# AABC MOAA MEETING 12 March 2016

#### Call to Order & Pledge of Alliance

**Jim Morfeld**, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, opened the meeting at 0830 at Frasier Meadows, Boulder Co. Jim had the CU NROTC Cadets who were in attendance, introduce themselves and then lead the assembly in the Pledge of Alliance

**Introduction & Welcome -** 39 members and guests were in attendance.

- Simon Lyle, new member
- John Honemann, new member
- Marty Flathery, new member

## Chaplain's Corner, Hal Riggs

- Please remember members who are sick in your prayers and with cards/calls Fred McFarland
  is in hospital; Charles Rogers is doing better but could not attend today due to a scheduling
  conflict; Andy Carhartt, former Chapter Chaplain has been doing well.
- Happy Birthday to Nancy Carruthers, whose birthday is 3/8.

# ROTC Scholarship Fund 50-50 Raffle, conducted by Hal Riggs & John Toth

• \$ 94.00 collected; won by Dottie Nazarenus with \$47 to the ROTC Scholarship Fund.

# Membership Chairman, Jim Morfeld

Jim recognized our new members listed above, and encouraged members to bring guests.

# Treasurer, Gary Reid

- Gary explained the scholarship fund and that the chapter aims to have a year in reserve.
   Currently the Scholarship Fund at close to \$5k is in good shape and the Chapter will award four
   ROTC scholarships (\$500 each) this May. He also explained the USO Fund is donated to the USO on a quarterly basis.
- Treasury balances as of February 29, 2016:

General \$ 4,943.95

USO \$ 782.41 (for donation in 1QTR2016)

ROTC <u>\$ 4,795.35</u> Total \$10, 521.71

• MOAA National Literature: Magazines are available at the sign in table – help yourself.

#### Reminder on the CCOC Annual Meeting is 14May2016 in Golden CO from 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.

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PROGRAM – Speaker introduced by Mark Menich, Program Chairman & 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

Rick Brennan provided an outstanding unclassified presentation on <u>Unmanned Air Systems (UASs) and their Future in the Military</u>. Rick started with a history of UAS's, going back to balloon bombs in 1849 when Austria was attempting to occupy Venice and coming forward to the present X-47B, the first stealth aircraft to land without a pilot on an aircraft carrier – certainly a remarkable first. The X-47B, also successfully accomplished aerial refueling (Only 2 built & no longer being funded).

This was an extremely informative and interesting presentation and generated quite a bit of interest and questions.

Jim Morfeld thanked Rick Brennan and concluded the meeting at 0950.

### Next AABC Chapter Meeting: 09 April 2016 0800 Frasier Meadows Boulder CO

Program: **Girl At Sea** by Joanna Sprtel Walters – fascinating discussion will explore author's time at the Naval Academy and in the fleet as one of the first women to serve aboard U S Navy combat warships.

Next AABC Board Meeting: Friday, 01 April 2016, 0700, at the Parkway Café. (Also open to members).

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

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