

Minutes of the Board of Directors Arizona Chapter MOAA

1 May 2003

The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:23 PM, Thursday, 1 May 2003 at American Legion Post #107.

Members Present: Ron Green, Tom Houser, Chuck Schluter, Bill Johnson, Frank & Velma Birtciel, James Seidl, Dolly Bleckick, Gary Fredricks, Art Parker and Chet Baumer. Guest: Dennis Tuffin.

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

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

Checking:	\$ 4103.82
Scholarship:	\$10708.67
50th Anniversary:	\$ 806.02
TOTAL ACCOUNTS:	\$15618.51

Disbursements:
\$150.00 Bob Hope Tribute
\$ 50.00 TAPS Donation-Ray Hitzel

Old business included the following reports:

Membership - Ron Green noted that the current total chapter membership is 202 including 50 Auxiliary members and 7 new members for 2003. The Chapter's TAPS donation of \$50 has been sent to the AZ Veteran's Donation Fund in deceased member Ray Hitzel's name. Chuck Schluter indicated that the New Membership focus is to create new ways to reach out to Active, Guard, and Reserve members. The first step will be distributing the MOAA's "Today's Officer" magazine to our local units. Goal is to gain 25 new members from the Active/Reserve/Guard community. Membership Chairman – Paul Fein – has made Chapter contact labels for the magazines.

Web Site - Tom Houser, the Web Master, gave a report on the status of the Chapter web site and his coordination with the web masters of the other Arizona MOAA chapters. An automated AZ Chapter Membership Application form will be made part of the AZ Chapter web site. A group picture of the Board of Directors and photos of individual board members will be incorporated into the site.

New Business

June General Meeting - Because of difficulties with meeting at the Executive Park Hotel a new meeting location will be tried. Jim Seidl announced that the dinner meeting would be on 26 June at Treulich's Restaurant, 5020 N. Black Canyon Highway, Phoenix. (I-17 & Camelback Rd). Cost will be \$16.00 per person. The guest speaker will be Mr. Russell Helwig and his topic is "Lead From the Heart".

Historian – Frank Birtciel, reviewed recent entries into the History portion of the Chapter web site.

Financial Scholarship Presentations – In the absence of the Chapter President, 1st Vice President Gary Fredricks, assisted by Scholarship Chairman Dick Horn, will present \$1000 checks and certificates to the five scholarship recipients at the May General meeting. Each student will speak briefly. Photos will be taken for use by the Historian, the Newsletter Editor and on the Chapter web site.

Legislative – Chuck Schluter presented his observations and comments of the "Storming the Hill" effort in Washington, DC on 27 March. Additionally, he indicated that a committee of four people would be formed to assist our Legislative Chairman – Dan Conway. A Help Wanted ad will be placed in an upcoming *Sentinel* to solicit volunteers.

MOAA Gift Shop – It was noted that the National MOAA gift shop inventory has been drastically modified. Of particular note is the discontinuance of the Desk Flag sets, and Red, White and Blue medals with ribbons.

Chapter Flag Review – It appears that the MOAA chapter flag designs require change. This item was tabled for future discussion of possible revisions.

Newsletter “Shells” – New shells are needed in time for the next Chapter season. The number of shells to be ordered will be dependent upon whether or not there is a price break for a larger number of shells printed. Item tabled for discussion in June.

Memorial Day Events – It was noted that Dan Conway has registered our Chapter to participate with our Color Guard in the National Cemetery Memorial Day event. Dan Conway, as President of the AZ Council of Chapter, will be on the podium. Past President Chuck Schluter will be placing the Council wreath. Four volunteers are needed for the Color Guard.

June Board of Directors Meeting – Thursday, 12 June has been tentatively set for the next Board of Directors meeting.

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None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:57 PM.

Submitted, Terry Tassin, Secretary