

November 7, 2005

Minutes of the November 2005 Board of Directors Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:25 PM, Thursday, November 3, 2005 at American Legion Post #107 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Dan Conway, John Gerometta, Bill Johnson, Frank Birtciel, Velma Birtciel, Gary Fredricks, Terry Tassin, Ron Worthington, Jim Seidl, Ron Green, Chet Baumer, & Chuck Schluter.

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

Officer/Committee Reports:

Legislative: Gary Fredricks reported that on the national level, the three major issues identified by MOAA are still pending: Senate Defense Authorization Bill; reducing DOD and DHS appropriations to pay for Hurricane Katrina recovery; and reversing MEDICARE and TRICARE payment cuts. Locally, Gary attended the November 2nd meeting of the Arizona Veterans Task Force. The goal of the Task Force is to summarize the major issues at the November 30th meeting and to issue a preliminary report at the December 15th meeting.

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

Checking:	\$ 4,600.38
50 th Anniversary:	\$ 3,007.00
Scholarship:	<u>\$ 5,071.19</u>
Total Accounts:	\$12,678.57

Bill reported that he has opened a separate checking account for the Scholarship 501(c)(3) monies.

Membership: Dan Conway reported that Carol Culbertson will not be able to assist until the beginning of the year. However, he is ready to send out 200 more recruitment letters.

Scholarship: Ron Worthington noted that November is the month that we send out notification of the scholarship program to JROTC instructors. After some discussion, it was decided to wait until January to send out the letters.

JROTC Medals: Dan Conway asked for a volunteer to help Art Parker as Kathy Davis is too busy to help Art. Terry Tassin volunteered to assist Art.

Programs: Jim Seidl reports that he has a speaker for November after the Chapter elections. Trevor Brown High School Choir will provide choir music to the December Christmas Party.

Newsletter: John Gerometta will include an article and photograph on the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame ceremony in the December newsletter. He will also include the 2006 Chapter Calendar.

Historian: Frank Birtciel will check with Tom Houser on including the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame news release on the web site.

50th Anniversary: Chet Baumer reported that Chuck Schluter has developed a time line to track all the tasks associated with the Anniversary event. Chuck then reviewed the time line with those present. Any suggestions and comments should be passed to committee members by e-mail. We will advertise the event in The Sentinel and sell tickets to the dinner. Terry Tassin will continue to investigate the cost of souvenir wine glasses. A discussion followed about transferring \$1,000 from the general account to the 50th Anniversary fund. Dan Conway recommended that we use the general fund to supplant the 50th Anniversary account and continue to solicit funds from the membership.

Old Business:

501(c)(3) Fund Raising: **Dan Conway** has asked twelve corporations for silent auction items. The auction will be held during the December Christmas Party. **Chuck Schluter** has donated a set of Civil War history books for Dan to auction off on his e-Bay account. Dan mentioned that we are still waiting for IRS approval.

New Business:

Meritorious Service Awards (MSA): **Dan Conway** has appointed **Gary Fredricks** and **Chuck Schluter** to recommend nominations for this year's MSA. A motion was made, seconded and approved to move the awards to the January 2006 meeting.

2006 Chapter Calendar: **Gary Fredricks** recommended modifications to the proposed Calendar as follows: Move the beginning of the JROTC Scholarship program to January 2006; drop references to dinner meetings; move beginning of membership renewal kick-off to December 2006; and add golf tournament dates when known.

Good of the Order, Roundtable:

Terry Tassin noted that the Arizona Department of Revenue has issued guidelines which allow an individual income tax credit of up to \$200 for any fees contributed by an individual taxpayer (or **\$300** for married couples filing jointly) to a public school for the support of extra curricular activities. (ARS S43-1089) It is not a requirement that the taxpayer have a child enrolled in a public school. Your contribution must be dated by December 31 of the taxable year for which the credit is claimed.

John Gerometta noted that with the increasing number of new members we should offer to sell name tags. **Dan Conway** said he would take care of the matter.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12PM.

Submitted, John Gerometta, Secretary