



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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Thursday November 3, 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 10:31 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, and Janet Stultz.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

President's Announcements: President Lange announced that the next fundraiser will be a wine tasting/silent auction and will be held November 12, 2016. It will be discussed later in the meeting.

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 \$7,828.59 in the general fund, \$19,948.20 in the Scholarship Fund, \$200.00 in petty cash for a Grand Total of \$27,976.79.

SPECIAL REPORTS;

It was announced that the Superstition Chapter will host the AZ Council of Chapters at the Embassy Suites On November 14th from 9 till 2. All members are invited. Wanda Wright will be the speaker.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Lee Lange reported that we currently have 126 regular members and 25 surviving spouses for a total of 151. This is an increase of 3 members and one spouse since the last meeting. We still have some people that came to the picnic that are interested.

Programs: The November meeting will have the program on the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. December will be the Christmas party and January will present the one that was cancelled, the Scottsdale Police Department's 911 call center. For February Lee is working on getting a pilot from WW II to come talk to the chapter. There are plans to



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change some of the plans for the Christmas Party. They will be discussed after the Wine Tasting function.

Scholarships: The wine tasting fundraiser is a sellout. There were 48 tickets sold. There are a lot of silent auction items. Some are quite nice. Lee has the device to take credit cards at the affair. There will be a lot of the members helping and some will provide food.

There was no further report. The change in the chairman is still in process.

Arrangements: Donna Bright reported that there were 62 people who attended the picnic and 16 were guests. This month will be a turkey dinner. For the Christmas party the surviving spouses are invited as our guests. The entertainment at the Christmas party will be Christmas music and we have flash drives with the music. It was decided to put some candy packages at each table.

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.

Personal Affairs: Lee reported that Heart Health is an issue that can be reviewed by filling out a questionnaire online.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Surviving Spouses – Susan Farrell was not present but it was reported that Thanksgiving cards will be sent out to the 24 spouses and they will be invited to the Christmas luncheon.

Transition Liaison Jobs – Jim Draper No report

Newsletter – There was an error in the last newsletter about the location of the next meeting that will be corrected. Jim will not be present at the next meeting so Paul Schnur will take photos for the Newsletter.

Webmaster – Rob Welch – no report.

JROTC Program - Lee announced that in the future the national MOAA office will no longer pay for the medals and the chapter must pay for them. There will still be the presentations.



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MSVA/MANA House Liaison – Ron Green continues to collect water for homeless veterans. Now he is taking food to the Veterans. This has been a big hit.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meritorious Service Awards – There will be 6 presented at the next meeting. Ron Green has 3 awards so he will be recognized in a different manner.

Annual Meeting Summary: Jim and Beth Cullison attended the Annual Meeting and received our 5-Star Award. It has changed and is a banner that will have pins added with future awards. There are 400 chapters and about a half received awards. It was announced that MOAA will make it more competitive to receive an award in the future. There was discussion about the finances. MOAA will have a short fall in finances this year so they are making changes to stay solvent.

Jim reported on several other events at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day is December 7th. Lee Lange will participate in the laying of the reef at the State Capitol for the 75th anniversary of Pearl Harbor. Janet Stultz agreed to assist Lee in this ceremony.

Fundraising Committee Update – This was discussed under the scholarship section.

Meeting Greeters – Jim & Judy Draper

Duty Officer for the next meeting is Rob Welch.

Next Chapter Meeting – November 19, 2016

Adjournment: At 11:25 a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed. Next meeting of the Board will be December 1, 2016

Respectively submitted, Paul L. Schnur, MD, Secretary