



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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Thursday April 6, 2017

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 10:34 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, Jim Draper, Charlie Bitner, Jim and Beth Cullison, Ron and Donna Bright, Dave Price, Rob Welch, Jon Shawl and Bruce Kosaveach.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Announcements: Services for Marie Fredricks are set for April 7 at 1:00 pm in Fountain Hills.

A report was made on Gene Rafanelli's medical condition.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

Secretary's Report: Minutes of the Chapter meetings for February and March and the BOD meeting for March were emailed to the BOD. A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading. The motion passed unanimously. A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes presented and this motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer reported that the General Fund is at \$7,012.92, the Scholarship Fund is at \$21,837.85, there is \$200 in petty cash for a Grand Total of \$29,050.77. The Treasurer announced that he will not be present at the next meeting or the next Chapter meeting. Since he will not be there credit cards cannot be used to pay for the meal.

SPECIAL REPORTS;

AZ Council of Chapters Update: Lee Lange reminded the Board that he is Treasurer of this organization so he attends the meetings. The next meeting is May 23-24th in Flagstaff. Anyone can attend. Yesterday they "Stormed the Hill" in Washington. The Communications Awards for newsletters and websites should be decided and announced soon. We applied for both.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: There are 124 regular members, 26 surviving spouses for a total of 160 members. So far there are 25 members that have not renewed as of this date. If they do not renew they will be dropped. Letters have been sent to all asking them to renew. One thought raised was to consider making a member a Life Member without dues at a



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certain age. Other chapters have done this. The big problem is that without an actuary advising, it's not possible to set the proper dues structure to make it work.

Programs: The next meeting will be the presentation of the ROTC Scholarships. The last meeting of the season will be the May meeting and Congressman Schweikert is the scheduled speaker. He recently added an amendment to the Health Care bill that is considered significant. He will be asked to talk on Health Care and Tax Reform. We do not yet have a backup if he cannot make the talk because of his obligations in Washington.

Scholarships: At the next Chapter meeting the ASU ROTC Scholarships will be presented. The Scholarship will be \$2000 each for a junior/senior from the Army, Navy and Air Force programs. Pearl Survivor Capt. Archie Kelley USN Ret. Will make the presentations. The cadets will then have their pictures taken with Capt. Kelley. The Cadets will be accompanied by their families and professors.

Arrangements: The next Chapter meeting will be at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club either in the dining room or the rotunda. The facility is over booked for Easter so there was some question about meeting space being available but it has been decided that we will have space. The contract for next year will come up in May.

Legislative Affairs The Federal Legislative affairs is well outlined in Lee Lange's article in the recent newsletter. There are three bills of interest in the State affairs. The Military Family Relief Fund bill is still alive and working its way through the State legislature. The Tax Exemption and Predatory Lending bills are on hold and probably dead for this year.

Personal Affairs: Personal Affairs are outlined in Lee Lange's article in the recent News Letter.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Surviving Spouses – Susan Farrell -The membership committee is working on having all renew their membership.

Transition Liaison Jobs – No Report

Newsletter – No Report

Webmaster – No report.



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JROTC Program – All 15 schools have a presenter. Some other organizations are asking us to make their presentations. The presentations will begin soon.

MSVA/MANA House Liaison – At the April meeting there will be representatives from the MANA house too tell us a bit about their program and thank us for our help.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Arizona National Guard will hold its meeting April 21-22. Our Chapter will man a table for information on National membership. We will be offering membership to our Chapter for those eligible. Lee Lange with several other members will man the tables.

The Chapter is nominating two members for induction into the AVHOF. They are Jim Cullison and George Burk. Rob Welch announced that the nominations closed March 31st. There are so far 53 applications with about 12 more expected to arrive this week as the date of March 31st is they date the application has to be post marked. He outlined the process of selection.

The chapter golf tournament is set for April 21st. Those not playing golf are invited to attend for lunch. So far \$1200 has been collected.

Memorial Day this year is May 29th. Lee Lange with other members of our Chapter will perform the color guard at the Phoenix National Cemetery. The chapter will also participate in the wreath laying ceremony.

NEW BUSINESS:

Summer events were discussed and it was decided to consider a Diamondback Ball game. Jim and Beth Cullison had a list of games that we could attend and the last was disseminated. The Board will decide at the next meeting what they would like to do for the summer.

Meeting Greeters – Lee Lange and Jim and Beth Cullison.

Duty Officer for the next meeting – Paul Schnur

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Jon Shawl will attend the next Luke Chapter meeting to hear a talk on the SR 71 to see if that is a program we would like to get for our Chapter meeting.



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Next Chapter Meeting – This will be May 20, 2017

Next Board Meeting – This will be May 4, 2017

Adjournment: At 11:48 a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed.

Respectively submitted, Paul L. Schnur, MD, Secretary

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