

Ozark Regional Chapter of MOAA Board Agenda

26Aug 24

Goals:

1. New chapter Name: Ozarks Regional Chapter (complete). National Recognition pending on web page.
2. Bylaws revision (complete)
3. Grant Applications by Sept 2025 1
4. Select 2 outreach programs for Ozark Regional Chapter to Support
5. Secretary, surviving spouse liaison, pastoral and scholarship positions filled by July 25.
6. Increase membership attendance to 20 members/meeting
7. 10 new members by Jan 2025 (3/10 currently).
8. 2 community contact events by Jan 2025 (SDIA Thanksgiving meals)
9. Speakers/presentations for membership meetings.
10. Funding raising for scholarships, flag program and civic projects...need to define each for measurable.
11. Gain complete funding and support for flag program through Arkansas veterans commission.

+++TEAM NEEDS TO SET 2025 GOALS FOR PRESENTATION AT NOV GEN MEETING.

Board Minutes: Electronic sent..

Legislation: Craig; absent....no reports

Treasury: Alan; ..attached

-Liability Insurance: New policy AMBA underwritten by Philadelphia Ins Co.

Communications/Web page/Public relations: Dan;

-News for MOAA mag

-New Web platform: Tom and Dan have been working on. Meeting with

Membership/Recruiting: Jon; New Members: Dale Allen, Ronald Oberle, David Ormsby, John Warren attended last gen members meeting in July. Need to press on recruiting and engaging.

-MOAA Community Outreach ideas:

NWA Food Bank/Feed America: Attending: Alan and Rita Nabb, Tom Baker, Dan and Pat Shaffer, Nelson Seal. Next Vol date pending....recommend at least every other month (on membership months) possibly monthly. Need dates scheduled and posted.

-Veteran's Council of NWA: Wall of Honor

-Warrior Path:

Grants/Fund raising: Need Chairman for writing grants.

-Bingo Benefit: \$1,007. Good work team.

-Bella Vista Honor Guard: \$250. Alan procured.

-POA Board, Charitable Grant: \$500 secured for flag program. Alan procured

-SDIA grant: Pledged \$250. We haven't received it yet. .

- Golf Tourney: Ron Oberle has volunteered to chair/coordinate. Craig, Ron and myself met on 6 Aug and established a target date of late October or Mid November. Details pending and we plan to meet again this week. Ron had developed a financial layout and timeline. I have been trying to contact the Bella Vista Gold Operations but have not heard back. ? BV system hacked...

-Community Outreach Grants from MOAA. Dec 1 applications open.

-JB Hunt Charity Giving grant: JB Hunt only accepts requests during December of each year.

Focus on grant proposal completion by Sept with revisions ready by Dec.

Tyson's Corporate Giving Program: Guidelines for application has a quarterly charity application cycle. Must be 501(c)(3) tax-status and the minimum grant amount is \$5,000. Walmart Grant: does not offer grants to any 501(c)(19) qualified charity

-NJROTC: No new news. I will try to make contact after Labor Day break.

-ROTC: NWA Mentoring program contact: Bob Crawford POC

-Ark MOAA COC:

CoC pres , contacted and proposed merging North Ark Chapter with Ozark Regional. "failing chapter". Pine Bluff at risk also.

CoC bylaws committee completed last draft of revision. Target vote on to ratify in October. MOAA National web page under review for new platform Tom is exploring for Ark CoC to present in October.

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, Pending	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.
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Flag Program Director's and Treasurer's Report for August 2024 for Tuesday's meeting:

1. Chapter Name Change.

a. On July 29, 2024, I sent an email to National MOAA to update our Chapter name on the MOAA Chapter map, which still lists our name as the Bella Vista Chapter. On August 20th, I had a call from National MOAA responding to my email of July 29th. The National representative stated that the MOAA Chapter map has been taken offline and our name change will be updated when the Chapter map is reactivated. On August 23rd, I was able to access the Chapter map and our name change has not been implemented. It appears that the Chapter map was not deactivated. I'll keep monitoring to ensure our name change has been made wherever appearing on the national MOAA website.

b. I sent a letter on April 8, 2024, to the Arkansas Council of Chapters to change our name on their website. As of July 18, 2024, the Arkansas Council of Chapters has yet to update our Chapter name. As a result, I sent the Arkansas Council of Chapters a second request on July 18, 2024. As of August 23, 2024, the change has not been made.

c. I ordered new checks with the new Chapter name and address on July 8th. The Chapter President received the new checks by the end of July.

2. State Sponsorship of the US Flag Education Program. On the Arkansas Department of Veterans Affairs (ADVA) website, there is a tab at the top for Veterans Services. Clicking on Veterans Services reveals a dropdown menu that includes an entry titled Flag Education Program. The results of the five recommendations made to Ms. Duke in January are unknown as they have not appeared yet on the ADVA Flag Education Program website.

3. Arkansas US Flag Education Program Presentations.

a. On May 27, 2024, I ordered 3,300 US Flag lapel pins, to be handed out to students this next school year, for a total cost of \$439.95. This is a 17% reduction in cost for the pins versus what we paid last year. We had a carryover of 700 lapel pins from last school year at a cost of \$91.96. The US Flag lapel pins for this school year have been received.

b. On July 8th, I ordered 4,000 copies of the Long May It Wave brochure to be handed out to students this next school year. The cost for this quantity of brochures was \$766.06, a \$100.09 reduction from last year's cost. Therefore, our total expenses for the US Flag

Education Program this school year is \$1,297.97. This equates to an expense of \$0.35 per student for the brochure and the lapel pin.

c. According to published 2024-25 school calendars, many school districts are starting the school year the week of August 12th. I have drafted invitation emails to all public and private schools and will be sending them to individual schools for the US Flag Education Program in late August with presentations to start after the Labor Day holiday. Before sending out the invitations, I have received queries from two schools already who want to schedule our program this school year.

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

4. Arvest Account Balances as of August 23, 2024:

- Non-interest Checking: \$ 604.81
- Money Market: \$2,659.43
- **Total** **&nb**

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