In the absence of the President, the 3rd Vice President - James Seidl - called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:48 PM, Tuesday, 4 November 2003 at American Legion Post #107.

Members Present: Terry Tassin, Paul Fein, Frank & Velma Birtciel, Dolly Blecick, Richard Horn, Dan Conway, Chuck Schluter, Art Parker, Paul Fein, Chet Baumer, and James Seidl.

Reading of the previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting was waived.

The Treasurer’s Report (by phone) indicated the following status of fund accounts:

- Checking: $2728.15
- Scholarship: $6263.79
- 50th Anniversary: $1539.02
- TOTAL ACCOUNTS: $10530.96

Old business included the following reports:

Membership - Paul Fein noted that the current total chapter membership is 202 including 50 Auxiliary members and 15 new members for 2003. He noted that 31% of the membership have renewed their memberships to date under the Early Bird program.

Web Site Status - Terry Tassin noted that several updates and upgrades have been added to the AZ Chapter web site since the last meeting.

Chapter Operating Instructions (COI) - Several updates to Chapter Operating Instructions have been made and several continue to be processed. The approval of updates and new COIs was deferred to a later date.

New Business

2003 Chapter Meritorious Service Awards (MSA) - Motion made and PASSED UNANIMOUSLY to accept the MSA Citations as prepared by 1st VP Gary Fredricks with minor spelling corrections. The following are the recipients of this years MSA’s. First time medal recipients: Thomas Houser, Terry Tassin, Richard Horn, Dolly Blecick (Auxiliary), Mrs. Chris Magadan. Second time recipients (Oak Cluster): Ronald Green, James Seidl, Frank Birtciel, Charles Schluter, Chester Baumer. Awards will be presented at the November General meeting.

General Meeting Info – A luncheon meeting is scheduled for 22 November at McCormick Ranch. The program will consist of the meeting, nominations and election of Officers for 2004, and the presentation of Chapter Meritorious Service Awards. The 18 December Christmas meeting will be our annual dinner meeting with the Silent Auction fund raiser to support Chapter activities and will be held at the Sunshine Hotel & Resort. Cost of the December meal will be $19.

Legislative – Dan Conway discussed the status of Concurrent Receipt. The information as presented in the November Sentinel newsletter is still current. A big Well Done to National HQ, Dan Conway and the Military Coalition for their efforts in getting TRICARE for the Guard and Reserves.

Blazer Pocket Shield - Chuck Schluter to look into getting permission from National MOAA to use the MOAA Shield and have the logo put on caps and Blazer Pocket Shields which may be procured locally.

50th Anniversary Committee - The planning committee will be made up of: Chet Baumer (Chairperson), Chuck Schluter, James Seidl, Raymond Deane, Velma Birtciel, Dolly Blecick, and Betty Baumer. The first meeting of the committee will be held prior to the end of November.

Good of the Order:

Terry Tassin noted that:

*Committee Chairpersons should provide timely monthly update articles in their area of responsibility for inclusion in the Sentinel.

*Procedures for nomination and election of officers at the November meeting will be: James Seidl announces candidates and asks for nomination from the Floor - then he will ask for election by acclamation.

*For presentation of Chapter Meritorious Service Awards: In Charge Overall of the Ceremony and Citation Reader will be 1st VP Gary Fredricks; Award Presenter will be President Ron Green.

*Chuck Schluter proposed a “before the meeting get together” at “Automobiles Water Here” in Scottsdale sometime next Spring. This would allow members to visit a vintage auto collection and then proceed to the luncheon meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 2:50PM.
Submitted, Terry Tassin - Secretary