



December 20, 2020

Minutes of CALMOAA Annual Meeting November 20-21, 2020 via Zoom Teleconference

General Discussion:

CALMOAA President BG Dean Mallires ARNG (Ret) convened the CALMOAA 2020 Annual Meeting with Area VPs, Chapter Presidents and/or designated representatives and the CALMOAA Staff from Friday evening November 20th, 2020, beginning at 1840 Hours through Saturday, November 21st. The Agenda provided as Attachment A, was followed. Attendance over the 2 days averaged up to 45 on Friday, down to 42 on Saturday.

Summary: Bottom line up front

- A. During the Meeting, the Board of newly elected Officers was announced
- B. The updated By Laws were approved
- C. The Secretary's Report/ Minutes from 2019 Meeting were approved with 2 corrections
- D. The Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget were approved
- E. All reports and briefings can be found on the CALMOAA Website. Location of Files from CALMOAA Annual Meeting 20-21 November 2020:

<https://www.californiamoaa.com/2020-calmoaa-annual-reports-and-briefs/>

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Congratulations to the CALMOAA board for 2020 – 2022:

President E. Fred Green

1st Vice President Tim Eng

2nd Vice President Patty Wernet

3rd Vice President Jeff Breiten

4th Vice President Bud Lichtenstern

5th Vice President Dave Yorck

ROTC Coordinator Joe Boscacci

ESGR Coordinator Joe Boscacci

Immediate Past President Dean Mallires (2018 – 2020)

Senior Advisor Ed Hanlon

Secretary Neal Schneider

Surviving Spouse Kathy Prout

Area One Vice President Tom Walther

Area Two Vice President Gil Borgardt

Area Three Vice President Michael Kwan

Area Four Vice President Neal Schneider

Area Five Vice President Gene Talmadge

Area Six Vice President John Ryan

Area Seven Vice President Thomas Brown

Area Eight Vice President Steve Donlon

Day 1 Friday evening, November 20th

President Dean Mallires opened the Meeting at 6:40 PM (1840 Hours), and welcomed the members. The agenda provided as Attachment A was followed.

The Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Secretary LTC Mike O'Hara (USA Ret).

President Mallires introduced and welcomed Guest Speaker LTG Dana Atkins (USAF Ret), President and CEO of MOAA. LTG Atkins presented President Mallires with the MOAA Presidential Award for Leadership to much applause. Well deserved. LTG Atkins continued speaking with an update on Advocacy, Networking, Tricare Select (sign up !!), and the MOAA Development team on Covid 19 relief. Within MOAA, membership is 350K strong, making it the largest volunteer service organization representing the military. He encouraged us to "ask" other officers to join. Q&A: Will there be a "Storming the Hill" in 2021?? Plan is dependent on the availability of a vaccine by April. Otherwise, MOAA will continue with Virtual Storming. Other concerns were eliminating Military Health Care Personnel and Facilities. MOAA is working with other military service organizations such as Association of the US Army (AUSA), VFW, and American Legion to address issues.

Roll Call: As of 7 PM, a "visual" roll call of participants on Zoom showed 43 members. Secretary Mike O'Hara conducted a Roll Call at 7:26 PM. The following Area VPs and CALMOAA Board members were recorded as present:

CALMOAA Staff

President Dean Mallires
Vice President Fred Green
2nd VP Chap Rel Patty Wernet
3rd VP Leg Affairs Jeff Breiten
VP ESGR Joe Boscacci
IPP/ Membership David Yorck
Surviving Spouse Kathy Prout
Secretary Mike O'Hara
Treasurer Jennie Werner

Area VPs

The Following Area VP's were recorded as Present

Area 1 VP Tom Walther
Area 2 VP Gil Borgardt
Area 3 VP Michael Kwan
Area 4 VP Acting Neal Schneider
Area 5 VP Gene Talmadge
Area 6 VP John Ryan
Area 7 VP Thomas Brown
Area 8 VP Acting Mike O'Hara

A complete attendance list to include Chapter Presidents and representatives is provided at Attachment B. I give many thanks to 2nd VP of Chapter Affairs, COL Patty Wernet (USAR Ret), for recording attendance while I conducted Roll Call.

Reports:

- A. Secretary Mike O'Hara had previously sent out the Minutes from the 2019 CALMOAA Annual Meeting held October 18-20 at the Double Tree Hotel at The Pruneyard in Campbell, California for approval. The Minutes were approved with 2 corrections, both of which have been corrected and the Final Minutes posted to the CALMOAA Website.
- B. President Dean Mallires gave the President's Report which covered the successes of the Council and Chapters over the past year, gave information on sources of funding for the future, the Focus on Membership and the use of Near Real Time Reporting (NRT), the Common Module, Legislative Liaison at the State (to include "Storming Sacramento") and local levels and the calendar of events, reports due and suspenses for 2021.
- C. CALMOAA By Laws Committee Report. As an action item from last year's Annual Meeting, RADM Dawn Wyllie (USPHS Ret) led a team or "By Laws" Committee to review, update and improve the November 2019 CALMOAA By Laws. RADM Wyllie explained the process of comparing the By Laws to other MOAA Councils and Chapters By Laws incorporating new ideas and legal writing, making updates, corrections and adding the positions of VP for Membership, a Parliamentarian appointed to assist with meeting protocols under Robert's Rule of Order, and to supervise the elections. As clarification, the By Laws specifically call out that the CALMOAA Council is a "non profit benefit corporation" organized under IRS Tax Code 501(c)(19). A motion was made to approve, seconded and voted unanimously to approve the By Laws. The Latest version, dated 20 Nov 2020, is posted to the CALMOAA Website.
- D. 2nd VP Col Patty Wernet briefed the Chapter Affairs Report, noting how many Chapters she has either visited personally or participated in Zoom Meetings with them over the past year. Her charts listed the Chapters' status, their latest meetings and current schedules. She thanked Chapter officers for inviting her.
- E. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer CW5 Jennie Werner (USA Ret) presented the Treasurer's Report and a recommended budget for 2021. The current status of funds in the bank was reviewed to include the income and expenses over the year. She also updated the members with her efforts in assuring IRS and State Compliance. We are in compliance. A motion was made to approve, seconded and voted on to approve the proposed budget for 2021.
- F. 3rd VP for Legislative Affairs LCDR Jeff Brieten (USN Ret) presented the Legislative Report. At 40 informative Charts, Jeff focused on the results the Covid 19 pandemic, State and National elections had on the 2020 Legislation being accepted, or pushed to next year. A lot of legwork has been done on bills so we should see them again during the next legislative session.
- G. "Old Glory" video along with the above reports are posted to the CALMOAA Website at:
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CAPT Steve Donlon (USN Ret) of Silver Strand Chapter began a discussion about social media and its use to attract younger members using Facebook, Twitter etc. He currently takes articles from MOAA Newsletter and other interesting info, breaks it down and posts it on Facebook. He asked if anyone was checking out the news. Mrs Kathy Prout offered that she administers the MOAA Surviving Spouses and Friends Facebook group. There is also a CALMOAA Facebook group. There are 2 MOAA staff members as admins as well. Please join as there is a lot of information posted there, not just surviving spouse issues.

The Friday evening portion of the meeting was adjourned at 9:01 PM (2101 Hours).

Day 2 Saturday, November 21st

President Dean Mallires opened the Meeting at 9:30 AM (0930 Hours). The Council continued to follow the agenda provided as Attachment A.

Secretary Mike O'Hara conducted a brief, abbreviated Roll Call of those who had not attended on Friday. As of 0930, 40 members were on the Zoom Meeting.

President Mallires comments included welcoming the members to Day 2 of the Meeting. He gave a dedication to former member Al Diaz (RIP). He acknowledged the work and contributions of both 4th VP for TOPS LCDR Bud Lichtenstern (USN Ret), and Pendleton Chapter President LTC Dan Wilson (USA Ret) who were both excused. Bud is in the middle of moving and Dan will be attending today's award of a second Bronze Star to Korea War Veteran CPL Robert Baker US Army.

At 9:43 AM (0943 Hours) Employee Support Guard Report (ESGR) Coordinator COL Joe Boscacci (USA Ret) presented his report. Joe will also be attending the ceremony for CPL Robert Baker. Joe reviewed his slides detailing the Mission, Customers, Structure, Leadership, Roles and Activities of ESGR. There are awards and scholarships available. Current focus is the fostering the relationships needed with Employers who now have or will have National Guard and Reserves working for them. Joe discussed a "Presentation Book", which he immediately sent out to members. A Request was made to advocate for inclusion of USPHS.

At 10:03 AM, (1003 Hours) Immediate Past President (IPP) and now 5th VP for Membership Lt Col David Yorck (USMC Ret) gave a briefing on Membership and training. There are currently 20K members in California so there is a lot of work and potential to bring in new members. He mentioned the Near Time Recruiting tool (NRT) and asked if all are using it or need training. 13 Chapters have not recruited any new members this year. The challenge is to increase membership. Dave has asked 2 Area VPs, Tom Walther and Neal Schneider to assist him by dividing California into 3 areas and work with the other VPs and Chapter Presidents. Membership includes retention. He recommends "teaming" with other Veterans organizations such as MOWW, AUSA, to find members and absorb "best practices". Non-Officers can be included as "honorary members" of Chapters if it is written in the Chapter By Laws.

Next on the Agenda was a one hour session dedicated to "Open Discussion", moderated by Patty Wernet. In a return to Legislative Activities the question was asked about legislation concerning no CA taxes on Military Retired Pay. That remains the number # 1 priority legislation. However it is our own CA State Assembly member Lorena Gonzalez from San Diego holding up the legislation. Another letter campaign involves opening the American Legion and VFW Halls as helpful to Veterans. They should not be considered bars. A brief discussion on expansion of membership diversity also occurred.

At 10:28 AM (1028 Hours) Silver Strand Chapter President, and recently elected to the Board or Directors, MOAA, CAPT Marvin Heinze (USN Ret) spoke about Advocacy, Engagement, Membership/ Recruiting, Finances (Chapters need to share information) and Organization. There is more to accomplish in Sacramento. Need to see this pandemic as an opportunity: without large conferences, we can use scarce funds differently, using virtual meetings and asking for/ inviting "national level" speakers to attend. The number of potential members in CA is 300K. Los Alamitos Chapter President CPT Tom Bell (USA Ret) has been nominated for

Veteran of the Year. Contact your Congressional or State Rep as another opportunity to meet them, and nominate someone as Vet of the Year.

Before Parliamentarian, CAPT Bruce Lowman (USN Ret) announced the election results, Dean recognized Mrs Kathy Prout for earning a MOAA Level of Excellence award for her efforts on behalf of Surviving Spouses concerning the "Widows' Tax" over the years. At 11:30 AM (1130 hours), Parliamentarian Lowman announced the results of the Elections and appointments:

President LCDR E. Fred Green
1st Vice President (Chief of Staff) Major Tim Eng
2nd Vice President (Chapter Affairs) COL Patty Wernet
3rd Vice President (Legislative Affairs) LCDR Jeff Breiten
4th Vice President (TOPS) LCDR Bud Lichtenstern
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In a surprise announcement, CW5 Jennie Werner apologized but asked to step down as Treasurer.

Note: As of Monday December 7th, it was announced by President Fred Green that CWO3 Allen Maxwell (USN Ret) has volunteered to be our new treasurer for CALMOAA.

At 11:38 AM (1138 Hours) CAPT Jim Carman (USN Ret) from MOAA National conducted the Oath of Office for the CALMOAA Board and Area VPs. With the Installation complete, the members were allowed to break until 12:30 PM (1230 Hours).

Newly Elected President LCDR Fred Green (USN Ret) reconvened the meeting at 12:30 PM (1230 Hours). There were 37 participants. Comments from the Board and more discussion followed. Dave Yorck announced that Letters of Excellence would be coming out soon. Jeff Breiten expressed high hopes for meaningful legislation this coming year. Any thoughts to next year's Annual Meeting?? Virtual is free vs costs of a convention. Fred is looking at scheduling a BOD/ AVP meeting for on/ about January 8th, followed by an "All Hands" January 22nd or Feb 5th. The meeting evaluation was reviewed real time and filled out. The results will be presented TBD. President Fred thanked all and closed the meeting. Meeting was adjourned at 1:23 PM (1323 hours).

Respectfully Submitted by:

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CALMOAA SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

Secretary's Certificate: I, LTC Michael J. O'Hara USA (Ret) and CALMOAA Secretary hereby certify that the foregoing 2020 Annual meeting minutes is true and correct copy of the minutes of CALMOAA Officers, Board of Directors and members meeting held on Friday, November 20, 2020 and Saturday, November 21, 2020 conducted by Zoom video Conference Call.

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20 December 2020

LTC Michael J. O'Hara USA (Ret)
Field Artillery/Acquisition Corps
Secretary, CALMOAA - CA 00

Date