

Minutes of the SEPTEMBER 2007 Board of Director's Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM, Thursday, September 6, 2007 at the State Veteran's Home on N. 3rd St. Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Terry Tassin, Gary Fredricks, Jo Ann Thompson, Pat Dale, Dan Conway, Jim Seidl, Ron Perkins, Chuck Schulter, Bill Johnson, Frank Birtciel, and Velma Birtciel.

Minutes: The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Director's meeting (June 2007) were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Johnson reported the present status of fund accounts:

General Checking:	\$ 5654.28
Scholarship:	<u>\$ 6795.35</u>
Total Accounts:	\$ 12,449.63

Historian: The history portion of the chapter web site is up to date.

Legislative: Federal: The House-passed version of the Children's Health and Medicare Protection Act of 2007 (SCHIP) (H.R. 3162) in addition to increasing coverage of lower-income children under Medicare, would reverse the 9.9% cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to providers that is scheduled to take effect on January 1, 2008. The Senate passed SCHIP bill did not include the Medicare/TRICARE payment fix. **State:** Funding has been approved for twenty more VA counselors and for the Arizona's Veteran's Home

Membership: Dan Conway reported that he had sent out 230 letters to current and past members supporting the "Give Me Ten" program. Terry Tassin reported the chapter has 209 members as of September 6 with 27 new members since the first of the year.

Personal Affairs: Bernie Conway has resigned as personal affairs officer thus leaving the position open. Anyone interested in serving in this position should contact Terry Tassin.

Programs: Ideas for the Christmas Program in December were solicited. Final decision will be made at a later BOD meeting. A speaker for September 15 is still being sought.

Old Business:

Arizona Broadway Theatre 14 July Outing: Much kudos were given to Marie Fredricks for the outstanding outing to the Arizona Broadway Theatre.

Newsletter Editor: A volunteer to fill the Editor position is still being sought.

Arizona Veteran's Hall of Fame Nominations: Gary Fredricks reported that all nominations were on the Governor's desk awaiting her signature.

Chapter Fund Raising: Chuck Schulter reported that he was still investigating an idea of using E-Bay as a fund raising project. Additional information will be presented at the October 4 Board meeting.

New Business:

Level of Excellence Award: Terry Tassin reported that the chapter had received a five star Level of Excellence Award from the MOAA's Council and Chapter Affairs Committee. The chapter was recognized for its exemplary performance. The Five Star Streamer will be presented to the Chapter by VADM Ryan at the Tucson Chapter's 50th Anniversary celebration on October 27.

Report on 21 September Golf Tournament: Pat Dale reported that the current list of participants is low. Chapter golfers are encouraged to sign up and bring a friend. See the September Sentinel for the golf tournament details. The chapter will also continue to have two golf tournaments a year for the scholarship fund raising program.

BOD Meeting Location: Future BOD meetings will be at the State Veteran's Home on N. 3rd Street in Phoenix.

Meeting Greeters: Greeters for September are Ron Perkins and Chester Baumer.

Proposed Changes to the bylaws and COI's: Terry Tassin will send out all the proposed changes to the bylaws and COI's to the chapter members so that a vote by the general membership can be taken at the October general meeting.

AZ Council of Chapters meeting/Tucson's 50th: Several chapter members and their wives have signed up to attend the October 27th meeting and evening banquet.

Chapter Meritorious Service Award: Ron Perkins reported for Ron Worthington (chair) that several nominations were being made and that the awards committee would present those names to be considered by the board at the next BOD meeting in October.

Nominating Committee for 2008 Officer Candidates: Chuck Schulter reported that letters would be sent out to all members soliciting their interest in any chapter office. A motion was made to provide funding to pay for the postage. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 PM

Submitted,
Ron Perkins, AZ Chapter MOAA Secretary