

May 16, 2005

**Minutes of the May Board of Directors Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA**

**Call to Order:** The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 PM, Thursday May 5, 2005 at American Legion Post #107.

**Members Present:** Dan Conway, John Gerometta, Bill Johnson, Chet Baumer, Jo Ann Thompson, Frank Birtciel, Velma Birtciel, Ron Green, Terry Tassin, Davis Rohr, Gary Fredricks, Chuck Schluter

**Minutes:** The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Directors meeting were approved.

**Officer/Committee Reports:**

**Legislative:** House of Representatives approved the emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act that increases military death and disability benefits in several areas. The Senate is expected to pass the bill the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>. More information is available on MOAA's web site. On the state level, United Arizona Veterans Advisory (UAV) Council recommends establishing a focus group to coordinate veterans' issues state wide. A discussion followed about how MOAA prioritizes issues for congressional action. Dan Conway proposed that the Chapter suggest to MOAA our priorities prior to next year's "Storming the Hill" activity. We will take up this issue later in the fall.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Johnson indicated the following status of fund accounts:

Checking:	\$ 5,194.86
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary:	\$ 2,536.00
Scholarship:	<u>\$ 8,626.83</u>
Total Accounts:	\$16,357.69

**Membership:** Davis Rohr has taken over the duties of Chairman from Dan Conway. The Board discussed the methods that were used to get membership renewals and concluded that generally we did OK, but we will revisit this issue in the fall. Recruiting new members was discussed, with a question on how much effort and cost should we expend. MOAA is developing a new Chapter recruitment brochure, the current one still has the TROA logo on it.

**Scholarship:** Receiving RSVPs for the May luncheon from the selected recipients. Dan will need checks and Certificates for the presentation. Discussion followed regarding the source of the Certificates – Chuck Schluter said he will contact MOAA and report back to Dan. (Note: Dan Conway contacted Art Parker later and he reports that the Certificate is on Art's computer, Art will forward it to Dan).

**JROTC Medals:** Dan Conway reported that he has been unable to make contact with Art Parker regarding presenters. Frank Birtciel volunteered to be the presenter at Camelback, Alhambra and Central High School, Chet Baumer volunteered to be the presenter at Deer Valley High School, Terry Tassin volunteered to be the presenter at Moon Valley High School, and Dan Conway volunteered to be the presenter at Glendale High School.

**Programs:** Based on some member complaints, Jim Seidl will be asked to look into more variety in the meals served at the meetings. Chuck Schluter suggested that we award the Home Depot Regional VP a plaque honoring the support Home Depot gives its employees that are deployed on military activities. He was authorized to peruse the plaque and schedule the presentation for either the May or June luncheon.

**Historian:** Frank Birtciel reported that the club's history on the web site is up to date. He now working on brief biographies about Past Presidents and has the first one ready for publication in *The Sentinel*.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** The committee is still looking into venues for the event. They are also reviewing music CDs that could replace the need for an orchestra. Dan Conway asked the committee for a budget of Chapter costs in order to determine the adequacy of the funds collected for the event.

### **Old Business:**

**Open Positions:** Dan reports that he is trying to recruit Kathy Davis for the position.

**Veteran's Hall of Fame:** Chuck Schluter reports that every thing is under control and that the applications are due at the end of the month.

**National Awards, Levels of Excellence:** Dan Conway and Ron Green are still working on the documentation.

**Women's Auxiliary Affairs:** Jo Ann Thompson reported that there has been no response for the lunch advertised in this month's *The Sentinel*. However the dead line for reservation is May 8<sup>th</sup>. She reported that last month's activity drew only ten people.

### **New Business:**

**501(c)(3) Fund Raising:** We are still working on attracting scholarship sponsorships.

**Council of Chapters:** Gary Fredricks reported that we are scheduled to host the October Council meeting. The question is whether we should schedule a dinner meeting where the council would meet prior to the dinner and stay in a hotel overnight after or, schedule a lunch meeting with the council meeting after and eliminate an overnight stay. We will try to get a MOAA representative to attend and get a speaker from UAV for the meeting.

**Good of the Order, Roundtable:** No comments.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:13 PM.

Submitted, John Gerometta, Secretary