

MOAA
Coronado Chapter
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of 19 Oct 2016



CALL TO ORDER: Pres Covalucci called the meeting to order at 1158 hours at the Landmark Cafe. Dep Dir Devine led the Pledge of Allegiance. Pres C. gave the invocation.

Members Present

President: Bob Covalucci
Second Vice-President: Tom Hessler
Secretary: Joe Puett
Director: Harry Bowen - Transition
Director: Gene Fenstermacher - Legislation
Dep Dir Earl Devine - Cmty Liaison
Director: Jan Cole – Aux Liaison
Director: Terrie Gent – Personal Affairs
Director: John Black - Scholarships
Director: Joe Britton - JROTC
Dep Dir: Paul Puttkammer-Publications
Treasurer Bob Abney
Dep Dir: Tom Fail - Historian
Director: George Kirmse -- Membership
Dep Dir: Duane Brofer–Database Mngr

Members Absent

Director: Bill Sherod -- Publicity
Dep Dir: Larry Singer – TOPS
Dep Dir: Vacant Webmaster
Chaplain: Tom Day

Others attending:
None

AGENDA APPROVAL: BobA./John B.. made the motion to approve the agenda, the motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVAL: BobA./John B. moved that the minutes of September 2016 be approved. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pres Covalucci

- Pres C. met w/ State Senator Gail Griffin, now a member as a surviving spouse (her husband had been a lifetime member w/ Chapter and National). She will be a life-time member w/o requirements for dues.
- Pres C. also discussed with her a proposal to sponsor legislation regarding tax exemption for military retired pay (active duty pay is already exempt). Pres C. also contacted Ron Perkins, Lee Lange, Darron Vitters, John Chirnosky, and Dick Newman regarding the initiative. Senator Griffin will take a sensing of the Governor’s timing for this legislation. She does feel timing is good, and the Governor has expressed interest in making this a Veteran-friendly state. Our MOAA Chapter will take appropriate action as the initiative progresses.
- Pres C. also invited Senator Griffin to speak to the chapter. Tom H. will work with her to have her speak at a future Dinner meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT: Dir B. Abney reported:

- The Treasurer reported that the Total Unencumbered Net Worth of the Chapter was \$45,450.73.
- The Treasurer has paid one scholarship, five scholarships are yet to be paid.
- Report attached to the minutes.
- George K./Gene F. moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted, subject to audit; the motion passed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Secretary Puett reported:

- No Report.

OLD BUSINESS: Pres Covalucci.

- None.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres Covalucci.

- Tom Fail led a discussion for consideration of COL(R) Doris Caldwell to be our nominee for Veteran of the Year 2017. He had already received nomination form for her. There were no questions and no additional discussion. Gene F. / John B. motioned for Doris Caldwell to be our nominee; the motion passed.
- Tom Hessler to led a discussion on purchasing a “Veteran’s Day Ceremonial Cake.”. He had already ordered the cake for \$76.64, and had napkins and plates. Jan C. / Harry B. moved to approve the expenditure; the motion passed.
- Earl Devine, asked to discuss preparations for the Veteran’s Parade. Our application for a float was already submitted. Four members of the Board want to ride the parade (Earl D., Tom F., Jan C., and Bob C.). Pres C. will also bring it up at the Dinner meeting (feeling is that about 10-12 can ride).
- The Treasurer led a discussion about what Dues Amounts should be for the coming year. The only new expense that anyone could think of is that National MOAA will no longer cover costs of JROTC medals; however, the feeling is that we have enough money in our operations account to easily cover medals. Tom F. / Harry F. motioned to remove dues costs to surviving spouses; however, the counter argument is that some dues keeps Surviving Spouses involved in MOAA; so, the motion failed. Joe B./ Harry B. motioned for dues for 2017 to remain the same as dues for 2016; this motion passed.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pres Covalucci

PAST PRES: T. Hessler reported:

- Programs
 - Oct: LTC Edgar Arroyo, Commander, Raymond Bliss Health Center. Attendance at the dinner will be in the 40’s.
 - Nov: Dan Standage, Director of Disability Services. Speaking about student veterans.
 - Apr: Scholarships
 - Sometime next year for State Senator Gail Griffin.
- Harry Bowen has been nominated in the past for the AZ Veteran’s Hall of Fame, Tom wanted to re-nominate him. Tom H./John B. motioned to re-nominate Harry Bowen to the AZ Veteran’s Hall of Fame, the motion passed.
- Tom discussed the “We want to Hear from You” feature of MOAA Magazine and offered that we should take advantage of this program.
- Tom also researched the Girl Scout money (\$200) we had provided, this project has not started, but Tom will continue to monitor.

2ND VP: T. Hessler reported:

- No report.

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON: Dir J. Cole reported:

- No report .

CMTY LIAISON: Dep Dir E. Devine reported the following:

- Joint Service Club will be receiving nominations for best organization of the year (non-member orgs). Suggestions from the floor are the Ft Huachuca Spouse’s Club and and the Ft Huachuca Thrift Shop.
- HUD and VA they issue vouchers for local homes for vets, 95 vouchers are available.

DATABASE: Dep Dir D.Brofer provided the following membership status:

CHAPTER MEMBERS AS OF 19 Oct 2016			
REGULAR	AUXILIARY	ASSOCIATE	TOTAL
179	23	6	208

- State Senator Gail Griffin will be carried as a New Member, Surviving Spouse.

HELIOGRAM: Deputy Director Puttkammer reported:

- 26 Oct is the deadline for articles for the Heliogram.

HISTORIAN: T. Fail reported:

- Will put together nom packet for Doris Caldwell.

JROTC Affairs: J. Britton reported:

- No report.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Dir G. Fenstermacher reported:

- Tuesday there was an announcement that the COLA will increase 0.3% next year.

MEMBERSHIP: Dir G. Kirmse reported:

- Key Symposium Take-aways: a) MOAA National wants to be kept informed of our activities, b) they recommend that we use the local media as much as possible, c) they also recommend that we provide a few “Honorary” memberships, to get more individuals in the community involved, and d) that we also “target” newly commissioned officers for membership.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS: Dir T. Gent reported:

- No report.

PUBLICITY: Dir B. Sherod reported:

- No Report.

SCHOLARSHIP: Dir J. Black reported:

- Thanks to Bob A. and Terrie G. for helping out during the 5 Oct High School night. The team handed out 65 applications to students and additional ones to counselors.
- Scholarship Milestones: 10 March 2017 Applications are due, interviews will be in March, and winners will be identified for the April meeting.
- John B. is half-way through sending letters to other schools in Cochise Co regarding scholarship program.
- John B. wrote an article for Heliogram regarding the program.
- John B. has submitted a budget of \$9900 for nine scholarships to include dinners and supplies. He is also asking for the board to approve \$11K in case there are additional exceptional candidates. John B/Joe B motioned that \$11K be approved for potential scholarship expenses in 2017 (with \$9900 being the target expenditure); the motion passed.

TOPS: Dep Dir L. Singer reported:

- No report.

AZ TRANSITION LIAISON/ESGR: Dir H. Bowen reported:

- **General Comment:** David Briggs, the webmaster for the Transition Liaison Team remains in Huntsville, Alabama and the turnaround time of posting is running about 1-2 days when he is in Huntsville but increases when he is on travel for the Government
- **Jobs:** During this past report period, we have been able to identify and post 39 new job opportunities; 17 within Cochise County (Sierra Vista-14, Fort Huachuca-2, Benson-1) and 22 external to Cochise (Scottsdale-5, Phoenix-9, Mesa-1, Chandler-4, Glendale-1, Tempe-1, and Globe-1). In addition, two multiple position announcements were identified and posted, 1 for Phoenix and 1 for Sierra Vista.
- **Expos/Career Fairs:** During this report period he was able to attend one job fair and was able to assist nine (9) service members to find leads for jobs. There was one Job Fair at the Murr Recreation Center on Fort Huachuca but was unable to support. At this job fair, the employers were matched to verified job seekers; this was a new approach.

- **Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):** Attended a meeting of the Southern Arizona Employer Support to the Guard staff and received an overall briefing of the changes coming by the end of November.
 - Two paid positions are being eliminated, effective 25 November 2016, as a cost savings to the Department of Defense and ESGR.
 - The volunteers will be assuming more administrative and coordination responsibilities to include job fairs, award presentations, service unit training, and travel coordination.
 - Harry B. assumes the lead duties for Cochise County with two members. This is basically no change as it is how we have been operating over the past 2 years. The only difference is that Harry will be more involved in coordination and scheduling activities throughout the county. Now, instead of having paid personnel coordinate the Boss Lifts, Award Ceremony, annual and special training for Reserve and Guard units, and assignment of resources for job fairs.
 - The mission of the ESGR is now defined as “Enhancing Unit Readiness” through avocation, recognition, information, and mediation.

More information will be made available in the coming months as this transition will not be accomplished overnight. It is anticipated that it will take until the fall to be completed.
- **Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV) and the forthcoming Resource Fair:**
 - The Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV) will be meeting on 19 October to elect a new management team for the CSV and the Resource Fair, establish the schedule of events for the next year, and commence preparing the CSV to become a “Not For Profit” Organization as a 501(C)(3) activity.
 - The CSV needs volunteer veteran organizations to assist in making the Sierra Vista/Cochise County even better in support of our homeless and “at risk” veterans and to become a “year around” support activity. Those interested are to contact either MS. Samantha Bivens at email Samantha.bivens2@redcross.org or telephone at 520-318-6866 or Harry Bowen at email harrybowen@aol.com or telephone at 520-508-2685.
- **Veterans Wall of Fame:**
 - There will be an award ceremony on 11 November, at 1700, at the Canyon Vista Medical Center to honor 12 incoming veterans and pay homage to 12 veterans selected last year. This year’s ceremony is special in that Terri Gent’s husband, Bob, and CW4 Ret. Anthony Wisniewski are two of the 12 incoming recipients.
 - For those who may not be aware of what this Wall of Fame is, for the second year in a row, an ad hoc group, chaired by the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona, with the responsibility to select and honor 12 veterans within the community for their support to the community. Their photo and biography are mounted on a plaque that is then hung on the wall of the hospital adjacent to the reception area for all to see. At the end of each year, those 12 will be honored and retired and 12 more will be honored and inducted.

WEBMASTER: Vacant.

- No report.

CHAPLAIN: T. Day reported:

- No report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None.

NEXT MEETING: 16 November 2016

DEPARTING PRAYER: Pres C. provided the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Pres Covalucci adjourned the meeting at 1307 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe Puett, COL (R)
Secretary

Coronado Chapter MOAA
Accounts Status
As of October 19, 2016

Assets

Wells Fargo Savings Account (Scholarships)	\$19,849.39
Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$11,305.16
Wells Fargo Investment Trust	\$20,127.99
Unused Prepaid Postage	<u>\$168.19</u>

Total Assets

\$51,450.73

Liabilities

Scholarships (9 @ \$1,000.00 each) - Three Paid To Date	<u>\$6,000.00</u>
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Total Liabilities

\$6,000.00

Total Unencumbered Net Worth

\$45,450.73

Net Worth August, 2016

\$45,350.58

Net Worth September, 2016

\$45,450.73

Annual Increase / Decrease in Net Worth -- 2015 to 2016

\$2,828.20

Coronado Chapter MOAA
INCOME AND EXPENSES
September 15, 2016 through October 19, 2016

Income		
Meal Receipts		\$1,550.00
Scholarship Donations		\$711.00
Operations Donations		\$270.00
Dues Collections		\$30.00
Raffle	Proceeds (\$) Split between Ops & Scholarship Funds	Note
Badge Purchases		\$10.00
Advertising		<u>None</u>
Total Income		<u>\$2,571.00</u>
Expenses		
PDS Country Club		\$1,471.87
Yehwon Kang Scholarship (UCLA)		<u>\$1,000.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u>\$2,471.87</u>
Net Gain / Loss For the Period		\$99.13