



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



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – Thursday Oct 4, 2018

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

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance: President Ron Bright called the meeting to order at 10:24 am at the Regional Training Institute, 5636 E. McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ. President Lange led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Ron Bright, Susan Farrell, Lee and Janet Lange, Mike Rogers, Bob Hinton, Charlie Bitner, Dave Price, Jon Shawl, and Dave Boyd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Due to MOAA's National Meeting early November in Phoenix, the date of next board meeting is changed to November 8.
- President Ron Bright said he understands that last Chapter meeting went off very well (President was unable to attend). He thanked everyone for their efforts.
- President Bright took a head count of those members who would attend the Dinner/Dance on 1 Nov, when the LOE Awardees are recognized.

OFFICERS' REPORTS:

- Secretary: As Secretary had electronically distributed minutes of the September 6, 2018 BOD meeting, motion was made and passed to adopt them as written. The same procedure was followed for the Chapter meeting minutes of September 15, 2018; motion was made and seconded to adopt them as written.
- Treasurer: Charlie Bitner gave following report: General Fund has \$4,723.54 (including \$200.00 for Petty Cash), and Scholarship Fund has \$28,078.32. The total is \$33,001.86. Charlie commented that the General Fund is a bit low. Members discussed some ideas on how to raise balance of this fund. Currently, the Chapter breaks even on individual lunches, but loses money overall with speaker and guest being paid for by Chapter - \$100 per month. Ron indicated we need to make it known that Chapter needs donations to both General and Scholarship funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Dave Price stated there are 132 regular members, 22 surviving spouses for a total of 154 members. There are 25 members that have not renewed their memberships as of this date. A campaign is underway to recruit new members; between Ron, Lee, and John Ady, 111 packets were mailed out. The recipients of those packets are National MOAA members, who are not members of our Chapter.



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Programs: Annual Picnic is set for 27 Oct 18; Famous Dave's will cater BBQ, etc. A band will offer entertainment; Charlie stated band normally receives a check for its fee at the picnic.

The speaker, for the Annual Chapter meeting in November, will be the Administrator for the Dept. of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Phoenix.

Arrangements: Lee will send email soliciting volunteers for certain tasks at picnic. Guests who are eligible to join our Chapter will be "comped" cost of lunch.

Legislative Affairs: Lee stated that the Dept. of Defense Appropriations Bill was signed prior to 1 Oct. COLA increase for 2019 is projected to be 2.8%.

Personal Affairs: Lee stated that for that the new TRICARE Vision/Dental Plan, military retirees will be lumped in with Federal Civil Service. New rates and plans have been published. Open season is 12 Nov-10 Dec 18.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

Surviving Spouses: Susan said she will update the list. She indicated that some are too old to get out much, while some remain relatively active at age 90.

Transition Liaison Jobs: No Report

Newsletter: Janet stated that deadline for submission of articles will be 23 Oct @ 8 AM.

NEW BUSINESS:

MSVA/MANA House Liaison – Ron stated that Ron Green is using MOAA donation to pay for gas etc. for the latter's volunteer to pick up donated food from groceries.

Registration Committee: Ron asked for volunteers to work at the Registration desk for the National Members meeting. A list was developed. Mike Rogers will be in charge of volunteers for registration duty.

Slate of Officers and New Committee Chairs for 2019: Mike Rogers has developed this list; the only two vacant are Webmaster, and Toys for Tots Chair (Normally a USMC officer). Janet suggested her husband, Lee, and he agreed. Motion was made and seconded to adopt the Slate of Officers and New Committee Chairs. Motion passed. List will be presented to members at Annual Picnic late this month. Members will vote at November Chapter meeting.



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OLD BUSINESS:

Arizona Chapter hosts Arizona Council meeting 1 NOV 18: Dave will bring computer/projector for A/V support. Meeting is at the Arizona Grand Resort. Buffet lunch is \$15.00, which will be collected onsite.

New Projector?: It was noted that projector is 10 years old, and has the original bulb. It would be awkward if bulb burned out during a presentation. Lee has found replacement bulb for \$135.00 at Amazon. New projectors run at least \$600-800. Motion passed to purchase replacement bulb from Amazon, and have it commercially installed. As the pointer function (of remote slide advancer) does not work, Dave agreed to buy one. He will price cost of new projectors also.

Oct Greeters: Will need more than usual. Several indicated they would help out.

New Member Dues: Group discussed whether changing policy might require By-law change; Lee indicated that change would be required. Motion made and seconded to change By-law as follows: New member pays dues before June 1, dues are paid for that calendar year. Member who pays dues after 1 June, is paid up for that calendar year. A new member paying dues after 1 June, is paid up for remainder of calendar year, plus the next calendar year. Dues are \$20.00 per year.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

MOAA LOE AWARDS DINNER: Members may register online.

VETERANS HALL OF FAME INSTALLATION DINNER: To be held at Talking Stick Resort.

LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS: They will be held after MOAA Annual Meeting.

OCTOBER DUTY OFFICER: Dave Boyd

NOVEMBER DUTY OFFICER: Jon Shawl

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made and seconded to adjourn; time was 11:58AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Boyd, Secretary



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