

Minutes of the Board of Directors Arizona Chapter MOAA

2 April 2003

The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 PM, Wednesday, 2 April 2003 at American Legion Post #107.

Members Present: Ron Green, Terry Tassin, Tom Houser, Bill Johnson, Dan Conway, Frank & Velma Birtciel, Richard Horn, James Seidl, Dolly Bleckick, Gary Fredricks, Paul Fein, Art Parker and Chet Baumer.

Minutes of the last Board Of Directors meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's Report indicated the following status of fund accounts:

Checking:	\$ 5188.68
Scholarship:	\$10620.67
50th Anniversary:	\$ 766.02
TOTAL ACCOUNTS:	\$16575.37

Old business included the following reports:

New Committee Chairmen (Ron Green) – introduced new Membership Chairman Paul Fein and new Historian Frank Birtciel.

Membership (Ron Green)– noted that the current total chapter membership is 200 including 50 Auxiliary members. Chapter sympathies were expressed at the loss of Ray Hitezl last week and it was noted that the Chapter's TAPS donation of \$50 would be sent to the AZ Veteran's Donation Fund in his name. The new Membership Chairman – Paul Fein – presented his thoughts on improving Chapter recruitment of Reserve and Guard officers through the use of flyers for the Reserve and National Guard Units telling them about AZ Chapter MOAA. He also proposed an Adopt-a-Unit program, details to be finalized.

Web Site (Tom Houser) – the Web Master, pointed out some of the new and revised features on the Chapter web site: awards/scholarship, Luke AFB, Board Of Directors, Got Website Ideas, Links and C2 Center. Information about the upcoming 50th Anniversary celebration was solicited. National economy and job market underline need to expand TOPS program. Offered to develop expanded Membership content with Paul Fein. Will update Contact Us page, delete Roster and Newcomers page from web site. Reported costs of \$149 for registering domain name and hosting website (recurring cost \$99/year).

New Business

April General Meeting (Jim Seidl) – The meeting has 78 attendees signed up for the dinner meeting.

Legislative Update (Dan Conway) – The “Storming of the Hill” effort took place on 27 March in Washington DC. Dan Conway and Chuck Schluter were in attendance. Our representatives attended a one-day **SBP briefing** at National HQ. Of note at the **State level**, State Senator Jim Waring's “Bill” to allow the handicap emblem on Purple Heart auto license plates to be a No Extra Cost item has been moved to another bill - “Transplant” legislation. Dan noted that a new fund is being opened to handle donations for the **Sierra Vista Veterans Cemetery**. As of today, the AZ Chapter has donated \$125 to the **Bob Hope** Memorial fund. A major effort for the National MOAA 75th Anniversary will be to solicit \$75 donations from at least 100,000 members to be used for a **scholarship fund** for children of Killed In Action service members.

June Dinner Meeting (Jim Seidl) – Because of difficulties with meeting at the Executive Park Hotel a new meeting location will be tried. Three locations were proposed and will be tried beginning in June. The June General Dinner meeting will be held at Treulich's Restaurant, 5020 N. Black Canyon Hwy, (I-17 & Camelback) in Phoenix. The other two locations in contention are, the Shriner's Auditorium at 40th Street & Red Mountain Freeway and Beefeaters at 7th Ave/Camelback. MOTION to experiment with a new meeting location PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Scholarship / JROTC Medals (Dick Horn / Art Parker) – All 16 supported schools have award presenters assigned. **Motion** made for the Board of Directors to accept the five (5) \$1000 Scholarship recipients selected by the selection committee. MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY. Recipients are:

Raymond Roe, Cactus HS AFJROTC

Liana Moody, Camelback HS AJROTC

Benjamin Martin, Thunderbird HS NJROTC

Luke Ortega, Saguaro HS

Robert Poffinbarger, Apollo HS NJROTC

The Selection Committee was composed of: Terry Tassin, Dick Horn, Art Parker, Mike Gammon, and Raymond Deane. Scholarship Chairman Dick Horn to notify recipients of their selection and the scheduled presentation date of 17 May, at the monthly General meeting.

Historian Update (Frank Birtciel) – noted that the History web site pages are in the process of being updated with information and photos.

Good of the Order:

None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 PM.

Submitted, Terry Tassin, Secretary