



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

Boulder, Colorado



**Minutes -- AABC MOAA Meeting 08April 2017 at 0800 Hours  
Frasier Meadows Sky Lounge**

Call to Order & Pledge of Alliance: Mark Lindon, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, presiding in place of President, who also welcomed visitors & guests.

**Announcements**

**Two new members recognized at this meeting: Eric Klepac & Tom Lindahl**

The Board is considering an additional philanthropic effort – if input/interest in assisting, please see Mark,

- Goal: Additional benefit to Veterans, Service Members, and/or Veteran/Service Member Families.
- Local: Within the greater Northern Metro Denver-Boulder Area.
- In addition to, & not replace, existing philanthropic efforts (scholarships, USO).
- Funding would come from the AABC General Fund.

MOAA Business Cards are available for recruitment purposes – please see Dick Smith

**Fred McFarland** has moved to senior housing in Arvada and would appreciate a ride – Board members can get him home but we need someone to pick him up early and bring him to the meeting – please see Mark L. after the meeting if you can help Fred out.

Newsletter – if members wish to contribute to the chapter newsletter, David Lovering must have your input by April 15, that is this week. We have just set a “**MEMBERS CORNER**” in the newsletter & we need you to share significant information about yourself or other members to the Members Corner by emailing David Lovering.

Tri-Military Awards – chapter will present 4 ROTC Scholarships 20April2017 at CU.

**Chaplain’s Corner, Hal Riggs**

- Prayer for our Country & recognized Passover & Easter.
- Remember members who are sick in your prayers and with cards/calls: Ben La Torra former chapter president is recovering from a heart attach & Mike Lappoca has recently lost his wife. Others under the weather: Ruth Meyers, Dorothy Sage, Janet DeGalier, Andy Carhartt, Rol Sharetta, Pete Jackson, & Charles Rodges’s wife Donna had a hip replacement.
- Recognized April Birthdays

- Boulder Dinner Theatre in October 2017, 'Rock of Ages' and January 2018 'Annie'.
- Let's remember the 50<sup>th</sup> commemoration of the Viet Nam War.

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**Updates from CCoC: Dick Smith, VP Of the Colorado Council of Chapters, MOAA**

- CCoC State Convention – Colorado Springs 28 & 29 April at USAF Academy Falcon Club – Hosted by PPC – Main events will be Saturday Luncheon, Afternoon Program, Social Hour followed by Dinner. Preliminary flyer will be posted on message board. Lodging available at Rampert Lodge – USAFA.
- CCoC meeting on 9 September will be hosted by AABC and will occur in conjunction with our regular chapter meeting.

**OFFICER REPORTS**

**Mark Menich 1<sup>st</sup> VP & Programs -- Programs Ahead**

May 13	Dr. Lew House	"Paradox of the Western Pacific & the Rise of China's Military".
June 10	Jim Flynn	"A Compendium of Curious Colorado Place Names"
July 08	Mike Goss	AABC ANNUAL PICNIC
August 12	J Brian 'Bear' Lihani	"Dive Into America's Fortress" Cheyenne Mtn
September 9	Ed Sealover	"Colorado Excursions with History, Hikes, & Hops"

**Mark Lindon, 2nd VP & Membership** – please see announcements at beginning.

**Gary Reid, Treasurer**

Account Balances as of 03/31/2017

Bank Accounts	
AABC MOAA Cash	50.00
AABC-MOAA General Fund	6,668.59
ROTC Scholarship	4,128.35
USO Donations	<u>719.25</u>
TOTAL Bank Accounts	\$ 11,556.19

- MOAA Magazines available on table
- Currently have 102 Members.

**Veronica Hebert Secretary**

The Meeting Agenda, the Board Minutes; the Picnic Flyer and the chapter calendar located on the tables - Please feel free to take a copy with you.

**ROTC Scholarship 50:50 Raffle**

- Conducted by George McKee & the Treasurer; \$100 collected; \$50 won by Ernie Arndt who donated his winnings of \$50 to the AABC USO Fund. Thank you Ernie!

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**PROGRAM** Introduced by Mark Menich, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP & Program Chairman:

**Jared Polis, U. S. Representative (D-CO 2<sup>nd</sup> District)**



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.

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.

Questions & Answers followed Rep Polis' presentation.

**Conclusion of Meeting by Mark Lindon, Presiding.**

- Thank You to our Guest Speaker
- Closing Reminders/Remarks

4/30/2017/Secretary