The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1255 hours, Thursday, 5 September 2002 at American Legion Post #107.

Members Present: Ron Green, Terry Tassin, Raymond Deane, Dan Conway, James Seidl, Charles Schluter, Chet Baumer, Frank & Velma Birtciel, and Bill Adams

Minutes of the last BOD meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer’s Report was read by the President:
- Checking Account = $2590.26
- Anniversary Account = $588.04
- Scholarship Account = $7434.21

Old business included the following reports:

Raymond Deane (Membership) reported the Chapter had a total of 195 members – 44 of which are auxiliary members. 57 new members have been signed up this year to date. Raymond noted that the Chapter Meritorious Service Medals (MSM) are on hand for presentation in November to members. 1st Vice President Raymond Deane will be in charge of the November General meeting and present Chapter Medals.

Personal Affairs (PA) Packets (R. Green) – explained that the contents of the packet would consist of various documents from TROA and other sources to be delivered to a TROA member’s survivor upon death of the member.

New Business.

Legislative (Dan Conway) – Congress is showing a lack of interest to work on Veterans affairs bills since returning to work. At the appropriate time chapter members will be asked to write letters to Congress.

2003 Events Calendar (R. Deane) – proposed calendar presented by the 1st Vice and accepted by the BOD.

1st Vice President Position (R. Deane) – the position of 1st Vice President will become vacant effective 1 January 03. At that time it was recommended by the out going 1st Vice that several of the collateral duties performed this year by the 1st Vice be assumed by several individuals. An appeal will be made at the 21 September General Meeting for volunteers for the following duties: Membership chairperson (recommended this be further broken down to: Recruiting, Rosters, Name Tags, and TAPS co-chairs); Scholarship chairperson (recommended this be broken down to: Scholarship Money Awards, JROTC medals, and Chapter Meritorious Service Medal awards). It was noted that Richard Horn has volunteered to take over the Chapter Meritorious Service Medals but will be asked to transfer to the JROTC medals section. A helper for the annual “Silent Auction” will also be solicited. The function of monitoring the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal (MSM) remains with the 1st Vice President.

Unified AZ Veterans (D. Conway) – noted that Dan Conway and Charles Schluter have been nominated to stand for full terms of office as President and 1st Vice of the AZ Council of Chapters, respectively.

TAPS Chapter Operating Instruction (COI) (Ron Green) - Dan Conway to prepare COI #4 establishing procedures for the Chapter’s $50 donation to the Veterans Home in memory of deceased Chapter members. COI to be incorporated into Chapter rules.

By-Laws Change (R. Green, D. Conway) - Dan Conway has been asked to prepare a By-Laws change recommendation to reflect Chapter Officer terms of office to be one year vice two years. This proposed change would be presented to the general membership in the October 2002 newsletter to be effective with elections held in 2003 for 2004 officers.

October Council Plans (Ron Green) – Plans are progressing on track between the Council and the AZ Chapter TROA for the October meetings. Don Costello (Council Secretary) is working with Ron Green to keep plans on track. Jim Seidl noted that the menu for the Chapter October meeting on 25 Oct would be Italian.

Web Master Change (Ron Green) – it was noted that TOM HOUSER has assumed the duties of Chapter Web Master and has incorporated The Sentinel into the TROA chapter web site by hyper link. An additional multi-page Chapter Web site will be designed and installed which will allow for an expanded presentation of Chapter activities.
Other Business:
None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1405 hours.

Submitted,

Terry Tassin, Secretary