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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, Bruce Kosaveach, Bob Hinton, Jon Shawl, Jack Farley, Charlie Bitner, and David Boyd.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Ron announced that there are 2 new inductees to AZ Veterans Hall of Fame: Lee Lange, and Ray Bouchet.
2. Jon Shawl stated that ROTC Scholarship award winner, Midshipman Ballesteros, will attend September luncheon with a guest. She will be in uniform.
3. Ron thanked Lee Lange and Dan Conway for the submission which resulted in another 5 star LOE award.

OFFICER'S REPORTS:

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's report was given by Charlie Bitner. The Treasurer reported that the General Fund is at \$5,364.61, The Scholarship Fund has \$27,668.32, for a Grand Total of \$33,232.93.

SPECIAL REPORTS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: Ron reported per Dave Price that 20 members still owe dues. We have 130 regular members, and 21 surviving spouses, for total of 151. We have 5 new members. We expect some of these new members to attend September or October (picnic) Chapter meetings. Members will discuss specifics of making them welcome. Members discussed ideas for charging dues for new members, with an eye to folks perhaps staying with Chapter longer if they have "some skin in the game" (paying membership fee the year they join). Our present policy is that new



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members get the remaining months of calendar year when joining, and the next year free. Motion was made to charge new members \$20 (surviving spouses \$10) upon joining; fee covers remainder of calendar year, and the full year following. Motion was tabled until next month, when Dave Price (membership chair) will attend board meeting. Motion passed.

Scholarships: See announcements above.

PROGRAMS: Bruce stated our Sept. speaker is Col. Poppenberger, Commander of Yuma Proving Grounds. John Ady will introduce him.

ARRANGEMENTS: For Sept. meeting, we will have sheet cake (in lieu of regular dessert) in honor of Archie Kelly's 100th birthday. Our annual picnic will be on 27 October. Catering will be by Famous Dave's. No alcohol is allowed on picnic grounds. The city evidently has blanket liability insurance. Several volunteers will be recruited to assist with picnic.

Charlie raised issue of when Chapter will be asked to raise fee for luncheons. Lee stated that we are locked into present rates until May, 2019. Members discussed exploring other options for lunch venues early next year.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Congress passed the Defense Authorization Bill, which was signed. It contained a 2.6% pay raise.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS: TRICARE will have open enrollment in November for Dental/Vision insurance coverage. TRICARE for LIFE remains free of fees, for now. There will be approximately one month of open season.

SURVIVING SPOUSES: Susan Farrell would like a roster of surviving spouses; one will be provided. She will be attending the luncheon.

TRANSITION LIAISON: No report.

NEWSLETTER: Janet will announce at Sept. luncheon that submission deadline for Sentinel articles will be 24 September.

JROTC PROGRAM: No report.

MSVA/MANA HOUSE LIAISON: Ron collects the donations for the program at Chapter meetings for Ron Green. Charlie stated that R. Green submits spreadsheets as proof of expenses. Motion was made and passed to grant Ron \$250.00 for funds "he can count on". Stipulation was made that Ron continue to account for how funds were used, and that he give presentation to members on Manna House mission. Motion to authorize



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the above amount from the General Fund passed. One of the programs' activities is to pick up donated food from grocery stores, for use in the program.

NEW BUSINESS: Toys for Tots needs a new chair. Ron suggested we go through the list of retired Marines to search for volunteer.

Ron brought up the Arizona semi-annual Council of Chapters meeting(our chapter is hosting) for 1 November. The projector will be needed for this meeting. The evening of 1 November will have the LOE Awards Banquet. All are invited to the Dinner/Dance. Event is to be held at the Arizona Grand Resort. The National MOAA meeting will necessitate a change of date of November BOD meeting. Our Chapter is expected to assist National meeting(2 Nov 18) with volunteers for registration, putting up flags, color guard, and a singer for National Anthem. Mike Rogers will run volunteer recruitment.

OLD BUSINESS: Jack Farley stated that Pat Dale(and family) have stepped down from chairing the annual golf tournament. He has been visiting(in uniform) the vendors who made donations of prizes for last tournament, and gave each a token of our Chapter's appreciation. Jack stated vendors were very pleased by this reinforcement. Jack has filed for reimbursement of his expenses (gas money, etc.).

GOOD OF THE ORDER: September Duty Officer: Jim Cullison. October Duty Officer: Dave Boyd.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting was adjourned at 12:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted, David Boyd, Secretary

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