

Minutes of the JANUARY 2008 Board of Director's Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM, Thursday, January 3, 2008 at the State Veteran's Home on N. 3rd St. Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Terry Tassin, Gary & Marie Fredricks, Chet Baumer, Ron Perkins, Chuck Schluter, Ron Green, Dan Conway, Bill Johnson, and Ron Drew.

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

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Johnson gave a review of the 2007 income and expenses and reported the present status of fund accounts:

General Checking:	\$5358.23
Scholarship:	\$7972.39
Total Accounts:	\$13,330.62

Bill asked the board if they would purchase the software "Quick Books" for \$199.99 to be used in maintaining the Chapter's books. Chet Baumer motioned that the board purchase the software. Gary Fredricks seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Bill is also looking for a volunteer to be his assistant at keeping the Treasurer's books. If interested contact Terry Tassin 623-931-1546

Auxiliary: Marie Fredricks reiterated Jo Ann Thompson's concern last month that auxiliary members were not attending the monthly luncheon possibly due to transportation problems. Terry Tassin will put an article in the February Sentinel offering assistance and transportation to those in need. Those needing transportation can contact Ron Drew for assistance 602-493-8806.

Historian: We are looking for a volunteer to take over the Historian duties. If interested contact Terry Tassin 623-931-1546.

JROTC Medals: Terry Tassin reported that he has all the required medals and has the letters ready to send out to the schools. He needs volunteers for presentations at the annual JROTC award ceremonies. If you are interested, contact Terry Tassin 623-931-1546.

Membership: 90 of 211 members have paid their 2008 dues. Dan Conway will start mailing out reminder letters after the 19 January 2008 luncheon. Chuck Schluter suggested that we check into the possibility of attending the AZ National Guard Annual Meeting in conjunction with the National MOAA representative for recruiting potential new members. Chuck will check into the possibility.

Legislative: Gary Fredricks reported that the Federal and State Legislatures would be returning to work next week. Gary Fredricks expressed concern over the Medicare/Tricare potential payment cuts to doctors. Instead of a 9.9% payment cut in January, Medicare and TRICARE doctors will see a 1% increase - for 6 months. However, if Congress doesn't find the money to extend the fix during the first half of next year (which won't be any easier in an election year than it was in 2007), an 11% payment cut will kick in on July 1.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway reported that new and useful information would be coming out in the future Sentinels.

Programs: Chuck Schluter reported the program for January will be 1LT Frank Helton of the AZ Rangers. The Rangers contribution to the lore of the past and the law of today remains akin to legend. For the February program, Jean McFarland, a prominent local Business Woman and member of the National Speakers Association, will discuss, "*Bullies in the Work Place*". The board is also considering working with the ESGR and recognizing civilian employers at the September luncheon. Chuck Schluter will research and report back to the board on the feasibility of doing this.

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks reported about the costs for having an evening function vice the luncheon for special events next year. Due to the large increase in costs per meal, Dan Conway made a motion to cancel the previous motion of two evening functions next year, one in October and the other one in December. Chet Baumer seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Marie also reported that the Chapter is set for the AZ Broadway Theater on July 12, 2008 to see the "*Music Man*". Tickets will cost \$47 per person. She also announced that the musician Don Ford is scheduled to perform at next year's Christmas program.

Old Business:

Terry Tassin reported the shipment of 10 Tumbler sets has been received.

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

New Business:

Installation of 2008 staff: Past President Dan Conway will swear in the new 2008 staff at the January 19 luncheon.

January Guest Speaker Luncheon costs of guest: Terry Tassin made a motion to pay for the guest speaker and his guests. Dan Conway seconded the motion and the motion was passed unanimously.

Request for financial support for Trevor Browne HS JROTC: Terry Tassin reported that he had received the request and responded that the chapter supports the valley JROTC programs through \$1000 college scholarships. He offered several other possible ways for the school to consider for finding support for their specific request of attending a National Drill Meet in Florida.

Communication Awards submission: Suspense is early February. Terry Tassin, Chuck Schluter, Gary Fredricks and Tom Houser will coordinate on the submission package.

AZ Council of Chapter Dues: Bill Johnson reported that he had sent in the Chapters dues.

Luncheon Greeters for December: Chet Baumer and Ron Perkins

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 PM

Submitted,

Ron Perkins, AZ Chapter MOAA Secretary