

**AABC MOAA MEETING MINUTES
12 SEPTEMBER 2015**

1. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER - Dick Smith
2. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS, GUESTS AND NEW MEMBERS
Brian DeToy
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - led by Dick Smith
4. CHAPLAINS'S CORNER - Hal Riggs
A call for Patriotic candidates, liberty and a kind and charitable outlook.
Hal also reminded us that the Chapter was going to the Boulder Dinner Theatre Oct 16th
to see "Buddy". Cost is \$39 including tax and tip. Tickets are still available. See Gary Reid.
5. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS - Dick Smith
Remember 50/50 drawing supporting Scholarship Fund.
6. OFFICER'S REPORTS
First Vice President and Secretary - absent
Treasurer: Gary Reid
 - Asked that membership be on alert for members with problems. Help by ride sharing and alert officers to problems.
 - Finances are in good shape. Chapter received a large USO donation.Past President - Dick Smith
Nomination for 2016: Has candidates for President and Treasurer. Need nomination for Vice Presidents (1st Programs and 2nd Membership) and Secretary. Election will be at the Nov meeting and installation at Dec Christmas Luncheon at the Boulder Country Club.
7. OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS - Dick Smith
 - Colorado Council of Chapters will meet in Boulder Oct 10th at Frasier Manor after AABC meeting. Lunch will be served; meeting will be over by 3:00 pm. There will be a dinner at 6 pm at a Boulder restaurant. All members are urged to attend to fulfill our roll as hosts.
 - Communication: Newsletter items needed by Nov 11th. All mediums are going well.
8. RAFFLE DRAWING - \$61 collected. Winner Clark McConnell donated his half to the Scholarship Fund.
9. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER - Dick Smith
Speaker: Daniel Warvi, Public Affairs Officer for VA Eastern Colo Health System
Topic: Veteran's Administration 101. The VA is second only to the DOD in size of budget. It has three operational areas: Benefits, Health Care and Cemeteries. ECHS covers nine states, four entirely. Their objective is to serve locally, and they operate thirteen health facilities in their area.

Mr. Warvi described the new VA hospital under construction at the Fitzsimmons Medical Center, its construction and budget problems. It is presently 60% complete and he estimates a 2017 completion. It will have 120 patient beds, 30 for its Spinal Cord Injury specialty. VA supports the DOD in time of war.
10. THANKS TO SPEAKER - Dick Smith
11. ADJOURNMENT : 9:50 AM