

MOAA  
*Coronado Chapter*  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**Minutes of 17 Aug 2016**



**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice Pres Hessler called the meeting to order at 1205 hours at the Landmark Cafe. Dep Dir Devine led the Pledge of Allegiance. Chap Day gave the invocation.

Members Present

Second Vice-President: Tom Hessler  
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: Paul Puttkammer-Publications  
Chaplain: Tom Day

Members Absent

Director: Bill Sherod -- Publicity  
Director: Jan Cole – Aux Liaison  
President: Bob Covalucci  
Treasurer Bob Abney  
Dep Dir: Tom Fail - Historian  
Director: George Kirmse -- Membership  
Director: Terrie Gent – Personal Affairs  
Dep Dir: Larry Singer – TOPS  
Dep Dir: Vacant Webmaster

Others attending:  
None

**AGENDA APPROVAL:** Paul P./John B. made the motion to approve the agenda, the Motion passed.

**MINUTES APPROVAL:** Gene F./Tom D. moved that the minutes of May 2016 be approved. The motion passed.

**PRESIDENT’S REPORT:** V Pres Hessler

- Congratulations for all involved, for the 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive year our Chapter received the 5-Star award for Level of Excellence.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** Dir B. Abney reported:

- No report.

**SECRETARY’S REPORT:** Secretary Puett reported:

- No Report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** V Pres Hessler.

- Terrie Gent to report on her findings regarding Chapter Goal #4 (lobbying AZ Legislature to exempt \$20K of Military Retired pay from state income tax). In Terrie’s absence, this issue was tabled to the next meeting. Board members still engaged in some discussion and felt that this issue may be OBE when you consider Governor Ducey’s initiative to exempt all Military Pay (active and retired).

**NEW BUSINESS:** V Pres Hessler.

- The Vice President led a discussion about Political Candidates and Political Issues being presented at dinner meetings.
  - Guidance: We will have no announced candidates. We will have no partisan issues (issues specifically affiliated with a political party without equal representation). The Board agreed that it is OK for office holders who are not announced candidates to present at Dinner meetings. Further, the Board agreed that it is OK for issues to be presented as long as non-partisan (i.e. not tied to a political party).

- Paul Puttkammer led a discussion about having 1 more printed edition of the Heliogram before going to purely electronic.
  - Because of summer, the Board felt that it was a good idea to do at least do one Heliogram in Hard Copy. Currently there are only 7 personnel on the list to have receive a Hard Copy, even though there are 10 members that do not have email addresses (but most of those 10 are inactive members). Motion: Joe B./John B. moved that there be one more (September) Heliogram issue in Hard Copy, the motion carried. First fully electronic will be October.
  - All articles in by Aug 27<sup>th</sup>.
- The President was to lead a discussion about Veterans Day Parade. We used to have a float. Need identify a POC to organize our effort. In the absence of the President we tabled this issue to the next meeting for further discussion.
- President to lead discussion about nominations for Canyon Vista Medical Center and the Legacy Foundation of SE AZ Veterans' recognition.
  - Every Vet's day, Med Center puts up 12 Vet's bio's and pictures, nominations are due by 26 Aug.
  - The Board discussed this issue with no resolution and will bring this up again next month.

**BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:** V Pres Hessler

**PAST PRES:** T. Hessler reported:

- Programs
  - Sep Dinner. Program: MG Scott Berrier, CG "USAICOE&FH"

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

- No report.

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

- No report.

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

- Regarding the UVC, Harry Bowen will handle everything unless there are additional nominations. In the past, the chairman and secretary of UVC typically came from MOAA; as a group we should decide whether we want to nominate anyone else.
- The Good Neighbor Alliance does not have grant money.

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

| CHAPTER MEMBERS AS OF 17 Aug 2016 |           |           |       |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------|
| REGULAR                           | AUXILIARY | ASSOCIATE | TOTAL |
| 178                               | 24        | 6         | 208   |

- Duane B. to send Gene F. an updated member list.

**HELIOGRAM:** Deputy Director Puttkammer reported:

- No additional report (see New Business)

**HISTORIAN:** T. Fail reported:

- No report.

**JROTC Affairs:** J. Britton reported:

- That the money has been sent to Tombstone JROTC for an Armed Services Plaque and that the money was received. There will be a Plaque dedication ceremony and we will be invited in due course.

**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS:** Dir G. Fenstermacher reported:

- Gene has resigned from the Council of Chapters as the Legislative Affairs Director; Robert Delker will take this position over.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Dir G. Kirmse reported:

- No report.

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

- No report.

**PUBLICITY:** Dir B. Sherod reported:

- No Report

**SCHOLARSHIP:** Dir J. Black reported:

- Activity is cyclic, students are sending in proof of enrollment
- Next item in cycle: Buena College night: 5 Oct 5-7pm. We'll hand out scholarship guidance at that time.

**TOPS:** Dep Dir L. Singer reported:

- No report.

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

- **General Comment:** David Briggs, the webmaster for the Transition Liaison Team is being reassigned to Huntsville, Alabama for an undisclosed period of time. He will continue to support the program while he is in Alabama; however, time between finding and validating an opportunity or locating a job fair may, most likely, take an additional day or two before uploading. Everyone should be patient and we will continue to provide this support but possibly at a slightly slower rate.
- **Jobs:** During this 90 day report period, we have been able to identify and post 83 new job opportunities; 17 within Cochise County and 66 external to Cochise (Scottsdale-11, Phoenix-21, Maricopa-1, Surprise-4, Page-1, Mesa-6, Chandler-8, Tolleson-1, Glendale-2, Tempe-5, Gilbert-1, Parker-1, Flagstaff-2, and Sun City-1). In addition, two multiple position announcements were identified and posted, 1 for Phoenix and 1 for Sierra Vista.
- **Expos/Career Fairs:**
  - During this report period, the Transition Liaison Team has been successful in identifying and posting 10 job fairs within Southern Arizona. These were fairs devoted to veteran hiring presences.
  - One positive, and interesting point, is that such companies such as GoDaddy and Amazon of Scottsdale have pledged to hire 500 former service members and their families over the next 5 years; Boeing, General Dynamics and Raytheon, located in Arizona, have pledged to hire 30,000 veterans over the same time frame. So, as can be seen, there are still companies devoted to helping our veterans.
- **Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):**
  - H. Bowen had the opportunity to present the Patriot award to a local company, Sotera Defense Solutions, during this report period for service for their civilian service members and have received another for the HT-JCOE at Fort Huachuca which will be presented within the next week.
  - He also participated in two Proclamation Ceremonies during this report period, one with the City Council and Mayor Mueller of Sierra Vista and the second one with the Cochise County Board of Supervisors.
  - A big change in how the ESGR does business is in the works. Instead of having 4 pillars; Employer Outreach, Military Outreach, OMBUSMAN, and Employment; now there will no longer be "Employment" as it is being handed off to another agency. IH. Bowen has voiced strong reservations to this move and will continue to support anyone needing assistance with their eBenefits accounts and doing a job search as was recently explained to the Southern Arizona ESGR Chair.

- More information will be made available in the coming months as this transition will not be accomplished overnight. It is anticipated that it will take until the fall to be completed.
- **Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV) and the forthcoming Resource Fair:**
  - The Cochise Serving Veterans Resource Fair is scheduled to occur this Friday on 19 August 2016, from 0900 to 1400 hours, at the Rothery Educational Center, located at 3335 E. Fry Boulevard in Sierra Vista. This fair, similar to the last 2 years, is devoted to helping veterans on the brink of becoming homeless and less so for the homeless as there are only 4 remaining and 2 of them are not eligible to be supported due to bad conduct discharges, a 3rd one has been placed in housing for a year, rent free, and the 4th one just wants to stay on the streets. Homeless veterans will still be welcome to attend and be supported.
  - Coordination and planning is complete, 72 providers being registered to help us support the event. Of these 72, 12 are potential employers, 3 are providing services external to the Fair, and 57 are registered to provide in the areas of veteran eligibility, pet support, benefits, housing, behavioral support, medical, ministries, legal, haircuts, employment counseling, and assorted personal services such as massages, acupuncture, and total body care. There is still a need for more volunteers to help escort the veterans and their families, provide information, and help with clothing and other support.
  - KGUN has routinely advertised the Resource Fair on a daily basis which has resulted in more volunteers.
  - The Cochise Serving Veterans Resource Fair continues to accept donations again this year. These donations must be provided via the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Auxiliary for audit control and allocation. Anyone interested in making a donation.

**WEBMASTER:** Vacant.

- No Report:

**CHAPLAIN:** T. Day reported:

- No report.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Cochise County Sherriff's Charity Ride: 5 Nov. Both motorcycle and by car route (interest from car clubs). SW Credit Union and Sherriff's office are partners. Charities supported: Chaplain's giving tree and Stocking Stuffer's. John Black has flyer if there is interest.

**NEXT MEETING:** 14 September 2016

**DEPARTING PRAYER:** Chaplain Day provided the closing prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT:** V Pres Hessler adjourned the meeting at 1259 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe Puett, COL (R)  
Secretary