Minutes of the June 2006 Board of Director’s Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 PM, Thursday, June 1, 2006 at American Legion Post #107 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Officer/Committee Reports:

Legislative: Gary Fredricks gave a brief status report of the on-going actions by the Legislature.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Johnson indicated the following status of fund accounts:
- Checking: $4,176.06
- 50th Anniversary: $3,969.00
- Scholarship: $4,928.13
- Total Accounts: $13,073.19

It was noted that 23 tickets have been purchased to date for the 50th Anniversary celebration.

Membership: Dan Conway reported that 250 letters to eligible local area National MOAA members have been mailed out with the result of the Chapter gaining two new members.

Scholarship: Ron Worthington reported on the presentation of scholarships to four cadet recipients at our last general meeting. Copies of photos taken at the luncheon have been sent to Courtesy Chevrolet.

JROTC Medals: Terry Tassin reported that all medals were presented and two Thank-You notes have been received from recipients. Additionally, it was noted that several Chapter presenters have not submitted their “after action” report and a reminder email would be transmitted.

Newsletter: John Gerometta was commended for another excellent issue of The Sentinel for June.

Historian: Frank Birtciel reported the Chapter Color Guard, made up of Tom Houser, Bill Johnson, Frank Birtciel and Paul Fein did a commendable job at the Memorial Day ceremony at the National Cemetery. Frank continues to work on updates for the Chapter Web Site.

Auxiliary: Jo Ann Thompson sent a letter to the 42 Auxiliary members of the Chapter inviting them to attend and/or contribute to the 50th Anniversary celebration. To date, two members have responded positively. Jo Ann Thompson will provide a note for The Sentinel encouraging Auxiliary members to answer her letter and to attend the celebration

50th Anniversary: The sending of invitations to additional dignitaries was approved. A draft invitation letter to the Governor was discussed. The 50th Anniversary Project Plan, with emphasis on formal invitations to dignitaries, was discussed in detail. Dan Conway discussed methods whereby Chapter members who are reluctant to drive at night could be enticed to attend the celebration. Some thoughts were: other attending members could provide rides; and the possibility of using Dial-a-Ride services. Chuck Schluter will prepare a note for inclusion in the next The Sentinel in an effort to determine how many members may need rides to the event.

It was noted that arrangements for the Arizona Council of Chapters meeting on 21 October have been made with the resort.
Old Business:
Scholarship 501(c)(3) Fund Raising: Dan Conway reminded all members that we have started a new year for scholarship fund raising.

New Business:
Auxiliary Pins: The Treasurer was directed to procure enough of the new Auxiliary Member pins from National MOAA for presentation to all Chapter Auxiliary members in appreciation of their dedication to the Chapter.
Gift Tumbler Sets: The Treasurer was directed to procure 12 sets of gift tumbler sets for presentation to our guest speakers for the remainder of this year and through next year.

Good of the Order:
* It was noted that the BOD would meet on the regular dates in the months of July and August for the sole purpose of working on the 50th Anniversary event.
* Chuck Schluter noted that the application process for submission of Jim Seidl’s name as a candidate for the AZ Veteran’s Hall of Fame Class of 2006 has been completed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 PM.

Submitted for the Secretary
Terry Tassin