterans to participate.

Programs: John Ady reports Dick Cadwallader is set as the May speaker to share a fascinating experience he had in Korea. Previously a Scottsdale Police Officer was scheduled to present but is not available now. John approached Senator McCain's office as a possible future presenter. October is our picnic without a speaker but John is exploring entertainment. He already obtained the picnic permit.

Public Affairs: Mark Day has no report this month

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak provided a status to Jim Cullison: Charlie Bitner/May, Janet Stultz/September, John Brammer/November, Gene Raffanelli/January and Ed Balaban/February.

Transition Liaison (Jobs): Jim Draper has no action to report this month

Webmaster: Rob Welch reports that the chapter website is current. However, our software is not current. The software is outdated and our version is no longer supported. Dave Fleming moved we approved up to \$300 for updating the software. The motion was seconded by John Ady and unanimously approved.

OLD BUSINESS

- Chapter Property Storage – Jim Cullison provided price quotes for three different storage facilities. John Ady made a motion to go with Jim's recommendation on Becker Lane for \$49 monthly which was seconded by Beth Cullison. The need for multiple keys was reiterated and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Chapter Property Duty Roster -- Dave Fleming had previously developed and distributed a duty roster and operations instruction for the storage locker which all agreed to.

NEW BUSINESS

- Flag Carrying Cases – Jim Cullison presented pricing for new carrying cases to protect our flags and make transportation easier because the current ones are worn out. Rob Welch moved and Lee Lange seconded approval of \$105 to replace the cases. The motion passed by all present. Jim Cullison will purchase the new cases.
- Speaker Gifts – Jim Cullison showed those present the new MOAA logo. Because MOAA is transitioning to the new logo, the National MOAA website is currently having a sale of many items with the old logo on sale. Jim said we do have enough speaker gifts to get us into 2016 so there is not an immediate need to purchase additional items. A motion was made by Dave Fleming, seconded by Beth Cullison to continue using our existing inventory of paperweights and pens. The motion passed by all present.
- 2016 Luncheons – Dave Fleming and Donna Bright went to McCormick Ranch Golf Club to renew our contract which increased to \$22 per meal but would normally be \$25. Dave said the only luncheon being moved from our normal third Saturday is the December Christmas luncheon which will be held on the second Saturday, December 10, 2016. John Ady made a motion seconded by Dave Fleming to approve the new contract. The motion was unanimously approved. Donna agreed to handle September, November & December 2015 in addition to the entire year of 2016. Beth Cullison agreed to chair the planning and logistics for the October

picnic at McCormick Ranch Railroad Park. Lee Lange and Dave Fleming volunteered to also work the October picnic. Beth will contact Marie Fredricks for additional support.

- Memorial Day Color Guard/Wreath – Jim Cullison asked for volunteers at the annual Memorial Day event at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Four are needed for the Color Guard and one or two for the wreath ceremony. Bill Roscher had already volunteered for the Color Guard. Lee Lange volunteered along with Jim Cullison. Jim will contact other chapter members to find additional volunteers.
- Summer Activities – John Ady suggested a new venue, the *Museum of the West* on Marshall Way in Old Scottsdale. John has been there and believes it would be of interest to our members. It would cost about \$10 per person. He recommends a guided tour which would take about an hour and could be followed by lunch. John will pursue a late morning tour for Saturday, July 18 and recommend a nearby restaurant for a group lunch. More to follow.
- Gammage Event – Leonore Hoak researched upcoming plays and has recommended we wait until 2016. *A Gentleman's Guide to Love & Murder* and *42nd Street* are two popular plays scheduled for next year at ASU Gammage. The Board agreed with Leonore's suggestion to revisit this at a later date.
- Meritorious Service Award Committee – Dave Fleming will chair the committee with Lee Lange and Leonore Hoak.
- AZ COC Fall Meeting We Host – The Fall Council of Chapters meeting is scheduled for November. Gary Fredricks volunteered to host a reception with his wife Marie in their home. Gary also volunteered to explore meeting & hotel venues in the Fountain Hills area.
- May Greeters – Gary Fredricks & Rob Welch.

GOOD OF THE ORDER:

- *Bugles Across America* -- Rob Welch provided information about *Bugles Across America*, founded to provide a live rendition of Taps at Veteran funerals. They now have over 5500 bugler volunteers located in all 50 states and growing numbers overseas. Their website is buglesacrossamerica.org and Roger Ellis is a contact who will reach out to local buglers to schedule participation in local funerals.
- V-J Day – Rob Welch said plans are underway for a celebration of Victory Day on August 15. All World War II veterans will be invited to the event and the Navajo code talkers will be honored. The event will be held at the Doubletree Resort in Scottsdale for \$30 per person which includes dinner. Rob will provide additional information for electronic distribution to our members.
- National Legislation – Gary Fredricks announced Lee Lange agreed to take over the National Legislative Affairs. Gary has fulfilled this role for the past 12 years. The Board agreed Gary has done an exceptional job and all are grateful for his dedication.
- Top 10 – Jim Cullison shared an email from Dr. Randy Groth, April luncheon speaker, that described the top 10 issues facing the U.S. Army. The top 10 were briefly summarized in the May edition of *The Sentinel*.

Adjournment: 1155 hours