

MOAA
Coronado Chapter
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of 14 Nov 2018



CALL TO ORDER: Pres Day called the meeting to order at 1202 hours at the Landmark Cafe. Dep Dir E. Devine led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chap G. Kirmse gave the invocation.

Members Present

President: Tom Day
Past President: Bob Covalucci
Second Vice-President: Tom Hessler
Treasurer: Bob Abney
Secretary: Joe Puett
Chaplain: George Kirmse
First Vice-President: Fran Kosinski
Director: Norm Patten – Public Relations
Director: Lori Wysong - JROTC
Director: Gene Fenstermacher - Legislation
Director: Jim Clenney – Personal Affairs
Dep Dir: Earl Devine - Cmty Liaison

Members Absent

Dep Dir: Vacant - Historian
Dep Dir: Vacant - Publications
Dep Dir: Kathryn Covalucci- Webmaster
Director: Dave Dolge -- Membership
Director: John Black – Scholarships
Director: Harry Bowen – Transition/ESGR
Director: Jan Cole – Surviving Spouses
Dep Dir: Duane Brofer–Database Mngr

Others attending:

- None

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

MINUTES APPROVAL: Bob C./Jim C. moved that the minutes of Oct 2018 be approved. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pres Day

- The President thanked everyone for a great job getting the float ready and our participation in the Veterans Day Parade. Tom Hessler ordered and picked up the cake and Bob Abney did a great job as "wagon master." Bob’s notes to those who helped included: "A special thanks to Gary Bell and Brian Crawford for helping with the trailer and straw bales and especially to Allen Rossow and the other pastry and refreshment providers for spoiling my personal weight loss program. Post-parade transport furnished by Yuki Otsuka and Kathryn Covalucci finished up our parade efforts and was much appreciated by folks parked near the parade start point."
- Congratulations to our six members who were chosen for the Canyon Vista Medical Center Wall of Honor: Bill Bates, Harry Bowen, George Castle, Tom Finnegan, Tom Hessler and Bob Strain.
- The President summarized the Arizona Chapter of Councils, MOAA National, and Regional Conferences with a handout (attached to the minutes).
- BOD Election will be held tomorrow at the Dinner meeting.
- The President will also officially affix our 5 Star LOE to our banner at tomorrow night’s meeting too.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer B. Abney reported:

- The Treasurer reported that the Total Unencumbered Net Worth of the Chapter was \$55,004.73 .
- We had very few expenses over the last month.
- The Treasurer’s Report is attached to the minutes.
- Gene F./George K. moved that the Treasurer’s report be accepted, subject to audit; the motion passed.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Secretary J. Puett reported:

- The Secretary needs a volunteer for next month to take notes for the minutes. Jim Clenney volunteered.

OLD BUSINESS: Pres Day.

- None.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres Day.

- Membership. MOAA allows divorcee's to become Auxiliary Members. Gene F. would like to put an individual (Marion McClure) forward for vote at next meeting. This will be tabled until the next meeting for vote.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pres Day.

PAST PRES: B. Covalucci reported:

- Membership, we have more members than we had last year based on graduates from MI School Honor Grads. Do we want to put them in a different category of Chapter Membership? Recommendation is that each year on 1 Jan, we drop the MI Honor Grads from our Chapter membership so that we do not waste time/funds trying to get them to renew for the next year.
- PDS Bar hours will be announced at the Dinner Meeting.

1ST VP: F. Kosinski reported:

- No Report.

2ND VP: T. Hessler reported:

- Programs
 - Nov: Margaret Hepburn, CEO of Legacy Foundation of SE AZ and election of new BOD officers. There is expected to be 44 attendees at the Dinner Meeting
 - Dec: the Sierra Vista Community Chorus. Tom H. led a discussion concerning the donation we have provided them in the past (\$100) and whether we should consider increasing that amount. Norm P./Bob C made a motion to raise our annual donation to \$200; the motion passed. Lori W. also suggested that we should have a tip jar at the meeting for the Chorus. Dinner will be held on the second Thursday rather than the third Thursday (13 Dec).
 - Jan: COL(R) Wanda Wright, Director of the AZ Dept of Veterans' Affairs.
 - More to follow later regarding other winter and spring programs. We'll put info into the Heliogram for future programs.
- Tom H. paid \$95.54 for the Veteran's day cake; the Treasurer will reimburse Tom.

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON: Dir J. Cole reported:

- No Report.

JROTC Affairs: Dir L. Wysong reported:

- No report.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Dir G. Fenstermacher reported:

- No Report.

MEMBERSHIP: Dir D. Dolge reported:

- No report.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS: Dir J. Clenney reported:

- Jim C. provided a reminder that the TriCare Dental Plan is being replaced and Vision services are being offered. Information about the enrollment can be found at the following website: <https://tricare.benefeds.com> . Enrollment open season is 12 November through 10 December. Please pass the word.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dir N. Patten reported:

- Norm P. passed around an example of the Framed Certificates for Sponsorship. He will get President to sign them, and they will begin presenting them.

SCHOLARSHIP: Dir J. Black reported:

- No Report.
- The President noted that John B. did a great job in speaking at Elgin Elementary

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

- **Jobs:** Only 32 new positions were posted during this report period. 28 positions were external to Cochise County.
- **Expos/Career Fairs:** There was only 1 job fair posted for this period which was hosted in Scottsdale.
- **Other:** Three links were posted to the website during this report period, they were:
 - Guide to Military and Veterans Affairs Social Work Licensure - <https://socialworklicensure.org/types-of-social-workers/military-social-work/>
 - Guide to Social Work Licensure in Arizona - <https://socialworklicensure.org/state/social-work-licensure-arizona>
 - Guide to Becoming a Social Worker - <https://socialworklicensure.org/articles/become-a->
- **Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):** This has been a very slow period with the ESGR.; Only duties were coordination for SOS Presentations to be made later this month.
- **Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV) and the Resource Fair:** The CSV and Team Red White and Blue are joining forces to assist a veteran needing assistance with clearing his land. He broke his back earlier in the year and is unable to mow and do any strenuous work.
 - On 25 November 2018, during the period of 0900 – 1300, we will be cutting and clearing his one-acre lot. The location is 5451 San Fernando Drive, Sierra Vista. Anyone interested in helping us clear his land and remove it is invited. We are in need of a tractor mower and hedgehog along with labor, rakes, and trash bags. Anyone interested, please let me know at 520-508-2685 or via email at CSVChair@gmail.com.

CMTY LIAISON: Dep Dir E. Devine reported:

- Tom H. will be the President for the Joint Service Club. JSC organization of the year will be the Country House, Texas Road House, or Vinny's; our board voted to endorse Vinny's for the award (since they are a sponsor of MOAA).
- Earl D. provided various community announcements.

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

CHAPTER MEMBERS AS OF 21 Nov 2018			
REGULAR	SURVIVNG SPOUSES	ASSOCIATE	TOTAL
176	27	7	210

HELIOGRAM: Editorial Team reported:

- Norm P. is in charge of the Dec issue; input is due by 27 Nov.
- The Chapter is still in need of an editor.

HISTORIAN: Vacant:

- No Report.

WEBMASTER: Dep Dir K. Covalucci reported:

- No Report.

CHAPLAIN: G. Kirmse reported:

- No Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- None.

NEXT MEETING: 12 Dec 2018

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

ADJOURNMENT: Pres Day adjourned the meeting at 1302 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe Puett, COL (R)

NOTES FROM AZCOC, MOAA NATIONAL AND MOAA SOUTHWEST REGION TRAINING

1. AZCOC:

Lt Col Dick Jonas and COL Peter Kloeber exchanged pins for outgoing Council President and incoming Council President. COL Kloeber thanked Lt Col Jonas for an incredible job as Council President. COL Kloeber commented that Lt Col Jonas had put on more than 13,000 miles working on Council development. COL Kloeber stated that Lt Col Venters, having moved to New Mexico, would not be continuing in his position on the Council for Legislative and that COL Lee Lange had accepted the position. With COL Lange vacating as Council Treasurer, COL Bittner had agreed to accept the position. COL Kloeber also mentioned that Mrs. Mary Jonas would be leaving her position as Editor of the Council newsletter. Lt Col Nicholas Knight agreed to serve as the Editor for the Council. Mrs. Pam Wojtas agreed to continue as the Secretary for the Council.

President Lt Col Dick Jonas

- Lt Col Jonas presented a chart showing the 2017 membership numbers for the chapters and satellites versus the 2018 numbers. 2017 had a total of 1,171 members versus 1,050 members for 2018. (Copy of the chart filed with the minutes.)
- Levels of Excellence
 - Grand slam 6 years in a row (all 9 chapters + State Council).
 - We're that good because we work that hard.
 - No other state has exceeded that level of sustained performance.
- Legislative liaison strong and successful
 - Storming the Hill.
 - State Council Presidents seminar in D.C.
 - Arizona State legislature.
 - Bill hearings.
 - Legislator contacts.
 - 40% increase in military retirement pay state tax deduction

FUTURE STATE COUNCIL MEETING HOSTS

Spring 2019: Grand Canyon

Spring 2010: Coronado

Spring 2021: Northern Arizona

Spring 2022: Yuma

Spring 2023: Arizona

Fall 2019: Green Valley

Fall 2020: Tucson

Fall 2021: Superstition Mountain

Fall 2022: Luke

COL Ron Perkins made a motion to increase the \$200 which chapters receive to host the council meeting to an amount not to exceed \$400. Michael Kramer seconded the motion. Motion passed.

COL Pete Kloeber led a detailed discussion on the **Committee Module** that included adding spouses in leadership positions, future Presidents accessing the site and the difference between a Customer I.D. and a MOAA I.D.

2. Comments on the National MOAA from Lt Gen Atkins:

Lt Gen Atkins thanked the Council for letting him address them for a few minutes. Lt Gen Atkins made the comment that National MOAA is very solvent. He commented that in February 2016, National MOAA had a portfolio of \$103M which was an all-time low. The portfolio now stands at \$130M and National MOAA would like to grow that to \$150M. The low was due to the return on investments. Annual income from investments is now about \$7M.

Lt Gen Atkins commented that National MOAA was spending about 8% of the dividends each year and that could not continue. They are now at 6% and may be able to get spending down to 5%.

Lt Gen Atkins commented on the National MOAA Headquarters. The building was built in 1964 and had started to fall apart. The plumbing was not working properly, the air conditioning was starting to shut down, and the electrical was not functioning properly. It was determined that the best thing to do was to vacate the building and have the renovations done. The projected cost of the renovations is \$7M. All renovations should be complete by August 2019. This renovation will make the building good for another 40 to 50 years.

Lt Gen Atkins stated that National MOAA membership is about 350,000 members of which about 15% are surviving spouses and 25% active duty. He stated that the average age of the National membership is around 64 years.

Lt Gen Atkins then commented on the Levels of Excellence awards. He stated that 167 chapters of the 400 chapters were receiving an award.

3. Surviving Spouses:

- MOAA is introducing a new venture called Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter. The goal is to provide the following:
 - A national forum for surviving spouses of uniformed services officers.
 - A common space to communicate with each other.
 - Information about concerns pertinent to each of us and our families.
 - A platform to advocate for protection of rights for our members and our dependents.
- Additionally, we want to become a reliable source for surviving spouses who live in remote areas, who are housebound, who have jobs and children, or who might be unable to participate at the chapter level.
- An application can be found at the following link; it's found under Surviving Spouse Community tab: <https://www.moaa.org/Content/Personas/Family/Surviving-Spouses.aspx>
- Another resource for information is the Surviving Spouses of MOAA Facebook page. We have 183 members. Please join us.

MOAA National can send out a message to non-chapter members twice a year for special events to help build membership, they need a 60 day lead time.

USAA has a \$300 grant for programs, 1st come, 1st serve.

We did not get any further information on when we will get a National MOAA member visit.

**Coronado Chapter MOAA
Accounts Status
As of November 14, 2018**

Assets

Wells Fargo Savings Account (Scholarships)	\$23,207.68
Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$5,992.31
Wells Fargo Investment Trust	<u>\$28,054.74</u>

Total Assets

\$57,254.73

Liabilities

Eleven Scholarships (\$1,000.00 each)	None
MOAA Grant - Veterans Fair	<u>\$2,250.00</u>

Total Liabilities

\$2,250.00

Total Unencumbered Net Worth

\$55,004.73

Net Worth October, 2018 \$56,349.74

Net Worth November, 2018 \$55,004.73

Annual Increase / Decrease in Net Worth -- 2017 to 2018 **\$1,802.96**

**Coronado Chapter MOAA
INCOME AND EXPENSES
October 18, 2018 through November 14, 2018**

Income

Meal Receipts		\$884.00
Scholarship Donations		\$681.00
Operations Donations		\$98.00
Dues Collections		\$105.00
Raffle	Proceeds (\$196.00) Split between Ops & Scholarship Fun	Note
Badge Purchases		None
Advertising		None

Total Income **\$1,768.00**

Expenses

PDS Country Club - March Dinner	\$864.03
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Total Expenses **\$864.03**

Net Gain / Loss For the Period **\$903.97**