

MOAA
Coronado Chapter
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of 18 Apr 2018



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

Members Present

President: Tom Day
Past President: Bob Covalucci
First Vice-President: Fran Kosinski
Second Vice-President: Tom Hessler
Treasurer: Bob Abney
Secretary: Joe Puett
Chaplain: George Kirmse
Director: Gene Fenstermacher - Legislation
Director: Norm Patten – Public Relations
Director: Harry Bowen – Transition/ESGR
Director: Jan Cole – Surviving Spouses
Director: Jim Clenney – Personal Affairs
Director: Lori Wysong - JROTC
Director: John Black – Scholarships
Director: Dave Dolge -- Membership
Dep Dir: Kathryn Covalucci- Webmaster
Dep Dir: Earl Devine - Cmty Liaison
Dep Dir: Duane Brofer–Database Mngr

Members Absent

Dep Dir: Vacant - Historian
Dep Dir: Vacant - Publications

Others attending:

- None.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Gene F./Norm P. made the motion to approve the agenda, the motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Gene F./Jim C. moved that the minutes of Mar 2018 be approved. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pres Day

- The President passed around an updated BOD Roster. Post meeting note: the Secretary updated the roster based on pen and ink corrections and distributed to the BOD.
- Jim C. will carry flag on Memorial Day.
- The President submitted the Chapter’s Level of Excellence (LOE) application.
- The Chapter still needs a Heliogram Editor and Historian.
- As very sad news, Tom Fail (the Chapter’s former Historian) passed away yesterday, please keep the Fail family in your prayers.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer B. Abney reported:

- The Treasurer reported that the Total Unencumbered Net Worth of the Chapter was \$51,536.06 .
- We’re about \$4500 ahead of where we were at this time last year.
- Meal receipts for the month appear low; however, they are not because the Surviving Spouse guest meals from last month come out of Ops Account from the Scholarships line item.
- The Treasurer’s Report is attached to the minutes.
- Bob C./Fran K. 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 Day.

- Tom Hessler continued the discussion from two months ago regarding potential membership in the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce. Tom H. suggests we join at a cost of \$150. During discussion, it

is clear that the Chapter can afford the cost, but the question is whether we (as a Chapter) would receive benefit from membership. Gene F./Harry B. motioned to join for a year subject to review, the motion was defeated by a vote of 8 to 6; the Chapter will **not** join the Chamber of Commerce at this time.

- Tom Hessler continued the discussion from two months ago regarding having assistant Board/Officer Positions (e.g. Secretary, Treasurer, others, etc.). There was general support for this idea; the approach is that we should start with an assistant Treasurer. Having assistant Board/Officer positions is already allowable by our By-Laws, so no vote was needed regarding the action. It will be up to each Board Officer to find assistants as needed. Also during discussion, it was noted that the Database Manager should provide the Secretary a copy of the Chapter DB on a semi-annual basis (for archive purposes).

NEW BUSINESS: Pres Day.

- None.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pres Day.

PAST PRES: B. Covalucci reported:

- Chapter Coins have been received; they look good, high quality, and at a good price. The Chapter will set some aside for sale to members at \$10 each.

1ST VP: F. Kosinski reported:

- No Report.

2ND VP: T. Hessler reported:

- Programs
 - Apr: Scholarships (John Black as MC). 74 attendees (including 27 Scholars and parents) are planned for the Dinner Meeting.
 - May: Border Patrol
 - No dinners Jun, Jul, Aug
 - Sep: Tony Boone is tentative.
 - More to follow later regarding Fall programs.

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON: Dir J. Cole reported:

- Jan C. thanked the board for its support to Surviving Spouse Dinner last month. It is always important to recognize our Surviving Spouses and the program went very well. She has sent a thank-you note to Sheriff Dannels for being the guest speaker.

JROTC Affairs: Dir L. Wysong reported:

- Lori W. will be awarding achievement medals at Tombstone High School tomorrow and Buena High School on Friday.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Dir G. Fenstermacher reported:

- Gene F. attended a meeting with Gov Ducey who has included a line item in his budget for an expanded military tax exemption. Hopefully this will come to pass.

MEMBERSHIP: Dir D. Dolge reported:

- Dave D. asked how a new member (such as one of the Distinguished Honor Graduates that receives a free 3 yr membership) receives their National MOAA Member Number? Bob C. explained that he passes the new member's information to his MOAA National Award POC, when we add that new member to the Chapter, the number is crossed referenced to us. The Past President will provide the Membership chair the last list of National Members in our area, the current President will provide that updated list once it is received. Also, the Membership Chair will reach out to National to attempt to receive the list first-hand.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS: Dir J. Clenney reported:

- Jim C. will be attending the Military Veteran Navigator training this month; this training is conducted by the Arizona Coalition for Military Families and the Department of Veteran Services.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dir N. Patten reported:

- Norm P. has received a sign recognizing our “Adopt a Highway” sponsorship. We will hold the next clean-up and ceremony to post the sign on 8 June at 0700. This will be announced in the Heliogram and via email.
- He has not heard anything regarding our Community Grant application; the announcement should be soon.

SCHOLARSHIP: Dir J. Black reported:

- The Annual Scholarship Report is attached to the minutes. In Summary: there were 12 Applications, 2 were disqualified because they were either incomplete or not valid based on criteria (not in a Military Family). The evaluation panel consisted of John Black, Doris Caldwell, Bob Abney, and Ron Pflipsen. All 10 of the remaining candidates were qualified. Stephen Ponder was ranked highest and will receive \$2K others will receive \$1K each. These students came from: 1 Benson HS, 2 Tombstone HS, 7 Buena HS.
- Nine of the Scholars will be at the Dinner (1 is not available because she is receiving another scholarship at the time of the dinner), all parents are coming for the nine. Tables and Sponsors have been assigned. Kathryn C. will be the photographer.

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

- **Jobs:** During this past report period we were able to identify and post 53 new job opportunities; 12 within Cochise County ((Sierra Vista, Douglas, and Bisbee) and 43 external to Cochise (Chandler, Claypool, Gilbert, Kearney, Kingman, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, and Tolleson). Additionally, we posted links for two multiple job opportunities for Canyon Ranch and CCHCI. Overall, this period saw a moderate increase in employment opportunities as we head into the summer months.
- **Expos/Career Fairs:** During this period, we were able to post 4 career fairs; (Chino Valley, Sedona, Sierra Vista and Verde Valley).
- **Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):** There was no activity this report period. The ESGR did post a report on 30 May, there is an ADVS State Veterans/Military Legislation Update on bills enacted upon during the month of March.
- **Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV) and the forthcoming Resource Fair:** The CSV now has a working PayPal account in preparation for going after donation and grant money. Only one veteran applied for financial support this report period but, unfortunately, the CSV was not able to assist him financially due to restrictions. However, the Committee Chair was able to get him in touch with other organizations who were more successful in helping him.
- **Warrant Officer 100th Birthday Support:** The planning nears completion:
 - July 2018 - AZ Silver Chapter - WO Association Golf Tournament - please see AZ Silver Chapter WO Association webpage <http://usawoa-silver-az.org/> .
 - 9-13 July - Fort Huachuca is designated "Week of the US Army Warrant Officer".
 - 9 July 2018 - Official Ft Huachuca centennial recognition ceremony at NETCOM Auditorium in Greely Hall (1100-1200).
 - 13 July - Anniversary Centennial Dinner (1700-2200) at TMAC on Ft Huachuca. Cost is \$35 per person. Please RSVP with payment by 27 June 2018 with the following information: total service to include Warrant Officer service dates, MOS & Branch, current or retired rank. Retires are authorized to wear CLASS-A or ASU uniform or coat & tie.

CMTY LIAISON: Dep Dir E. Devine reported:

- He provided various community announcements.
- The next Honor flight is 12 May (return on 14 May).
- The Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation has spent over \$1M in feature additions and beatification to the chapel and grounds. Additionally, they will be spending up to \$10K for a golf cart for easy transportation around the cemetery and a new mini-dump truck.
- The AZ Department of Veteran Affairs has approved funding for two new Veteran’s homes (in Yuma and Flagstaff).

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

CHAPTER MEMBERS AS OF 18 Apr 2018			
REGULAR	SURVIVNG SPOUSES	ASSOCIATE	TOTAL
160	24	7	191

HELIOGRAM: Editorial Team reported:

- 28 Apr (to Tom D) is the deadline for articles for the Heliogram.

HISTORIAN: Vacant reported:

- No Report.

WEBMASTER: Dep Dir K. Covalucci reported:

- Kathryn C. has updated the list of Board of Directors on the website to include Jim Clenney.

CHAPLAIN: G. Kirmse reported:

- The Board expressed sincere condolences on the recent loss of Kathryn's mother and the loss of Tom Fail.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None.

NEXT MEETING: 16 May 2018

DEPARTING PRAYER: Chap G. Kirmse provided the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Pres Day adjourned the meeting at 1324 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe Puett, COL (R)

**Coronado Chapter MOAA
Accounts Status
As of April 19, 2018**

Assets

Wells Fargo Savings Account (Scholarships)	\$30,499.07
Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$3,986.47
Wells Fargo Investment Trust	<u>\$28,050.52</u>

Total Assets

\$62,536.06

Liabilities

Eleven Scholarships (\$1,000.00 each)	<u>\$11,000.00</u>
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Total Liabilities

\$11,000.00

Total Unencumbered Net Worth

\$51,536.06

Net Worth March, 2018

\$52,505.66

Net Worth April, 2018

\$51,536.06

Note: Scholarship acct. includes \$500.00 Repayment to MN State University.
Return of Jennifer Maxwell Scholarship over refund.

Annual Increase / Decrease in Net Worth -- 2017 to 2018

\$4,524.69

Coronado Chapter MOAA
INCOME AND EXPENSES
March 15, 2018 through April 19, 2018

Income

Meal Receipts		\$936.00
Scholarship Donations		\$1,080.00
Operations Donations		\$295.00
Dues Collections		\$15.00
Raffle	Proceeds (\$221.00) Split between Ops & Scholarship Funds	Note
Badge Purchases		\$10.00
Advertising		None

Total Income

\$2,336.00

Expenses

PDS Country Club - March Dinner	\$1,020.00
New Mexico State University	\$500.00
Andrea Bracamonte Scholarship	\$1,000.00
Covalucci Challenge Coins	\$606.53
AZ Council of Chapters - Annual Dues	<u>\$180.50</u>

Total Expenses

\$3,307.03

Net Gain / Loss For the Period

(\$971.03)

Military Officers Association of America

Coronado Chapter

Post Office Box 1685

Sierra Vista, Arizona 85636

28 April 2018

SUBJECT: Results of Scholarship Committee Selections for 2018

TO: President and Board Members
Coronado Chapter
Military Officers Association of America

The Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of Ron Pflipsen, Bob Abney, Doris Caldwell and the undersigned conducted interviews of all Coronado Chapter scholarship applicants on 5 and 9 April 2018. The Committee found the quality of students to be outstanding. They possessed above average to very high academic standings, were active in a number of school activities, working at various jobs and were outstanding citizens in their communities. There were 10 total applications that met the Coronado Chapter's high requirements. One student was from Benson High School, two from Tombstone High School and seven from Buena High School. All students interviewed by the committee were found worthy of being granted a Coronado Chapter Scholarship. As with previous year's experience, the Selection Committee was impressed by the high quality of all the students who applied for the chapter's scholarships. The results of the selection process and student summaries are outlined below.

Angel Shigley: Angel will be graduating from Benson High School in the top 20% of her class. She has been very active throughout her high school career. She served as the Captain of the Benson Dance and Hip-Hop Teams and was a on the Cheer Team for four years. Angle played tennis three years in high school and was on the State Championship Team in 2016. The Link Program at Benson High School provides upperclassmen that mentor and guide freshmen

through their transition into high school. Angel was the Link Secretary and an active leader and received the Link Leadership Award in 2017. She is the President of the Health Occupations Students of America and the Secretary of the National Honor Society. Angel has been accepted to attend the University of Arizona as a Biology major. She also plans to join the Air Force ROTC program and with ultimate goals of earning a commission and attending medical school as an Air Force Officer.

Cadet Lieutenant Colonel Marie Ames: Marie will be graduating from Tombstone High School with a significant number of accomplishments. She has consistently maintained high grade point averages of 4.0 at Tombstone High School, in both academics and in the ROTC program. For the past year Marie has served as the Cadet Battalion Commander of the Tombstone “Yellowjacket” Battalion. She has been active on the Student Council, The National Honor Society, was the Rifle Team Commander for four years, volunteered as a youth baseball coach, and was active in feeding the homeless in Mexico. Through Marie’s leadership, Tombstone’s JROTC Rifle Team qualified to compete at the national level this year. She is the number two graduate in her class and is planning on attending Cochise College followed by Northern Arizona University earning a Bachelors Degree in Early Childhood Education.

Cadet Major Dominique “Niki” Roser: Dominique, also known as Niki, has served as the Tombstone High School “Yellowjacket” JROTC Battalion Operations and Training Officer S-3 for the past year. Additionally, she was dual-hated as one of the Company Commanders. She will be graduating with a 4.14 GPA and a 4.0 in JROTC subjects and is the number one--top graduate in her graduating class. Her JROTC Senior Instructor, Retired Chief Warrant Officer-4 Thomas Gross, stated, “She is far and away the best Operations Officer I have had. She has set the standard high for all those who follow.” Niki has been active in the National Honor Society, serving as the President for the past year. Additionally, she has served as the President of the Graphic Design Club and been on the Cyber Patriot Team for four years. She has earned the Ronald Reagan Student Leader Award and proudly wears the Military Officers Association of America JROTC Medal. Her goal is to work in the animation field after attending New Mexico State University.

Breanna Kendle: Breanna will be graduating in the top 15% of her class at Buena High School with a 3.8 GPA. Additionally, she will graduate from Cochise College in July with an Associates Degree in English with a GPA of 3.9 for her college classes. She has been active in high school serving as the President of Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Club, assisting the Special Olympics Program, Red Cross Blood Drives, and the Special Education Prom. Breanna was a Semifinalist for the 2018 Military Child of the Year Award. The Dean of Student Success at Cochise College, Mark Boggie, stated, “Her drive to success, her pursuit of lofty goals and her quality of character set her apart.” While attending Buena High School, with the help of influential English teachers at both Buena and Cochise College, she discovered her love of writing. Breanna is planning on attending the University of Phoenix and followed by a career in writing and publishing.

Zachary Blough: Zachary will be graduating from Buena High School with a GPA of 4.1 and is ranked in the top 9% of his class. He has been active in all aspects of music while attending Buena. Zachary displayed leadership by serving as the Drum Captain of the Buena Drum Line, the lead piano player in the Show Band and part of the leadership team of the Buena Marching Band. He has pursued Taekwondo, earning a second-degree black belt and participated in cave and trail maintenance and cleanup in the Coronado National Monument. Zachary has been recognized by the Arizona Music Education Association with the presentation of the Solo Ensemble Medal. Recently, he composed pieces for the Buena marching band show and the indoor drum line performance. Zachary is planning on attending the University of Arizona where he will try out for the Marching Band and to pursue his interest in music and computer science.

Stephanie Deleon: Stephanie may look familiar to you, if you attend community events or read the local newspaper. Stephanie is the current Miss Sierra Vista—a time consuming and demanding role for a high school senior. She will be graduating with a GPA of 4.1 and in the top 6% of her class of over 550 students. Stephanie has been active in the Buena Film and TV Organization, the National Honor Society, the Technology Student Association and as a piano and vocal teacher. She has volunteered hundreds of hours of community service through the Miss America Organization focusing on the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI), the Children’s Miracle Network, the Salvation Army, the VFW and the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics. Stephanie’s English Teacher, Karen Bristow, while commenting on Stephanie stated, “Her unique public and demanding role, as well as her time commitments, speak to her maturity and work ethic...her coursework and commitments also speak to her character: she is an insightful, engaging, honest and caring young woman with a strong sense of serving others.” Stephanie will be attending Arizona State University pursuing a degree in Film and Media Production.

Cadet Lieutenant Samantha Wise: Samantha has served for the past year as a Buena High School JROTC Platoon Leader. She has served in several other leadership positions: including Team Leader, Squad Leader and Platoon Sergeant. The Buena JROTC Senior Instructor, Retired First Sergeant Anthony Teeters, commented on Samantha, “She is a very capable leader and displays all of the attributes required to succeed at the next higher level of her education.” Samantha has been active throughout her high school experience. She has volunteered over 225 hours supporting community service activities such as the Sierra Vista Children’s Holiday Party, numerous community fund raising activities and Memorial Day ceremonies. Samantha is interested in music, playing the piano and flute since she was a young girl and participating in the Buena Marching Band all four years of high school. She has been on the Buena swim team for three years. Samantha plans on joining the Arizona Army National Guard while a student at Cochise College followed by attending the University of Arizona, pursuing a commission in the Army with a degree in Psychology.

Julia Starkey: With a 4.4 weighted grade point average, Julia is ranked 8th in her graduating class of over 550 students. She participated in scouting for ten years as a senior Girl Scout, achieving the Silver Award. As a Girl Scout, she was involved in various community service projects. Her most memorable project was sending care packages to soldiers deployed overseas. Julia plays the piano and assisted in the MWR Piano Camp as a Teaching Assistant. She also was active with the Fort Huachuca Family Religious Education Program. In recognition for her involvement, Julia received the Saint Paul II 2018 Youth Leadership Award. During her educational experience, she played softball, was a member of the Knowledge Bowl, and served as an officer in the National Art Honors Society. Julia is currently enrolled in Cochise College and plans to attend the University of Arizona pursuing a degree in Biology or Chemistry.

Brooke James: Brooke will be graduating from Buena High School by being ranked 3d in her class of over 550 students with a weighted GPA of 4.57. In addition to her high ranking, Brooke has been very active in the Buena Key Club, as an officer in the National Honor Society and an active member of the Reading is Fundamental Club. She received an Arizona state level Honorable Mention for her National History Day Project. Brooke is active in her church's Young Women's Group by serving as a counselor for younger members for two years and currently as the President. She has particularly enjoyed crafting and selling bowls for the Sierra Vista Empty Bowls Project—a project that raises money for the area's food banks. Brooke's English Teacher, Karen Bristow, commented on Brooke's academic achievements: "she is one of the best—and most compassionate and humble—students I have taught during my twenty-one years as an English teacher. Brooke has an unabashed love of learning, literature, and writing." Brooke will be joining the Honors College at Brigham Young University majoring in linguistics with a minor in editing. Her career goal is to join the field of editing.

Steven Ponder: If the name Ponder rings a bell, you are correct. Steven's brother, William, received one of our Scholarships in 2014. Steven has truly experienced a stellar career at Buena High School. He is graduating as 2d in his class of over 550, with a weighted GPA of 4.65. Steven has a wide range of interests and activities. He loves hiking, fishing, shooting, cycling and running---almost anything outdoors. Specifically, he has been active in Engineering Skills USA, the National Honor Society, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Buena Mountain Biking Team and the Arizona Skeet Shooting Association. He has excelled in skeet shooting by twice winning the Arizona Junior Skeet Shooting Championship and receiving National Junior Team Skeet Shooting Honorable Mention. Steven was in the Boy Scouts for seven years, earning his Eagle Scout. His Eagle Scout project impacted many of us by providing a permanent water trough supporting wild life in the Huachuca Mountains. Steven will be attending the University of Arizona participating in either the Naval or Air Force ROTC Program. He will be studying Aerospace or Mechanical Engineering. He ultimately wants to serve his country as a fighter pilot.

I wish to thank and recognize the Coronado Chapter's Scholarship Committee of Bob Abney, Doris Caldwell and Ron Pflipsen for their dedication and interest in the entire Scholarship process. I also want to thank Ron Pflipsen for his help on the presentation certificates. We recognize and offer special thanks to the American Southwest Credit Union staff, specifically Administrative Assistant Katharine Filipone and the President/Chief Executive Officer Brian Barkdull for providing a facility for the committee to conduct interviews and deliberations in a professional environment.

Respectively Submitted,

John H. Black

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Retired
Chairman, Scholarship Committee
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