

# AABC MOAA MEETING MINUTES

## 11 April 2015

1. **WELCOME / CALL TO ORDER – John Toth**
2. **INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS, GUESTS and NEW MEMBERS**
3. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – US Navy ROTC Midshipmen and Officer Candidates**
4. **CHAPLAINS CORNER – Hal Riggs**
5. **PRESIDENT’S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - Reminder - 50/50 drawing for the scholarship fund. Request for volunteer next month
  - Boulder Veterans Council Update
6. **OFFICERS’ REPORTS**
  - VP: Chris Walton (unable to attend due to work conflict)
    - Recruiting/membership
  - SECRETARY: Pete (Ross) Jackson
  - TREASURER: Gary Reed - GF: \$4176, SchF: \$5407; USO: \$12.34
    - Dues for 2014 are now payable (Gary has list that shows those who still owe).
      - Regular \$30
      - Auxiliary \$15
  - PAST PRESIDENT: Dick Smith (see Other Reports)
7. **OTHER REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**
  - Colorado Council of Chapters: Dick Smith
    - May CCoC Statewide Convention 2-3 May in Colorado Springs
      - Information and registration material is on the tables
    - The 2015 Colorado National Guard Association Conference is being held in Estes Park, CO on 24-26 April 2015.
      - Chris Walton will support CCOC “recruiting and info” table at this event
      - John Toth encouraged other AABC members to attend if possible
  - COMMUNICATIONS:
    - Newsletter: Input due to John Toth NLT 15 April
    - AABC Message Board: Dick Smith
      - No issues – working as intended
    - Facebook: John Toth
      - Several new “followers”
    - Website: Send input to Bill Kenney by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month
  - Social Activities – Hal Riggs
    - Boulder Dinner Theater
      - All tickets for “Forever Plaid” on 19 April have been sold – no more are available
  - Legislative Affairs – New Chair Needed
8. **RAFFLE DRAWING**
  - Winning portion was returned to the scholarship fund by Gary Goss.

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### 9. INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER – John Toth

**Speaker:** LT John Kimmel, USN  
Currently Assistant Professor of Naval Science at CU

**Topic:** United States Navy: America's Navy

Introduction, personal experience

Prior Sea Duty assignments

- *USS Mitscher* - Mission area: Anti-piracy, anti-smuggling CTF operations (coalition/US Fifth Fleet partnership)
- *USS Arleigh Burke* Mission area: Anti-piracy, anti-smuggling US Sixth Fleet, AFRICOM support

Overview

Mission: Navy conducts forward operations around the world in support of national strategic objectives.

- Ensure access to overseas regions
- Defend key interests
- Protect citizens abroad
- Prevent adversaries from leveraging oceans and waterways against the United States and our allies
- Control the “all-domain access” area: cyber-, space- and future-battlegrounds

Execution: Strengthen alliances and partnerships; coalition-building (region by region)

CU NROTC's contribution to the end goal: Midshipmen

- 4-year scholarship option
- 2 to 3-year option for those not initially selected
- Engineering majors heavily valued and encouraged
- If physically qualified, will enter service as “unrestricted line” officers: Surface Warfare Officer (SWO), Nuclear power officer (submarines or nuclear carriers), Aviators (pilot/Naval flight officer), special operations (EOD)/special warfare (SEAL).
- If not physically qualified, may still serve in restricted line or staff corps (Supply, Civil Engineering/SeaBees, Intel, etc).

- **THANKS TO SPEAKER – Dick Smith**

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