



Admiral Arleigh Burke Chapter
The Military Officers Association of America

Boulder, Colorado



**Minutes -- AABC MOAA Meeting 13 January 2018 at 0800 Hours
Frasier Meadows Sky Lounge**

Call to Order & Pledge of Alliance -- Jim Morfeld, President

Introduction & Welcome of Visitors & Guests – President.

Chaplain's Corner, Hal Riggs

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Hal! Hal celebrated his birthday on 12/27/2017.

- 02Feb is the US Army Chaplains' Day, also called 'The Four Chaplains Day'. It honors all chaplains but especially the four US Army Chaplains who went down with the USAT Dorchester. The German U Boat U-223 torpedoed the USAT Dorchester 02Feb1943, only 150 miles from its destination, an American base in Greenland. Panic and chaos set in aboard the Dorchester. The chaplains brought hope in despair and light in darkness. All Lieutenants: Fox (Methodist), Goode (Jewish), Washington (Roman Catholic) and Poling (Dutch Reformed). The four chaplains calmed the crew and gave their life vests to other crewmembers so that they might live. Of 902 men, 672 died and 230 survived. Survivors mentioned how the calming prayers and encourage of the four chaplains led to their survival.
- Hal circulated cards for members to write their notes of encouragement to those chapter members who have not been able to attend recent meetings.
- Reminder that the Chapter Social at the Boulder Dinner Theatre will be Sunday 21Jan2018; seating starts at 5:30 m. See Gary if you want to join us.

President

- **Congratulations to Mark Menich**, who will be President of the Boulder County Medical Society, starting October 2018.
- **Newsletter:** Steve Frank will be publishing the 1QTR2018 newsletter shortly. Members can submit articles/suggestions for the newsletter by contacting Steve Frank.

Lee Lawson – Legislative Report

Lee provided us with an in-depth, interesting discussion on several relevant items, including planned changes to Tri Care; the 2018 National Defense Authorization Act; the United Colorado Veterans Association. He mentioned that 80% of Congress today have never served in the military. Congress does not always realize how changes they make affect the military. MOAA input is more important than ever before to represent the nation's military.

Mark Lindon, 2nd VP & Membership

- Bob Brockish has generously donated his collection of pewter statues and military memorabilia. Mark has listed the collection on EBay with the proceeds donated to the AABC ROTC Fund. A \$100 donation from Bob thus far, and noted there are still four statues available – please see Mark if interested.
- National Headquarters has given us access to the Chapter's portion of their membership database. Hopefully this will lead to more timely corrections.

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Gary Reid, Treasurer's Report as of 8/31/2017

- Dues are due in January; still at \$30/year.
- Boulder Dinner Theatre Social 21 Jan, Sunday, seating starts at 5:30 pm, \$51 – seats are available.
- Next AABC social will be to the BDT performance of Patsy Kline, date tbd.
- Account Balances as of 12/19/2017:

General	\$4,963.12 (\$500 authorized donation not yet made to Boots to Suits)
USO	\$ 722.25
<u>ROTC</u>	<u>\$3,046.85</u>
Total	\$8,732.22

Veronica Hebert Secretary

- **Dorothy Sage**, who has done an excellent job as the Meeting Caller Coordinator, has been in physical therapy and cannot continue to serve as Coordinator. **Nancy Shain** has also indicated she cannot continue as a Meeting Caller. We acknowledge the wonderful support we have received from Dorothy and Nancy. They plan to attend future meetings, so when you see them, please thank them in person.

Let us take this opportunity to thank all of our callers. They provide an important breakfast count to Frasier Meadows and remind us to check our email for our meeting notices. Our Callers are: Madge Wright, Miles Olson, Luther Bergeland, Marv Commander, Charles Jenkins, Ruth Meyer, Jo Anne Smallwood, Robert Carruthers, and Chuck Coopider.

Happily, Marv Command and have volunteered to become callers in place of Dorothy and Nancy.

ROTC Scholarship 50:50 Raffle

- Conducted by Mark Lindon & the Treasurer.
- \$76.00 collected.
- Won by Mark Menich who donated his 50% back to the scholarship fund.

Mark Menich 1st VP & Programs introduced program

Presenter: David M. Hays

Topic: The CU Archives & the Important Role Archives Play in Preserving History

David M. Hays returns to MOAA/AABC after a giving a presentation on the University of Colorado's WWII Japanese Language Program in August of 2017. David is an archivist; he has directed US Navy Japanese/Oriental Language School Archival Project at the Special Collections and Archives of the University of Colorado at Boulder Libraries since 2000.

David was born into an Army family, to a 1942 USMA graduate, then the Commander of the 2/26th Infantry in Bamberg, FRG. The family was later stationed at Yokosuka, Japan; Carlisle Barracks; West Berlin; and West Point. David Hays received his BA at the University of Idaho, with an Army ROTC scholarship, served as a Field Artillery officer in the 1/11th Armored Cavalry Regiment in Fulda, FRG, and the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, TX, from 1975-1979. He received his MA in US History from the University of Colorado in 1981 and taught US History as a doctoral student in the 1980s. He has worked in the Archives since 1981, on and off, and since 1988, full time.

David Hays will discuss the nature of archival collections- assembly, storage, use, importance to historical researchers. He will present a short history of the University of Colorado's repository, their areas of emphasis, and the breadth of the material they contain.

Meeting Conclusion – President thanked speaker and all who attended.

Next Meeting is 10 February 2018, Saturday, here at Frasier Meadows, 5th floor. Program is a group trivia contest conducted by our member, Chuck Howe. This promises to be interesting, lively and memorable! Come and bring guests!

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1/19/2018/Secretary