

Coronado Chapter
Military Officer Association of America (MOAA)
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of 15 April 2020



CALL TO ORDER: President Tom Day called the meeting to order at 1203 hours via teleconference. Dep Dir E. Devine led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chap G. Kirmse gave the invocation.

Members Present (T = present via Telephone)

Members Absent

President: Tom Day (T) First Vice-President: Jim Clenney (T) Secretary: Joe Puett (T) Second Vice-President: Tom Hessler (T) Director: Norm Patten – Public Relations (T) Director: Lori Wysong - JROTC (T) Director: Harry Bowen – Transition/ESGR (T) Director: Merle Kilpatrick - Legislation (T) Director: Jennifer Venola – Surviving Spouses (T) Director: Susan Atchison-Day – Scholarships (T) Dep Dir: Samantha Carlson–Cmte Admin (T) Dep Dir: Susan Atchison-Day – Historian (T) Dep Dir: Earl Devine - Cmty Liaison (T) Dep Dir: Harry Mallory – Publications (T) Chaplain: George Kirmse (T)

Past President: Bob Covalucci Treasurer: Vacant Director: Tamara Oster – Personal Affairs Director: Vacant – Membership Dep Dir: Kathryn Covalucci- Webmaster

Others attending: None

AGENDA APPROVAL: Samantha C./Jennifer V. made the motion (and seconded the motion) to approve the agenda (with one addition provided by the President). The motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Prior to the meeting via email, Samantha C./Bob C. moved that the minutes of March 2020 be approved. The motion passed via email vote.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pres Tom Day

- The President passed on his thanks to the BOD for their input to LOE submission. He will submit it on Friday (17 April). If there was anything else needed for the submission, please provide it to him before Friday.
- The President received some feedback regarding his AZCoC briefing and will be incorporating that input. He will also be submitting this on Friday. We (our Chapter) may be asked to host the AZCoC gathering in the Fall, since the physical get-together this Spring will likely be cancelled (due to Coronavirus).
- The President discussed the list of unpaid Chapter dues members. He went through list and asked various board members to call delinquent members that they knew.

TREASURERS REPORT: Past Treasurer B. Abney reported:

- Past Treasurer Bob provided a copy of the month’s financial report; he reported that the Total Unencumbered Net Worth of the Chapter was \$58,942.04.
- Treasurer’s report is attached to the minutes.
- Norm P./Samantha C. 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 Tom Day.

- 1st VP Jim Clenney updated the group on efforts related to hosting a membership drive reception event in early September. Planning this event is a bit challenging because of Coronavirus; however he will have formal report next meeting. His current plan is to hold the event at Applebee’s.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres Tom Day.

- President Tom Day nominated Samantha Carlson to be our chapter treasurer and a key chapter executive officer. Lorenza Wyson/George Kermse made the motion to accept Samantha Carlson as a key chapter executive officer and treasurer. The motion passed unanimously. President Tom Day swore Samantha in as treasurer over the phone. Norman Patten/Susan Atchison-Day made/seconded a motion to add Samantha to our chapter banking signature cards and to Remove Robert Abney, a key executive officer, from the signature cards. The motion passed unanimously.
- Pres Tom discussed the status of the next Dinner meeting to decide if we will hold one in May. Lori W./Jim C. motioned to NOT hold a Dinner meeting in May, the motion passed. The discussion then focused on whether we should hold a Dinner Meeting during the summer (e.g. June) and recognize our Scholarship winners at that time. We tabled the issue of whether to hold a June Dinner meeting (June 18th) or not until our next BOD (in May).
- Pres Tom led a discussion as to whether we should change the membership status of three elder members who cannot attend Dinner meetings (due to physical hardship) to become “Life” Chapter members. We agreed that in order to do so we will need to change our bi-laws to make them Life-Chapter members. For now, the President will pay their chapter dues for this year while we review our bi-laws; after the bi-laws have been revised, we’ll revisit this issue.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pres Tom Day

PAST PRES: B. Covalucci reported:

- No Report.

1ST VP: J. Clenney reported:

- No Report.

2ND VP: T. Hessler reported:

- Programs
 - Apr: No meeting due to the Coronavirus outbreak.
 - May: No meeting due to the Coronavirus outbreak.
 - June: Potentially, Scholarships (Postponed) and/or Sherriff Mark Dannels.
- Otherwise, nothing additional to report.

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON: Dir Jennifer Venalo reported:

- No Report.

JROTC Affairs: Dir L. Wyson reported:

- Lori has turned over the JROTC MOAA Medals to both the Buena and Tombstone High School JROTC directors. The directors will provide the Medals to the awardees.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Dir M. Kilpatrick reported:

- Merle emphasized the importance of acting on the MOAA “Call to Action” emails while Congress is currently diverting focus on the Coronavirus; at some point Congress will circle back to MOAA issues and it is important that we demonstrate consistent concern over our issues.

MEMBERSHIP: Vacant, but Jim C. reported:

- Total Membership Coronado Chapter = 188
 - 97 Life Members
 - 37 Members
 - 2 Regular Annual Members
 - 13 Basic Members
 - 3 undefined
 - 6 unreconciled.
 - 30 Surviving Spouse Members.
- Jim has removed the MI students that have left area.

- Jim is working with Samantha to reconcile our numbers against what National is tracking.
- PERSONAL AFFAIRS:** Dir T. Oster reported:

- No Report.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dir N. Patten reported:

- We should hear early next month on our community outreach grant.
- If there is a June meeting, we'll do our Road clean-up at that time.

SCHOLARSHIP: Dir S. Atchison-Day reported:

- The Scholarship Committee interviewed 8 applicants; another two had to submit answers to interview questions via mail because of the Coronavirus. Of these 10, the committee felt that 1 was not qualified for a MOAA Scholarship. Therefore, the committee decided to award 9 scholarships (8 scholarships at \$1000, and 1 scholarship at \$2000 (the Mrs. Ellen Grombacher Scholarship). The total awarded amount was \$10,000. The committee had \$12k (approved by the BOD) at its disposal, so \$2k will remain in the Chapter's Scholarship holdings.
- The Annual Scholarship Report is attached to the minutes.

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

- **Transition Liaison:** Harry B. is now participating in the semi-monthly meetings with Transition National. The current plan is to develop plans and schedules going forward to enhance member transition to civilian life. Because part of this effort includes job announcements, he is suspending the job announcements in deference to this national initiative to evaluate participation. No other job Fairs were reported this month.
- **Links:** There was one link posted during this report period resulting from information from the Transition Semi-monthly meeting.
- **Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):** No travel or meetings is authorized in support of ESGR until further notice. Any rewards we receive are to be mailed to the recipient, but without a presentation ceremony. Harry B. has one award to be mailed out this week.
- **Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV):**
 - Cochise Serving Veterans had a teleconference call for the planning for the upcoming Resource Fair in August.
 - The S3 Committee assisted one Veteran in need telephonically during this report period.
 - Otherwise all other activities were suspended until May when the CSV will host all meetings, until further notice, via "videoteleconferencing."

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

- AZ Veteran's HoF nomination deadline has been extended to 30 April..

COMMITTEE MODULE ADMINISTRATOR: Dep Dir S. Carlson provided the following membership status:

- No Report.

HELIOGRAM: Dep Dir H. Mallory reported:

- Input for the Heliogram is due 22 April '20 sent to editor19MOAA@gmail.com .

HISTORIAN: Dep Dir Susan Atchison-Day:

- George K. volunteered to provide a bio to Susan to put into the Heliogram. Susan will provide the questions for bio's to the whole BOD so they can prepare their input for future months.

WEBMASTER: Dep Dir K. Covalucci reported:

- No report.

CHAPLAIN: Chap G. Kirmse reported:

- No Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

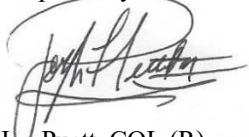
- MI graduations are now done on an individual basis.

NEXT MEETING: 20 May '20

DEPARTING PRAYER: Chap George K. provided the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Pres Tom Day adjourned the meeting at 1302 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe Puett", with a large, sweeping flourish underneath.

Joe Puett, COL (R)
Secretary

**Coronado Chapter MOAA
Accounts Status
As of April 15, 2020**

Assets

Wells Fargo Savings Account (Scholarships)	\$30,936.44
Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$6,460.07
Wells Fargo Investment Trust	<u>\$33,545.53</u>

Total Assets

\$70,942.04

Liabilities

Twelve Scholarships (\$1,000.00 each)	\$12,000.00
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Total Liabilities

\$12,000.00

Total Unencumbered Net Worth

\$58,942.04

Net Worth March, 2020	\$57,986.59
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Annual Increase / Decrease in Net Worth -- 2019 to 2020	\$5,309.91
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Notes:

AZ Corporation Commission Report Filed

\$100.00 Check Received From Mercer Health and Benefits for Advertising

**Coronado Chapter MOAA
INCOME AND EXPENSES
March 20, 2020 through April 15, 2020**

Income

Meal Receipts	None
Scholarship Donations	\$669.00
Operations Donations	None
Dues Collections	\$175.00
Raffle	None
Badge Purchases	None
Advertising	\$100.00

Total Income

\$944.00

Expenses

PDS Country Club - March Dinner	None
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Total Expenses

None

Net Gain / Loss For the Period

\$944.00



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SUBJECT: Results of Scholarship Selection Committee for 2020
TO: President and Board Members, Coronado Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America

The Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of Ron Pfipsen, Bob Abney, Doris Caldwell and Susan Atchison-Day conducted interviews of eight Coronado Chapter scholarship applicants on 13 March, 2020. A ninth qualifying candidate could not be interviewed, as scheduled, on 20 March, 2020, because of Covid-19 constraints. One other applicant was deemed to have fallen short of the application requirements. The Committee found the quality of students to be outstanding. They possessed above average to very high academic standings, were active in wide variety of extracurricular activities both at school and in the community, and some also working at various jobs. All were outstanding citizens in their communities. Two students were from Tombstone High School both of whom were in JROTC. Eight students were from Buena High School, one of whom was in JROTC. During the interview process, the Selection Committee was impressed by the high quality of all applicants for the chapter's scholarships. The decision was made to award Haleigh Adams with \$2000, which includes the \$1000 Grombacher Scholarship for 2019-2020. All others will receive scholarships of \$1000 each. The results of the selection process and student summaries are outlined below:

Haleigh Adams. Haleigh Adams is an athlete, scholar, leader of her peers, and a conscientious, caring member of her community. With an overall GPA of 4.0 and weighted GPA of 4.6, she has earned her rank of third of 478 students at Buena High School. In addition to her work at Buena, she has completed seven college-credit hours in math at Cochise College with a 4.0 GPA, and soon will complete a third college-level class for a total of 12 credit-hours in math. She has been involved in a wide variety of activities, including the Lady Colts basketball team in which she earned her position as captain, the swim and dive teams, on which she served as treasurer and swim team captain, and competed in regionals in 2020, placing 12th in the 200-medley relay and 14th in the 200-freestyle relay, the National Honor Society, Students Against Destructive Decisions, and her church youth group where she served as the President of the Young Women's Church Organization. She has also been a youth camp leader, participated in EMT Medical Training, and has completed many hours of community service in many projects, and in addition to all this has found time to work at Vinny's New York Pizza. Haleigh he has been described as conscientious, meticulous, well rounded, a role model, and demonstrating outstanding integrity. In the fall, she will attend the University of Arizona where she hopes to work toward her goal of becoming a pharmacist by studying biochemistry. She chose this school because she will be "in the right atmosphere surrounded by other dedicated learners and professors that will drive me to reach my highest potential and accomplish my goals."

Kathryn Hazel. Kathryn Hazel is an exceptionally strong leader, an athlete, scholar and role model for her peers. Her GPA is 3.89, her weighted GPA is 4.08, giving her second place in a class of 107 at Tombstone High School's graduating class of 2020. She has earned the rank of LTC and is the Commander of the Tombstone Yellow-Jacket Battalion, and commander of the following: Raider Team, Color Guard, Saber Team and Orienting Team. In addition she is the President of the NHS, plays on the varsity soccer team, is treasurer of the soccer club, participates in her church youth group, has been to the AZ youth Leadership Conference, Girls State Delegate, and last year participated in the Bataan Memorial Death March Marathon in White Sands, NM. She also has competed for two years in Tae Kwon Do, placing in a tournament. Her awards are many, having received the Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Daughters of the American Revolution Award, and the Superior Cadet Award, in addition to maintaining her status on the Principal's Honor Role for three years. She has also received the Ronald Reagan Student Leader Award and the Presidential Volunteer Service Award. She has been described as a role model, leader, dependable, kind, trustworthy, and good manager of her time, and responsible. Kathryn will be attending the University of Arizona in the fall where she will work toward a Bachelor's degree in Business and take Senior ROTC as she pursues a commission in the US Army.

McKenna Heck. McKenna Heck is a well-rounded student and contributor to the community. She has a GPA of 3.86, and weighted GPA of 4.2, with a class rank of 34 out of 478 at Buena High School. Currently she is the Student Body President, and was also president of her freshmen and sophomore classes, and was the state coordinator of the Student Council convention held at Buena, and has been President of the NHS and Interact. Additionally, she was Miss Cochise County Outstanding Teen and Miss Copper State's Outstanding Teen. She has volunteered in many areas, including A Tree 4 Christmas, Girl Scouts, and has enjoyed participation in "glamming up" special needs students for the annual prom and modeling dancing moves with them. In addition to all of this, she is co-captain of the Cheerleading Team. She has received the Hugh O'Brein Youth Leadership Delegate and Rotary Youth Leadership Award. And if this was not enough, she also works as a hostess/coordinator at the Texas Roadhouse. She has been described as kind and thoughtful, well-rounded, engaged and dedicated student, friend, mentor and role model. In the fall she will attend Arizona State University where she will be "dedicated to bettering myself and my community by seeking to expand my educational base while focusing on sports management . . . to be a well-rounded student and contributor to ASU and Community."

Chantelle Lara. Chantelle Lara has a track record as a leader, cadet, team player, athlete and scholar. Her GPA is 3.53, or weighted 3.57, giving her a class rank of 18 out of 105 students at Tombstone High School. In addition to her academic achievements, Chantelle's many offices and memberships, now or in the past include, Battalion Public Affairs Officer, Cadet Adjutant, Company Cadet Captain, Drill Team Commander, Raiders Gold Team Captain, and memberships in the Saber Team, Color Guard Team, Precision Rifle Team, Orienteering Team, National Honor Society, varsity soccer team of which she is secretary, dance team and Healthy Tombstone Committee. Chantelle became the first cadet in her class to compete in the rigorous Non-Commissioned Officer Academy. As company commander, she coordinated all aspects of cadet training for more than 40 cadets in her charge. She is described as demonstrating outstanding leadership and a clear sense of purpose, putting her full effort into everything, taking the initiative, mentoring others and demonstrating sound judgement. In addition, she works zealously, shows pride and team spirit, accepts criticism well, never complains, and is kind and patient

- clearly, an outstanding team member and leader. Throughout her JROTC career she has been awarded the Retired Enlisted Association Award and the Reserve Officer Association Award for excellence, and has also received the Most Improved Cadet Award, Best Platoon Sergeant Award, and earned medals for the Best Drilled Platoon and Best Relay. In addition to all of this, she participated as a District Choir Singer Competitor, Girls Basketball Team Manager, Theater Club Actor, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Delegate, Student Government Member, Student Body Treasurer, Cochise Leadership Academy Student, and completed many hours of community service. She has been accepted by five universities, so she will have a hard decision to make choosing from New Mexico State University, the University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University, or Grand Canyon University. Chantelle Lara is the product of a military family and now wants to follow her father's footsteps in becoming an officer in the US Army.

Amelia Hickey. Amelia Hickey is an outstanding scholar, musician and community member. She is ranked #2 in her class of 478, with a non-weighted GPA of 4.0, and a weighted GPA of 4.62! She has completed 4.5 AP classes, and has three more in progress! And her SAT combined score is 1450. She participates in many activities, especially in music and the arts. She plays the clarinet and piano and sings in her church choir, the Chamber Society Choir, Buena Concert Choir, and will be auditioning for the Southeast Arizona Regional Choir, her church's chime choir, and was selected for the High School Honor Choir at the University of Arizona and as the Alto Section Lead in Sky Island Chamber Society. In addition to that, she was a top student in AP music theory class. She loves foreign languages, and having studied German in high school, she now hopes to go on to study the Russian language. She has been involved in many school and community activities including the HOBY Leadership Seminar, Green Team, of which she is secretary, National History Day, piano and choral festivals and competitions. She has been described as passionate about music and the arts, dedicated to academic achievement and rigorous studies, poised, confident and demonstrating outstanding showmanship in performance, in addition to being bright, independent and consistent in her music and a very conscientious, honest young woman of fine character. She has been selected to attend the Barrett Honors College at Arizona State University, where she plans to pursue concurrent degrees in Sustainability and Russian Language. After college graduation, she hopes to work professionally with the US Department of State or with an NGO.

Adriana DoPadre. Adriana DoPadre is a scholar, athlete, leader and promising future sports journalist and broadcaster. With a GPA of 3.7 and adjusted GPA of 3.95, she is ranked 57th of her class of 478. She is active in many areas, including the Buena Marching Colts, in which she is a varsity member and Color Guard Captain, the Buena Winter Guard, in which she placed 2nd in both the Casa Grande Classic and WGAZ State Championship; the Buena Drumline, the Kindness Club and the Buena Mirror Messages activity, in which she posts affirming messages in various places to encourage people who are hurting, in the hopes of discouraging suicides. She has demonstrated leadership skills as the Captain of the Marching Colts Color Guard, treasurer of the Buena Film and TV, Officer in Skills USA Arizona Region, and participant in the Skills USA Arizona State Leadership Conference and Arizona Leadership Conference. She has received many awards in Films, TV and Sports, including Buena Film Festival, Best Pre-Production and Best Cinematography, fifth place in Skills USA AZ State Championships, 6th place in Television Production, 7th, 2nd, and 2nd places in the Winter Guard Arizona State Championship 2017, Casa Grande Classic in 2019, and State Championship in 2019. Her community service spanned both school and community activities, recording games, and other activities, giving tours, helping with

the Cowboy Poets Gatherings and concessions and others. She is also a member of the Nation Honor Society where she helped with Inductions, Lego Robotics and participated in Christmas Caroling at Retirement Homes. She has helped also with haunted houses for the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge, Car shows for the Cochise Mustang Club non-profit, of the United Way of Cochise County. And she also helped 2nd graders to read. She has been variously described as a role model who believes in success and achievement, dedicated and action oriented, with work ethic, leadership qualities, and a positive, professional attitude. Adriana has been attending college classes since she was 14, when she studied at the Manhattan College and New York Film and Acting Academy. Her goal is to earn a degree from Arizona State University Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communications in Sports Journalism or Communications, with the hope of working for ESPN or Fox Sports.

Estefania Chavez. Estefania Chavez is in JROTC, Nursing Club and Student Council where she has demonstrated that she is not afraid of working hard in order to be successful. During her three years in the JROTC, she earned the rank of First Lieutenant and holds a staff position as an S-5. Her achievements are all the more admirable when we realize she came to the United States with no English. She has been a home health aide, and is certified in both CPR and First Aid, and has been a member of HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) for two years. She has earned awards for honor roll, two JROTC Certificates of Achievements, Academic Achievement, Student Government, LET Service, Drill Team, Adventure Training, Personal Uniform Appearance, Cadet Leadership Challenge, Varsity Athletics JROTC PFT National, community service, recruiting and Sons of the American Revolution. In addition, she has received a Bronze Award in HOSA/Nursing. She has been described as displaying high moral character, integrity, courtesy, and skilled in building rapport with her JROTC officers and cadets. She is also known to be pleasant, cheerful and thoughtful, as well as hard working and delightful. Estefania's future goals are to become a citizen in the United States, which she is eligible for after one more year, and to pursue her pre-nursing degree at Cochise College, then transfer to the university where her goals are to become an RN and go into the Army as an officer.

Olivia Bertuca. Olivia Bertuca comes from a long-time military family, all talented in science and math. She has a GPA of 4.0, a weighted GPA of 4.4, SAT of 1380, and a class ranking of 10/478, and made the Principal's honor roll three years. Clearly, she is truly gifted and has a strong work ethic. She has taken AP Biology and AP Language and Composition. Activities include the National Honor Society, Key Club, and American Chemical Society Club. As a member of these, she has completed many volunteer hours, including helping with leadership training, money raising activities, the Walk to End Alzheimer's, and the Kid's Bizz Konference, as well as many other worthwhile activities. She is described as exceptionally bright and organized, with high standards of performance and personal character, the ultimate team player, a quiet leader with a can-do attitude, who gives of herself to serve others. Olivia will be attending the University of Arizona in the fall where she will study biochemistry and work toward a career in biochemical research.

Holly James. Holly James is a well-rounded student, athlete, scholar, and community member. She has a GPA of 4.0, with a weighted GPA of 4.4, and a class ranking of 7th out of 478 students at Buena High School. She has been active in the Marching Band, Girls Tennis Team, Key Club, and National Honor Society. In addition to this,

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she works very hard, holding down part-time work as an animal and baby sitter, and office assistant. She has volunteered in many areas, with the Key Club, NHS, Stocking Stuffer Program, Volunteer with the Parks and Recreation Department, and Church Youth Group, where she is a leader, as President, Counselor and Secretary in various groups. All this is even more impressive in that she was able to accomplish it while taking honors courses and being treated for cancer and struggling with her health. She has been described as a person who loves learning, demonstrates commitment and a positive attitude, is organized, goal oriented, and possesses a will to win, people skills, alertness, intellectual curiosity and respect for all. In the fall she is planning to stay active in her religion and move past the effects of her cancer while attend Brigham Young University to pursue a degree in Actuarial science.

This completes the summary of Scholarship recipient biographies.

I would like to recognize and thank the members of the Scholarship Committee for their commitment of time, as well as their judgement and kindness in considering each candidate. The committee is composed of: Bob Abney, Doris Caldwell, Ron Pflipsen, and myself. I would also like to 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 enabling the committee to conduct interviews and deliberations in a professional environment