

**MOAA Tucson Chapter
Board Meeting Minutes**
DMAFB, Retired Activities Office
September 5, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 am by President Tom Owens who led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. .

Attendees: Those in attendance were Col Tom Owens, Col William Wojciechowski, Major Jim Whipp, Major Roy Ludlow, and Shirley Phillips.

Secretary: Approved minutes of May 2, 2018 meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Approved financial report. Reaffirmed 2018-2019 budget.

Programs: The programs scheduled for 2018-2019:

- Sept 2018: Election Year, Candidates Forum: POC Col Wojciechowski
- Oct 2018: Honor Flight: Coordinated with Thom Masur
- Dec 2018: Christmas Party & entertainment (?)
- Jan 2019: DMAFB Crash Investigations: POC Ltc Petersen
- Feb 2019: ESGR Program, awards ceremony: POC Col Owens coordinated with Rusty Orvik
- March 2019: Army Intelligence Programs (Connie Huff?)
- April 2019: ROTC Scholarship presentations: POC Col Davee
- May 2019: TBD; Esperanza & Escalante: POC Col Owens
- Other potentials: Northern Tucson Fire Chief (J. Devine), RAO Gen Connelly, R. Phelps "Legends Book", and US Public Health Service, POW George Allen Rose.

Satellite: Catalina Mountains satellite scheduled luncheons are 11:30 am:

- Next meeting is October 20, 2018
- Plan to elect new officers for January 2019

Membership: No report.

Newsletter/Website: September newsletter was just published.

Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee: Shirley Phillips reported:

- New 355 Commander, Col Michael Dowley
- New base commander Col Julie Newland
- COLA projected to be 2.4 – 2.7%
- New BRAAC in process, DMAFB appears to be safe
- VA budget approved at \$98.6B
- POW Day at VA Hospital Sept 21

ESGR: Schedule award program for February 2019; coordinated with Rusty Orvik

Legislative:

- SB1167 to increase tax deduction from \$2500 to \$6250 has changed to allow \$3500 deduction in 2020
- Discussions on merging Commissary and BX in process, TBD

ROTC: Medals & certificates have been presented to cadets at 4 high schools and UA Units.

Personnel Affairs: The VA is looking for volunteers to assist homebound veterans. See website <https://www.tucson.va.gov/giving/assignments.asp>

City of Tucson Veteran Affairs Rep:

- No report

Scholarships:

- We need new ideas for fund raising. Col Davee has requested support from a legal firm he knows. TBD.

Website: We need to improve website; any suggestions?

President Updates:

- 2018 LOE nomination submitted April 16. New criteria in effect.
- MOAA National meeting in Phoenix, November 1&2.
- AZCOC meeting scheduled June 2 at Luke AFB. Col Benedict, Col Nagy, and Col Owens to attend.
- Annual survey of members' responses received. Ltc Petersen to consolidate responses.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.
Col Tom Owens
President