

**MOAA Tucson Chapter
Board Meeting Minutes
DMAFB, Retired Activities Office
September 4, 2019
0930 Hours**

1, **Members Present:** William Wojciechowski, President; Roy Ludlow, Secretary/Chaplain; Jim Whipp, Asst. Treasurer; Shirley Phillips, SSAC; William Nagy, President, Catalina Mountains Satellite.

2. Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Invocation: Chaplain Ludlow

4. Minutes of 7 August 2019 approved as sent by email with correction of IRS category of 503(c)(3).

5. Presidents Report:

a. Esperanza Escalante (EEE)

1) Ground breaking for new buildings:0900 hours, Senator McSally to speak, Reception to follow.

2) Golf Tourney/Fundraiser to be held at 49ers Country Club. Tucson Chapter will pay for two teams. Also discussed and approved sponsoring two greens at \$100.00 each.

3) Walmart has agreed to a \$5,000 Sponsor's donation.

4) EEE has received a total of \$8800.00 in sponsorships as of August 27th.

5) EEE needs donations of serviceable electronics, appliance, household good, computer and printers. No clothing.

b. Legislative Update: Congress returns on Sept 9th. HR 333 (retired pay + VA disability) and HR 553/5622 dealing with widows tax are on the agenda.

c. Veterans' Affairs Committee (VAC):

1) Tucson Mayor is looking for increased support for Hats off for Heros.

2) Treasurer balance is 1824.84.

3) Changes made to VA Health Care System for improvements to services.

4) Four Chaplains Memorial Ceremony scheduled for Feb 2, 2020.

5) Southwest Airlines/VAC will be raffling off tickets to military personnel (active and retired). Proceeds will go to Operation Exodus. Tickets will be available in September, with the drawing in November. Tickets are \$10.00 @ or 6 for \$50.00.

6) MOAA presented a proposal for pooling of scholarship funds to increase size of the award and thus attract more applicants.

7) Vietnam Vets 2019 Car Show Sept 21st.

8) Free concert sponsored my "Nam Jam" scheduled for 19 October.

- d. September Luncheon Agenda:
 - 1) Introduction of Board Members.
 - 2) Welcome New Members.
 - 3) EEE Partnership/needed donations.
 - 4) The 5 Star chapter award is noted.
 - 5) Tucson MOAA Scholarships (Note increase further in minutes)
 - 6) Speakers: AZ Representative Gail Griffin, Representative for Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick.

- 6. Treasurers Report and Membership Report:
 - a. Treasurers Report: Total Financial Assets \$23,740.83. Membership: 49 Regular plus 19 SSAC. (Catalina Mtns. 33 for a total membership of 101)
 - b. \$250.00 for Non-Profit Dynamics for annual Web Maintenance fee.(approved)
 - c. \$125 for MOAA coins (M/S passed).
 - d. President Wojciechowski is requesting the three membership lists be reconciled. (Gary Pettett and Joe Nadeau) (ACTION/OPEN)

- 7. SSAC/DMAFB Community Report: (Shirley Phillips)
 - a. Wilmot Gate (North) open limited hours (5-8 AM coming in) Exit 8 A.M.-6 P.M.) Wilmot Gate South will have longer open hours to serve those coming from the south to the base.
 - b. Air Force birthday is coming up Sept 17. Gas will be 10 cents off.
 - c. Shirley will be assisting in taking luncheon reservations and coordinating with Jim Whipp.

New Business:

- 1. Scholarships to increase to \$1000.00 each. M/S Approved (CLOSED)
- 2. Support for two EEE Golf Tournament teams. M/S Approved (CLOSED)
- 3. Support for Golf Tournament by sponsoring two greens @ \$100 each. M/S Approved. (CLOSED)

Items for consideration at October 2 Board meeting.

2019-20 Budget Proposal (ACTION/OPEN, Gary Pettett)

The meeting adjourned at 1040 hours, with the announcement of the next meeting of the Board on October 2, 2019 at 0930 hours.

Submitted by

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Tucson Chapter of MOAA