

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

Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 1:30 PM, Thursday, March 6, 2008 at the State Veteran's Home on N. 3rd St. Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Terry Tassin, Chet Baumer, Frank & Velma Birtciel, Gary & Marie Fredricks, Dan Conway, Bill Johnson, Ron Perkins, Ron Worthington, and Ron Drew.

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

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Johnson provided a current budget balance sheet with all income listed as well as all expenses to date. He also reported the present status of fund accounts:

General Checking:	\$7070.23
Scholarship:	<u>\$8483.99</u>
Total Accounts:	\$15,554.22

Bill Johnson will auction off two sets of the Phoenix Suns games with a parking pass. The dates are April 6 at 1230 against Dallas and April 16th at 7 PM against Portland. Tickets were donated by Ron Drew and proceeds are to go to the scholarship fund. Bids can be made through e-mail to Bill Johnson or Terry Tassin. The auction will continue through the luncheon on the 15th of March. Starting bid is \$100 per set of tickets. The Treasurer is looking for a volunteer to be his assistant in keeping the Chapter's financial books. If interested contact Terry Tassin 623-931-1546

JROTC Medals: Terry Tassin reported that all award presenters have been identified and all medals have been delivered to the schools as of 6 March.

Legislative: Federal: Gary Fredricks encouraged every member to use the pre-addressed cards to their senators and representative which encouraged them to reject imposing unfair increases of military benefits. The pre-addressed cards can be found on the March issue of the Military Officer. **State:** The state budget deficit is forecast to be about \$1.2 billion dollars. However the veteran's portion is fairly secure except for the hiring freeze which has been applied.

Membership: 165 of 209 members have paid their 2008 dues. To date 44 members have not renewed. Dan Conway has completed the second mail-out of dues reminder letters. Dan will start calling those members who have not renewed their membership as of the 15th of March. Dan Conway sent out 37 **Give Me 10** applications to Reserve Officers in the local area. He also reported that the chapter had received a \$60 check from National Headquarters for the six new members recruited under the **2007 Give Me 10** program.

Newsletter Editor: Jim Cullison has stepped forward and volunteered to be the Sentinel Editor.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway encouraged everyone to read the Personal Affairs article in the monthly Sentinel. This month's article was on Estate Planning.

Scholarships: Ron Worthington reported that all notification letters have been mailed to the schools. However, out of 17 schools there have been no responses to date. Ron is continuing to follow up with the schools to encourage them to energize their cadets who qualify to apply. The deadline for receiving an application is 25 March. There is enough Scholarship money to award a total four scholarships. Scholarship selection committee will consist of Ron Worthington (Chair), Ron Drew, Dan Conway, Chet Baumer and Ron Perkins. There will be a brief committee meeting before the luncheon on the 15th of March.

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks briefed about having entertainment provided by Don Ford at our October and December luncheons. The cost would be \$225. Dan Conway motioned that we book Don Ford for the mentioned dates and the motion was passed unanimously. Marie also proposed the chapter have a silent auction for our October luncheon and a Chinese auction for the December luncheon. The proceeds would go to the scholarship fund.

Programs: Terry Tassin reported that our March speaker would be BG Wayne Hoffman who is our National MOAA Chaplain. His topic is "Facing the Future without Fear". He also reported that our previous speaker had asked for feedback on her presentation of "Bullies in the Work Place". Anyone with inputs should send them by e-mail to Chuck Schluter who will consolidate the inputs for Jean McFarland. The April speaker will be Matt Chitwood who is the grandson of a Battle of the Bulge veteran and Purple Heart Recipient.

Old Business:

Meeting Transportation: Ron Drew reported that only one person had contacted him for a ride to the March luncheon and he will provide them with a ride.

AZ National Guard Annual Meeting: Chuck Schluter will follow up on the possibility of our chapter participating with manning a MOAA information booth.

ESGR presentations: Chuck Schluter is the "lead" officer on this matter. Presentations will take place at either the September or October general meeting. The September meeting would be best for the Chapter.

New Business:

Taps: Notice received of the passing of William Toy. A Memorial donation will be made in his name to the AZ Veterans Home.

AZ Tax Exemption of Military Retired Pay: Dan Conway reported that the goal of getting the State to eliminate the State Income Tax on the military pensions of veterans is a long way off.

5 Star Awards submission: Terry Tassin asked the board to submit inputs to him by the 15th of March so he can complete the chapter's submission package.

Spring Golf Tournament: April 25 with lots of prizes.

Luncheon Greeters for next luncheon meeting: Ron Perkins and Ron Drew

AZ Council of Chapters Meeting: The Tassins, Fredricks, Schluters and the Conways plan to attend

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM

Submitted,

Ron Perkins, AZ Chapter MOAA Secretary