

January 7, 2006

Minutes of the January 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, January 5, 2006 at American Legion Post #107 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Dan Conway, John Gerometta, Frank Birtciel, Velma Birtciel, Gary Fredricks, Terry Tassin, Ron Green, Jim Seidl & Ron Worthington.

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

Officer/Committee Reports:

**Legislative:** Gary Fredricks noted that an extensive report on the action of the Arizona Veteran Task Force was printed in the January 2006 newsletter. Nationally, there were disappointments in the end of the year action by Congress. The Senate failed to convince the House to correct the Survivor Benefit Program (SBP) issues we have been fighting for all year, so we have work to do again next year on those items. Medicare/TRICARE payments to doctors were capped at 2005 levels rather than being reduced by 4.4% as the previous legislation required. 30 year paid-up SBP will begin in 2008.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Johnson, by e-mail, indicated the following status of fund accounts:

Checking:	\$ 4,439.95
50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary:	\$ 2,294.00
Scholarship:	<u>\$ 5,783.19</u>
Total Accounts:	\$12,517.14

**Membership:** Dan Conway reported we have not received word from MOAA on the success of our "Give Me Ten" program.

**Scholarship:** Ron Worthington reported that the notification letters would be ready to mail by the end of the week. He plans to make follow-up phone calls in two weeks.

**JROTC Medals:** Terry Tassin reported that notification letters were mailed out this week. Award dates and times were published in the January newsletter. He has received the Medals from MOAA and Dan Conway has signed the Certificates. Gary Fredricks noted that there are some JROTC High Schools that do not have Arizona Chapter support. It was agreed that Gary will provide Terry with a list of those schools and Terry will apply for their medals and certificates.

**Personal Affairs:** John Gerometta reported that he has received Bernie Conway's article on Mail Order Pharmacy benefits that will appear in the February newsletter.

**Newsletter:** John Gerometta reported that the newsletter was mailed on Saturday, December 31st and the electronic version was e-mailed on Wednesday, December 28th. John also reported that we have run out of the pre-printed newsletter shell. In arrangement with the printer we will no longer print shell but print the front and back page in color from the electronic file John provides to the printer. The inside pages will still be printed in black & white.

**Historian:** Frank Birtciel reported that everything is up-to-date.

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Dan Conway reported that he has advised Chet Baumer to stick to the basics by eliminating the commemorative wine glasses. The next meeting of the committee will be on January 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

**501(c)(3) Fund Raising:** **Dan Conway** reported that he has advertised for a member to be the chairman of the fund raising committee. We raised \$340 from the December Silent Auction. He will prepare a letter for use in soliciting funds.

**Meritorious Service Awards (MSA):** **Gary Fredricks** reported that the Certificates are prepared for the January general meeting. New medals will be ordered, pins and oak leaf clusters are available. Members who have an MSA are asked to wear them at the January meeting.

**New Business:**

**2006 Plans and Goals:** **Dan Conway** again recommended that we concentrate on the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. He communicated the Chapter's goals to the membership in the January newsletter. Jim Seidl has asked to be relieved of the Chairmanship of the Program Committee. Another goal is to increase the number of JROTC High Schools that we support.

**Membership Chairman:** **Dan Conway** will ask either new member **Dee Norton** or **Rosanne Trujillo** to take over the position.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Submitted, John Gerometta, Secretary