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Minutes of the 2 June 2018 Board of Directors (BoD) Meeting:

BoD Members Present: CDR Balunis, BG Caruana, Col Pecoraro, CAPT Roche, CDR Lichwala, LTC Ventura, LTC Sparacino, LTC McGuire, CWO4 Scalfani, LTC Kreyer, CDR (Fr) Zuffoletto, COL Richard Peters. Excused - MAJ Privitera.

Visitors Present: Ingrid Balunis, JoAnne Lichwala.

Col Pecoraro, Chapter President, opened the meeting at 0850L. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was offered for those currently serving and for members recovering from illness. Due to early departure request, BG Caruana provided an extensive **legislative report** from his trip to Washington, expressing MOAA's goals and information to members of Congress. He met several New York representatives and staff members on Capitol Hill.

Treasurer's Report: CDR Lichwala reported checkbook balance of \$10,859.75 and distributed his treasury report. Sent check of \$300 to MOAA and USAA. Motion made by LTC Ventura to accept Treasurer's report, seconded. Approved unanimously by BoDs. Kirst family (Margaret) sent letter of thanks to Dan and MOAA for their great support.

Secretary's Report: Motion made by CDR Lichwala to accept report, seconded by LTC Sparacino. Motion carried. February 2017 minutes approved unanimously by BoDs.

Membership Report: Col Pecoraro – no new online members reported.

Personal Affairs Report: CWO4 Scalfani discussed new VA issued ID cards. One must apply for the new VA card. Have DD-214 ready. Discussed .45 caliber surpluses.

Newsletter: JoAnne Lichwala reported that Sept 21, 2018 will be deadline to accept next newsletter entries. Tailgate party will be held 11 November 2018 at VA Medical Center, Buffalo. Motion made by LTC Sparacino, seconded by CAPT Roche, to spend \$450 for pizza for Veterans at hospital. Motion carried. Plan on the first Saturday in December for annual MOAA anniversary party to be held at Salvatore's Italian Gardens in Lancaster.

ROTC/JROTC Awards: LTC Kreyer discussed leadership medals and info on 39 gold bar sets. Discussion ensued on value of bars donations for future MOAA membership enticements. Offer card program instead? Debate to be continued.

Events/Activities – Armed Forces Week: CDR Balunis provided an update on the 2018 NYS Council of Chapters Convention that will be conducted at the Niagara Falls Reserve Air Force Base from 10-13 September, 2018. Security posture has tightened. Thanked CPT Roche for his BECNMP assistance for memorial service at NFARS. Motion made by CDR Lichwala, seconded by LTC Ventura, to support council with \$150. Garden Party at Welland Canal on June 23rd was a great success and those who attended really enjoyed meeting our Canadian Forces brothers in arms. Stand down event sponsored by VA on June 21st at Key Bank Center received kudos.

OTHER BUSINESS: Next WNY MOAA Chapter Board meetings confirmed – 1 September, and 24 November, 2018. By Laws – revisions being made. Contact BG Caruana or Col Pecoraro for bylaw suggestions/comments. Motion made to adjourn at 1020L, seconded by LTC Ventura, and unanimously approved by the BoDs.

Respectfully submitted,

Terry McGuire, LTC, U.S. Army (Ret), Secretary 