

## Minutes of the Board of Directors, Arizona Chapter MOAA

6 March 2003

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

**Members Present:** Ron Green, Terry Tassin, Dan Conway, Frank & Velma Birtciel, Richard Horn, James Seidl, Dolly Blecick, Charles Schluter, Jim Seidl 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:	\$ 4524.88
Scholarship:	\$10564.67
50th Anniversary:	\$ 766.02
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS:</b>	<b>\$15855.57</b>

Old business included the following reports:

**Membership (Ron Green)**– noted that the current total chapter membership is 194 and recruiting continues through mail-outs.

**Staff Volunteer Status (Ron Green)** – it was noted that Gary Fredricks the new 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President will be relocated in the Fountain Hills area on 5 April. The search for a full time Membership Chairman continues.

**Banking Accounts (R. Green)** – noted that the transfer of Chapter funds into a new account at Wells Fargo bank has been completed and incorporates our name change to Arizona Chapter, MOAA.

### 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 April Board of Director's Meeting is moved to 2 April.

**Legislative Update (Dan Conway)** – The "Storming of the Hill" effort will take place on 27 March in Washington DC. Dan Conway and Chuck Schluter will be in attendance. Of note at the State level, State Senator Jim Waring's "Bill" to allow the handicap emblem on Purple Heart auto license plates to be a No Extra Cost item is progressing rapidly through the Legislature.

**Web Site Update (Ron Green)** – stated that the Web Master had requested a decision on whether or not Chapter member's names and cities should be included on the web site. Board of Director's determined that privacy concerns dictated that we not post the roster on the web site. It was noted that Links and Chapter History required input and responsible individuals would be notified.

**Chapter 2003 Goals (Ron Green)** – The Board of Director's voted Unanimously for establishing the following goals for the AZ Chapter for year 2003.

1. Support National MOAA in its goals/issues. Some of which are:
  - Comparable wages for Active Military.
  - Increase of Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) from 35% to 55%.
  - Improved Healthcare, including increase in Medicare payments.
  - Separate DIC payments from SBP.
2. Maintain / increase participation in Unified Arizona Veteran's (UAV) affairs.
3. Maintain participation in the Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame (HOF).
4. Fully develop the Chapter Web site and expand into a separate system with our own domain name. [www.azchaptermoaa.com](http://www.azchaptermoaa.com)
5. Continue active involvement in the JROTC Awards and Monetary Scholarship programs.
6. Increase membership in the Chapter by gaining 25 Arizona National Guard and Reserve officers to become members of the AZ Chapter.
7. Increase Chapter involvement in Personal Affairs and provide help for the family after a Chapter member's death.

**Good of the Order:**

**COL Charles Schluter** commented on the following items to the BOD:

- Gave his complements to the Board, Chapter volunteers and Auxiliary members who contribute of themselves for the betterment of all.
- Noted that our Chapter will put Bill Mauldin, WWII writer/cartoonist, up for consideration for induction into the AZ Veteran's Hall of Fame in the Class of 2003.
- Stressed that all members should bring their donations for the Bob Hope Memorial to the 15 March General meeting.
- Noted that as a board member of National MOAA he has been assigned to the Membership Committee. Additionally, he is a member of the Guard/Reserve Action Team where many issues and much correspondence have been generated. Presently of primary concern for the AZ Army National Guard are the issues of ROPMA (Officer promotion issues) and ID Theft - the Services may do away with the use of social security numbers as ID numbers and revert to the practice of assigning separate ID numbers to members of the military. Additional related issues are: differences caused by terms such as "Active Duty" vs. "Active Service".

**LtCol Ron Green** noted that the Chapter needed more desk flag sets to use as Presenter gifts. He also stated that efforts were underway to acquire a new Chapter flag.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Submitted, Terry Tassin, Secretary