

## Minutes of the Board of Directors Arizona Chapter MOAA

2 October 2003

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

**Members Present:** Terry Tassin, Ron Green, Paul Fein, Frank & Velma Birtciel, Dolly Blecick, Richard Horn, Dan Conway. Mike Gannon attended from the general membership.

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

The Treasurer's Report (by e-mail) indicated the following status of fund accounts:

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|------------------------|--------------------|
| Checking:              | \$ 2844.25         |
| Scholarship:           | \$ 6108.79         |
| 50th Anniversary:      | <u>\$ 1372.02</u>  |
| <b>TOTAL ACCOUNTS:</b> | <b>\$ 10325.06</b> |

Old business included the following reports:

**Membership** - Paul Fein noted that the current total chapter membership is 202 including 50 Auxiliary members and 12 new members for 2003. Mr. Fein was tasked to ensure National HQ updates new Auxiliary Member Gerry Treece's ID Number and shows she is a new member of AZ01.

**Chapter Operating Instruction (COI) #1** - modifications to COI #1 were discussed and voted upon. The changes were Approved Unanimously. Additionally, the inclusion of a Meritorious Service Lapel Pin as part of the Chapter Meritorious Service Award was Approved Unanimously. Recipients will have the choice of either a pin-on lapel pin or a lapel pin without the pin suitable for adhering to the individual's name tag. The Lapel Pin will be "grandfathered" to include previous recipients of the Meritorious Service Award. Sources for awards are:

| <b>Medal</b>             | <b>Lapel Pin</b>  |
|--------------------------|-------------------|
| Amazing Awards           | VIP Marketing     |
| 6731 N. Black Canyon Hwy | 24814 Eden Ave    |
| Phoenix, AZ              | Hayward, CA 94545 |

### New Business

**2003 Chapter Meritorious Service Award (MSA) Recipients** - Nominees for the Chapter MSA were presented by Paul Fein Chairman of the Nominating Committee. The following recipients were Approved Unanimously by the Board. First time medal recipients: Thomas Houser, Terry Tassin, Richard Horn, Dolly Blecick, Chris Magadan. Second time recipients (Oak Cluster): Ronald Green, James Seidl, Frank Birtciel, Charles Schluter, Chester Baumer. Awards will be presented at the November General meeting.

**General Meeting Info** – A luncheon meeting is scheduled for 22 November at McCormick Ranch. The speaker is Maj. Stephens USMC on his deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. The 18 December Christmas meeting will be our annual dinner meeting with the Silent Auction fund raiser to support Chapter activities.

**2004 Officer/Staff Nominations** - a proposed list of members selected to serve on the Staff for year 2004 was presented. The list will be promulgated in the November *Sentinel* with elections being held at the 22 November General meeting.

**Legislative** – Veterans/retiree legislation at a stand still on Capitol Hill. MOAA HQ has laid out an extensive new plan to pursue Survivor Benefits on the 'Hill' in the October edition of the *Military Officer* magazine. Concurrent Receipt has been placed on the back burner for now. The Arizona Council of Chapters will attempt a letter mailing program to our representatives encouraging passage of veteran's bills.

**JROTC Awards & Scholarship Update (COIs)** – Ron Green will draft Chapter Operating Instructions for JROTC awards and Financial Scholarships. These will be provided to the Board of Directors by email for comment prior to finalization for voting.

**MOAA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** - National HQ is appealing to the national general membership for support. Our President will present an appeal for support at the next General Chapter meeting.

**Tax Exempt Status** - the question of our tax exempt status was brought up by Dan Conway and a discussion was held. According to the Chapter Treasurer, the issue of 75% Regular and 25% Auxiliary membership is really not an issue. The widows/widowers are members only in the sense that they are extensions of the deceased military members' membership.

**Speaker Mementos** - a discussion on the type of memento to be presented to guest speakers was held. Several items were presented. The guest speaker at our October meeting will be provided a one year free membership in MOAA and the Arizona Chapter.

**All Veterans Picnic** - Paul Fein noted that the Annual All Veterans Picnic will be held on Sunday, 2 November in the Circle of Life area of Steel Indian School Park, located at the Northwest corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> Street and Indian School Road in Phoenix. The picnic is free to all veterans, active duty members, retirees, reserve personnel and their families.

November BOD Meeting - due to scheduling conflicts the date of the November Board of Directors meeting was changed to Tuesday, 4 November.

**Good of the Order:**

\* It was noted that the announcement of the inductees for the Class of 2003 Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame has not been made to date.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:15PM.

Submitted, Terry Tassin - Secretary