



*Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter*  
The Military Officers Association of America

Boulder, Colorado



## CELEBRATING 45 YEARS

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### **AABC MOAA Meeting Minutes 11 MARCH 2017 at 0800 Hours Frasier Meadows Sky Lounge**

Call to Order & Pledge of Alliance was led by the AABC President, Jim Morfeld.

Jim acknowledged that the chapter is celebrating its 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary today.

- CDR John Chernoski, representing MOAA National, will address the chapter later in this program.
- Jim mentioned the celebration dinner held Friday night, 10 March 2017, with a thank you to Mark Menich who coordinated the event.
- Jim welcomed visitors who stood and introduced themselves.
- Nine (9) MOAA national members attended this meeting for the first time since learning of the chapter from MOAA National. Note that a 10<sup>th</sup> visitor attended the celebration dinner the night before but was unable to attend today – this brings the total to ten (10) national members attending a chapter event for the first time. MOAA did an excellent job providing potential members information on our chapter's existence.

Jim acknowledged former Presidents still MOAA: Ben La Torra; Charles Rodgers; Hal Riggs; Lee Lawson; Dick Smith; John Toth; Bob Brockish; Charles Robinson; Chris Walton; and James Morfeld.

Those former presidents present assembled at the front and the birthday cake was cut and shared with members.

During the short break when cake was being served,

- ROTC Scholarship 50:50 Raffle was conducted with enthusiasm by Bill Kenny and the Treasurer. \$95.00 was collected and also won by Bill Kenny, who donated his winnings, 50% of the \$95, to the fund.
- Fred McFarland also shared his jovial comments with the group making it a festive occasion.

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### Chaplain's Corner

At the conclusion of the short cake break, Hal Riggs, asked those attending with a March birthday to stand and be recognized and led us in Happy Birthday; he shared an inspirational message; and remembered those members not present due to illness.

Dick Smith, VP CCoC shared information on the

- CCoC State Convention, 28 & 29 April 2017, at the USAF Academy Falcon Club in Colorado Springs; hosted by the Pikes Peak Chapter. Featured events will be a Saturday: lunch speaker; afternoon educational programs; a social hour and a dinner speaker. The announcement flyer will be posted on message board soon. Lodging is available at Rampart Lodge, USAFA.
- CCoC meeting on 09 Sept 2017, will be hosted by our chapter, AABC, and will occur following our regular chapter meeting here at Frasier Meadows.

### Legislative Update

- Lee Lawson, AABC Legislative Chairman, discussed several key pieces of legislature effecting active duty, veterans and retirees.
- Shelly Kalkowski, CCoC former president and member of AABC, shared information on the United Veteran's Council and several veteran's issues.

### AABC Officer Reports

Mark Menich 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Programs, shared information on future programs.

08 April	Representative Jared Polis, Colorado 2 <sup>nd</sup> Congressional District
13 May	Dr. Lew House, "Paradox of the Western Pacific & the Rise of China's Military".
10 June	Jim Flynn, "Curious Colorado Place Names"
08 July	Mike Goss' Home, AABC ANNUAL PICNIC
12 August	TBD
09 September	Ed Sealover, "Colorado Excursions with History, Hikes, & Hops"

Mark Lindon, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Membership, discussed membership efforts. He again recognized the nine (9) MOAA members attending their first chapter meeting today and treated them to their first breakfast with the chapter.

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Gary Reid, Treasurer, reported on AABC Account Balances as of 02/28/2017, as well as inviting those present to take any MOAA Magazines and handouts located on the side table.

Bank Accounts as of 2/28/2017	
AABC MOAA Cash	50.00
AABC-MOAA General Fund	6,313.35
ROTC Scholarship	4,038.35
USO Donations	<u>719.25</u>
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$11,120.95

Veronica Hebert Secretary, reminded those attending that the Meeting Agenda, the Board Minutes; the Picnic Flyer and the List of Past Presidents are in the center of their tables. Please feel free to take a copy with you. She also obtained email addresses of the visitors for future program announcements. Email addresses will only be used for official chapter business.

Program: Mark Menich introduced CDR John Chernoski, USNR (ret), who spoke on “MOAA and Legislation Focus on Colorado” John also called upon Shelly Kalkowski, CCoC former president, who shared additional information on the United Veteran’s Council and veteran’s issues currently being considered by Colorado Legislative Committees.

CDR John Chernoski ended the program by presenting a MOAA Certificate in honor of the chapter’s 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary to the Chapter President.

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The President thanked our speakers and everyone for attending and celebrating our 45 years together and concluded the meeting.

**Veronica Hebert Secretary**

Next Board Meeting: Friday 31 March 2017 at 0700 hours, Parkway Café, Boulder. Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday 08 April 2017 at 0800 hours, Frasier Meadows.
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**Military Officers Association of America  
Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter**  
Frasier Meadows, 350 Ponca Place, Boulder 80303  
**0800 Hours 11Mar2017**

**PROGRAM**

**Commander John Chernoski, USNR (Ret)** representing the Military Officers Association of America



“MOAA and Legislation: Focus on Colorado”

CDR 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.

CDR 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 & 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.

We are also honored to have CDR Chernoski, as a representative of MOAA, present our chapter with an award in recognition of **our chapter's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary!**

Date: 11Mar2017 Saturday at 0800 Hours  
Location: Frasier Meadows, 350 Ponca Place 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Boulder 80303

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Costs: Full Breakfast \$15.00 & Continental Breakfast \$12.00

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