

MOAA
Coronado Chapter
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of 17 Feb 2016



CALL TO ORDER: Pres Covalucci called the meeting to order at 1200 hours at the Landmark Cafe. Devine gave the pledge to the US Flag. Kirmse gave the invocation.

Members Present

President: Bob Covalucci Second Vice-President: Tom Hessler Immediate Past President: Tom Hessler Treasurer Bob Abney Secretary: Joe Puett Director: Harry Bowen - Transition Director: Gene Fenstermacher - Legislation Dep Dir Earl Devine-Cmty Liaison Dep Dir: Duane Brofer–Database Mngr Director: John Black - Scholarships Director: Jan Cole – Aux Liason Director: Joe Britton - JROTC Dep Dir: Tom Fail - Historina Director: George Kirmse -- Membership Dep Dir: Paul Puttkammer-Publications

Members Absent

Dep Dir: Larry Singer - TOPS Chaplain: Tom Day Dep Dir: Bill Frobe – Webmaster Director: Terrie Gent – Personal Affairs Director: Bill Sherod -- Publicity

Others attending:
None

Agenda Approval: Abney made the motion to approve the agenda, Fail seconded. The Motion Passed.

Minutes approval: Abney moved that the minutes of 20 Jan 2016 be approved with correction and Kirmse seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President’s Report: B. Covalucci reported:

- The President has written a piece for Heliogram. In it he asks for members to consider goals for chapter, what are our goals? What to we want to do in the community? What legislation do we want passed? This is to be an agenda item at the next BOD.

TREASURERS REPORT: Abney presented hard copies of the Treasurer's report and noted that we currently have a net worth of \$40,960.35. Other items reported include:

- Scholarship expenses are coming up
- Beyond Scholarships, we are expecting nothing unusual
- The Treasurer will send out notices to those members who have not renewed yet
- The Treasurer filed our income taxes and they were accepted by IRS.
- The Treasurer noted that our signatories to our Bank Accounts should now change based on new Board membership. The Board directed (Britton motioned, Black seconded) that the Treasurer update the signatories to our Bank Accounts: Tom Hessler and Ron Plifpson are to be removed from the accounts and Bob Covalucci and Joe Puett are to be added.
- The Annual Audit is complete and attached to the minutes.

The Motion was made that the treasurer's report be accepted subject to audit (Black motioned, Bowen seconded). The Motion passed. A copy of the Treasure’s report is attached to the minutes.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Secretary Puett:

- Submitted the 2015 Communications Award Packet on 28 January.
- Received a Letter of Thanks from Disabled American Veterans for our \$250 donation to the SV Community Christmas Project (attached to the minutes).
- Received a thank you from Post Chaplain for our gift to the Chaplains Operaiton Helping Hands Program (attached)

OLD BUSINESS: Pres Covalucci.

- Decals
 - The President noted that interest (at the Jan Dinner Meeting) in obtaining MOAA decals was only about half. Given the cost of the decals, the Decal issue is closed without action.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres Covalucci.

- Induction of Officers: Those BOD Officers not in attendance at the January Induction ceremony were sworn in by the President. These include John Black, Jan Cole and George Kirmse. Oaths administered.
- Letters of Condolence: The Secretary will craft Boiler Plate letters (one for death and one for illness) and provide it to Jan Cole. Jan will tailor the letters as needed in specific instances and provide to the President for signature and mailing.
- Pending Arizona Legislation: The BOD discussed tax-exemption legislation. Regarding the question: Is there interest in having a state legislator attend a dinner meeting? The answer was “Yes.” Programs director to approach Gayle Griffin.
- Mailing Lists: The BOD discussed whether it is worthwhile to continue to send hard-copies of the Heliogram. The consensus was that it was not and that starting in September, we would only send hardcopies to those that desired it (only 5 as of now). For the next 3 months we will advertise that we will begin email only starting in September.
- ADVS Legislative Influence: Discussed the question: Is there something in the ADVS document that tweaks your interest? No action stemming from the discussion.
- Sponsor recognition. Discussed the question: Do we want to recognize our habitual sponsors at our Dinner meetings? The group agreed that we do want to recognize such sponsors at the meetings. The President took that action to reach out to Nancy Rea and Greg Montoya as candidates (President to send invitation letter first to Nancy and then to Greg).

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pres Covalucci

Past Pres: T. Hessler:

- a) Received the JROTC medals, passed them to J. Britton
- b) Asked the question: “Do we want to eliminate one of the VP positions?” Answer: No, leave it open.
- c) Asked the question: Where are with the Level of Excellence submission? Answer: Already completed by the President, and will be submitted by the Secretary.
- d) 60 People at Dinner meeting (58 paying – 1 guest, 1 coupon). Upcoming Programs:
 - March: Scholarships
 - April: Website
 - May: Jack Blair w/ SSVEC
 - Jun/Jul/Aug no meeting
 - Sep: MG Berrier
 - Oct/Nov: currently open,
 - Dec: Choir.
 - Possibilities: Gayle Griffin, NETCOM, Hospital CO, Jeff Jennings, Garrison Cdr, VA Clinic, Commissary Lead, City Police Chief.

2nd VP: T. Hessler: No report

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON: Dir J. Cole.

- 3 Get well cards sent and several Birthday cards were sent.
- Spouses can obtain a tax credit, educating those interested in how to obtain it.

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

- Needs a \$15 check for Joint Services club
- There will be a guided walk in Wilcox on 5 March.
- Saturday is Retiree Appreciation day at Ft Huachuca (TMAC)
- Rutherford Industries, have finalized the cost of unisex comfort station at cemetery. State is looking at it again.

- United Veteran’s council is looking for a Secretary.

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

- 56 have not renewed. 159 are good for another year.
- Member Status as of 17 Feb:

CHAPTER MEMBERS AS OF 17 Feb 2016			
REGULAR	AUXILIARY	ASSOCIATE	TOTAL
199	22	11	232

HELIOGRAM: Dep Dir Puttkammer reported:

- All items for the March Heliogram are needed by 21 Feb. Jan C. will provide tax credit info, Gene F. will provide ADVS info, Tom H. will provide Program info, and Bob A. will provide the donor list.
- In the March, April, and May Heliogram we will notify the membership that we will begin “email only” Heliogram distribution in September.

HISTORIAN: Dep Dir T. Fail: No Report

JROTC Affairs: Dir J. Britton reported:

- That he has ordered the JROTC medals (this will be an additional set above those received by Tom H.)
- That he has emailed both the Buena and Tombstone programs.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Dir G. Fenstermacher reported that:

- Thanks to our help, the AZ legislature killed the predatory lending bill. However, we did need to watch carefully that it did not resurrect itself.

MEMBERSHIP: Dir G. Kirmse reported:

- That he needs roster for new members. Duane B. to provide.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS: Dir T. Gent: was absent because she was attending an event for Student Veterans at Cochise College at the time of the meeting.

PUBLICITY: Dir B. Sherod reported (in absentia):

- That there are two things he’s currently working on:
 - Updating the Chapter trifold handout so we have updated material to give perspective members.
 - Getting info from national on what MOAA handout literature they have available the chapter can use to help us get the word out.

SCHOLARSHIP: Dir J. Black reported:

- That scholarships due to come in by Friday (post marked by today or earlier). 1 received to date. Following Friday interviews and selections, at the March dinner we would introduce student scholarship recipients to the members.

TOPS: Dep Dir L. Singer: No Report

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

- **Job Postings:** This past 30 days, there were 34 new jobs posted. All of these positions were in Mesa, Bull Head City, Sun City, Thatcher, Phoenix, Chandler, Tempe, Glendale, Scottsdale, Parker, Gilbert, Glendale, Rio Verde, Flagstaff, and Humboldt areas. Unfortunately, I was unable to get with the local area personnel for any job openings. I will correct this during the next report period.

- **Job Fairs:** There were 15 job fairs posted this past period; 2 were for Sierra Vista, 1 at Fort Huachuca, 9 in Phoenix, 2 in Mesa, 1 in Tempe, and 1 in Rearview.
- **Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR)** Continued to support the Fort Huachuca Soldier for Life (SFL) Transition Assistance Program (TAP) office for the purpose of supporting them at their transition processing sessions as well as instruction for their National Guard Annual Training with one presentation. We have one training session scheduled for 20 February for an anticipated 100+ National Guard and Army Reserve personnel. At his session, we will provide information on ESGR, what services ESGR provides, and define for them their rights, benefits and responsibilities as governed under the United Services Employment and Reemployment Act (USERRA) enacted in 1994.
- **Cochise Serving Veterans** The Cochise Serving Veterans Meeting was convened on 10 February. At the meeting, the positions for the upcoming CSV Resource Fair Management Team were solidified and the planning will commence starting the end of this month.

WEBMASTER: MAJ William Frobe. Report (in absentia):

Recent updates to the website include:

- Updating the "Contact Us" page with the newly elected officers
- Adding the "Join Us Today!" page to support recruitment efforts
- Adding the "Scholarship Info" page to support the scholarship drive
- Added the "Editorial Policy" block to the right side of all our pages
- Added some new links under the "Links" page (MOAA publications, MOAA – TAKE ACTION, MOAA Facebook)
- Added the latest newsletters and legislative updates
- Assisted the Chapter President by reviewing the website award criteria and adding elements that needed adding for the award
- Coordinated with the Chapter President to give a website tutorial during the April meeting
- (Also a while back I added a category for "MOAA Spouse News"; I copy those newsletters to the website when I receive them)

CHAPLAIN: T. Day: No Report. The Chaplain was absent because of attendance at the Military Chaplain's lunch in Tucson.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Building new Holiday Inn, any news? No.
- Treasurer: thinking about investing trust money in Navy Federal Credit Union.
- Canyon Vista Medical Center invite to Vet's Wall dedication 26 Feb 3pm.
- League of women voters of Greater Tucson Breakfast, 4 Mar 0730 Doubletree at Reid Park Ballroom.

Next Meeting: 16 March 2016

Departing Prayer: P

ADJOURNMENT: Pres Covalucci adjourned the meeting at 1315 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe Puett, COL (R)
Secretary