

Minutes of the Board of Directors, Arizona Chapter TROA

6 February 2003

The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 PM, Thursday, 6 February 2003 at American Legion Post #107.

Members Present: Ron Green, Terry Tassin, Dan Conway, Frank & Velma Birtciel, Richard Horn, Arthur Parker, William Johnson, James Seidl, Dolly Bleckick, Charles Schluter and Chet Baumer.

Minutes of the last Board Of Directors meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report indicated the following status of fund accounts:

Checking:	\$ 4411.64
Scholarship:	\$10512.67
50th Anniversary:	\$ 766.02
TOTAL ACCOUNTS:	\$15690.33

Old business included the following reports:

Membership (Ron Green)– noted that the current chapter membership is 160. The number of members not having renewed their membership is 52. Dues delinquent members will be telephoned by Dolly Bleckick prior to 1 March to encourage their continued membership. The use of a system of sending a dues invoice/bill to delinquent members was discussed for possible implementation.

Chapter Award Update (Ron Green) – to prepare the first draft of the awards matrix, which will then be proofread by Dan Conway before sending a smooth report to National MOAA. The report is due no later than 1 April. It was noted that the input for consideration for the newsletter award has already been forwarded to National MOAA for consideration.

Staff Volunteer Status (Ron Green) – it was noted that Gary Fredricks has volunteered to take on the duties of 1st Vice President. The search for a full time Membership Chairman continues.

Web Site Update (Ron Green) – discussion was held concerning the Web Master's (Tom Houser) proposal for a more comprehensive Web Host for our web site. **MOTION:** Accept "ReadyHosting.Com" as the new Chapter web-hosting provider. **PASSED – UNANIMOUSLY.** A proposed list of domain names were prepared and will be sent to the Web Master for his action.

New Business

April General Meeting (Jim Seidl) – The April guest speaker will be General Fogleman, former Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force. In order to accommodate the guest speaker's schedule, the April General meeting date has been changed to 3 April. The menu will consist of Yankee Pot Roast. The normal meeting information will be listed in the March newsletter – for the April meeting - in order to provide enough time for members to make their dinner reservations. The April Board of Director's Meeting will be moved to 2 April.

Legislative Update & Bob Hope Tribute (Dan Conway) – At the Federal level, MOAA has taken on as their first priority the improving of the Survivor Benefit Plan. The "Storming of the Hill" effort will take place on 27 March. Of note at the State level, a "Bill" is going to the Legislature to set-up a fund to support the State Veterans Cemetery at Sierra Vista, AZ. Additionally, State Senator Jim Waring is introducing a "Bill" to allow the handicap emblem on Purple Heart auto license plates to be a No Extra Cost item. To support the effort to raise a "Bob Hope Tribute" in San Diego, CA, each AZ State MOAA member is being asked to donate at least \$5 no later than 15 March 2003. The money from all members will be combined by the AZ Council of Chapters and forwarded to the Tribute committee.

Chapter Stationary (Dan Conway) – New MOAA generic stationary has been made available to all chapters within the State of Arizona. Chapter members needing stationary in the pursuit of their official chapter duties should contact the President, Ron Green.

Scholarship Update (Richard Horn) – the Board of Directors voted to make the JROTC Scholarships for this award period all \$1000 each.

Military Retiree's Ready Reference of Telephone Numbers (Terry Tassin) – It was agreed to place the numbers listing on our Web Site for use by any concerned individuals. Permission from the author has been received. This is a 40 page listing of useful numbers.

AZ Veteran's Hall of Fame (Chuck Schluter) – it was noted that the WWII writer/reporter, Bill Mauldin, had recently passed away. He was perhaps best known for his writings covering the war from the “Dog Face’s” point of view. Chuck proposed – and it was accepted – that our Chapter put Bill Mauldin up for consideration for induction into the AZ Veteran’s Hall of Fame in the Class of 2003.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:25 PM.

Submitted, Terry Tassin, Secretary