

Minutes of the April 2010 Board of Director's Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: President Ron Perkins called the meeting to order at 1035 hours, Thursday, April 1, 2010, at the State Veteran's Home on North Third Street in Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Dan Conway, Beth Cullison, Marie Fredricks, Ron Green, Gregg Maxon, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher, Terry Tassin, Kathy Upchurch, Rob Welch and Ron Worthington.

Minutes: The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Director's meeting (March) were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported that the chapter accounts stand at: \$9,408.71 in the general fund, \$12,361.34 in the scholarship fund for a total of \$21,770.05.

JROTC Medals: Terry Tassin has distributed the medals and scheduled presenters to all schools except Sandra Day O'Connor. He will follow up again and once they select a cadet, he will be done.

Legislative: Ron Perkins reported for Gary Fredricks. The National MOAA website now has a list of about 20 Q&As addressing many of the areas of concern and confusion about National Health Care Reform.

Auxiliary: Kathy Upchurch is making calls to encourage auxiliary members to attend and participate in our chapter luncheons and activities.

Membership:

Give Me Ten Campaign: Ron Perkins reported National has given us credit for signing up four *Give Me Ten* National members. Dan Conway again suggested everyone carry a membership packet at all times which makes it easier to recruit members on the spot.

Membership Renewal: Dan Conway has contacted or attempted contacts with members that had not yet renewed. Dan's efforts paid off with eight additional renewals and identified members who will not be renewing. Based on the most current information, Beth Cullison reported 181 members have renewed out of our current list of 187 members. Various board members agreed to follow up with the six remaining members.

Recruiting: John Ady will schedule a recruiting subcommittee meeting. The board discussed the multiple lists from National which Beth sorted to remove duplicates and created two spreadsheets from the 4,998 names provided. We now have two lists to work from: 197 names that showed up only once and 146 names that showed up on only two lists. Rob Welch volunteered to contact those with an Anthem address. The subcommittee will work with these scrubbed spreadsheets to recruit new chapter members. The board agreed to aim for 210 or more members in 2010.

Newsletter: April's *The Sentinel* was distributed earlier this week and we discovered that Cox is apparently blocking these as SPAM but not sending an error message to Jim Cullison. Beth agreed to work with Jim to build multiple e-mailing lists for cox.net customers in the hopes that Cox will then accept and forward e-mails from the Cullisons. This means *The Sentinel* and meeting minutes or correspondence from Jim and Beth are not reaching members using cox.net.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway has been working with another individual to help them with an issue. John Ady suggested, and the board agreed, that Dan conduct another workshop for members in the future.

Arrangements: Marie provided excellent flyers for the July 17th dinner and play, *Footloose*. Information was included in the April *Sentinel* and Marie will provide a flyer for the next luncheon meeting to encourage participation.

Programs: Ron Perkins reminded us that Paul Schnur will be our speaker on April 17th. All agreed Chuck Schluter does a fantastic job lining up interesting programs and speakers for our general meetings. Anyone with recommendations for future speakers should contact Chuck.

Scholarships: Ron Worthington obtained twelve scholarship candidates. Ron explained with slightly over \$12,000 in the scholarship fund, based on chapter guidelines, we would award six \$1,000 scholarships. The scholarship committee, Ron Worthington, Terry Tassin, Ron Green, Rob Welch & Bill Roscher, reviewed the applications and recommended six candidates. After reviewing the recommendations with the board, Ron said there was a seventh candidate also very deserving but to award that person would mean exceeding 50% of our scholarship fund. Gregg Maxon made a motion seconded by Rob Welch, to waive the 50% limit for this year only, and award a seventh scholarship. The motion passed unanimously. John Ady then moved and Terry Tassin seconded we award seven \$1,000 scholarships to the top seven candidates recommended by the

scholarship committee. The motion passed unanimously. Bill Roscher will follow-up with Sanderson Ford to possibly contribute \$1,000 and Dan Conway will check with TriWest. Both will get back to Ron Perkins with decisions so Ron can make up certificates if they contribute. Scholarships will be presented at our May meeting to:

Anthony Rios-Gurrola, North High, Army
Jacob Hernandez, South Mountain High, Army
Jaryd Kayle Burt, Sandra Day O'Connor High, Air Force
Feather Rain Alcantar, Alhambra High, Army
Peyton Sullivan, Sandra Day O'Connor, Air Force
Michael Meyer, Cortez High, Navy
Kyle Gabrielson, Cactus High, Air Force

Old Business:

AVHOF (Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame) Nominations: Our Chapter has three nominations for selection to the AVHOF: Gary Fredricks, Ron Green, and Rance Farrell. Chuck Schluter is sending write-ups for Gary & Rance. General Carl Schneider will send the nomination write-up for Ron Green. Jim Cullison will write an article for publication in Military Officer Magazine on those selected.

Memorial Day Color Guard: Bill Roscher will be out of town so John Ady will check to see if he can participate. Dan Conway will bring the flags and Beth Cullison will take pictures.

New Business:

Messengers Mortuaries: Messengers Mortuaries will be sponsoring a hole for our April golf tournament. The mortuary is interested in collecting used cell phones to trade in for Minutes for Troops. The board agreed to have them speak at a future board meeting. Kathy Upchurch may have information to submit an article for *The Sentinel* for members to contribute.

Communications Awards: Ron Perkins reported *The Sentinel* was first runner up for a chapter newsletter and our website won second runner up for chapter websites.

Golf Tournament: Pat Dale has done an outstanding job with 90 participants signed up for the April 9th spring tournament. This will be our largest turnout yet. Jim Cullison will be there to take pictures.

2010 AZ State NG Conference: This year's National Guard Conference is planned for May 21 & 22 at the Arizona Grand Resort, starting at 1600 hours. Ron Perkins will receive the materials needed possibly including a banner. We will have membership applications available to recruit new members. Terry Tassin suggested Ron Perkins send an e-mail to other chapters asking if they want to provide information or staffing as not all potential members will reside in our chapter area and should be referred to another chapter.

Inputs for the Five Star of Excellence Award due 1 June: Ron will draft a write-up and send to board members for additional input.

Website domain problem: Our chapter website is currently off-line and Tom Houser has been told it will take seven to ten business days to retrieve and get back on-line. Tom suggested we move to another registry site in 2011 such as *Go Daddy* because they are about half price.

Luncheon meeting greeters:

April – Ron & MaryKay Worthington
May – Gary & Marie Fredricks, Kathy Upchurch

Good of the Order, Roundtable:

StandDown: Ron Green said there is an event planned for April 21, 22 & 23 to work with homeless vets. The event is geared towards employers and training is scheduled for April 19th. Because our chapter is not an employer, we will not be participating in the event.

Luncheon Meetings: Rob Welch mentioned he and his wife, Veronica, are basically vegetarians although they eat chicken, fish and pork. Marie Fredricks will contact McCormick Ranch in advance of our monthly luncheon meetings with any special dietary needs for specific attendees.

Veterans Support: Kathy Upchurch works tirelessly to support veterans and their families. She receives notices for many activities and agreed to send information to Ron Perkins for distribution to our members and/or write articles for submission to *The Sentinel* when appropriate.

Membership: Dan Conway requested several of us meet to work on contacting potential chapter recruits. He also shared there is a MOAA Alaskan cruise planned for September 24th that promises to be a great trip.

Veterans Fair: Gregg Maxon shared that Congressman Harry Mitchell will host a Veterans Outreach Fair on April 17th.

Veterans Clinic: Per Gregg Maxon, the Phoenix School of Law has approval for a Veterans Legal Clinic planned to start in the August 2010 timeframe. Gregg also shared that a candidate for Tempe City Council appeared on a poster in a Marine uniform. This disrespects the uniform and should never be used as a prop for political campaigning. The candidate lost.

Next BOD Meeting: 6 May 2010

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1215 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Cullison, Secretary