

AABC MOAA MEETING

09 April 2016

Call to Order & Pledge of Alliance

Mark Menich, 2nd VP, opened the meeting at 0845 at Frasier Meadows, Boulder Co. Mark asked Joanna Sprtel Walters, today's guest speaker, to lead the group in the Pledge of Alliance.

Introductions & Welcome were extended. New member John Honemann introduced his wife, Shellie, who works with the CU Navy ROTC Unit.

Chaplain's Corner - Hal Riggs first led us in a prayer.

- Happy Birthday to Verna Burke, Janet Falcon and Steve Frank.
- Particular happy to welcome back Fred McFarland, Jo Anne Smallwood and the Burke Family (Ralph, Verna and Mary Ann), who have not been able to join us for awhile.
- Please remember in your prayers, Nelson Paler's wife, Dorothy who recently passed away; as well as Chuck Schumacher who is recovering from a stroke.
- Hal covered several social opportunities for the chapter, including Boulder Dinner Theatre Performances he would select from and coordinate chapter attendance. The Chapter Picnic 09 Jul 2016 will be hosted by Hal and Jan Riggs at their home.

Members Needing Rides to the Meeting - **Dick Smith** will post the members needing a ride to our meetings and their general location on the Message Board. Please consider giving someone a ride.

50-50 Scholarship Raffle conducted by Wayne Meeusen and Gary Reid - \$109 was raised and the winner **Chuck McConnell**, donated the entire amount to the AABC Scholarship Fund.

John Toth announced that the Tri Military Awards Ceremony will be held in April and that the CU Commissioning Ceremonies will be held May 5, 6, and 7. He has arranged for the gold bars to be presented by our Chapter to the newly commissioned officers.

MOAA Colorado Council of Chapter (CoCC) – Dick Smith, Secretary of CoCC, covered the agenda and social events for the **State Convention 13-14 May 2016**; to be held at Mount Vernon Country Club near Golden CO. The normal AABC Chapter Meeting will be held at 0800 on 14 May and then members who can, will go to the Convention. Please contact **Mark Menich** if you would like to car pool.

National Membership in MOAA – Dick Smith will stay after the meeting and assist Chapter Members in signing up for complimentary National MOAA Membership. Increased national membership will help our Chapter qualify for certain awards.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Reid

AABC General Fund \$5,538.76; USO Fund \$666.25; Scholarship Fund \$5,118.35.

Note: \$2000 of the \$5,118.35 Scholarship Fund will be award in May 2016 to Cadet Lauren Presgrove, MIDN Elena Chavez, MIDN Kevin Kirk and Cadet Daniel Burgos (\$500 each).

Membership

- Last month we reported on new members **John Honemann, Marty Flathery and Simon Lyle**. This month we add another new member to the list, **Gary Voorheis**.
- We are **delighted to report that Joanna Sptel Walters would like to join the AABC Chapter of MOAA**. Jim Morfeld, Membership Chairman (absent today due to a work conflict), will contact Joanna.

PROGRAM

Mark introduced our special guest speaker, **Joanna Sptel Walter, author of Girl At Sea**. A very interesting and lively presentation and question & answer session followed. Joanna discussed her time at the Naval Academy and in the fleet as one of the first women to serve aboard U S Navy combat warships. After the meeting Joanna signed books and many members stayed long after the meeting because Joanna is a very interesting and informative speaker.

Adjourned at 1045 BY Mark Menich but many members stayed much later to talk to Joanna and to obtain signed copies of her book.

Next AABC Chapter Meeting 14 May 2016 0800 Frasier Meadows Boulder CO

Program: Justin Bradenberg discussing Veteran Programs.

Next AABC Board Meeting Friday 06 May 2016 0700 Parkway Café (open to memers).