

Minutes of the Board of Directors Arizona Chapter MOAA

4 September 2003

The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 PM, Thursday, 4 September 2003 at American Legion Post #107.

Members Present: Terry Tassin, Ron Green, Paul Fein, Chuck Schluter, Bill Johnson, Frank & Velma Birtciel, James Seidl, Dolly Bleick, Gary Fredricks, Richard Horn, Art Parker, Tom Houser 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:	\$ 2795.85
Scholarship:	\$ 5877.79
50th Anniversary:	\$ 1059.02
TOTAL ACCOUNTS:	\$ 9732.66

Old business included the following reports:

Membership - Paul Fein noted that the current total chapter membership is 201 including 49 Auxiliary members and 9 new members for 2003. It was also noted that the TAPS donation of \$50 in honor of Col Isadore (Hal) Halpern USAF (Ret)-deceased, was sent to the Arizona Veterans Donation Fund. These funds are to be used to benefit the residents in the State Veteran's home. Mr. Fein also noted that a limited mail out of MOAA magazines has been made to some members of the AZ National Guard with an invitation to become members of the AZ Chapter MOAA.

Sentinel Shells – Editor noted beginning with the October edition of the Sentinel the revised Shells will be used.

Chapter Flag – New Chapter Flag was on display. It will be at the September General meeting.

Web Page Status - Tom Houser explained that the Chapter web site continues as a work in progress and there are updates being added to the site daily.

New Business

General Meeting Info – A dinner meeting is scheduled for 23 October at Treulich's Restaurant. The speaker is unknown at this time. The December Christmas meeting will be our annual dinner meeting with the Silent Auction fund raiser to support Chapter activities.

Chapter Meritorious Service Medal/Status - The Chapter is running out of MOAA provided medals and will seek a new source. Several options for member awards were discussed. The Board will decide on new awards at the October BOD meeting. Some options being considered are: medal + pin; just a pin; or just a medal. The MSM/A committee for this year are: Paul Fein, Dolly Bleick, Velma & Frank Birtciel, and Mike Gannon. This committee will meet prior to the October BOD meeting to select Chapter members to receive the Chapter MSM/A.

Officer/Staff Nominating Committee - members selected to serve on the Staff Officer Nominating Committee for this year are: James Seidl, Chuck Schluter, Chet Baumer, Bill Johnson, and Tom Houser. The committee will meet prior to the October BOD meeting to propose the slate of officers for 2004.

Legislative – it was noted that members with questions about CRSC should call national MOAA HQ for answers. A discussion was held on the requirements and procedures for applying for CRSC.

Scholarship Update – Ron Green noted that it appears the Chapter has missed out on the \$1500 donation from Lexus for this year's scholarship program. Lexus will be approached again next year.

50th Anniversary Update - Chet Baumer noted that the Chapter's 50th anniversary will be held between September and October 2006. It appears that about \$6000 will be needed to make the celebration a reality. Chet will prepare a plan to help itemize and estimate costs. A discussion was held to determine sources of these funds. Sources yet to be determined.

Good of the Order:

* Chuck Schluter noted that Bill Mauldin and Frank Birtciel have been submitted for consideration for induction in the Class of 2003 Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Mr. Schluter also updated the BOD on the status of contacting the National Guard at both the national and local level.

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

Submitted, Terry Tassin - Secretary