

*Coronado Chapter*  
*Military Officer Association of America (MOAA)*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Minutes of 18 November 2020**



**CALL TO ORDER:** Pres Tom Day called the meeting to order at 1201 hours at the Landmark Café and via teleconference. Lori Wysong led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chap George Kirmse gave the invocation.

Members Present (T = present via Telephone)

Members Absent

President: Tom Day  
First Vice-President: Jim Clenney  
Second Vice-President: Tom Hessler  
Treasurer: Bob Kellock (T)  
Secretary: Joe Puett (T)  
Director: Harry Bowen – Transition/ESGR  
Director: Merle Kilpatrick - Legislation  
Director: Lori Wysong - JROTC  
Director: Susan Atchison-Day – Scholarships (T)  
Dep Dir: Susan Atchison-Day – Historian (T)  
Chaplain: George Kirmse (T)  
Accountant – Samantha Carlson(T)  
Past President: Bob Covalucci (T) [joined late after votes taken on new and old business]

Director: Jennifer Venola – Surviving Spouses  
Director: Vacant – Membership  
Director: Norm Patten – Public Relations  
Director: Tamara Oster – Personal Affairs  
Dep Dir: Kathryn Covalucci- Webmaster  
Dep Dir: Earl Devine - Cmty Liaison  
Dep Dir: Harry Mallory – Publications

Others attending: None

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Harry B./Jim C. made the motion (and seconded the motion) to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Lori W./Harry B. moved that the minutes of October 2020 be approved, the motion passed.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** Pres Tom D. covered these items

- On 6 Nov the AZ COC met virtually; Pres Tom summarized the meeting activities (President’s notes attached to the minutes).
- Pres Tom is working on the Communications Award.
- Pres Tom was able to get the new Treasurer on the Chapter banking account
- We did donate \$100 to the Veteran’s Day celebration in Elgin for meals in support of Elgin Elementary school students. About 150 people were there at the celebration and meal.
- Pres Tom summarized Paul Puttkammer’s passing; Paul’s obituary appeared in today’s newspaper.

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

- Treasurer Bob K. provided a copy of the month’s financial report; he reported that the Total Unencumbered Net Worth of the Chapter was \$62,081.86.
- Treasurer’s report is attached to the minutes.
- Jim C./Susan A-D. 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 D led this discussion

- Pres Tom discussed whether to hold a December Dinner meeting. Since PDS still cannot host our meetings and we do not know when they will be able to host them, Tom H./Harry B. made the motion to suspend all Dinner meetings until such time as PDS allows Dinners again; the motioned passed. We will no longer discuss this item at Board meetings until we are able to host Dinner meetings again.
- Pres Tom reported on additional information regarding becoming a 501c(3) organization. He obtained information from several other Chapters on the extra administrative activities required if we become a

501c(3) organization. After extensive discussion, the majority of the Board felt the additional administrative burden was not worth the few benefits afforded if we became a 501c(3). We voted on the motion presented at the last meeting to become a 501c(3) and the motion was defeated 8 votes to 1. The Motion to become a 501c3 was defeated.

- The Board discussed how we would obtain a Membership vote for the Slate of Officers. We decided to notify the membership of the slate of Officers in the December and January Heliogram and provide the membership a ballot which they could return via mail or email. The Ballots would need to be received by end of the month January.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Pres Tom D. led the discussion on these items:

- 2nd VP Tom Hessler led a discussion regarding whether our Chapter should have Term and/or Life Chapter Memberships; also, should there be any changes in our membership types due to COVID impacts. Joe P./Jim C. motioned for the Chapter to provide three membership tiers: a) an annual membership at \$15 per year, b) a 5-year membership at \$50 for 5 years, and c) a Life membership at \$150; the motion passed. Information regarding these membership tiers will go into this month's Heliogram. Regarding COVID, Jim C. mentioned that maybe we should offer members that have a problem with meeting the dues requirements because of COVID the opportunity to forgo paying their dues (and still remaining members of the Chapter) until the Pandemic had run its course. The BOD agreed with this concept and Pres Tom will discuss it in the Heliogram so that applicable members can take advantage of this initiative.
- 2nd VP Tom Hessler led a discussion regarding whether our Chapter should become a member of the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce. One advantage is that we could sponsor a CoC luncheon if we wanted and do much more advertisement about our organization through the Chamber. The cost to us is \$35 to join and an additional \$150 a year to remain a member. National MOAA recommended that all Chapters become members of their respective CoC's. Tom H./Harry B. motioned to become a member of the Chamber of Commerce; the motioned passed. Pres Tom will work with Bob K. to get a check to CoC and join.
- 1st VP Jim Clenney led a discussion on whether we should hold a full Membership meeting via Zoom. The feeling of the Board is "Yes" we should do this, but wait until after the Holidays. Jim C./Harry B motioned for us to do a Zoom meeting of the Board of Directors in January and if successful, we'll do a Zoom Meeting for the entire membership in February; the motioned passed.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:** Pres Tom D. led discussions:

**PAST PRES:** B. Covalucci reported:

- No Report.

**1ST VP:** J. Clenney reported:

- There are Special Deal MOAA Memberships for Dual Life Memberships – See Handout attached at the end of the minutes.
- Consider Zoom meetings for Membership and BoD Meetings for near term needs.
- BoD Nominating
  - Encourage participation by developing sub-committees to support activities of the BoD.
  - Potentially assign new members to sub-committees soon after arrival.
  - Encourage all BOD members to be diligent in finding our own replacement for the board.

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

- Programs
  - All programs are in limbo due to corona virus.
  - 17 Dec: S.V. Community Chorus canceled due to COVID.
  - Tom H. is holding a few checks that he had received in advance of some of the cancelled Dinner Meetings; he'll reach out to those folks to see if they want their money returned or held.

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

- No Report.

**JROTC Affairs:** Dir L. Wysong reported:

- No report.
- Lori W. will be putting a copy of a DAV flyer in the Heliogram.

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:** Dir M. Kilpatrick reported:

- No Report.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Vacant, but Jim C. reported:

- National Committee Module Membership Status is **196** Members as of November 2020:
  - **94** Regular Life Members;
  - **55** Regular Annual Members;
  - **17** Regular Basic Members;
  - **29** Surviving Spouses (including SS Annual; SS Basic; SS Deceased Life; SS Deceased; and SS Life)
- Background shows that we added 30 new Chapter Members since 1 January 2020:
  - 2 SS Members
  - 3 Regular Life Members
  - 22 Regular Annual Members
  - 3 Basic Members
  - Of the above, 21 were received through Coronado Chapter's MI Honor Graduate Program
- Identified and sent correspondence to 4 Recruiting prospects that are new to area or new national members.

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

- No Report.

**PUBLIC RELATIONS:** Dir N. Patten reported:

- We are looking to do another trash pickup in December (this will be announced in the Heliogram).

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Dir S. Atchison-Day reported:

- Three students sent thank you notes, which will be blended into an article for the Heliogram.
  - **Haleigh Adams:** "My experience at Cochise College has been really wonderful thus far! Learning this year has been quite different from the past but regardless, I am learning a lot and especially enjoying my Biology 181 class. The labs are definitely one of the most enjoyable parts of the course; my favorite lab that we have done so far, was when we had the opportunity to learn about and observe planarians under the microscope. Anyways, I am so extremely grateful for the generous scholarship that I was awarded, and just wanted to express my appreciation again. Thank you all so much."
  - **Adriana DoPadre:** "School has been very different but I am finding my way in this new world we live in. I am still studying sports journalism. I joined Walter Cronkite College Council and I am part of the Sun Devil Marching Band as a member of the color guard. I was saddened to hear that band will not be able to attend the football games but at least we can still watch the games. I have a mentor from Fox Sports Arizona . I have been taking some general education classes at Cochise College since high school and I'm still taking some while I'm at ASU, and all those classes have helped me so much! I'm thinking about applying at the Arizona Attorney Generals office. Thank you again for the scholarship!"
  - **Olivia Bertuca:** "Being on my own for the first time, I'm learning how to balance school with meeting people and trying new things. I'm being challenged in class and adapting to these uncertain times but continue to study hard and am confident about this school year."

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

- **Transition Liaison:** The job links are functional; however, the one still needed to be validated is the one for National. We will finally be able to insert the locator for the semimonthly National Transition Liaison insights. This function will be fully functional within the next couple of days.
- **Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):** The ESGR is now being energized. The Coordinators are encouraged to go out and meet with the various commands and employers and reestablish contacts.
- **Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV):**
  - **CSV:** The elections for the next term will be held this evening at the Warrior Healing Center at 1630 hrs. All leadership positions are open for election.
  - **Veterans Resource Fair (VRF):** The Veterans Resource Fair was held at the Mall of Sierras Vista on 23 October 2020. 56 Veterans attended, 31 Providers supported the event, and 31 volunteers assisted in the conduct of the fair. Only one Veteran self-acclaimed as homeless and she was referred to HUD/VASH for assistance. It was a very successful event thanks to all of the personnel who supported the event.
  - **Social Services Support (S3):** The S3 Committee assisted 4 Veterans with gas and/or food supplements, two Veterans were assisted with utilities, and one Veteran was assisted with advance rent during this report period. It was interesting to note that the CSV has been successful in providing more than \$20,000 since the inception of the S3. This makes all the work, well-worth it.

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

- No Report.

**HELIOGRAM:** Dep Dir H. Mallory reported:

- Input for the Heliogram is due 23 Nov '20 sent to [editor19MOAA@gmail.com](mailto:editor19MOAA@gmail.com).

**HISTORIAN:** Dep Dir Susan Atchison-Day:

- Susan A-D needs more BOD member bios (see previous minutes for details).
  - November was Bob Kellock
  - December will be Jennifer Venola
  - January will be Tom Hessler
  - February will be Susan A-D.
- **Moment in History:** Susan A-D provided an account of Don Juan de Onate and the Southwestern First Thanksgiving.

**WEBMASTER:** Dep Dir K. Covalucci reported:

- No report.

**CHAPLAIN:** Chap G. Kirmse reported:

- No Report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Gov Ducey has still not released the names of the AZ HOF inductees.

**NEXT MEETING:** 16 Dec 2020

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

**ADJOURNMENT:** Pres Tom D. adjourned the meeting at 1313 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe Puett, COL (R)  
Secretary

**AZCOC, 6 November 2020 Meeting Summary**  
**Notes from Pres Tom Day**

1. John Scott, Deputy Director, ADVS

He mentioned that there are two new Veteran Homes under construction and that construction is ahead of schedule. In 2019, we broke ground on new State Veteran Homes in Yuma and Flagstaff Estimated construction completion: Summer 2021.

**The Veteran Toolkit Program** funds expenses associated with beginning employment for Veterans.

**The Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF)** was established by the Arizona Legislature to provide financial assistance to families of currently deployed service members, as well as military and Veteran families that have experienced a hardship caused by a deployment.

**The Arizona Veterans' Donation Fund (VDF)** assists programs and initiatives that benefit Veterans and their families. The VDF supports Arizona's Veteran community through small grants (\$4,999 or less) and large grants (\$5,000 - \$75,000), each with their own application process. VDF Large Grant Cycle open through December 18, 2020.

**ADVS and the Arizona Housing Coalition** are collaborating to institute three key goals and 26 regionalized objectives to sustain efforts to end homelessness among Veterans in Arizona.

As of Sept 2020, the "By Name List" showed 775 homeless Veterans.

Goals: 1. End street / shelter homelessness among Veterans. 2. Transform the temporary help system. 3. Ensure ongoing system functionality for all Veterans experiencing homelessness.

2. Jennifer Harris, Legislative Liaison, ADVS

Jennifer Harris gave a comprehensive update on State Legislative issues a couple of which were to acquire more VBCs and increase the state tax exemption, but then COVID happened and nothing happened.

3. **MOAA-Wide LOE**

5-Star/Councils = 19 (58%) +5 including AZ/Chapters = 96 (26%) -26 with AZ = 9 (100%)

4. AZCOC President Summary:

**MOAA Grants.** MOAA awarded 108; Arizona has 8. The grants awarded to Arizona amounted to over \$28,000.

"Be Connected". Today all nine Chapters and the Council are partners.

Col Kloeber commented that there will be a new system for the Committee Module which will come out sometime in November / December.

Col Kloeber commented on the new Virtual Chapter for USPHS officers. The Chapter was approved on October 23<sup>rd</sup> and at that time had 39 members. As of today, they have 72 members. Col Kloeber is an advisor to the Chapter; cannot be a member because he is not USPHS.

**AZCOC Vision and Mission**

**Vision** – MOAA is recognized as Arizona’s most committed and effective advocate for the rights and benefits of – and service to – active duty, retired, and former members of the United States military and their families.

**Mission** – To provide a unified voice and support for all MOAA members and chapters in Arizona in promoting and supporting National MOAA’s goals, objectives, and advocacy for the rights, benefits, interests of – and service to – active duty, retired, and former members of the uniformed services of the United States and their families.

### **Key Dates-MOAA**

- Nov 2 – MOAA Scholarships (applications open)
- Dec 1 – USAA Sponsorship Grant (applications open)
- Dec 1 – Community Outreach Grant (applications open)
- Feb 1 – Communications Award Deadline (applications open)
- Mar 1 – Scholarship Application Deadline
- Apr 10 – 22 – Storm the Hill / Council Presidents Seminar
- May 1 – LOE Deadline (applications not yet open)

**Surviving Spouse:** Col Pete Kloeber received Mrs. Douglas’ presentation on Surviving Spouse and Personal Affairs which she presented to the Yuma Chapter. Col Kloeber stated that the presentation contained a lot of good information on both subjects and suggested that Chapters contact Mrs. Douglas to get a copy. Mrs. Douglas said she will send a copy to the Chapter Presidents.

Is MOAA considering any modifications to the LOE criteria for 2020 as a result of COVID-19?  
Answer: YES – MOAA Council and Chapter Affairs will be providing guidance to the field in the near future.

**Coronado Chapter MOAA**  
**Accounts Status**  
**As of November 18, 2020**

<b>Assets</b>		
	Wells Fargo Savings Account (Scholarships)	\$ 22,932.85
	Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$ 5,601.52
	Wells Fargo Investment Trust	\$ 33,547.49
<b>Total Assets</b>		<u>\$62,081.86</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
	Ten Scholarships (\$1,000.00 each) - Ten Paid to Date	\$0.00
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		<u>\$0.00</u>
<b>Total Unencumbered Net Worth</b>		<u>\$62,081.86</u>
	Net Worth October, 2020	\$61,422.72
	Net Worth November, 2020	<u>\$62,081.86</u>
<b>Annual Increase / Decrease in Net Worth -- 2019 to 2020</b>		\$659.14

**Coronado Chapter MOAA  
INCOME AND EXPENSES  
October 14, 2020 through November 18, 2020**

**Income**

Meal Receipts	\$0.00
Scholarship Donations	\$600.00
Operations Donations	\$150.00
Dues Collections	\$75.00
Raffle	\$0.00
Badge Purchases	\$0.00
Advertising	\$0.00

**Total Income** **\$825.00**

**Expenses**

PDS Country Club - Dinner	\$0.00
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**Total Expenses** **\$0.00**

**Net Gain / Loss For the Period** **\$825.00**

**Note:**

05-Nov-2020 Ck #1183 for \$100.00 Donation to Santa Cruz Cnty Fairground Rodeo Association (SCCFRA)  
for Veterans' Day Celebration

11-Nov-2020 Withdrawal of \$66.33 by Harland Clarke for MOAA checks.



## From 1<sup>st</sup> VP's Report

- Reminder Special deal on membership dues for Dual Life Membership members.

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**Membership Cost:**  
Varies by age

50 & Under	76-80
\$851	\$434
51-55	81-85
\$801	\$332
56-60	86-90
\$757	\$234
61-65	91-95
\$692	\$145
66-70	96-99
\$615	\$88
71-75	100 and Over
\$529	FREE

**Membership Cost:**

One Year	Two Years
\$48	\$82 (SAVE 15%)
Three Years	
\$108 (SAVE 25%)	
Surviving Spouse Membership Cost:	
One Year	Two Years
\$43	\$73 (SAVE 15%)
Three Years	
\$97 (SAVE 25%)	