

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

Call to Order: President Ron Perkins called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, March 4, 2010, at the State Veteran's Home on North Third Street in Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Dan Conway, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Gary 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 (February) were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported that the chapter accounts stand at: \$8,563.21 in the general fund, \$12,230.34 in the scholarship fund for a total of \$20,793.55.

Auxiliary: Kathy Upchurch said she has called auxiliary members and there is interest in having an auxiliary member meeting including spouses. She will keep us updated on plans.

Historian: Jim Cullison is preparing additional material for our chapter website.

JROTC Medals: Terry Tassin has distributed the medals to all schools except Sandra Day O'Connor. Once they select a cadet, he will be done.

Legislative: Gary Fredricks explained Arizona's focus is currently on the state budget. At the national level, the 21% cut in TRICARE & Medicare doctor payments is still an issue and he is hoping Congress will take action to address. It may simply be addressed by yet another delay. There was a brief discussion about a national health care bill and potential impacts to TRICARE and Medicare.

Membership:

Recruiting: Gary Fredricks suggested we recruit Corey Harris as a new chapter member. Corey replaced John Tymczyszyn as military liaison for Congressman Harry Mitchell as John left the position, and our chapter, to pursue a law degree in Seattle. Ron Perkins will call Col. Lee Lange for an updated list of National MOAA members that have moved into our area. Ron will also send multiple lists from National to Beth for sorting and removing duplicates so we have a clean list for member recruitment. There was further discussion on various methods of contacting potential members such as phone calls, letters, and follow-up calls.

Give Me Ten Campaign: Dan Conway suggested everyone carry a membership packet at all times which makes it easier to recruit members on the spot.

Membership Renewal: Beth Cullison reported three new members recently joined and 151 (76%) of our now 198 members have renewed for 2010. Dan Conway has been sending letters to those who have not renewed which has helped boost the renewals. Beth will send an updated roster to Dan, Kathy Upchurch and Ron Perkins.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison prepared an article and photo sent to *Military Officer Magazine* about our chapter's involvement in the StandDown event.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway has been working with an individual who has had questions on their trust and an IRA.

Arrangements: Marie was not able to join today's board meeting but Ron Perkins made a point of thanking Marie for all her work. Her efforts are very much appreciated.

Scholarships: Ron Worthington explained the application process is underway and he has spoken with each senior military advisor. He has received two applicants to date, out of a possible 20. With a drop dead date of March 25, he is now working the third iteration of follow-up calls. Ron expects about 10 to 12 applications. The scholarship committee will review the applications on March 27 and bring their recommendations to the April BOD meeting. Scholarships will be presented at our May meeting. There are currently no corporate scholarship sponsors but Bill Roscher has contacted Sanderson Ford with a request for \$1,000 and will follow-up on their decision. Sanderson has said if they donate, they will publicize it and present a scholarship at the May meeting. Any sponsor would also receive a certificate from our chapter which they could display. Dan Conway suggested TriWest as a possible sponsor and that we identify other potential sponsors.

Old Business:

AVHOF Nominations: The Chapter is nominating Gary Fredricks for selection to the AVHOF, and Chuck Schluter is working on the write-up.

Status of Chapter Name Change with IRS: Bill indicated there should not be any problems updating the IRS records to show our chapter as MOAA rather than TROA.

New Business:

Sub for March 20th Luncheon: Ron Perkins will not be available for our March 20th general meeting; however Gregg Maxon agreed to fill in for Ron.

Spring Golf Tournament: Pat Dale told Ron Perkins he is looking for a good turnout at the April 9th golf tournament. Jim Cullison will be there to take pictures. There was discussion on finding help to support Pat in pulling together these tournaments.

Memorial Day Color Guard: Ron Perkins, Ron Worthington, Bill Roscher and Jim Cullison agreed to participate. Ron Perkins will contact Paul Fein to participate as well. Beth Cullison will take pictures.

2010 AZ State NG Conference: Ron Perkins received an e-mail inviting chapter recruiting at the May 21 - 23 conference to be held in Phoenix this year. Our chapter will host the recruiting table and receive credit for any National member we sign up. Ron was told National will provide everything including tablecloths. The tables will be positioned inside so all presentations can be heard. Jim Cullison, Gregg Maxon, Bill Roscher and Rob Welch volunteered to man the table.

Luncheon meeting greeters:

March – Jim & Beth Cullison

Future meetings - Kathy Upchurch will recruit greeters from the Auxiliary.

Good of the Order, Roundtable:

Salvation Army: Ron Green said he was at a meeting with General Schneider, chapter member, and learned many veterans are not aware of Salvation Army veteran services. Ron toured the Salvation Army and learned they have a great program providing food and excellent support programs. Ron Perkins added that many still do not know about the StandDown event. Ron has sent feedback from Ron Green suggesting ways to further improve the StandDown.

Activities: Kathy Upchurch reminded us of the upcoming memorial planned at Piastewa Peak March 22 & 23. Kathy shared an article from *Army Echoes* entitled “Survivor Benefit Plan – A Smart Plan for Retirees”. The Gold Star Wives chapter collected over 10,000 pairs of new socks for the Socks for Troops program.

Military Legal Assistance Committee: Gregg Maxon chairs the State Bar’s Military Legal Assistance Committee that is forming plans for next year to support veterans in need of legal assistance. The committee is drafting legislation to propose.

Breaking Ground: Per Gary Fredricks the Tucson Veterans Home groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for March 19 at 1:00 p.m. Ron Worthington mentioned the Pebble Creek Community recently broke ground for a veterans memorial plaza with the purchase of paving stones.

Next BOD Meeting: 1 April 2010

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1158 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Cullison, Secretary