

## Minutes of the January 2011 Board of Director's Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

**Call to Order:** In the absence of President Ron Perkins, incoming President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1037 hours, Thursday, January 6, 2010, at the State Veterans Home on North Third Street in Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** John Ady, Dan Conway, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Rance Farrell, Gary Fredricks, Marie Fredricks, Ron Green, Kathy Upchurch, and Rob Welch.

**Minutes:** The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Directors' meeting (December) were approved.

### **Officer/Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Marie Fredricks reviewed the chapter's accounts provided by Bill Roscher, Treasurer: Scholarship fund is \$10,894.68 and the General Fund is \$10,245.24 plus \$50 in Petty Cash for a total of \$21,189.92. Bill Roscher will write an official letter to add John Ady to the chapter bank account for signature.

**Auxiliary:** Kathy Upchurch has been working to coordinate a Bingo activity at the Veterans Home. She has identified six volunteers to work a monthly Bingo the first Thursday of each month. Although only about five or so volunteers are needed each month, she is looking for more to allow flexibility when someone is unable to attend. It is a fun and easy activity to support and very much appreciated by the veterans. Kathy will develop a flyer to distribute to our membership asking for more volunteers and will also speak at our January luncheon.

**Legislative:** Gary Fredricks pointed to an eight page article in the January edition of *Military Officer* magazine which outlines MOAA's top 2011 legislative goals. They will focus on three issues for Storming the Hill, including fallout from the Deficit Commission, TRICARE and pharmacy fee hikes, and a reversal of planned Medicare/TRICARE payment cuts. Budgets and funding are major issues. There was a general discussion about the future of Social Security & Medicare.

**Membership:** Beth Cullison reported we ended the year with 228 members; 181 regular members and 47 auxiliary members. 85 members or 37% of the membership have already renewed. A copy of the current roster including a membership dues column was included with *The Sentinel* as a reminder to renew membership for 2011. Dan Conway indicated we've signed up about 20 members via the Give Me Ten recruiting program which translates to a couple hundred dollars to our chapter. He will verify with Ron Perkins that we have been compensated by National.

**Newsletter:** *The Sentinel* will be submitted for a communications award and Jim Cullison will select three editions for submission.

**Personal Affairs:** Dan Conway continues to follow up with recent widows/ers to offer support. John Ady asked if Dan would conduct another workshop this year. Dan will include a show of interest request in February's *The Sentinel* and will happily offer the workshop if the interest is there.

**Arrangements:** Marie Fredricks said it is time to renew the contract with McCormick Ranch Golf Club. They have not raised their prices to us for two years. They are now asking for a 25¢ increase to \$19.25. November was a poor showing, some said it was too close to Thanksgiving, so Marie asked if we should move this November's meeting up one week earlier. It was agreed to continue with a BBQ in October at the McCormick Rail Road Park. A motion was made by Kathy Upchurch and seconded by Rob Welch to increase the monthly luncheon charge to \$20; motion passed unanimously. Rob Welch made a motion seconded by Beth Cullison to approve the 25¢ contract increase and the motion was unanimously passed. Kathy Upchurch made a motion to move the November meeting date from the 19<sup>th</sup> to November 12, 2011. Dan Conway seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Marie is also planning a summer outing in June to the Broadway Theater. Kathy Upchurch volunteered to arrive before 11 am for the January luncheon meeting to sell raffle tickets for the scholarship fund.

**Programs:** Captain Billie Walker, former Air America pilot, will be our January 2011 guest speaker. Rob Welch will ensure a projector is available for the meeting. John Ady indicated Chuck

Schluter scheduled programs through May. February's speaker will be LTC Hoyt Slocum, Ops Officer 161<sup>st</sup> AZANG Air Refueling Wing. Col Jill Nelson is confirmed for the March meeting. Col Nelson now commands the Counter Drug Interdiction units of the Arizona National Guard and has picked up command of all units assigned to Border Security.

**Scholarships:** Rob Welch reported all letters have been sent to the 17 schools we support and he is awaiting responses. Dan Conway has been writing to TriWest the last couple of years and receiving \$1,000 for the scholarship fund. Dan will be writing again and plans to request a \$2,000 donation this year. Rob Welch is requesting donations from others including USAA, Express Scripts, and Boeing, which was suggested by Kathy Upchurch.

**Web Master:** Rob Welch received a round of applause for all his work and creativity in developing the new website. Rob requested everyone review their areas of the website and get any revisions and/or updates to Rob ASAP. Rob's goal is to have everything complete and up-to-date by January 31, 2011. Rob thanked everyone for their inputs and will be working on an on-line application form to automatically generate an email to the membership chair anytime an application is submitted. Rance Farrell suggested using PayPal to allow donations, dues, luncheon, and other payments to be made via our website. Rance will provide a contact for Rob to investigate what it would entail. Rob reported he is still updating the scrapbook and plans to include personal security issues as another resource section on the website.

#### **Old Business:**

**Arizona StandDown 2011:** John Ady said the StandDown is scheduled for February 4-6 and volunteers are still needed. Ron Green reiterated a website is available to volunteer your time at <http://azhomelessvets.org/> and click on the *Register to Participate* tab. They are not taking used clothing this time but are looking for bedding such as blankets and sheets.

**Travel Expense:** John Ady read a letter from Ron Perkins requesting airfare reimbursement to represent our chapter at the last National MOAA event. John explained that Ron has paid his own travel expense to several events over the past couple of years and is only asking to be reimbursed for this one trip. Rob Welch made a motion to reimburse Ron and to form a committee to review our current rules which allow travel reimbursement to determine if any revisions should be made. After much discussion the motion was tabled until a committee can review and present a recommendation at the next board meeting. Rob Welch volunteered to chair the committee with Ron Green and Rance Farrell and report back in February.

**Luncheon Meeting Greeters:** Kathy Upchurch has tried but hasn't had any auxiliary members volunteer.  
**January** – Jim & Beth Cullison  
**February** – Ron & Bette Green

#### **New Business:**

**Communications Awards due February 1<sup>st</sup>:** John Ady said *The Sentinel*, Recruiting Brochure & Website will be submitted for awards.

**Installation of 2011 Staff:** The installation of Officers will occur at the January luncheon meeting.

**AZ Council of Chapter Dues:** John Ady explained the Council is increasing dues from 50¢ to \$1 for regular members and initiating a 50¢ fee for auxiliary members. That will cost us approximately \$200 based on our current membership. A motion was made by Dan Conway & seconded by Ron Green which passed unanimously to pay the increased dues. John Ady reminded us our chapter will host the next AZ Council of Chapters meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup>. John had spoken to the state treasurer and learned the host chapter is responsible for some of the expense for the meeting. There was discussion about the timing of the meeting to encourage participants to attend our monthly luncheon meeting the following day. John is chairing a planning committee who will meet following this board meeting to work on logistics.

**Golf Tournament:** Pat Dale is looking for two or three volunteers to help with the golf tournaments. John Ady will ask the general membership to step up.

**Good of the Order, Roundtable:**

**AUSA:** Rance Farrell said he enjoys being a part of our organization. The National AUSA News recognized the recent JROTC & Armed Forces Career Officer Day Luncheon. It was very positive national press about the event. Rance also provided a couple extra AUSA memberships from TriWest to Gary Fredricks and Ron Green.

**Arizona Veterans Advisory Commission:** Gary Fredricks will be busy the next five to six months chairing the AZ Veterans Advisory Commission.

**Next BOD Meeting:** 3 February 2011

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Cullison, Secretary