

April 11, 2006

Minutes of the April 2006 Board of Director's Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: The President called the meeting of the Board of Directors to order at 1:30 PM, Thursday, April 6, 2006 at American Legion Post #107 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Dan Conway, John Gerometta, Frank Birtciel, Velma Birtciel, Gary Fredricks, Jim Seidl, JoAnn Thompson, Ron Worthington, Bill Johnson & Chuck Schluter.

Minutes: The previously promulgated Minutes of the last Board of Director's meeting were approved.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Legislative: Gary Fredricks reported that he and Chuck Schluter successfully participated in MOAA's "Storming the Hill" in Washington, DC last week. They were able to meet with 9 out of 10 Arizona's congressional delegations or their staff representatives. Gary noted that our delegations are well aware of the issues that are of concern to MOAA's membership.

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

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| Checking: | \$ 4,863.15 |
| 50 th Anniversary: | \$ 2,827.00 |
| Scholarship: | <u>\$ 6,796.00</u> |
| Total Accounts: | \$14,486.15 |

Membership: Dan Conway reported that the membership committee is ready to mail out the first 100 recruiting letters with our new brochures and stationary. The Chapter will be joining the new "Give Me Ten" recruiting campaign which will give \$10 for each new member recruited and a \$100 bonus for every 10 new members. The secretary was authorized to drop those members that have not renewed their dues for 2006.

Scholarship: Dan Conway, for Ron Worthington, reported that we have received 5 applications for scholarships. Courtesy Chevrolet will provide two \$1,000 scholarships. According to the Chapter's Operating Instructions we could award an additional three \$1,000 scholarships based upon one-half of the monies in the Scholarship fund. A sub-committee consisting of Ron Worthington, John Gerometta, Bill Johnson, and JoAnn Thompson will review the applications and select the winners. (Note: The sub-committee will meet after the General Meeting on April 15th.)

JROTC Medals: The newsletter editor will publish the list of presenters in the May issue of *The Sentinel*.

Program: Jim Seidl noted that he had to find a substitute speaker for the April General Meeting.

Newsletter: John Gerometta reported that the newsletter was mailed today and the and the electronic version e-mailed Friday March 31st.

Historian: Frank Birtciel reported that the web-site is up-to-date.

Auxiliary: JoAnn Thompson had nothing to report.

50th Anniversary: Dan Conway reported that he has mailed out ten requests for funding assistance and has received one negative reply. The decision on reducing the cost of a ticket to the event will wait until the next board meeting when the results of the funding requests are known. Chuck Schluter noted that VADM Ryan and his wife are looking forward to attending

our event. He also reported that while in Washington he was able to review our plans with LTC Suzanne Walker USA (Ret), a former protocol officer in the Pentagon. She was very complementary on our efforts so far and offered to assist us with the remaining tasks. Project plans and financing plans are on track at this time. The newsletter editor was asked to develop a thermometer for *The Sentinel* showing the reservation sign-up progress. Chuck will develop a tri-fold funding request brochure and circulate for review and comment.

Old Business:

Scholarship Fund Raising: Noted in the Scholarship Committee report.

New Business:

Council of Chapters: The next meeting will be on April 19th and **Dan Conway** will attend. **Gary Fredricks** said that our 50th anniversary event is on the agenda for that meeting. He will also schedule a council meeting on the afternoon of October 20th so that officers from other chapters can meet with VADM Ryan.

Memorial Day: **Terry Tassin** will not be able to participate in the chapter Color Guard and a volunteer is needed.

Good of the Order, Roundtable: The chapter will nominate Jim Seidl for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 PM.

Submitted, John Gerometta, Secretary