

**MINUTES - AABC Board Meeting – 05May2017**  
**0645 Hours @ Parkway Café Boulder CO**

**Present:** Jim Morfeld, President; Mark Lendon, 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Membership; Mark Menich, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Programs; Gary Reid, Treasurer; Veronica Hebert, Secretary; Dick Smith, VP CCoC & Former AABC President

**Summary**

- Awards & Philanthropic Reports
  - Tri-Military Awards were held 20April201. Mark Lindon awarded four (4) \$500 scholarships on behalf of AABC. Gary & Jim are arranging to show the pictures of the presentation at the May chapter meeting.
  - CU ROTC Graduate Gold Bars.
    - Jim will present the bars he has ordered 13May to Air Force & 12May to Navy, Marine, Army CU ROTC graduates.
    - **Board approved by acclamation, to continue purchasing Gold Bars.**
  - 2018 Additional/New Effort
    - Approved @ March board meetings; announced @ April chapter meeting & members invited to contribute ideas to Mark L – no input received.
    - Mark L. stated; Veronica seconded; & **Board approved the motion to provide \$500 to “Boots to Suits” Initiative and \$500 to a Louisville initiate to help veterans with PTSD in 2017 from the AABC General Fund.**
    - **Action:** Gary will prepare & transmit the two \$500 checks & update secretary on exact name of the organizations.
- Roster Update -- Mark L & Gary completed; AABC received, this date, a \$50 MOAA incentive.
- Prospective Members
  - MOAA cannot share email addresses of national members but MOAA will send out an email twice/year to all national members within a chapter’s area. This year MOAA sent out the AABC April 2017 Program Flyer (Rep. Jared Polis speaking) . Nine (9) prospects have been identified & 3 of these have joined AABC. The **Board decided to ask MOAA to send out it’s 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017 email** to nation members for the AABC September Program.
  - **Action:** Mark L following up with prospects.  
Veronica will send the Board an advanced copy September program flyer.  
Mark L will coordinate publishing the September flyer through MOAA.
- AABC Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr – Gary (for David Lovering, Newsletter Editor), Target date, Wednesday, 10May2017, for the newsletter to printer, may slide due to David’s work conflict.
- Ride to Meeting for Fred McFarland – At the April dchapter meeting, Fred’s transportation needs from Arvada to Boulder were announced – no one stepped forward. The Board shared information with Fred on “Via Mobility” to get Fred to the meetings & then a Board member would drive him back to Arvada. (Board members must arrive early so not possible to pick Fred up in Arvada prior to the 0800 meeting).

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- CCoC
  - State Convention 28-29 APR 2017: Dick, as CCoC VP, presided in the absence of the CCoC President. The Program was most informative & interesting. Dick recognized the outstanding efforts of Sherry Kalkowski in making the Convention a success.
  - Jim prepared the Chapter President's Report to the CCoC (01Jan-15Apr2017).
  - **Action:** Next Chapter report to CCoC will be due 01SEP2017. This will precede the CCoC Meeting hosted by AABC on 09Sep2017.
  
- **Board decided not to hold a July Board Meeting** (picnic & no chapter meeting).
  
- Yahoo Group Email: Yahoo has been sold to Verizon and Yahoo Group eMail may be phased out. Mail Chimp has been tested but a preference expressed for 'IO Software'. No action decided.

**Programs:** Mark Menich reported some changes in the programs (see attached). Programs are now firmed up through December 2017 (way to go Mark M!!!)

**Treasury:** Gary reported, as of 4/30/2017:

Cash	\$ 50.00
General Fund	\$ 6,035.31
ROTC Scholarship	\$ 2,227.35
USO	<u>\$ 719.25</u>
	\$ 9,031.91

**Action:**

- Veronica, at Gary's suggestion, will embed the program flyer into the Yahoo Group email rather than as an attachment. May help some members who are not overly familiar with email.
- Veronica asked to include Mike Goss in the chapter agenda so that he can announce the picnic & discuss any assistance he needs.
- Gary will identify/alert members who have not paid their 2017 dues (was payable January 2017).

**Secretary:** Veronica will be out of town June through August, 2017. Three (3) requests to individual chapter members to fill in for her were turned down. Therefore, here are action items.

**Action:** June – August 2017

Board & Chapter Agendas – Jim & Dick

Board & Chapter Minutes – Mark L & Gary

Flyers (flyers have already been done by the Secretary but if changes are required) – Mark M

Mailing of paper flyers & Yahoo Group Email Notices – Veronica (will do remotely)

Email reminder notices of pending board meetings - Veronica

**A Look Ahead:**

13May2017 – Chapter Meeting

02Jun2017 – Board Meeting

08Jul2017 – Picnic, Mike Goss (No Board Meeting in August)

04Aug2017 – Board Meeting

30Aug2017 – Board Meeting

10Jun2017 Chapter Meeting

12Aug2017 Chapter Meeting

09Sep2017 Chapter Meeting

5/5/2017: Secretary

Attachments: 1 -- 2017 Programs from Mark Menich

## **MOAA AABC Program Schedule 2017**

**January 14, 2017**

Dr. Bill Petty

“Ahmose: A Soldier's Story”

Bill Petty was born and raised in Oklahoma, graduated from West Point and, after serving four years in the Army, received his PhD in engineering from the University of Illinois. His interest in Egypt dates from when he was six years old, but his serious study began in 1990. As an avocational Egyptologist for the past 25 years Bill has traveled and worked extensively in Egypt, including providing financial support for a number of excavations. He is a member of the Explorers Club, the Egyptian Study Society and the American Research Center in Egypt. He is the author of eight books on Egyptian language and history. Dr. Petty will discuss his book, which chronicles the life story of a soldier in the early 18<sup>th</sup> dynasty of Egypt, and his rise to high-ranking officer and wealthy land owner.

**February 11, 2017**

Mr. Brad Hoopes

“Remember and Honor Project”

Brad Hoopes will discuss his passionate project of interviewing and preserving the stories of veterans. To date he has interviewed 500+ N. Colorado veterans. From this project he took out 70 stories from the WWII section and wrote a book, “Reflections of Our Gentle Warriors”. He hopes to do the same with his Korean, Vietnam, and present day conflicts interviews someday. What started out as a simple project to preserve stories has turned into an all-consuming effort to help and honor veterans in any way he can. Brad is a volunteer and guardian with Honor Flight and is on the committee that built the Veterans Plaza in Ft. Collins. He resides in Windsor.

**March 11, 2017**

CDR John Chernoski, USNR (ret)

“MOAA and Legislation: Focus on Colorado”

Commander Chernoski received his bachelor's degree from St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Ind., in 1973 and his Juris Doctor from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1976. Thereafter, he served on active duty as a JAG officer assigned to Naval Legal Service Office, Philadelphia, and Naval Support Activity, Philadelphia. Upon his release from active duty in 1980, he affiliated with the Navy Reserve, serving in various units until he retired in 1996. Chernoski worked for the New Jersey Attorney General's Division of Law for more than two decades, concentrating on administrative law and charitable trust matters. He retired in 2002 as a senior deputy attorney general. He is a past president of MOAA's New Jersey Lakes and Pines Chapter and the Green Valley (Ariz.) Chapters. He is the southern area chair for the Arizona Committee of the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve.

**April 08, 2017**

Congressman Jared Polis

Jared Polis is an independent leader who uses his private and public sector experience to find pragmatic solutions to the challenges facing Colorado and the nation. First elected to represent Colorado's Second Congressional District in 2008, Polis serves on the powerful **Committee on Rules**, the **Committee on Education and the Workforce**, the **Committee on Ethics**, and the House Democratic Steering and Policy Committee. Congressman Polis believes that education is the single most meaningful investment America can make in its economic future and in its people. His efforts in this area focus on making accountability work at all levels, expanding educational models, and improving persistently failing

schools with data-driven changes to successful achievement gaps. Polis also works with Democrats and Republicans to reform our nation's broken immigration policies, to advance the cause of civil rights and equality for all, and to protect Colorado and the world's natural beauty and environment.

**May 13, 2017**

Dr. Lew House                    “Paradox of the Western Pacific and the Rise of China's Military”.

Lew House holds a Master of Physics (Nuclear) from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Troy, New York, a Ph.D. in Astro-Geophysics from the University of Colorado, Boulder, Colorado and an M.A. in Military Studies from American University in Manassas, Virginia. Lew worked as a physicist at the Hanford Atomic Product Operations in Richland, Washington. His research, based on Admiral Rickover’s project for the first nuclear submarine reactor, served as a Master’s thesis for Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Mr. House, as Senior Scientist, served as NASA Principal Investigator in developing and managing the telescope on the NASA Solar Maximum Mission Satellite studying solar mass ejections. He served as NASA Principal Investigator on the Solar Maximum Repair Mission that performed the first in-space repair mission. He will discuss China’s activities and capabilities including its aggression in the South China Sea, its ballistic missile program and the reaction of the ASEAN countries.

**June 10, 2017**

Jim Flynn                            “Curious Colorado Place Names”

The origins of Colorado place names offer insightful glimpses into the state's formative years. Jim Flynn is a semi-retired attorney in Colorado Springs, who has been researching and gathering information about those interesting Colorado names for a number of years. He's compiled them into a book, and his talk will present his findings.

**July 08, 2017**

Picnic

**August 12, 2017**

J. Brian “Bear” Lihani            “Dive Into America’s Fortress”

J. Brian “Bear” Lihani was a career US Air Force officer who spent most of his career doing the NORAD mission at a variety of locations, holding numerous positions from Combat Crew Member to Unit Commander

The North American Aerospace Defense Command (NORAD) was established as a result of an agreement between Canada and the United States to defend against increasing soviet military capabilities. In the early years of World War II, the leaders of the United States and Canada agreed to military cooperation, thus beginning strong defense relations still evident today. Military and civilian personnel from both countries work together for the defense of North America. Established as a formal military command in 1958, NORAD has been headquartered in Colorado Springs since its inception. In the late 1950s, a decision was made to move the Continental Air Defense Command combat operations center to an underground facility to provide a secure and hardened location for air defense operations. After several locations were evaluated, Cheyenne Mountain, south of Colorado Springs, Colorado, was chosen for the new command center. In operation since 1966, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station continues to be America’s fortress.

**September 09, 2017**

John ‘JJ’ Mackin is a retired Navy Captain, having served 26 years as a nuclear submarine officer. He is a 1968 graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy. During his naval career, he served on four nuclear submarines, commanding USS Lapon (SSN-661) in the mid 1980’s. During his tours he deployed to the Mediterranean Sea, North Atlantic and the Indian Ocean. He made two around the world voyages and two deployments to the Arctic Ocean. He also served on several shore duty submarine support staffs. After completing his naval service in 1994, he relocated to Colorado to work in the nuclear industry at Rocky Flats. His last assignment was as a consultant at Argonne National Laboratory. He also has experience in the information technology field at Qwest and as a small business owner.

He is currently serving as Chairman of USS Colorado (SSN-788) Commissioning Committee, a group organized to support the Commissioning of Colorado’s namesake Virginia Class Submarine in late 2016. He holds four master’s degrees and is a certified Project Management Professional.

USS Colorado (SSN 788) is the 15th Virginia Class submarine. Currently under Construction in Groton, Connecticut, it is scheduled to be commissioned in late September or early October of 2017. The presentation will provide a brief introduction to the submarine force, a history of previous ships name USS Colorado and the efforts of the Commissioning Committee to support the commissioning and the crew.

**October 14, 2017**

Ed Sealover

“Colorado Excursions with History, Hikes, and Hops”

Ed Sealover is a reporter with the Denver Business Journal covering state government, tourism and the beverage industry. He worked at the Colorado Springs Gazette from 2000-08, covering City Hall and politics and writing the paper's beer column. Over his 21-year journalism career, he has received eighty-four state, regional and national awards in categories ranging from investigative reporting to political reporting to public service. Sealover has been writing about beer since 2003, including the book Mountain Brew: A Guide to Colorado’s Breweries (2011) and his ongoing “Beer Run” blog. He'll discuss the craft, creative and cultural gems that make the Centennial State a curious wanderer’s dream.

**November 11, 2017**

Dr. Peter Steinhauer

“Vietnam: Then and Now”

Dr. Peter Steinhauer is an oral surgeon who served in Da Nang, Vietnam 1966-67. He returned to Colorado to practice after that experience, but has made many return trips to Vietnam since 1989. He shares his experiences as an oral surgeon at a forward operating base, as well as his observations and experiences from visits to the country.

**December TBD, 2017**

Annual Christmas Lunch at the Boulder Country Club & Installation of Officers