Call to Order: First Vice President Gregg Maxon called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, November 3, 2011, at the State Veterans Home at 4141 N. S. Herrera Way (North Third Street), in Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Nancy Burt, Dan Conway, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Rance Farrell, Ron Green, Frank Hoak, Gregg Maxon, Bill Roscher and Carol Winkler. (President John Ady was attending the AZ Council of Chapters fall meeting in Tucson. Gary and Marie Fredricks were attending a National MOAA meeting in California.)

Minutes: Rob Welch made a motion seconded by Dan Conway to waive reading the October Board of Directors’ meeting minutes.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Roscher reported the General Fund balance is $9,227.78; Scholarship Fund is $11,198.48 and $50 in Petty Cash for a grand total of $20,476.26.

Auxiliary & Spouses: There is nothing new to report. Beth said no one has stepped up to become the auxiliary chair. We are currently supporting Bingo at the Vets’ Home the first Thursday of every month.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway reported the Personal Affairs workshop held last month was well received. Dan provided a summary in this month's edition of The Sentinel.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison, editor, published and distributed The Sentinel for November. Ron Green said he and his wife Betty made a donation to the scholarship fund in memory of Ron Worthington and would like it published in The Sentinel to perhaps encourage more members to remember Ron Worthington in this way.

OLD BUSINESS:

Meritorious Service Awards: Jim Cullison said Ron Perkins indicated everything is ready for the presentations. Dan Conway shared an idea for future MSA presentations to recognize members who achieve 5 years of MSAs with a special badge or lifetime contribution award. He suggested that after 5 years those members would stand at the annual MSA presentations to be recognized for their on-going contributions. Dan provided a printout of various medal awards he found on the internet. The Board agreed the MSA Committee should look at it and come back with a recommendation before next year’s award presentations.

Laptop: Rob Welch said Ron Perkins purchased new software from Luke for the laptop generously donated by Rance Farrell. Rob installed the software which is compatible with the chapter’s projector. Rob also donated speakers.

Golf Tournament: Gregg Maxon encouraged all to attend the golf tournament on Thursday, November 10. At last count, 52 people had signed up and hoping for 70. Pat Dale (480-661-5204) is the contact for any questions.

Gold Bar Officer’s Guide: Gregg Maxon said there are typically six to eight graduates of the National Guard Officer Candidate Program in Phoenix every August. Gregg suggested our chapter present each graduate with a softbound Army Officer's Guide along with the gold bars. The cost per guide is about $11.50. Dan Conway made a motion seconded by Beth Cullison to approve the purchase next summer for future graduating classes. The motion carried with a unanimous vote.
Greeters: John & Sharon Ady will be greeters at the November luncheon meeting. Nancy Burt and Carol Winkler will greet in December.

Officer Slate: Jim Cullison introduced Frank Hoak, who has volunteered to join our Board as a Director, and presented the final slate of officers and board members for 2012.

- Proposed Officer Candidates for 2012
- President: COL John Ady
- Immediate Past President: Col Ron Perkins
- First Vice President: COL Rob Welch
- Second Vice President: Lt Col Jim Cullison
- Treasurer: COL Bill Roscher
- Secretary: Carol Winkler
- Directors:
  - COL Rance Farrell
  - Lt Col Ron Green
  - COL Nancy Burt
  - CAPT Frank Hoak
  - CDR Jim Draper

Jim moved we approve the slate and Bill Roscher seconded the motion. Dan Conway mentioned it looks like we have a good mix of services. The motion passed unanimously.

Vets’ Bingo: Jim Cullison said a decision needs to be made on whether to continue sponsoring a Veteran's Home bingo in 2012. We currently provide $50 monthly to support refreshments and prizes for bingo played the first Thursday of every month. All agreed to include this as an agenda item for the December meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Board Meeting Change of Venue Proposal: Gregg Maxon explained John Ady had researched the possibility of moving our Board meeting to the National Guard headquarters at Papago complex. Rance Farrell & Rob Welch are both familiar with the facility which would provide plenty of parking and meeting space. Limited parking continues to be a problem at the Veterans Home. Moving to the National Guard site would also increase our chapter visibility with the Guard. It is a non-smoking facility and there are ample media hook-ups for presentations. It is located off 52nd Street North of McDowell. Rance made a motion seconded by Rob Welch to pursue the move. The motion carried unanimously with a date for moving to be determined.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Ron Worthington Scholarship: Jim Cullison suggested we make a donation in honor of Ron Worthington to the National MOAA scholarship program since Ron was our chapter scholarship chair for many years. National would recognize Ron and send an acknowledgement to his wife Mary Kay. There was discussion about keeping our funds local so no action was taken to contribute to the National scholarship fund. We always make a $50 donation from our general fund to the chapter scholarship fund when one of our members pass. Bill Roscher will move $50 to our scholarship fund in honor of Ron Worthington. Gregg Maxon suggested we name a scholarship the “Ron Worthington Scholarship” and award to our top candidate each year. After much discussion a motion was made by Rob Welch to annually award the top candidate the “Ron Worthington Scholarship”. Bill Roscher seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.
JROTC Medal Awards: Rance Farrell suggested we join together with AUSA and MOWW to present the annual JROTC medals at the various high schools. Rance will discuss with Terry Tassin, JROTC Medal Chair.

The Affiliate Article: Dan Conway pointed out an article in The Affiliate, a National MOAA newsletter, highlighted our chapter ESGR recognition including a picture taken by Jim Cullison and quote from Chuck Schluter. Jim had submitted the picture for publication and was happy to see it actually published.

New Board Members: Beth Cullison said John Ady is requesting the new board members remain after our next meeting for a short briefing.

Laptop: Rance Farrell requested the use of our laptop and projector when needed for AUSA providing it does not conflict with our chapter needs.

Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday, 12 November 2011

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, 1 December 2011

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1129 hours.
Respectfully submitted
Beth Cullison, Secretary