

December 8, 2005

Minutes of the December 2005 Board of Directors Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 PM, Thursday, December 1, 2005 at American Legion Post #107 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Dan Conway, John Gerometta, Bill Johnson, Frank Birtciel, Velma Birtciel, Gary Fredricks, Terry Tassin, Ron Green, Chet Baumer & Jo Ann Thompson.

Minutes: The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Director's meeting were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Legislative: Gary Fredricks reported that on the national level, the Senate Defense Authorization Bill has been passed and is now in conference committee with the House. Locally, the Arizona Veterans Task Force summarized the major issues at the November 30th meeting and will issue a preliminary report at the December 15th meeting.

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

Checking:	\$ 4,483.52
50 th Anniversary:	\$ 2,214.00
Scholarship:	<u>\$ 5,193.19</u>
Total Accounts:	\$11,890.71

Membership: Dan Conway reported that Carol Culbertson has resigned as Chairman of the Membership Committee. In mid-November he had sent out more than 200 recruitment letters, so far no responses.

Scholarship: Dan Conway reported that Ron Worthington is ready to send out the notification letters in January.

JROTC Medals: Terry Tassin reported that he has taken over the task from Art Parker. In January he will contact the senior JROTC instructor at each school to inform them of the program and enlist their support. He will prepare an article on the program for the January issue of *The Sentinel*.

Newsletter: John Gerometta reported that the newsletter has been sent to the printers and the electronic version was e-mailed on Tuesday. Dan Conway will ask Bernie Conway to write an article on the Mail Order Pharmacy benefit for *The Sentinel*. Terry Tassin will also forward an article for *The Sentinel* about Luke AFB no longer requiring base automobile identification stickers.

Historian: Frank Birtciel will follow up with Tom Houser on including the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame news release on the web site. A discussion followed on Tom Houser's analysis of our web site activity for the month of October 2005. Tom will continue to monitor the web site.

50th Anniversary: Chet Baumer reported that we have contracted with the resort for the event and will be meeting with the resort on the menu later this month. The next meeting of the committee will be on January 11th. The committee will write a formal confirmation letter to VADM Ryan and will ask him to be our keynote speaker. It appears that the cost of the event per person will be between \$50 and \$60 due to the wine needed for toasting.

Auxiliary Affairs: Jo Ann Thompson reported that she is planning a luncheon in the spring.

Old Business:

501(c)(3) Fund Raising: **Dan Conway** reported that in conversations with the IRS, he believes that approval is close at-hand. He is collecting items for the silent auction, which he hopes will be a fun event. Once we receive IRS approval, he will prepare an article for *The Sentinel* reminding members that the Scholarship Fund is now a tax deductible charity. He will also look for a member to spearhead the fundraising effort.

Meritorious Service Awards (MSA): **Gary Fredricks** and **Chuck Schluter**, acting as a committee, recommend the following nominations for this year's MSA.

John Gerometta
Jo Ann Thompson
Bill Johnson (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
Velma Birtciel (First Oak Leaf Cluster)
Terry Tassin (Second Oak Leaf Cluster)

A motion was made and seconded to approve the nominations. The motion was approved with the nominees abstaining.

New Business:

2006 Plans and Goals: **Dan Conway** recommended that we concentrate on the 50th anniversary event and support our on-going activities. He would appreciate any suggestions from the membership.

Membership Chairman: **Dan Conway** will ask either new member **Dee Norton** or **Rosanne Trujillo** to take over the position.

Good of the Order, Roundtable:

Gary Fredricks reported that he had been contacted by the Arizona Veteran affairs Commission to nominate a MOAA member to fill an open position on the committee. He has forwarded the request to the other Arizona chapters for nominations. Nominations are due by December 15th, and if he does not receive any nominations he may nominate himself.

Dan Conway said he will attend the presentation of donations to the National Guard's Family Assistance Fund on December 9th.

Gary Fredricks will attend the Pearl Harbor Day Memorial event on December 7th.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:07 PM.

Submitted, John Gerometta, Secretary