



Minutes of the September 2011 Board of Directors' Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, September 1, 2011, at the State Veterans Home at 4141 N S Herrera Way (North Third Street), in Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Nancy Burt, Dan Conway, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Pat Dale, Rance Farrell, Gary Fredricks, Marie Fredricks, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher, and Rob Welch.

Minutes: The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Directors' meeting (May) were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Bill Roscher summarized the chapter's accounts: General Fund \$10,743.35 plus \$50 Petty Cash, Scholarship Fund \$10,462.51 for a total of \$21,255.86.

Auxiliary & Spouses: John Ady asked Marie Fredricks & Beth Cullison about the status of continuing Bingo at the Veterans Home. We are committed through the end of the year and still need a new Auxiliary Chair to replace Kathy Upchurch.

Legislative Affairs: Gary Fredricks provided an overview of state and federal legislation impacting military. The federal focus is on the deficit. The recommendation from the committee of 12 legislators is due November 23. Gary provided additional details in September's issue of *The Sentinel*. The State legislative session will reconvene in January 2012. Typically 25 to 30 military related bills are introduced. The Council of Chapters will be meeting in November, so Gary urged anyone with ideas to contact John Ady who will take suggestions to the Council.

Membership & Recruiting: Ron Perkins reported membership has grown to a total of 206; 163 regular members and 43 auxiliary members. Fourteen new members have been added since the first of the year. National provided a list of 43 National members that have moved into our area or are new National members living in our area. Pat Dale, Jim Cullison, John Ady and Ron Perkins volunteered to make recruiting calls. Dan Conway suggested encouraging prospective members attend our next luncheon meeting where we can sign them up in person. Dan volunteered to mail out follow-up letters including the picnic flyer. Jim Cullison will revise the picnic flyer to include a reservation form at the bottom of the flyer for Dan. We should assign someone to greet these folks and make them feel welcome at the luncheon. Ron Perkins mentioned anyone expressing transportation as a concern should be offered the share-a-ride option.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway asked if a member is getting divorced, could the now ex-spouse continue as an auxiliary member? There was consensus they would be welcome. Dan and Chet Baumer represented our chapter at Nancy Horn's memorial. A Personal Affairs Workshop is planned for Saturday, October 22. Reservations are required and should be made by contacting Dan Conway (480-368-1427 or e-mail at arizconway@msn.com). Details are provided in *The Sentinel*.

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks reported 20 tickets were purchased for the Broadway Theater outing. Marie suggested we look at other venues due to the increasing ticket price and will research the Musical Instrument Museum (MIM) and Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre as possible alternatives. Marie asked if we want to continue having the Dickens Carolers for the December luncheon. Ron Perkins made a motion seconded by Rob Welch to have them, and the motion was unanimously carried.

Programs: John Ady said Chuck Schluter has all meetings covered through the end of the year. Ron Perkins indicated he recently heard Sheriff Babeu speak and feels he will be a very interesting speaker at our September luncheon meeting.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison published *The Sentinel* for September yesterday. John Ady thanked Jim for issuing an extra one-page publication of *The Sentinel* in June.

Website: Rob Welch is working hard to restore many photos on our website which now has about 92 pages.

Old Business:

Scholarship Program & Bylaws: Rob Welch brought a draft of new scholarship bylaws he worked on with Terry Tassin with input from Bill Roscher and Dan Conway. After much discussion, it was determined to keep the bylaws as simple and flexible as possible. It was also agreed that the scholarships should favor those with military aspirations. Bill Roscher said he must submit the IRS report and file with the Corporation Commission. Rob Welch made a motion seconded by Ron Perkins & Bill Roscher to name John Ady, Bill Roscher as Statutory Agent, and Rob Welch as the three directors for the Scholarship Fund. These three will serve as the three directors by virtue of the fact that they are the President, Treasurer, and Scholarship Chair of the Chapter. The Treasurer also assumes the role as the Statutory Agent as required by the AZ Corporation Commission. The motion was unanimously approved.

Carl Hayden Jr. Army ROTC: The chapter previously provided \$300 to the Carl Hayden Jr. Army ROTC to help cadets attend an event at Mt. Rushmore. The JROTC NCOIC and Battalion Commander will attend our September meeting to briefly discuss their participation.

Fall Golf Outing: Pat Dale gave an overview of plans for the November 10 golf outing. He requested everyone get involved: participate as a player, invite others to participate, sponsor a hole for only \$25, obtain small business sponsors, volunteer to help during the tournament, etc. Ron Perkins worked on a flyer and details are provided in *The Sentinel*. This is the major fund raiser for our scholarship fund.

MOAA Gold Bar Program: John Ady talked about the Gold Bar Program designed to support recruiting new members. John and Rob Welch have made contacts to approach the Papago Training Institute graduating class of new National Guard officers. Gary Fredricks provided some contacts and suggested the current MOAA *Affiliate* publication for possible contacts to move forward. Recipients would be given a set of gold bars and a certificate along with free, one-year memberships in our chapter and National MOAA. Rob Welch indicated our chapter would be a pilot for this version of the program.

Laptop Computer for the Chapter: Ron Perkins has researched many laptop options and proposed the chapter purchase one for use at luncheon meetings and other chapter functions. Ron asked for approximately \$650 for a laptop, software, and carrying case. Rob Welch made a motion to approve \$650 for the purchase which was seconded by Beth Cullison. Marie Fredricks suggested Hewlett Packard currently has some huge sales. Rance Farrell pointed out someone would need to be assigned responsibility for the laptop and recently acquired projector. The motion carried with one opposition.

2012 Board/Chapter Officer's Progress Report: Jim Cullison reported that Jim Draper agreed to serve as a Director and Nancy Burt, after some brief discussion, also agreed to serve as a Director. They will replace Dan Conway and Ron Worthington who will both be missed for their many contributions to the chapter. Bill Roscher agreed to continue as Treasurer if no one else steps up. A replacement is also needed for Beth Cullison, Secretary position and an Auxiliary Chair.

November Meeting Date: Marie Fredricks reminded us the November luncheon meeting was changed to the second Saturday, November 12.

Vets Bingo Thank You: Bill Roscher shared a letter from Colleen Rundell, Administrator for the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, thanking our chapter for supporting monthly Bingo with a \$50 contribution and volunteer support.

New Business:

Annual Meeting – Chapter Scholarship Fund: President John Ady, as a Director of the Scholarship Fund, convened the annual meeting. With no business to discuss the meeting was adjourned with unanimous approval. The fund currently has a balance of \$10,462.51 as previously indicated by Treasurer, Bill Roscher.

MOAA Local Educational Assistance Awards: John Ady received a letter from Laurie Wavering, Program Director for MOAA Educational Assistance. Laurie provided a list of seven students in our area selected to receive educational assistance from the National MOAA Scholarship Fund in the form of interest-free loans or grants. Their purpose is to increase awareness of our chapters and provide well deserved recognition for the students.

2011 MOAA Annual Meeting: John Ady along with his wife will attend the annual meeting in San Antonio, Texas, on October 27 through October 29.

2012 Chapter Meritorious Service Awards: John Ady will establish a committee to review nominations for awards to be presented at the November meeting.

Arizona StandDown: Ron Perkins said our chapter donated \$500 last year to the AZ StandDown Coalition. The AZ StandDown helps over 1,000 homeless Veterans. There are many opportunities to volunteer and volunteering at the state fair helps offset the cost of using the fairgrounds for the AZ StandDown event. The website is www.arizonastanddown.org and outlines specific volunteer duties and times. Ron Perkins made a motion seconded by Dan Conway to donate \$500 for the next event. Discussion centered on how the money is spent and whether there are salaries paid for those running the event. Ron will get additional information and bring it back to the board at a future meeting.

Vets Bingo: John Ady asked about plans for continuing Bingo into 2012. Marie Fredricks & Beth Cullison agreed to discuss with other members that have volunteered and come back to the board with feedback and a recommendation.

Donation Request: John Ady brought a request for an individual donation. There was discussion about several programs available to provide support in this situation and whether the chapter can offer financial donations on an individual basis. John Ady agreed to call the requester.

New Chapter: John Ady announced a new satellite chapter is being formed in the Flagstaff area.

Flag Duty: Dan Conway is retiring his flag duties which entail storing the flags and bringing them to each of the nine chapter luncheons, memorial day honor guard, and potential other chapter events. Rob Welch volunteered to take it on through December.

Good of the Order, Roundtable:

Congratulations: The board joined Ron Perkins in recognizing and congratulating Rance Farrell & Gregg Maxon for selection to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame.

TAPS: Jim Cullison shared that John Ward, husband of member Carol Zimmerman, passed away and a memorial service is scheduled for Tuesday, September 6, at 11:00 a.m. at the National Cemetery in Phoenix.

Retirement: Nancy Burt asked for clarification on possible retirement cuts. Gary Fredricks explained it is all speculation at the moment and nothing has been put to a vote yet. John Ady said the MOAA website has an excellent seven minute video worth viewing.

AVHOF: Rob Welch suggested an article be submitted to the *Affiliate* about Rance Farrell & Gregg Maxon's selection to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Jim Cullison said he will write an article and submit it for publication.

Massing of the Colors: Rance Farrell asked if our chapter would be sending a color guard to the *Massing of the Colors* on September 11. John Ady said he had not been contacted about it. Rob Welch plans to attend.

Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday, 17 September 2011

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, 6 October 2011

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1300 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Beth Cullison, Secretary