

1. AABC MOAA MEETING

14 May 2016

Call to Order & Pledge of Alliance

Chris Walton, President, opened the meeting at 0845 at Frasier Meadows, Boulder Co.

Introductions & Welcome were extended. New member Simon Lile was introduced. He lives in Boulder with his wife Tamar.

Chaplain's Corner - Luther Bergeland

- Luther reflected on Mother's Day and the significance of mothers in everyone's life.
- Luther spoke about upcoming Memorial Day, that it is most importantly dedicated to those who lost their lives in battle and to those who served their country and are no longer with us.
- Luther led the group in prayer.

Social Activities

- The Chapter Picnic 09 Jul 2016 will be hosted by Hal and Jan Riggs at their home. Information will be put out in June.
- Hal Riggs announced the slate of dinner shows coming up. First is the August 21st performance of "Footloose". Sign up reservations were on the back table.
- Two additional performances are planned. In October the performance will be the comedy "Mid-Life 2", and in January the musical "Thoroughly Modern Millie".

Members Needing Rides to the Meeting – two members received rides this month.

50-50 Scholarship Raffle –No raffle was conducted this month.

MOAA Colorado Council of Chapter (CoCC) –The State Convention is being held 13-14 May 2016 at the Mount Vernon Country Club west of Golden. Dick Smith, CCOC Secretary/Treasurer, Chris Walton and Mark Menich were representing AABC. Chapter member Charles Rodgers was being presented an outstanding service award Saturday evening for his long time service to MOAA.

National Membership in MOAA – AABC staff will undertake a campaign to get chapter members who are not National members to sign up for National membership.

City Park Clean Up Day-The City of Boulder is hosting a park cleanup day on Saturday, May 21st. Burke is included. If anyone is interested, see Gary Reid.

Newsletter Editor-The Chapter is in search of assistance in publishing the Chapter newsletter, which is done quarterly. Please contact a staff member.

Treasurer's Report - Gary Reid

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

Note: Four \$500 scholarships were awarded, at the respective ROTC awards ceremonies in May 2016, to Cadet Lauren Presgrove, MIDN Elena Chavez, MIDN Kevin Kirk and Cadet Daniel Burgos (\$500 each).

Membership

- New member is Simon Lile.

PROGRAM

Mark introduced our special guest speaker, **Justin Brandenburg who** served for six years as an F/A-18 airframe mechanic in the United States Marine Corps, deploying twice on the U.S.S. Constellation and U.S.S. Stennis. He has been working in veteran's issues for four years, first with the Reno VA Center, and on the staff of Senator Harry Reid. Justin and his family relocated to Boulder in 2014, and he is now the Outreach Program Specialist for the Boulder Vet Center, working with the regional office to make sure outreach mandates are successfully implemented. This involves community activity, and connecting with active duty service members, veterans, and family members. He also briefs businesses and other organizations in the community regarding Vet Center activities, and to help them understand military culture, and ways to break down barriers for veterans re-adjusting to civilian life. He will give us a better picture of these programs and their potential benefits for our fellow veterans.

Adjourned at 1045 by Chris Walton, but many members stayed to enjoy the company of other members.

Next AABC Chapter Meeting 11 June 2016 0800 Frasier Meadows Boulder CO

Program: Presentation is pending.

Next AABC Board Meeting Friday 03 June 2016 0700 Parkway Café (open to members).