

## Ozark Regional Chapter Board Agenda

23 April 24

Review March minutes

Goals: Revision needed....

1. New chapter Name: Ozarks Regional Chapter...done. Awaiting National Recognition
2. Secretary, surviving spouse liaison, pastoral and scholarship positions filled by July 25.
3. Increase membership attendance to 20 members/meeting
4. 10 new members by Jan 2025
5. 2 community contact events by Jan 2025 (SDIA Thanksgiving meals) ..recommendations
6. Speakers/presentations for membership meetings.
7. Funding raising for scholarships, flag program and civic projects...need to define each for measurable.
8. Gain complete funding and support for flag program through Arkansas veterans commission.

Council of Chapter Meeting: Conway 27 April.

Legislation:

Treasury: Attached, Shirts, Business Cards, Banners update.

Communications/Web page/Public relations:

Membership Updates: Tom Baker, Ronald Oberle (AF) newest member

Membership events and Fundraisers: -Bingo Benefit. Ken Shelby POC ... Reports American Legion will vote at next meeting to donate proceeds from the May Bingo. 11 May 24 14-1600. He will update on approval. Ozark Regional MOAA will need to provide 6 members to assist with Bingo operations and attend to food/snack sales. Need to be on site at 1230. Suggestion for pulled pork sandwich plates, chips and drink that Ken coordinate. He will also help with smoking meat. We will need to establish volunteers, get information and postcards out to members and post fliers

**-Upcoming:**

- Sheepdog IA Hero's banquet 27 April 24.

-Rogers American Legion... Bingo Benefit in May.

-Carry the Load (CTL) partner with SDIA 21 May walk at LR National Cemetery.

POC Sue Poindexter. Carrytheload.org

-Flag planting, Memorial Cemetery, Fayetteville. 25 May 24

-CTL Memorial day celebration...27 May 24, Dallas TX. **-Past:**

Grants options: Discuss listed below..

Walmart does not offer grants to any 501(c)(19) qualified charity. You have to be a 501(c)(3) charity to qualify for a Walmart grant. (Tommy Jones).

We qualify for a JB Hunt Charity Giving grant. However, JB Hunt only accepts requests during December of each year...we will focus on grant proposal completion by Sept with revisions ready by Dec.

Tyson's Foods has a quarterly charity application cycle. The next quarter applications are due by April 26, 2024 with approvals communicated on May 31, 2024. If an application is not approved in the quarter it was submitted, it remains active for the two subsequent quarters. However, according to their Corporate Giving Program Guidelines, we need to have a 501(c)(3) tax-status and the minimum grant amount is \$5,000..... do we need to change?

-NJROTC change of command 20 April 24. Retired Sr Enlisted Navy retiree will take over.

Recent retired, family will be moving to Bella Vista. Will need our support.

-ROTC... NWA Mentoring program contact: Bob Crawford POC

-MOAA Community Outreach ideas:

Warrior Path, Veteran's Council of NWA, BV Wall of Honor (Alan), Havenwood a single mothers village, Christmas gift program similar to "cops for Christmas", Army Emergency Response program (Craig), Food Pantry (John), Feed America in Roger (Dan)

-MOAA national visit...scheduling needed...will table until more members attend.

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

1. Chapter Name Change. We received the formal Articles of Amendment on April 8, 2024, from the Arkansas Secretary of State that changes our Chapter name to Ozark Regional Chapter. On April 8, 2024, I emailed, along with a copy of the Articles of Amendment, national MOAA to change our Chapter name on their website. I also sent a letter on April 8, 2024, to the Arkansas Council of Chapters to do the same for their website. National MOAA and the Arkansas Council of Chapters has yet to update our Chapter name on their respective websites.

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. As of March 16th, we have delivered, or have a firm commitment to deliver, the Arkansas US Flag Education Program to fifth graders at all 37 contacted schools in Benton County AR and McDonald County MO. To date, we have taught, scheduled, and remain to be scheduled the following number of students:

- Taught: 3,037
- Scheduled: 1,533
- To Be Scheduled:     0
- **Total**                    **4,570**

b. Through the Bella Vista Honor Guard, we were put in touch with Grimsley Junior High School in Bentonville. We met with a Social Studies teacher on April 10th and have agreed to present to their seventh grade students on May 1st and 2nd, and their eighth grade students on May 15th and 16th. They have a total of 900 seventh and eight grade students.

c. We have a 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.

4. Arvest Account Balances as of April 22, 2024:

- Non-interest Checking: \$ 735.11
- Money Market:            \$1,637.42

• **Total** **\$2,372.53**

There have been no expenses for April 2024. We collected \$120.00 in annual Chapter dues last month.

5. Now that we have received official approval of our name change from the Office of the Arkansas Secretary of State, we need to update the name on our non-interest checking account and money market account at Arvest Bank, and order checks with the new Chapter name and address.

6. I have the business cards to distribute at tomorrow's meeting. If you ordered 50 cards, the cost is \$9.25, and for 100 cards, the cost is \$18.50. The shirts have been ordered and the Chapter logo approved. We do not have a date yet for delivery.

Sincerely,

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