

Minutes of the February 2010 Board of Director's Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: President Ron Perkins called the meeting to order at 1033 hours, Thursday, February 4, 2010, at the State Veteran's Home on North Third Street in Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Dan Conway, Jim Cullison, Ron Green, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher, Terry Tassin, Kathy Upchurch, Rob Welch and Ron Worthington.

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

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported he has filed the chapter's tax return and discovered the chapter is still on file with the IRS as The Retired Officers Association (TROA). He discussed the issue with the IRS and said he assumes the Articles of Incorporation on file with the Arizona Corporation Commission were amended when TROA became MOAA, but probably were not updated with the IRS. He needs a copy of the amended articles so he can update the IRS record. Several of those present said they would look in their files to get a copy of the articles and amendment to forward to Bill.

Bill reported that the chapter accounts stand at: \$7,519.96 in the general fund, \$12,032.43 in the scholarship fund for a total of \$19,552.39.

Auxiliary: Kathy Upchurch said she is trying to line up greeters for the February luncheon from Auxiliary members. Ron Perkins proposed that Kathy and Ronnie Welch brainstorm for ideas for a luncheon meeting program that the Auxiliary could arrange. This program could be for spring next year, since Chuck Schluter has luncheon programs scheduled until that time. A fashion show has been a popular program at other MOAA chapters. Auxiliary members could even serve as fashion models. Dan Conway gave Kathy the name Superstition chapter member as a contact for more information.

Historian: Jim Cullison will update the golf tournament events on the chapter website.

JROTC Medals: Terry Tassin has distributed the medals to all schools except Sandra Day O'Connor, which hasn't selected its cadet yet. He said volunteer presenters should contact their school directly to talk to the JROTC instructor and get specific details about the school's program.

Legislative: Gary Fredricks could not attend the meeting. Ron Perkins complimented him for doing a good job of providing information to *The Sentinel*. Ron noted that the February edition of *Military Officer Magazine* has copies of letters to Congress that he urged members to sign and send regarding the defense budget and military health care. Ron also reported that the presidents of the Arizona Council are getting ready for the spring Storming the Hill session in Washington.

Membership:

Recruiting: John Ady reported that the new membership committee is underway and is starting with the "Bring in a Buddy" program, which he will talk about at the February luncheon. The committee also will ask Gregg Maxon to help recruit from the National Guard. John will take over the Membership Committee chairmanship from Dee Norton, who works full-time indicated she can't devote sufficient time to the position. Dan Conway circulated two recruiting packages he developed, one for retirees and one for military officers still serving. They will be available at luncheon meetings for members to use in recruiting. Bill Roscher said the chapter received a \$545 check from National for Give Me 10 members from 2008 and the December magazine recruiting wrap.

Give Me Ten Campaign: John said the committee will promote the campaign this year, as the chapter receives \$20 from national for every new member. Our chapter goal is to have 200 or more members by the end of the year. John would like to increase membership by 10%.

Life Membership: The board discussed life membership and noted that older members are often reluctant to join for life because of the cost versus annual dues.

Membership Renewal: Jim Cullison reported 100 (51%) of our 195 members have renewed for 2010. Dan Conway will send letters to those who have not renewed.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway reported that he spoke with Frank Birtciel, who said he and Velma are doing OK and don't need assistance. The other widows Dan is working with are doing OK also. Bill Roscher reported that Luke AFB is instituting a new system for access to the base, including the BX, effective July 1. A new ID card is not issued, but the existing card is scanned and fingerprints taken to enter into a database. The update can be done at the North Gate or the BX, although the BX is usually busy

and can take longer. Kathy Upchurch will find out if the process can be done at the National Guard location on McDowell Road.

Arrangements: Social hour for the February meeting is set to begin at 11:30 instead of 11:00. There will be no luncheon program because of the Boeing tour, but regular committee reports will be given. Ron Perkins will contact those on the tour with final details when he has them. The tour can accommodate 40 people, and Ron had 36 sign-ups to date. Chuck Schluter has programs scheduled through February 2011. Ron Perkins suggested members wear western clothing to the March meeting, when State Historian Marshall Trimble will be the speaker.

Scholarships: Ron Worthington said letters have been sent to schools, and he is now doing follow-up contacts. The selection committee, composed of Ron Worthington as Chairman, Terry Tassin, Rob Welch, Ron Green and Bill Roscher, will meet in March to select recipients of scholarships to be presented in May. The chapter can award scholarships totaling up to 50% of the fund balance, which could be as many as 6 scholarships. The chapter does not have to award that many if less than 6 exceed standards. There are no corporate sponsors for scholarships yet, and it was suggested that TriWest, Healthnet and Express Scripts be contacted.

Share-a-Ride Program: Ron Perkins had nothing new to report.

Web Master: Tom Houser has made many updates that were submitted to him for the website.

Old Business:

Communication Award Package: Ron Perkins sent our nominations to National in mid-January.

AZ StandDown: The event has many volunteers, including several chapter members.

New Business:

Outside Advertising: John Ady suggested we explore the possibility of getting exposure in other local organization publications, such as the VFW, American Legion or Marine Corps League.

AVHOF Nominations: Nominations are due in April. Kathy Upchurch said nominations of women are needed.

Spring Golf Tournament: It's scheduled for April 9. Not many chapter members have signed up in the past, so we should be pushing it among members. Most everyone wins a prize in the event.

Luncheon Greeters: February – Kathy Upchurch is recruiting greeters from the Auxiliary.

Good of the Order, Roundtable:

Donations: Kathy Upchurch invited members to donate boot socks to the Socks for Troops program at Mesa and Gilbert Schools, and to donate articles to the Military Support Group from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. every last Wednesday of the month at the Sweet Tomatoes restaurant near MetroCenter. The group packs the items for deployed National Guard members.

Potential Members: Ron Green said he has contacted several potential members, but they weren't interested in joining.

Next BOD Meeting: 4 March 2010

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1216 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Cullison, Secretary Pro Tem