

MOAA  
*Coronado Chapter*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Minutes of 15 March 2017**



**CALL TO ORDER:** Pres Covalucci called the meeting to order at 1200 hours at the Landmark Cafe. Dep Dir Devine led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chap Day gave the invocation.

Members Present

President: Bob Covalucci  
Secretary: Joe Puett  
Treasurer Bob Abney  
Director: Gene Fenstermacher - Legislation  
Dep Dir Earl Devine - Cmty Liaison  
Dep Dir: Duane Brofer–Database Mngr  
Director: Terrie Gent – Personal Affairs  
Chaplain: Tom Day  
Director: Jan Cole – Surviving Spouses  
Director: Harry Bowen – Transition/ESGR  
Director: Norm Patten – Publicity  
Dep Dir: Tom Fail - Historian

Members Absent

Dep Dir: Vacant Webmaster  
Director: John Black - Scholarships  
Director: George Kirmse -- Membership  
Dep Dir: Paul Puttkammer-Publications  
Second Vice-President: Tom Hessler  
Director: Joe Britton - JROTC

Others attending:  
None.

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Bob A./Harry B. made the motion to approve the agenda, the motion passed.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Bob A./Harry B. moved that the minutes of Feb 2017 be approved. The motion passed.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Pres Covalucci

- The President is still looking for a “fill-in”, to present the MOAA award at the March 30 Officer Advance Course. With no volunteers, he will also ask at the Dinner Meeting [post board meeting note: Allen Rossow volunteered].

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Treasurer B. Abney reported:

- The Treasurer reported that the Total Unencumbered Net Worth of the Chapter was \$46,776.04.
- The Chapter has had very few expenses and had a net gain of \$1300 over the last month.
- The Treasurer’s Report is attached to the minutes.
- Treasurer passed out a report of members whose dues have expired (list attached to the minutes). Various Board members volunteered to contact these individuals to encourage them to renew.
- Gene F./Norm P. moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted, subject to audit; the motion passed.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Secretary J. Puett reported:

- No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Pres Covalucci.

- None.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pres Covalucci.

- Norm P. brought up the idea to “Adopt a Street” or adopt a “Bike Walk” in order to get MOAA’s name out more in the community. Norm will come back with specific recommendations and motions for next meeting.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Pres Covalucci

**PAST PRES:** T. Hessler reported:

- Programs
  - Mar: Honor Surviving Spouses. 50 members are planned to be in attendance at the dinner.
  - Apr: Scholarships
  - May: State Sen Gail Griffin
  - Sep: Congresswoman Martha McSally
  - Oct: Charles Hancock SW Association of Buffalo Soldiers (SWABS)
  - Nov: Open
  - Dec: Chorus.

**2ND VP:** T. Hessler reported:

- No report.

**SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON:** Dir J. Cole reported:

- Jan C. is set up for recognizing Surviving Spouses with their Pins (total of 9 Surviving Spouses will attend).

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

- Earl D. provided numerous announcements related to community events.

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

CHAPTER MEMBERS AS OF 15 Mar 2017			
REGULAR	SURVIVNG SPOUSES	ASSOCIATE	TOTAL
182	24	9	215

**HELIOGRAM:** Deputy Director Puttkammer reported:

- 31 Mar is the deadline for articles for the Heliogram.

**HISTORIAN:** T. Fail reported:

- No Report.

**JROTC Affairs:** Dir J. Britton reported:

- No Report.

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:** Dir G. Fenstermacher reported:

- AZ Sen Gail Griffin's bill on tax elimination will be heard in the House on Monday. Please expect an email to urge your representatives to support it.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dir G. Kirmse reported:

- No Report.

**PERSONAL AFFAIRS:** Dir T. Gent reported:

- No report.

**PUBLICITY:** Dir N. Patten reported:

- Norm will obtain pictures from tomorrow night of Surviving Spouses receiving their pins.
- Norm will get with John Black concerning Scholarship pictures and publicity.

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Dir J. Black reported:

- As of 14 March, John B. has received a total of seven (7) Scholarship Applications.

- The Selection Committee will be conducting student interviews on Friday 24 March.

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

- **Jobs:** During this past report period, we were able to identify and post 42 individual and 5 multiple listed new job opportunities; (4 within Cochise County) and 35 external to Cochise County; this is down from 53 for the last report period. Micro Chip Technology, Intel, Honeywell, Home Health and Canyon Ranch all listed multiple job openings, not only in Arizona, but external as well. In addition, we were able to identify 1 addition opportunity for an unspecified number of engineers worldwide. One area of concern is that it was requested that we publish higher end jobs and not so much the technical and support openings. There is a marked increase in engineering, testing, and support jobs being announced on a regular basis and Harry B. is concerned that our members may be missing out by not listing these positions. Consequently, Harry B. is asking each of the chapters what their members want and see if it would not be best to just publish the positions, regardless of pedigree, and let the membership decide, vice Harry B. scrubbing the list for more prestigious positions.
- **Expos/Career Fairs:** During this period, we were able to post 3 career fairs; (1-Marticipa, 2 in Phoenix). Additionally, there were two job fairs embedded in the job announcements.
- **Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):** We were able to make one Patriot Award during this report period. Also, we have asked our Military Outreach Coordinators to emphasize to their military attendees the importance of recognizing their employers as a way for the country and the ESGR, to recognize exemplary support for our civilian service members. It is often an overlooked fact that these members are often deployed more frequently than their active duty counterparts and it places a serious strain on their employers to keep the business running and, at the same time, supporting their deployed employees.
- **Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV) and the forthcoming Resource Fair:** Cochise Serving Veterans is off and running toward obtaining their 501c(3) certification. The Resource Fair Committee met on 2 March 2017 to clarify resource requirements and refine the plan for the Resource Fair to be held on 19 August.

Actions completed this report period included:

- Obtained EIN for non-profit
- Established a Bank Account
- Obtained Storage Shed
- Completed assignment of duties and descriptions.

The association continues to search for more volunteer organizations to assist in the planning for and execution of services to needy and homeless veterans.

- **Clarification of the UofA Foundation Golf Tournament:** The purpose of the golf tournament is to raise monies for tuition assistance for active duty veterans will be held on 8 April at the San Pedro Golf Course
  - Met with Ms. Gonzalez, the Military and Veterans Services Coordinator for the University of Arizona South today to discuss the financial support for Veterans attending the University of Arizona, South.
  - The cost per credit hour is \$629.67 or \$1889.50 per 3 credit course. TA only authorizes \$250.00 per credit hour or \$750.00 per 3 credit course. That leaves the veteran with a deficit of \$1,139.50.

Because of this hardship, the University South Foundation and the Veteran Services Department came up with the idea of something that is of great interest to the populace within Cochise county, that of a golf tournament. The idea was to take all monies, after payment of expenses for the tournament, and put the funds into a scholarship fund.

- 1<sup>st</sup> priority goes to active duty veterans. If they do not get enough candidates, then:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> priority is veterans, retired or otherwise so long as they have a DD form 214
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Priority goes to family members.
- a. We did not discuss the demographics of the student body but will discuss at time she sets up my meeting with the University South Foundation.
  - b. As to the topic of what is being done to control tuition costs, the UofA South Assistant Dean and Ms. Gonzalez are trying to get the tuition for active duty veterans cut to the TA limit of

\$250.00 per credit hour. She did indicate that it has been, and will continue to be an uphill battle with no resolution in the near future.

- c. Coast Guard, Reservists, and Guard Personnel are treated in categories 1 and 2. If they are on active duty at the time of registration, they are priority one and if not, become priority 2. **She went on to add that such a program does exist with ASU where an Active Duty member brings a TA for \$750.00 that covers the tuition, but no cigar for U of A yet!**
- d. Demographics:

Out of 132 military students (active duty, veterans and dependents):

69 are using some type of GI Bill

4 are active duty

58 are veterans

7 are dependents

54 are males

15 are females

9 are graduate students

60 are undergraduate students

**WEBMASTER:** Vacant.

- No report.

**CHAPLAIN:** T. Day reported:

- Chaplain Day has info on Easter Services and will include those in the Heliogram.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- None.

**NEXT MEETING:** 19 April 2017

**DEPARTING PRAYER:** Chap Day provided the closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Pres Covalucci adjourned the meeting at 1239 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe Puett, COL (R)  
Secretary