

Minutes of the APRIL 2008 Board of Director's Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Call to Order: The President called the meeting to order at 1:35 PM, Thursday, April 3, 2008 at the State Veteran's Home on N. 3rd St. Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Terry Tassin, Ron Green, Gary Fredricks, Dan Conway, Bill Johnson, Ron Perkins, and Ron Drew.

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

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Johnson provided a current budget balance sheet with all income listed as well as all expenses to date. He also reported the present status of fund accounts:

General Checking:	\$7384.73
<u>Scholarship:</u>	<u>\$8983.99</u>
Total Accounts:	\$16,368.72

JROTC Medals: Terry Tassin reported that all award presenters have been identified.

Legislative: Gary Fredricks reported that a Florida 501c3 organization was trying to get folks nationwide to purchase Freedom license plates from them. Arizona already has Freedom plates available with a portion of the receipts going into the state veteran's fund. The BOD recommendation is to disregard the overtures from Florida.

Membership: 176 of 213(at the end of 2007) members have paid their 2008 dues.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway reported that he had sent the MOAA Pamphlet on "Turning the Corner" to the widows of William Toy and Kay Blackman

Scholarships: Ron Perkins reported that a total of ten scholarship applications had been received and he expected a couple more before the scholarship committee meets on the 9th of April. The committee plans to present nominations to the board meeting in May so that the scholarships can be presented to the winners at the May luncheon. There is enough Scholarship money to award a total four scholarships.

Programs: Terry Tassin reported that our April speaker will be Matt Chitwood who is the grandson of a Battle of the Bulge veteran and Purple Heart recipient.

Old Business:

Suns tickets Auction Results: \$270 toward the JROTC scholarship fund

Meeting Share A Ride: Ron Drew reported that only one person had contacted him for a ride to the April luncheon. Arrangements are being made to provide them with a ride.

AZ National Guard Annual Meeting: Terry Tassin will check with Chuck Schluter to find out the status of our chapter participating with manning a MOAA information booth.

Chapter Articles of Incorporation: Gary Fredricks volunteered to go to the Arizona Corporate Commission and research for copies of the Chapter' Articles of Incorporation.

New Business:

AZ Tax Exemption of Military Retired Pay: Dan Conway reported that Robert Welch was contacting Virginia's and Wisconsin's MOAA Chapters to see what they have done to get favorable support from the legislature.

Chapter Memorials for Deceased Members-Change Proposal: Terry Tassin proposed a change to AZ Chapter Operating Instruction #4 (Memorial for Deceased Members) that would provide a *\$50 contribution from the General Fund to the Chapter's Scholarship Fund in the deceased individual's name*. This would replace the \$50 contribution to the Arizona Veterans Donation Fund. Ron Green made a motion to approve the change and Ron Drew seconded the motion and after discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

5 Star Awards submission: Terry Tassin reported the chapter's submission package had been sent in.

Spring Golf Tournament: Suspense for signing up is 18 April.

Luncheon Greeters for the April meeting: Gary and Marie Fredricks

AZ Council of Chapters Meeting: The Tassins, Fredricks, Schluters and the Conways plan to attend

Memorial Day 26 May Service at Cemetery-Color Guard Status: So far Tom Houser, Dan Conway and Bill Roscher have volunteered. One more volunteer is desired but can go with just three. If interested in volunteering please call terry Tassin at 623-931-1546.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM

Submitted,

Ron Perkins, AZ Chapter MOAA Secretary