

Military Officers Association of America
Bella Vista Chapter, Bella Vista AR
American Legion, 711 W Persimmon St
Rogers Arkansas
26 Sept 2023 1730-1900

General Membership Meeting Agenda

Come to order, Pledge of Allegiance, Moment of silence for prayer and blessings

Attending:

Goals:

1. New chapter Name:
Proposed: Ozarks Regional Chapter
2. Increase membership by 10 members by Jan 2024
3. 2 community contact events by Jan 2024 (SDIA Thanksgiving,
4. Funding raising for Scholarships, flag program and civic projects.
5. Gain complete funding and support for flag program

Guest Speaker: None

Meeting Dates: Return to every other month for general meetings.

2023: General Member Meeting: 26 Sep, 14 or 28 Nov (Thanksgiving)

2023: Board meetings: 22 August, 27 Oct, 19 December

2024: General meetings. 23 Jan, 26 March, 21 May, 23 July, 24 Sept, 19 Nov

2024: Board meeting: 20 Feb, 23 April, 25 June, 27 Aug, 22 Oct, 17 Dec

American Legion: Meets 2nd Tue of each month. Offer Bingo nights, Motorcycle riding groups, Water distributions on first day of school.

Legislation: Craig Barkley Local legislative issues (Ark Vet Coalition) and National Legislative issues, Advocacy Center.

Treasurer: Alan Nabb.

Arvest Account Balances as of September 23, 2023

Non-interest Checking: \$2,165.11

Money Market: \$1,618.91

\$500.00 scholarship to Mr. Cavallo

Chapter Tax Exempt Organization Status. As of September 22, 2023, there has been no visible movement on the processing of our IRS Form 990-EZ income tax returns for tax years 2017 through 2022 mailed to the IRS Center in Ogden, UT on July 17th. Additionally, there has been no apparent movement on the IRS Form 1024 electronically filed with the IRS on July 21st to reinstate our tax exempt status. No other action can be taken with the State of Arkansas to register the Bella Vista Chapter as an Exempt Organization until receipt of the reinstatement letter from the IRS.

Walmart Grant application.... On hold.

US Flag Education Program. Alan Nabb

a. As of September 23th, we have a firm commitment to deliver the US Flag Education Program to fifth graders at 20 of the 37 contacted schools. To date, we have taught, scheduled and remain to be scheduled the following number of students:

- Taught: 482
- Scheduled: 1,129
- To Be Scheduled: 2,318

Google Calendar linked to the Events Calendar on our Chapter website. Flag presentation information is being populated on this calendar in the event any Chapter members wish to attend a specific school's presentation.

Chapter Banner Revisit: there are two designs for the banner. We need to finalize the Chapter Name before we have the banner printed.

Local Source: 2 X 6 or 3 X 5 banner which is \$99.00 each.

MOAA 3x5: Chapter Flag: \$89.75

MOAA 60x132 Nylon Table cloth cover: cost 6ft \$156, 8ft 181...Chapter name

Chapter Tri-folded Brochure: Revisit; Tri-folded brochure for approval/recommended changes that can be handed out to perspective members at various events. Again, we need to finalize the Chapter Name before we have the brochures printed.

Membership Update and Dues: Jon Boswell. Updates. New Members. Taps/members lost. Work completed on access for new members and updates on real time membership services and the "no contract listings". Post card/Snail mail contacts.

Communications: Dan Schaffer: Absent.... Continued updating on BV Web page. He is exploring FB and LinkedIn as added options for low cost advertising. Bella Vista's, "The Weekly Vista" paper, cost for a 3.45" X 5" ad is \$154 per run.

NJROTC: Mike Davis w updates. Received full funding from Navy 1 July 23. (Conversion from funded by Bentonville and Bentonville West schools as Navy National Defense Cadet Corps program (NNDCC). 23 Sept 23 JROTC attended the "Spartan Warrior Challenge" a cross fit type competition in Bixby Ok and the group nearly beat the three time defending champs Thunderbird Military Academy from Pryor Ok.

MOAA Community Outreach Grant:

*\$1500 grant received. MOU and application for liability insurance completed.

*SDIA Thanksgiving day food program. Thanksgiving food program provides a full thanksgiving meal (Ham, Turkey, side fixings) for military, police and fire/rescue families in need. Also

*Volunteer opportunities for building those meal packages and deliveries about 3 days before Thanksgiving. More information to come.

*Hero's Ranch"... We will coordinate tours. Will need to be on Sat or Sunday due to the Warrior-path program helping members' work through service related PTSD issues.

Fund Raising:

We need someone to lead fundraising activities to include donation procurement

*Item to raffle for thanksgiving.

*Fun run/walk partnership

*Shooting event

*American Legion has offered to give us funds from "bingo night".

*Pickle ball tourney: I discussed with Roger's Adult Wellness and Bella Vista Pickle ball group.

*Tourney's are tough to organize. A lot of time and effort for small gains.

*Golf Tourney

COC report: 14 July. Andy did not attend due to illness. Minutes have not yet been poste

Board Members:

	<i>CURRENT/ NOMINEE</i>	<i>NOTES</i>
Chapter President (elected)	Andy Seal	Secretary, Treasury
1 st Vice President (elected)	Craig Barkely	
2 nd Vice President (elected)	Dan	
Secretary (elected)	NONE	
Treasurer (elected)	Alan Nabb	
Programs Chair (appointed)	Dan Schaffer	
Membership Chair (appointed)	Jon Boswell	
ROTC Programs (appointed) NJROTC	Alan Nabb, Mike Davis	Chair would interact with college and high school ROTC programs in the area. Did not attend Nov dinner.

Pastoral Chair (appointed)	None	Goal is to expand this program to include outreach to members. Would require attending board meetings as needed. ...not present, no action
Legislative Chair (appointed)	Craig Barkley	Will attend southern region conference in Dallas this next week.
Surviving Spouse Liaison (appointed)	None	
Scholarship Chair (appointed)	None	
Flags/Schools Chair (appointed)	Alan Nabb	Continues with strong program. Program expenses reimbursement.