

MOAA
Coronado Chapter
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of 16 Mar 2016



CALL TO ORDER: Pres Covalucci called the meeting to order at 1200 hours at the Landmark Cafe. Dep Dir Devine led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chaplain Day provided the invocation.

Members Present

President: Bob Covalucci Second Vice-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: Joe Britton - JROTC Dep Dir: Tom Fail - Historian Director: George Kirmse -- Membership Dep Dir: Paul Puttkammer-Publications Chaplain: Tom Day Dep Dir: Bill Frobe – Webmaster Director: Terrie Gent – Personal Affairs Dep Dir: Larry Singer – TOPS (arrived late)
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Members Absent

Director: Bill Sherod -- Publicity Director: Jan Cole – Aux Liaison
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Others attending:
None

INTRODUCTION: The President introduced MAJ Bill Frobe the Chapter Webmaster

AGENDA APPROVAL: Bowman made the motion to approve the agenda, Black seconded. The Motion Passed.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Day moved that the minutes of 17 Feb 2016 be approved and Black seconded the motion. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pres Covalucci reported:

- Get Well Card. The President is sending a Get Well Card around for or Jan Cole.
- Sponsor Recognition. The President reached out to Ms. Nancy Rea to attend a dinner and be recognized as a continual sponsor of MOAA; however, she has a standing conflict with the date/time of our dinners, so cannot attend.
- Holiday Inn. Update regarding question poised at at last BOD, the contractor has no intentions of building a new Holiday Inn. There is a program intention to renovate the old TDY facility and call it a Holiday Inn, but no new construction is planned.

TREASURERS REPORT: Abney presented hard copies of the Treasurer's report and noted that we currently have an unencumbered net worth of \$43,079. Other items reported include:

- Preponderance of chapter money is in scholarships.
- We’re well ahead of where we were last year.
- Error, the Raffle was \$200 last month.
- The Treasurer filed our Corporate commission report for the year. They are up to date.
- The Treasurer asked the board for permission to diversify our accounts and invest trust money (\$20K) in the Navy Federal Credit Union. (Motion: Fenstermacher/Gent) Motion passed.
- 36 folks have not renewed. Directors to make calls to those individuals and encourage them to renew.

The Motion was made that the treasurer's report be accepted subject to audit (Fenstermacher/Britton.). The Motion passed. A copy of the Treasure’s report is attached to the minutes.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary Puett:

- The Secretary submitted the Level of Excellence Award Package on 17 February.

OLD BUSINESS: Pres Covalucci.

- Chapter Goals: The President led a discussion of Chapter Goals, the following two Goals were discussed:
 - Advocate that we get back to 3 Vets Benefits counselors. Over time we have lost a counselor (and are now down to 2). The Goal is to advocate to the our AZ legislature and Governor to increase this back to 3. Teri Gent will prepare a communique that Gene Fenstermacher will send to our chapter members to send to Legislatures; Gene will also share this with other Chapters. We will get this done in time for January 2017 Legislature session. Teri Gent to provide initial correspondence to Gail Griffin.
 - Cochise College Small Business Development Center: contributing to the Veteran's Business Development Effort. Do we want to advocate/endorsement for this? Discussion: is this an organization that will really do something or is it just something that will make folks feel good? Consensus was that this was a good idea. Teri Gent to gather more info on this and request the specific purpose, goals, and management structure of the effort. If it turns out to be a good idea, Teri will draft a letter as appropriate.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres Covalucci.

- Support to the SV Veteran's Memorial Improvement Project. President suggested making this a goal for the Chapter. Add it to the goals. Bowen is on the board so can assist.
- Relay for Life, 30 Apr. 1200 to 1200. There will be a need for canopies to provide shade, if you know of anyone with canopies please get in touch with Bowen.
- Build Community awareness for MOAA among Veteran-focused non-profits. Larry Singer brought attention to an initiative that he is championing which may be of interest to MOAA. Many Non-Profit organizations that used to provide support to the Fort have stopped doing so due to Legal/SJA issues with the Military. The thought to re-vitalize this support is to form a consortium of non-profits for the community. Idea is that maybe we should have an event in which the consortium sponsors a free dinner for community and Fort members, w/ booths for each non-profit organization to educate the public about various organizations that are available to provide support. Larry Singer to act as action officer and work up an action plan for an event in the fall (roughly 3 months from now). Purpose of the event is to increase knowledge about non-profits, and increase membership of various clubs. Theme would be focused on Post. Larry to write a letter for the Heliogram (provided to the President). This item will be put on agenda for next meeting for continued discussion.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pres Covalucci

SCHOLARSHIP: Dir J. Black reported:

- Scholarship Selection committee report attached. Summary: 10 applicants (1 disqualified because didn't meet min requirements). Other 9 are outstanding and were selected. 2 are JROTC, 7 are in open category. Thanks to all who are hosting a student and family at the MOAA dinner (hosts have placards). Thanks to Bob Abney for photography. All 9 will receive \$1000 scholarships, all will attend dinner meeting w/ Family members.
- Rotary announcement: Rick Shelly asked Dana Cole to come to our Dinner meeting (Motion: Abney/Gent). Chapter will pay for their meal.

PAST PRES: T. Hessler:

- Duane Brofer will maintain the roster of those members that require hard copies of the Heliogram (so far there are only 5 members).
- Soft copy of Heliogram to the majority of the membership will begin in September.

2ND VP: T. Hessler:

- Program: Approximately 80 attendees scheduled to attend tomorrow's Dinner.

- Programs are as follows: Scholarship at March meeting, April Webmaster, May SSVEC, Sep MG Berrier, Oct Dan Standish, Nov is open, Dec is Choir. Hessler has received lots of suggestions for open date.

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON: Dir J. Cole.

- No report.

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

- Project Graduation: Flyer passed around.
- Cochise County Veteran’s Fair (Harry Bowen). Flyer passed around.
- A Tree for Xmas incorporated.
- Comfort Station at AZ Cemetery, plans finalized. State of AZ bureaucracy requiring additional work. Devine to work the issue.

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

- 36 have not renewed. Directors are placing calls to them.
- Member Status as of 16 Mar:

CHAPTER MEMBERS AS OF 16 Mar 2016			
REGULAR	AUXILIARY	ASSOCIATE	TOTAL
201	22	11	234

HELIOGRAM: Dep Dir Puttkammer reported:

- Please provide inputs to the April Heliogram NLT 27 March.

HISTORIAN: Dep Dir T. Fail reported:

- While President Jefferson got us trouble lots of times, he did enact the 1802 Military Peace Establishment Act which founded the Nation’s Military Academy at West Point.

JROTC Affairs: Dir J. Britton reported:

- That he has received dates for JROTC awards ceremonies. MOAA President to attend if available.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Dir G. Fenstermacher reported that:

- There are 4 deceased people on Duane Brofer’s membership list. Fenstermacher to provide info to Duane.
- The Flex Loan Bill was going to be re-looked by the Legislature. Fenstermacher distributed a Legislative Action message to the members to continue to try to kill it.

MEMBERSHIP: Dir G. Kirmse reported:

- No report.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS: Dir T. Gent:

- Justice Dickerson, creating a Veterans track for the Court. Terri is working with Tom Reardon to help recruit and oversee mentors. She may call on MOAA to serve as mentors if needed.
- Advocated that Representative McSally start a Veteran’s council. The main focus of the council will be regarding Veteran’s Medical Care. She will meet with Daniel Standish and Lindsay Dearing on 24 March to discuss.

PUBLICITY: Dir B. Sherod reported:

- No report.

TOPS: Dep Dir L. Singer reported:

- See new business.

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

- **General Comment:** During the past 30 days, new jobs have been of a premium. Furthermore, the Arizona Work Force One has been reorganized and re-branded as Arizona@Work and no longer publishes jobs in the Cochise Area. Consequently, Bowen had another link added to the website, www.azjobconnection.gov so that our members can access locally whereas you must be a job searcher or provider to gain anything.
- **Jobs:** We posted only 16 job announcements during this report period; 4 for Phoenix, 1 for Tucson, 2 for Bisbee, 1 for Chandler, 1 for Douglas, and 7 for Sierra Vista. 6 of these announcements were for medical and dental professionals. To compensate, started searching jobs for management, Teaching, and Nursing in the local paper and on line using Bowen as the job seeker. As a result we got 7+ jobs posted for Sierra Vista/Cochise County.
- **Expos/Career Fairs:** We were able to post 5 Expos and 2 job fairs. Border Patrol, Tempe, Phoenix, Maricopa School District, and Fort Huachuca held 1 expo per. Sierra Vista was reported hosting a job fair in April with another on Fort Huachuca.
- **Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):** Due to budget constraints, the Transition Assistance Office will not be providing transition training to Advanced Individual Training (AIT) students. As a result, we will not be providing the training on ESGR and the rights and benefits to reserve and National Guard AIT students. CW4 R Wisniewski and I have requested that we be able to participate in out processing training of retiring or ETS military personnel. Waiting on a meeting with the TAP office to resolve.
- **Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV):** The Leadership for the upcoming Resource Fair is now solidified with two of MOAA Members being on the team; CW4R Wisniewski as Food Coordinator and Bowen as the Provider Coordinator. The Resource Fair (RF) will be held at the old Apache Middle School on Fry Boulevard on 19 August. The CSVRF is looking for donations to assist in financing this fair again this year.

WEBMASTER: MAJ William Frobe reported:

- No Report (departed early).

CHAPLAIN: T. Day report:

- Easter Sunrise at 0600 on Easter (Reservoir hill)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- John McCain will be speaking next Thursday (30 March) at Windemere.

NEXT MEETING: 20 April 2016

DEPARTING PRAYER: Chaplain Day provided the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Pres Covalucci adjourned the meeting at 1326 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe Puett, COL (R)
Secretary

Coronado Chapter MOAA
Accounts Status
As of March 16, 2016

Assets

Wells Fargo Savings Account (Scholarships)	\$26,872.74
Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$5,638.43
Wells Fargo Investment Trust	\$20,124.45
Unused Prepaid Postage	<u>\$78.48</u>

Total Assets

\$52,714.10

Liabilities

Scholarships (\$1,000.00 each)	\$9,000.00
AZ Corporation Commission	\$10.00
Scholarship Dinner Costs (Estimated)	<u>\$625.00</u>

Total Liabilities

\$9,635.00

Total Unencumbered Net Worth

\$43,079.10

Net Worth February, 2015

\$40,960.35

Net Worth March, 2015

\$43,079.10

Annual Increase / Decrease in Net Worth -- 2014 to 2015

\$4,532.55

Coronado Chapter MOAA
INCOME AND EXPENSES
February 18, 2016 through March 16, 2016

Income

Meal Receipts	\$1,450.00
Scholarship Donations	\$2,143.00
Operations Donations	\$198.00
Dues Collections	\$225.00
Raffle	Proceeds (\$2,143.00) Split between Ops & Scholarship
Badge Purchases	None
Advertising -- Toner West	<u>\$100.00</u>

Total Income

\$4,116.00

Expenses

Newsletter Printing - Paul Puttkammer	\$118.68
Newsletter Postage	\$41.77
PDS Country Club	\$1,402.87
AZ Council of Chapters	\$211.00

Total Expenses

\$1,774.32

Net Gain / Loss For the Period

\$2,341.68

Military Officers Association of America

Coronado Chapter

Post Office Box 1685

Sierra Vista, Arizona 85636

15 March 2016

SUBJECT: Results of Scholarship Committee Selections for 2016

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

Scholarship Selection Committee, Ron Pflipsen, Bob Abney, Doris Caldwell and I conducted interviews of all Coronado Chapter scholarship applicants on 26 February 2016. 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 from high schools in Tombstone, Bisbee, and Sierra Vista. One applicant was disqualified for not meeting the basic application standards. 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 scholarships. In the past year, the Chapter has lost two former members and the spouse of a member. The Board of Directors directed that those outstanding individuals be recognized this year with a Scholarship presented in their memory. Those Scholarships are indicated in the following narrative. The results of the selection process and student summaries are outlined below.

Mia Ricketts: Mia is in the top 25 % of her senior class and had been consistently placed on the Buena High School's honor roll. She has accomplished this while holding down a job at Marshalls in Sierra Vista. While in high school Mia has participated in several activities and has been a member of the American Auxiliary, Key Club and volunteered for the Fort Huachuca Spouses Club. She was selected as a delegate to attend the 2015 Girl's State.

While attending high school in Killeen Texas for two years, Mia played varsity soccer, was on the track and field team and served in the JROTC Program. She participated in and was recognized for her organizational skills in Advancement Via Individual Determination, a college readiness program. Mia is planning on attending Grand Canyon University, majoring in advertising design and public relations.

Nicholas Belvin: This Scholarship is presented in Memory of Colonel Jack H. Holbrook, USA. Nick is the serving Battalion Commander of the Tombstone High School JROTC Yellowjacket Battalion. His Senior Army Instructor stated, "Under Nick's leadership, the Yellowjacket Battalion passed our first ever JROTC Program of Accreditation with a score of 198 out of 200. Currently, this is not only the highest score given in Arizona, but in the entire 5th Brigade; which includes eight states." With all his JROTC responsibilities, Nick has done a commendable job maintaining his academic position in the top 25% of his graduating class. In addition to JROTC, he has been very active in school, participating in a variety of activities to include Student Council, Track and Field, Cross Country, Tennis, Sons of the American Legion and has volunteered at the Tombstone Community Food Bank. Of particular note, Nick was appointed as the Editor and Chief of the Tombstone High School Yearbook where he improved the quality of the Yearbook while simultaneously lowering the overall costs. Nick's plans are to attend the University of Arizona with a three-year Army ROTC scholarship earning a degree in Economics.

Jalen Scott: This Scholarship is presented in Memory of Lucy Fenstermacher spouse of Colonel Gene Fenstermacher, USAF. Cadet Captain Jalen Scott is a Company Commander in the Buena High School "Fighting Colts" JROTC Battalion. He has been very active in JROTC by participating on the Cyber Patriots Team, the Honor Guard, and winning the Noncommissioned Officer of the Year for 2015. Additionally, he competed on the Varsity Golf Team, is a certified lifeguard and is enrolled in Cochise Community College Dual Credit program. While taking some of the most difficult courses at Buena High School, Jalen has maintained his grades well enough to end up in the top 15% of his graduating class of almost 500 students. In addition to all his activities, he has worked throughout high school. Currently he is maintaining a nearly full-time job at Martin Cleaners. Jalen's goal is to attend Northern Arizona University and join the Air Force ROTC program while pursuing a degree in Intelligence Analysis.

Kameron Payton: According to Joe Farmer, the Principal at Buena High School, Kameron is the most involved student at Buena. He is the President of the National Honor Society and involved in the Student Council as the Senior Class Treasurer and Senior Class Trip Coordinator, Sophomore Class Vice President and Freshman Class President. Kameron has also been active in the Key Club; Reading is FUNdamental, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Toastmasters where he won the Leadership Award, the National Society

of High School Scholars, and the Sierra Vista City Youth Commission. He has also been active in the community by volunteering countless hours for local food drives, blood drives, highway cleanups, relay for life, and nursing home visits. Kameron has been recognized with the Academic Achievement Award all four years in high school, the Ronald Reagan Leadership Award and was selected to attend Boys State. He also is a varsity athlete in soccer, Track and Field and Cross Country. Currently he works at Sears as a cashier and sales associate. While being so active in high school, Kameron has maintained a weighted GPA of 4.317, placing him in the top 5% of his class at number 16 out of almost 500 seniors. Kameron plans on attending the University of Arizona pursuing a degree in Pharmacy.

Zayari Jemenez Renteria: Zayari has been one of the top student leaders in Bisbee High School throughout her four years there. Academically, she is in the top 5% of her graduating class. Her Principal, Laura Miller, praised Zayari as a resilient problem solver and quite intelligent with a strength of character in all aspects of high school life. She is a member of the National Honor Society, Key Club, Health Club Peer Support Group and Senior Class Vice President. Zayari has been a Bisbee High School Cheerleader, selected for Girl's State, and been on the Honor Roll all four years in high school. She specifically mentioned how much she has enjoyed being a member of the Bisbee Police Explorers. Zayari is planning on attending Grand Canyon University on a Provost Scholarship. She plans on pursuing a career as a Neonatal Nurse.

Dustin Foote: This Scholarship is presented in memory of Colonel Harry J. Walther, USA. Dustin's hard work, dedication and potential are indicative of his weighted GPA of 4.405 and placed in the top 2% of his graduating class at number nine out of approximately 500 seniors. While taking an almost exclusive high school curriculum of advanced placement courses, he has earned 44 credits at Cochise College while maintaining a straight "A" average at the college. While attending school, Dustin also was a member of the National Honor Society, the Key Club and played Freshman and Junior Varsity Football. He has participated in community service activities to include Red Cross Blood Drives, raising funds for the Relay for Life, and performing highway clean-ups. Dustin has been recognized as a Sulfur Springs Valley Electric Co-Op Washington D. C. Youth Tour recipient, being selected for the Sierra Vista "Power-up Teen Leadership Conference," and induction into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Dustin is planning on attending Barrett, the Honors College at Arizona State University pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering.

Casey Haller: If the name Haller sounds familiar to you, it's probably because Casey's sister, Andrea, received one of our scholarships in 2013. Casey is an outstanding student. She has participated in several activities and had been a member of organizations that include the National Honor Society, serving as the Secretary for two years, and the Distributive Education Clubs of America. Casey has been on the cross country team and the track team all four years. She was selected as the Most Improved varsity cross country runner in 2012 and 2015

and the Most Improved Track and Field distance runner in 2015. She has served as the Secretary, Vice President and President of the cross-country club. Casey has logged several hours of volunteer work for Sierra Vista Parks and Leisure Services, helping with Academic Decathlon events and supporting various races in Tucson and Sierra Vista. In addition to all she has accomplished she has worked at the Sweet Lizard in the Mall and currently works at Target. She will be graduating with a weighted GPA of 4.415, placing her in the top 2% of her class ranking her eighth of approximately 500 students. Casey plans on attending Northern Arizona University majoring in Physics and Environmental Engineering.

Arria Chavez: Arria stated that joining JROTC changed her life. She has been in the JROTC all four years in high school and described how the program teaches about being a better citizen through leadership skills and community involvement. Arria has served as a Squad Leader, Personnel Officer, Drill Team Commander and is now the Battalion Executive Officer. She is also the Unit Fund Manager responsible for an account containing over \$10,000. Of note, Arria was responsible for the Battalion Military Ball and she helped developed and implemented the Battalion's tutoring program. Although, being extremely active in JROTC and maintaining a JROTC 3.8 GPA, Arria has been in the Buena Choir, Dance Club, the Softball Team and participating in over 100 hours of community service such as the Sergeant Major's Association highway clean ups, Reefs Across America and flag retirement ceremonies. She has been accepted at the University of New Mexico, and is applying to the New Mexico Military Institute. Her ultimate goal is to join the military as a PTSD therapist.

Yeahwon "Alli" Kang: Has worked very hard in her high school career taking as many Honors and AP classes as possible. Her hard work is evidenced by an outstanding weighted GPA of 4.513 and being selected as second in her class of approximately 500 seniors. While in school Alli has participated in several activities; she has been a member and leader of organizations that include Vice President of the Buena Marching Colts and Clarinet Section Leader, member of the National Honor Society, President of DECA, President of the National Art Honor Society, Director of the Buena Clarinet Choir and a member of the Cochise County Youth Orchestra. She placed first in two categories at the Eastern Arizona College Skills Day competition and was selected as the Rotary Student of the Month for October 2015. Alli has worked several hours as a volunteer at the Sierra Vista Library helping to organize children's events. She currently works as a waitress at the Golden Phoenix restaurant. Alli was recently selected as a National Merit Scholarship Finalist placing her among the top 1% of seniors statewide. She is considering numerous university options available to her. Alli ultimately wants to obtain a BS degree in anthropology or attend art school. Regardless of her decision, we are sure she will do well.

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 and to Bob Abney for serving as our photographer. We recognize and offer special thanks to the Sierra Vista Library staff. Specifically Librarian Susan Abend and the Library Manager Emily Scherrer for providing a facility for the committee to conduct interviews and deliberations in a professional environment.

Respectively Submitted,

John H. Black
COL, USA
Retired
Chairman, Scholarship Committee
Coronado Chapter, MOAA