

Ozark Regional Chapter, Gen Membership Agenda

23 July 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
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.

Attending:

Legislation: Craig;

Treasury: Alan; (attached report).

Legislation: Craig;

Treasury: Alan;

Full report/handout. (Attached below).

Liability Insurance: Philadelphia Insurance Co will be underwriter for our policy with AMBA administering. The policy application completed and returned to AMBA on 8 July 24. Received email requesting additional information for underwriter on 19 July. I have not had any response to date on approval.

AEA application feedback?

Communications/Web page/Public relations: Dan;

Web page: We now have new Web Master for COCC web page. New Webmaster: Tom Wright has taken control of MOAA COC account and will be updating soon.

Recruiting station items update. Banner, personal holdings (tables, chairs, ect).

Membership/Recruiting: Jon;

Ronald Oberle (AF) newest member.

MOAA Community Outreach ideas:

Board voted to proceed involvement with Warrior Path, Veteran's Council of NWA, BV Wall of Honor (Alan), Feed America in Roger (Dan) .

Grants/Fund raising:

Need Chairman for writing grants. -Bingo Benefit. 11 May 24 was very successful. Sincere thank you to Rogers American Legion for allowing us to be benefactor of this program. Heartfelt thank you to Craig Barkley, Alan and Rita Nabb, Tom Baker, Dan and Pat Shaffer for support and serving during this event. Special recognition for Ken Selby who brought this project to our attention, coordinated with American Legion and prepared food for the event. Ozark Regional Chapter received a total of \$1,007.00. Raffle \$72, Bingo \$685, Donations \$250

No new fundraisers pending. Tentative Golf Tourney! Board approved to allow Andy to move fwd with proposal for August meeting. We will consult with Jonesboro Chapter on Tourney coordination.

Community Outreach Grants from MOAA. 1 Dec 24, 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

SDIA grant requested and approval for \$200 donated to support our flag education program.

NJROTC:

Change of command 20 April 24. Navy Hospital Corpsman 1st Class Dustin Cormier (Ret) is projected to be the Naval Science Instructor. LCDR Garry Pepper will take over as program commander before school starts in August.

ROTC:

NWA Mentoring program contact: Bob Crawford POC

MOAA National:

Portal web page is still under reconstruction*Monthly Leaders Roundtable on Chapter Health Update (July 25, 7:00 p.m. EDT) *Virtual Leader Training Workshop (Aug. 14, 10:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. EDT) *MOAA national visit: Scheduling needed. Item table until more members attend. NWA has visit scheduled in August. August is Board meeting month but consider getting subsequent visit since they will be in the region. Recommend Ozark Regional Board Members petition NWA chapter to attend their meeting.

Ark MOAA COC: pending 27 July

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.

Below is the Flag Program Director's and Treasurer's Report for July 2024 for Tuesday's meeting:

1. Chapter Name Change.

a. On June 29th, I queried the national MOAA website's list of Chapters. The list has been updated and is now arranged alphabetically by state abbreviation. Under the Chapters for Arkansas, our name change to the Ozark Regional Chapter has been made. However, if you open the Chapter map, the dot on the map in NW Arkansas for our Chapter still lists the name as the Bella Vista Chapter. 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.

c. On June 30th, I checked the monthly statement on our Arvest non-profit Money Market account. Our Chapter name is now correctly changed to the Ozark Regional Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. I ordered new checks with the new Chapter name and address on July 8th. The new checks should be received by the end of the month.

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. At the end of the 2023-24 school year, we delivered the Arkansas US Flag Education Program to fifth graders at all 37 contacted schools in Benton County AR and McDonald County MO. We taught 4,124 students this past school year to include the 7th graders at Grimsley Junior High School.

b. 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.

c. 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. Based on prior costs for this quantity of brochures, the cost should be \$866.15. Therefore, our total expenses for the US Flag Education Program this next school year is forecasted to be \$1,306.10. This equates to an expense of \$0.35 per student for the brochure and the lapel pin.

d. According to published 2024-25 school calendars, many school districts are starting the school year the week of August 12th. Therefore, I will be sending out invitations to individual schools for the US Flag Education Program in late August with presentations to start after the Labor Day holiday.

e. 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 July 20, 2024:

• Non-interest Checking:	\$ 604.81
• Money Market:	<u>\$2,655.03</u>
• Total	\$3,259.84