

AABC MOAA MEETING MINUTES
13 February 2016, Rev 2

Call to Order & Pledge of Alliance

Conducted by President Chris Walton at 0800 at Frasier Meadows, Boulder Co.

Introduction & Welcome of Visitors & Guests

- John Honemann.
- Rick Brown.
- Eric Hapner & Karthik Venkatraj, members of the Military Law Society – CU School of Law.
- Bobbi Lucci.

Military Family

- Non-profit organization assisting veterans.
- A veteran with this organization is in need of a job; qualifications briefly discussed by Chris.
- Anyone with job leads are asked to see Chris after the meeting.

ROTC Scholarship Fund Raffle

- Conducted by Wayne Meeusen & the Treasurer.
- \$111.00 collected; won by Miles Olson who donated the entire amount to the ROTC Fund.

Memorial Day Honor to Deceased Veterans (coordinate placement of U S flags on veteran graves)

- Roland Sharette is seeking a new coordinator for Mountain View (Boulder) due to Roland's retirement. Roland would work with & train the new coordinator this Memorial Day 2016.
- The former, now disbanded, Boulder Veterans Council use to coordinate these efforts.
- Now individual coordinators handle each cemetery -- Mike Goss (Columbia); Ken (Green Mountain); Bob Brockish (Boulder Catholic Cemetery), and Roland Sharette (Mountain View).

Chaplain's Corner, Rev Hal Riggs

- Please remember members who are sick in your prayers and with cards/calls – Amy, Charles Rogers, Dorothy, Fred McFarland, and Barbara Hodson (who has broken her hip).
- Hal asked members with a February birthday to stand and be recognized.
- Hal has a Feb birthday! When asked his age, Hal skillfully deflected the question by volunteering that Calvin Coolidge, 30th President of the U. S., was in office when Hal was born.

ANNUAL AABC PICNIC July 9, 2016

- **Jan & Hal Riggs** have volunteered their home and gardens again this year.
- Members, friends & family invited. Mark your calendar.

Membership Chairman, Jim Morfeld

- Happy to report a new member will be introduced next month, when that member is present.
- Remember to bring guests as this has proven to be the best way to recruit new members.

Treasurer, Gary Reid

- Thank you: In memory of **Fred Sage**, a Sage Cousin living in CA made a 2nd donation to the ROTC Fund. (The first donation from the Sage Family was reported last month).
- 1. Membership Dues are being collected & were due in Jan2016; please remit to the Treasurer.
- 2. **As of 31 Jan2016 Treasury balances:**

General Fund	\$4532.56
USO	\$ 782.41
ROTC Fund	\$4374.35 (AABC awards scholarships in May each year.)
- 3. **MOAA National Literature:** Magazines are available at the sign in table – help yourself.
- 4. **Legislative Affairs Officer:** In need of a member to serve in this role at the Chapter level.
- 5. **Communications Officer:** In need of a member to serve in this role at the Chapter level.

CCOC Annual Meeting is 14May2016 in Golden CO –Dick Smith, Secretary/Treasurer of the Colorado Council of Chapters.

- We will conduct our normal AABC Chapter Meeting that morning at 8 AM at Frasier Meadows.
- Then those who can attend CCOC will car pool to Golden.
- Mark Menich is coordinating the carpools.

PROGRAM presented by Dick Smith

The U. S. Satellite Early Warning System, Defense Support Program (DSP) & SBIRS

Dick Smith's presentation provided the members with information regarding US Early Warning Satellite Systems - the Defense Support Program (DSP), which was operational from the 1970s until the mid-2000s, and the current Space Based Infrared System (SBIRS). Since much of the information Dick presented was formally classified, many members were not aware of the important role these systems play on our defense.

Dick kindly stepped in with his superb presentation after learning our previously announced speaker had taken ill. Dick also encouraged input from several AABC members who were also active in this program making the presentation even more noteworthy and interesting. THANK YOU DICK.

President closed the chapter meeting at 10:30 am.

Next AABC Chapter Meeting: 12 MAR 2016 0800 Frasier Meadows Boulder CO

Program: **Unmanned Air Systems (UASs) Future in our Military**, presented by Rick Brennan, Technology Entrepreneur and Investor. We are in the midst of an explosion in development & use of drones – Rick Brennan will discuss use of drones in combat and the engineering, tactical & political challenges drones represent.

Next AABC Board Meeting: Friday, 04 MAR 2016, 0700, at the Parkway Café. (Open to members who wish to attend).

2016 Elected & Appointed Officers – contact us with your ideas!

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A thank you to Madge Wright for her assistance with member Post Cards.