Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting - AZ Chapter MOAA Thursday, September 5, 2012 Held at AZNG HQ, Phoenix AZ Commencing at 10:30 AM

Members Present: Nancy Burt, Marie Fredricks, Jim Cullison, Bill Roscher, and John Ady. All absent board members were excused.

Guest: Rose Mary Ware representing The local chapter of the National Memorial Ladies.

The meeting was called to order by President Ady at 10:30 AM. In the absence of the chapter secretary, President Ady indicated he would record and prepare the minutes.

The board recited the Pledge of Allegiance

Officer & Committee Reports:

Wives & Aux.: Nancy Burt reported on a number of issues. During the summer she met with Marie Fredricks and Leonore Hoak to discuss various issues as they relate to our auxiliary and wives of members. As an initial step many of the auxiliary members were called to determine their interest in some type of activity expressly for their benefit. The ladies, many of whom are elderly, indicated that although they continue to enjoy their membership in the chapter, they had no interest in any special activity but they did appreciate the telephone call and the the information they receive from The Sentinel. Based on this fact Nancy recommends that we institute a policy of sending all auxiliary members a holiday card from the chapter during the period between Thanksgiving and Christmas and then also set up a system to call each of the ladies at least once a year as a courtesy call with the date to be determined. Nancy made a motion on these two initiatives which was seconded by Ron Perkins and passed unanimously.

Nancy then introduced Rose Mary Ware representing the National Memorial Ladies Organization that attends funeral services at the national cemetery in Cave Creek. Ms Ware explained the various services they provide and indicated they can use more volunteers and cash to offset various costs with maintaining their program, primarily for printing and their volunteer recognition program. It was decided to ask Ms Ware to attend the September luncheon of the chapter which she will do and at that time set up a table with their literature to explain their program. President Ady will also allow her a 5 minute presentation to the chapter as part of the agenda.

Any further discussion regarding assisting with funding as described previously is tabled until the October board meeting.

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Treasurer: Bill Roscher indicated the following: General Fund: $11,548.93. Scholarship Fund: $12,384.17. Petty Cash: $50.00 Grand Total: $23,983.10.

Membership: Ron Perkins indicated that current membership is comprised of 164 regular members and 40 aux. members for a total of 204.

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks indicated all arrangements for the balance of the luncheon meetings between September and December are completed. She further discussed a possible problem with the cost of the November luncheon wherein the McCormick Ranch Golf Club was wishing to charge us a $7.00 a plate additional charge if we moved the luncheon to their outdoor pavilion as we have the in the past. Marie has resolved this problem in our favor at no additional cost.

Marie also said the entertainment, at no cost to us, for the December Luncheon-Holiday Party will be the Cave Creek Chorus.

Programs: John Ady indicated all programs for our luncheons are planned through January 2013 and he will address February, March and April 2013 this fall as most speakers do not want more than 90 days of lead time.

Old Business:

There are several items of business left over from the May 2012 board meeting that remain tabled until the October board meeting due to the number of absentees from today’s board meeting. Of particular note are issues related to Scholarship Program.

John Ady reported that MOAA HQ has e mailed him to inform the chapter that we will be receiving our 8th consecutive 5 Star Levels of Excellence Award at the Annual MOAA Conference in Washington D.C. October 29-30, 2013.

Ron Perkins announced that we will will continue with our MOAA Gold Bar Program for newly commissioned 2LT’s from the AZ ARNG this month with assistance from Jim Cullison. 13 new 2LT’s will receive the bars and also will receive a 1 year free membership in MOAA and our chapter. In a related matter, Ron also recruited the CO of the AZ Guard unit that is responsible for the program, LTC Zoe Ollinger.

Nominating Committee: Jim Cullison, Committee chair announced the results of his work over the summer:

2013 Officers and Director’s:

President: COL Rob Welch (USA Ret)
1st VP: Lt Col. Jim Cullison (USAF Ret)

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2nd VP: CAPT Frank Hoak (USN Ret)
Treasurer: COL Bill Roscher (USA Ret)
Secretary: Leonore Hoak - Wife of CAPT Hoak

Directors:

Lt. Col Ron Green (USAF Ret)
COL Rance Farrell (USA Ret)
COL Nancy Burt (USA Ret)
CDR Jim Draper (USN Ret)
COL Dave Sale (USA Ret)

It was noted that COL Bill Roscher has indicated that towards the end of his 2013 term as Treasurer he would like to be replaced and therefore the new officers and board are being made aware of the fact now in order to plan properly for his replacement. Bill will be missed in this role as he has been an excellent treasurer in all respects during the past several years.

John Ady asked for a motion to accept the recommendations by Jim Cullison’s committee. Ron Perkins made the nomination, it was seconded by Bill Roscher and passed unanimously.

Program Chairs & Activity-Event Leaders:

(All of the following selections must be confirmed by the 2013 President and Board of Directors in January, 2013 at their earliest convenience)

Arrangements: Arlene Day
Chaplain: No Selection
ESGR Liaison: Chuck Schluter
JROTC Awards: Terry Tassin *
Membership: Ron Perkins
Personal Affairs: Dan Conway
Scholarships: Rob Welch
Members Spotlight: Frank Hoak
Webmaster: Rob Welch

Auxiliary: Nancy Burt
Electronic Communications: Ron Perkins
Golf Tourney: Pat Dale
Legislative: Gary Fredricks *
Newsletter/Historian: Jim Cullison
Programs: John Ady
Share A Ride: Jim Draper
TOPS: Frank Hoak

Please note that an * after the name indicates an individual who would like to be relieved of the said duty as soon as arrangements can be made. The 2013 President should contact these individuals to create a succession plan.

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Nancy Burt also indicated she would be interested in assuming the duties for the member spotlight if Frank Hoak wishes to be relieved due to other increased responsibilities.

Army Air Force Football Game Party - John Ady reported the game will be held on Saturday November 3 and viewing time in AZ will be in the morning. Therefore, our event probably is best arranged to start just before half time at a sports bar to be named in the near future. John has 3 in mind along Scottsdale Road between Indian Bend Road and Double Tree Road. Further details will be forthcoming at the October board meeting.

Wounded Veteran’s Housing on College Campuses: Ron Perkins commented on an article from the University of Illinois Alumni Magazine on special needs housing for wounded veteran's returning to college. He will share the article with Joey Strickland, Director of the AZ Dept. of Veteran’s Services. ASU, U of A, and N.I.U. already are working on special initiatives, but not with actual housing projects.

New Business:

The board approved making the the November ESGR Awards Luncheon a uniform optional event similar to the May JROTC Scholarship Luncheon.

Good of the Order:

Jim Cullison reminded everyone we need to invite the free luncheon raffle winner to the September luncheon who is Trula Halpern. John Ady will contact her.

Marie Fredricks reported that Lee Lange will be retiring from his position at MOAA HQ and moving to Anthem and will be replaced by his deputy Barry Wright.

Ron Perkins announced that the newest stand alone AZ Council Chapter is in Flagstaff and Adm. Ryan, President of MOAA will be coming for their ceremonies on November 6.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Minutes prepared by John Ady, President.