



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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Thursday December 1, 2016

Regional Training Institute, AZARNG, 5636 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: President Lee Lange called the meeting to order at 10:30 am at the Regional Training Institute, 5636 E. McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ President Lange led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance

Members Present: Lee Lange, Paul Schnur, Donna and Ron Bright, Charlie Bitner, Jim and Beth Cullison, Jim Draper, Ron Perkins, Bruce Kosaveach, Dave Price and Rob Welch.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President's Announcements: President Lange announced that the Wine tasting fund raiser was a great success and netted about \$4,000. The final accounting has not been finished. The event was a lot of work for the Board and others in the Chapter under the leadership of Beth Cullison and he thanked all involved.

On December 7th, there would be a Pearl Harbor remembrance at Wesley Bolin Plaza and he and Janet Stultz will attend. It will begin at 10:55 which is the time the attack began.

Secretary's Report: The minutes of the last meeting were circulated to the Board Members by Secretary Schnur. A motion was made and seconded that we dispense of reading the minutes. This motion passed unanimously and a motion was made and seconded that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as published. This motion also passed unanimously

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Charlie Bitner reported that we presently have \$11,872.88 in the general fund, \$20,608.70 in the Scholarship Fund, \$200.00 in petty cash for a Grand Total of \$32,681.58.

SPECIAL REPORTS;

It was announced that the Superstition Chapter hosted the AZ Council of Chapters at the Embassy Suites on November 14th. At this meeting, Ron Perkins stepped down as the President. Ron Perkins reported on the meeting. The Superstition Chapter met the day before and they had good attendance. At the Council meeting Wanda Wright was the speaker and she did a good job with her talk. Lee Lange gave a talk on Veteran's resources. There was also a talk on the changes at the national MOAA Board. The changes are significant. He also reported that the UAV is working on getting the deduction on the military pension raised. They are working at the State Legislature. The new President is Dick Jonas from Prescott and the Vice-President is Pete Kloeber from Flagstaff.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Lee Lange reported that we currently have 129 regular members and 26 surviving spouses for a total of 155. We still have some people that came to the picnic that are interested. The trend is upward.

Programs: December will be the Christmas party and January will be the previously cancelled program on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. For February Bruce is working on getting Brittney Henritze to talk on the Veterans Heritage Project. Other programs are under consideration.

Scholarships: Jon Shawl will take over as the Chairman of this committee in January.

Arrangements: Plans are underway for the Christmas party. Susan Farrell sent invitations to all the surviving spouses. Each member of the Board is asked to bring two gifts for the auction. Each gift should be in the range of \$20.00. A discussion was held on how to make the event better. There will be Christmas music. The menu was reviewed.

The new Chapter officers for 2017 will be sworn in by Ron Perkins at this meeting. They will take their positions effective January 1.

Legislative Affairs: President Lee Lange's article in the last News Letter covers the legislative affairs in detail and will not be repeated here. The state issue is the taxation for incomes from military pensions and surviving spouses. Attempts are being made to increase the amount of tax exempt income for these veterans and spouses. Rob Welch reported in detail that there has been a lot of activity and the chances are good that changes will be made. At the present time, Arizona ranks 32/50 in being veterans friendly.

Personal Affairs: Refer to newsletter article on tax breaks to consider.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Surviving Spouses – Susan Farrell No report

Transition Liaison Jobs – Jim Draper No report

Newsletter – Jim Cullison reports that it is ready to go. The Chapter is looking for someone to take over the position as Jim has done the job for a long time.



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Webmaster – Rob Welch Rob would like someone to take over this job.

JROTC Program – Terry Tassin No Report

MSVA/MANA House Liaison – Ron Green No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

The Wine Tasting Event was reviewed. Final accounting on the event is not completed but it was discussed that the profit will be in the area of \$4000. Lee will collect information and feedback on the event and it will be evaluated in detail later.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fundraising Committee. The \$4000 profit from the Wine Tasting will go to the scholarship fund.

Automated Dues Renewal. Membership renewal online will start in January. The price will be \$20. Also, arrangements will be made to take credit card payments for the lunch. The service charge of \$0.61 will be added to the total charge.

Meal price – The cost of the meal will not be increased until January of 2018

Meeting Greeters – The greeters for the December will be Lee Lange and Jim Draper

Duty Officer for the next meeting is Jim Cullison

Next Chapter Meeting – This will be the Christmas party December 17, 2016

Adjournment: At 11:52 a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed. Next meeting of the Board will be January 5, 2017

Respectively submitted, Paul L. Schnur, MD, Secretary