



**THE ARIZONA CHAPTER**  
**Military Officers Association of America**  
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**Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance:** President Ron Bright called the meeting to order at 10:30 am, at the above address. President Bright led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Ron Bright, Mike Rogers, Lee and Janet Lange, Jim Cullison, Bruce Kosaveach, Bob Hinton, Jon Shawl, Jack Farley, David Price, Rob Welch, David Boyd, and Pete Veitenhans(on phone).

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

1. Luncheon attendance has increased from 55 to 75-80; programs have been outstanding.
2. ROTC Scholarship awards in any given year are limited to 50 % of fund balance. Winners are invited to accept award at Chapter luncheon.
3. Ron reported for Susan Farrell. Chapter will find a way for Surviving Spouses to receive recognition pins.
4. Ron stated we have 15 Jr. ROTC programs in our area; contact with them has been “heartwarming”.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS:**

**Secretary's report:** The minutes of the last BOD meeting had been emailed to the BOD. Motion was made to waive the reading of the minutes. The motion passed. A motion was made to approve the minutes as written. Motion passed. TM

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was submitted by Charlie Bitner to Ron Bright. The Treasurer reported that the General Fund is at \$6,095.69, The Scholarship Fund has \$26,122.33, Petty Cash is at -\$200.00(used to make change for ticket sales and lunches), for a Grand Total of \$32,218.02.

**SPECIAL REPORTS:**

David Price followed up on comments made in December, 2017, meeting about having MOAA stickers made (for members to place on used magazines in doctors' offices and other public places). He passed out stickers to be used for that purpose.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** David Price reported there are 127 regular members, 22 surviving spouses, for a total of 149. He stated that 68 members still owe dues. It was noted that



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MOAA Chapters have members with increasing ages; our Chapter's average age is 72. Ideas were discussed about ways to recruit new, younger members.

**Scholarships:** By the way the applications were written, that the ROTC programs seemed to endorse the higher rated applicants. Award amount is \$2,000.00 for each winner; he/she will be invited to Chapter luncheon to accept award.

**PROGRAMS:** Bruce thanked the members for supplying many good ideas for guest speakers. Speaker for January Chapter meeting will be Nick Lowery, a place kicker who played several seasons for the Kansas City Chiefs.

**ARRANGEMENTS:** Lee stated that members with dietary requirements can still make those arrangements for luncheons.

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:** Congress has passed another Continuing Resolution, and without a budget, programs may not have "new starts".

**PERSONAL AFFAIRS:** TRICARE has announced increased payments by those under age 65. That appears to open the door later for increasing payments by those over age 65.

**SURVIVING SPOUSES:** As Chapter does not have enough Surviving Spouse pins, motion was made to order more. Motion passed.

**TRANSITION LIAISON:** No report.

**NEWSLETTER:** Janet(new editor) is shadowing Jim Cullison regarding publication of "The Sentinel". Final deadline for submission of articles is 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

**JROTC PROGRAM:** New chair is John Simmons.

**MSVA/MANA HOUSE LIAISON:** Ron collects the donation checks for the program at Chapter meetings for Ron Green. Ron Bright will check with him to see what else he might need.

**NEW BUSINESS:** MOAA LOE Submissions Committee: Ron has a request from Dan Conway to help out. Lee mentioned that presently there is no committee. In past, Chapter President has headed up this effort. BOD discussed making pitch to general membership for forming this committee. Submission date is 1 May 2018.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Portillo's restaurant fundraiser will be 11 Jan 18. Those mentioning MOAA at checkout obtains 20% of proceeds (between Noon and 9 PM) for our Chapter. Golf Tourney will be held in April; course will be selected very soon. January greeters will be Lee and Janet Lange.



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**GOOD OF THE ORDER:** January Duty Officer: Charlie Bitner. February Duty Officer: Bob Hinton.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting was adjourned at 11:46 AM.

Respectfully submitted, David Boyd, Secretary

