

May 12, 2006

Minutes of the May 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 1:28 PM, Thursday, May 4, 2006 at American Legion Post #107 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Officer/Committee Reports:

Legislative: Gary Fredricks noted that there is no news from Capital Hill. On the state level, the Governor's budget is still being heard in various committees.

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

Checking:	\$ 4,250.06
50 th Anniversary:	\$ 3,959.00
Scholarship:	\$ 8,861.13
Advance Reservations	<u>\$ 900.00</u>
Total Accounts:	\$17,970.19

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 has joined the new "Give Me Ten" recruiting campaign.

Scholarship: Dan Conway, for Ron Worthington, reported that we have selected four candidates for scholarships. Courtesy Chevrolet has provided two \$1,000 scholarships. After reviewing the selected candidates: Kyle Tucker, Alhambra High; Omar Urrutia, Cortez High; Brittany Fasnacht, Moon Valley High; and Sean Heenan, Cactus High. The Board approved the selection and awarded each candidate a \$1,000 scholarship.

JROTC Medals: Terry Tassin reported that the award ceremonies have begun. He has asked all participants for feedback on each ceremony to be included in a database.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway reported that the chapter will make a donation to the Arizona Veterans Home in the name of Richard Morris, Art Parker, and John Poulson.

Program: Jim Seidl requested that a guest list be sent to him for the JROTC Scholarship Awards luncheon. Ron Worthington will coordinate.

Newsletter: John Gerometta reported that the newsletter was mailed out on May 2nd and the electronic version was sent out on April 28th. John showed a sample of the special edition of *The Sentinel* that will be published in July and August.

Historian: Frank Birtciel reported that the web-site is not up-to-date at this time.

Auxiliary: JoAnn Thompson reported she had received the first MOAA Auxiliary Liaison Update. MOAA has now come out with Auxiliary Member pins. John Gerometta will provide ordering information in *The Sentinel*. She suggested that we send a letter to each auxiliary member asking them to donate \$50 in memory of their spouse if they cannot attend the 50th Anniversary Dinner. Chet Baumer will help draft the letter.

50th Anniversary: Dan Conway reported that he has received \$1,000 donations from TRIWEST and Express Scripts. He noted that he received a call from USAA stating that they could not contribute because MOAA competes with them in the insurance and travel business. He also found out that companies that contract with DOD are forbidden to contribute to veterans

organizations. He will continue to pursue Home Depot and Sears; both have been honored by MOAA for their support of deployed servicemen. He will also ask TRIWEST to be the Principal sponsor of our event. Chet Baumer provided the costs of the 50th Anniversary Celebration as follows:

Minimum Payment to the Resort:

150 meals @ \$75 each =	\$11,230
175 meals	= \$13,125
200 meals	= \$15,000 etc

Additional cost due to:

Music @ \$1,200
Printing for programs, invitations, stationary, postage estimated at \$1,200
Costs of invited guests, singer, color guard and others paid by us - 16 persons at

\$75 each is \$1,200

Voluntary donations from members have totaled \$3,827 which will be used to cover expenses. Any remaining funds will be used to reimburse the general fund. Any remaining funds after that reimbursement will go to the Scholarship Fund. It would cost \$3,750 to reduce the price to \$50. for 150 meals After some discussion it has become evident that we do not have the funds available to reduce the ticket prices, so the price will remain at \$75 per person. The board approved the 16 invited guests. Terry Tassin reported that he has received advertising copy from the two sponsors. **Chuck Schluter** reviewed the Promotion Plan, the Financial Plan, and the Project Plan with the Board. It was agreed to have Board Meetings on July 6th and August 3rd to continue coordination. **John Gerometta** will issue e-mail 50th Anniversary Alerts to the membership beginning with the decision on the meal price.

Old Business:

Scholarship Fund Raising: The Board commended **Ron Worthington** on his success getting Courtesy Chevrolet's participation.

New Business:

Memorial Day: **Paul Fein, Bill Johnson, Tom Houser** and **Frank Birtciel** will form the color guard for Memorial Day.

Good of the Order, Roundtable: **Tom Houser** reminded members that we are able to set up e-mail accounts through our web site provider, contact him for details.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Submitted, John Gerometta, Secretary