

**Minutes of the December 2009 Board of Director's Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA**

**Call to Order:** President Ron Perkins called the meeting to order at 1031 hours, Thursday, December 3, 2009 at the State Veteran's Home on North Third Street in Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** John Ady, Dan Conway, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Ron Green, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher, Terry Tassin, and Rob Welch.

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

**Officer/Committee Reports:**

**Auxiliary:** Ron Perkins shared that Pat Shecter of the Tucson Coronado Chapter was recently selected to serve on National MOAA's Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee. Gary Fredricks is a member of the National Board so Arizona is well represented at the national level. Kathy Upchurch may be able to join us for meetings next year and perhaps an Auxiliary subcommittee could be established to brainstorm and implement activities.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Roscher reported the current balances: General Checking: \$6,664.18; Scholarship: \$11,480.95; Total Accounts \$18,145.13. Bill is putting together an annual statement of accounts which should be reviewed at our next meeting.

**Historian:** Jim Cullison spoke with Tom Houser, webmaster, and will provide Tom with additional content and photos for the *Events Scrapbook* tab. There was discussion on how to keep our chapter website current and Ron Perkins agreed to send out an e-mail assigning board members to check links and review content so that every section will be current and correct.

**Membership:** Beth Cullison reported the current membership has increased from 193 to 195; 153 regular & 42 auxiliary members. She has made a number of updates to the roster and will be sending the updated roster to members along with the payment status of dues for each member. All agreed that any time a member passes away, their spouse will automatically be given paid auxiliary membership status for the remainder of the year and the following year.

**Give Me Ten:** Dan Conway had nothing specific to report at this time. Ron Perkins suggested an article should be included in *The Sentinel* to encourage chapter members to become Life Members of National MOAA. The Chapter receives credit for every regular National MOAA member that upgrades to Life Membership.

**Legislative:** Gary Fredricks had provided a comprehensive article in the December *Sentinel* and has already submitted an article for the January edition.

**Newsletter:** All agreed Jim Cullison issued another excellent *Sentinel* for December.

**Personal Affairs:** Dan Conway stressed the importance of being prepared as it certainly makes it easier for the survivors in the event of a death. Dan again reminded us that spouses can be buried in a military cemetery.

**Arrangements:** Because Marie Fredricks will not be able to attend, Ron Perkins will follow up to ensure decorations will be there for the December general meeting.

**Programs:** Ron Perkins said Chuck Schluter already has many programs planned and booked for 2010. Neville Cramer, Immigration Specialist, will be speaking at our January general meeting. A tour of the Boeing Apache helicopter manufacturing plant is tentatively scheduled for February. Marshall Trimble, AZ Official State Historian, will present at our March luncheon meeting. The Commanding Officer of the 161<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing Operations Support Squadron will speak at April's meeting followed by the JROTC scholarship presentations in May. There was a brief discussion about scheduling a Dining Out, perhaps tied to something such as Veterans Day. Another suggestion was a Fashion Show. Terry Tassin proposed an auxiliary committee could plan one of our meetings and could be tapped as greeters for the monthly general meetings.

**Share-a-Ride Program:** Ron Perkins had nothing new to report.

**Old Business:**

**Membership Committee:** Ron Perkins will call Dee Norton to discuss the membership committee and plans to increase membership.

**AUSA JROTC & Armed Forces Career Officer Day Luncheon:** Terry Tassin & John Ady attended. They were both impressed with the kids and talked about JROTC positively impacting their lives. John and Terry indicated this is an effort we want to continue supporting.

**AZ StandDown:** Ron Perkins has requested additional information from Art Sloane asking for specifics on support needed to help homeless vets through this event. The scheduling is based on four hour shifts. Art would like names, phone #s and e-mail addresses of potential volunteers who would then be contacted to perform specific tasks. The event is at the Arizona state fairgrounds with set up on February 4<sup>th</sup>, and the actual event is February 5, 6, & 7<sup>th</sup>. Ron Perkins will send an e-mail to our membership asking for volunteers.

**New Business:**

**Chinese Auction Gifts:** Ron Perkins reminded board members to bring one or more wrapped gifts to the December general meeting for the Chinese auction.

**Communications Awards NLT 1 Feb 2010:** Ron Perkins will submit applications due in February for our chapter to compete for one or more communications awards.

**JROTC Medals/Scholarship Letters to Units:** Terry Tassin will order the JROTC medals and send letters to the schools for selecting JROTC winners. At our last meeting, Ron Worthington said he will wait until after the holidays to send letters for scholarship submissions.

**TAPS:** Services are being held today for Richard Horn and \$50 will be donated to the scholarship fund in his name along with a note in *The Sentinel*.

**Birdies for the Brave:** This is the PGA TOUR's primary vehicle for supporting the brave men and women of the U.S. Armed Forces and their families. Sponsors provide the financial support. It is being held December 11<sup>th</sup> at the TPC Scottsdale. The event had supported only national organizations, not state. As a result of Chuck Schluter's suggestion, a contribution will now go to the AZ National Guard Emergency Relief Fund. The golfing and lunch is free to participants and every foursome will have a caddy. An appropriate tip for the caddy is \$20 per golfer.

**Public Relations:** Ron Green is looking for ways to get more publicity for our chapter, perhaps in newspapers. There was considerable discussion and brainstorming such as inviting a reporter to attend one of our general meetings when we have a major presenter and sending more pictures with a write-up to National, e.g., *Birdies for the Brave*. Positive publicity also helps with recruiting new members.

**Good of the Order, Roundtable:**

**BOD Meeting Time:** Rob Welch suggested we schedule future Board Meetings earlier and all agreed to move the time up to 1030 hours if feasible. Ron Perkins will see if the conference room would be available.

**Recruiting Areas:** Rob Welch asked if Anthem is in our recruiting area as there are many retired military in that area. A Veterans memorial is being built in Anthem and our chapter may want to contribute. Ron Perkins volunteered to check the zip codes (85086 & 85087) to verify they are in our area. Rob also suggested we could get articles published in Anthem's local publications. John Ady will investigate Terravita, North Scottsdale, as another possible area that may have a local newspaper we could publicize in.

**Next BOD Meeting:** 07 Jan 2010

**Luncheon Greeters:**     **Dec:** Terry & Fran Tassin

**Jan:** To Be Determined

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1208 hours.

Respectfully submitted,  
Beth Cullison, Interim Secretary