



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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Thursday March 2, 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 10:30 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, Jim Draper, Charlie Bitner, Jim Cullison, Ron and Donna Bright, Dave Price, Rob Welch, Jon Shawl, Bruce Kosaveach and Janet Stultz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Maricopa Veterans StandDown will be held February 9-10, 2017. Volunteers are needed and they can sign-up online.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

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 with 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 \$7,158.89 in the general fund, \$27,091.84 in the Scholarship Fund, \$200.00 in petty cash for a Grand Total of \$34,650.73.

Ron Perkins performed a review of the finances and found them to be in order. His report is attached to these minutes.

SPECIAL REPORTS;

AZ Council of Chapters –The Council is now taking on legislation to change fund for "Post 911 Vets". There is 6 million dollars in this fund and they are not able to use it as there is a limited number of Veterans in this category. This fund cannot be changed so there are those who want to end tax credits to the fund and transfer them to a similar fund run by ADVS. This will take an act of the State legislature. The Council is also supporting the drive to exempt military pension from Arizona State income tax.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: David Price reported that we currently have 134 regular members and 27 surviving spouses for a total of 161. 68% have renewed their membership but 52 have



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not. All the BOD members will be asked to call those who have not renewed. The membership committee is still working on new members.

Programs:

For February, the program will be Brittney Henritze to talk on the Veterans Heritage Project. She will be joined by one of our members and a student. March will be Jack Holder a Pearl Harbor survivor who will talk on his experiences. April is the Scholarship presentations and May will be a talk by U.S. Rep Schweikert

Scholarships: Letters have been sent out to the ASU divisions of ROTC. The plan is to give one scholarship to each branch of the service. Jon Shawl is waiting to hear back from the instructors.

Arrangements: No report.

Legislative Affairs: The detailed report written by Lee Lange is in the Newsletter.

Personal Affairs: Information on personal affairs is in the article by Lee Lange in the Newsletter.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

Surviving Spouses – Susan Farrell No report

Transition Liaison Jobs – Jim Draper No report

Newsletter – Jim Cullison: A replacement for Jim needs to be identified.

Webmaster – Rob Welch: An application for the 2016 communication awards for the website and Newsletter have been submitted to National MOAA.

JROTC Program – Terry Tassin See new business

MSVA/MANA House Liaison – Ron Green No Report

OLD BUSINESS:

As we heard at an earlier meeting our Chapter will now have to pay for the medals for JROTC as National will no longer pay for them. Terry Tassin researched the cost and has placed an order at \$247.90 for 15 medals including shipping. It was decided that we will pay for this out of general fund.



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NEW BUSINESS:

The BOD members will be asked to contact members who have not renewed their membership and ask them to renew.

Renew Design/Cost Estimate MSA pins. We are out of these pins. Lee has received designs and bids from two vendors. The two designs and costs were reviewed by the BOD and the members chose one design with a cost of \$331.00. A motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept this pin design and pins will be ordered.

Review JROTC OI #5 Revision. A revision, attached to these minutes, of the JROTC plan was presented by Gerry Tassin. The revision was reviewed and a motion was made and seconded to accept the revision. This motion passed unanimously.

Meeting Greeters – February greeters will be Lee, and the Cullisons.

Gift for Speakers. We are out of gifts for our speakers. The MOAA online store has been revised and there is less to choose from. Lee ordered a few pens and we will go with that for now and perhaps can find something better in the future.

Duty Officer for the next meeting – Dave Price.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Nothing

Next Chapter Meeting – This will be March 18, 2017

Adjournment: At 11:38 a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed. Next meeting of the Board will be March 2, 2017

Respectively submitted, Paul L. Schnur, MD, Secretary