

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

**Call to Order:** President Ron Perkins called the meeting to order at 11:05 AM, Thursday, May 7th, 2009 at the State Veteran's Home on N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St. Phoenix with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** John Ady, Dan Conway, Terry Tassin, Pat Dale, Ron Green, Ron Perkins, Gary Fredricks and Jim Cullison

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

**Officer/Committee Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Ron Perkins reported for Bill Roscher the present status of fund accounts: General Checking: \$10,349.66; Scholarship: \$13,826.51 Total Accounts \$24,176.17

**Membership:** Terry Tassin reported that the current membership was at 190 with 16 new members added this year.

**JROTC Medals:** Terry Tassin reported that 11 schools have been completed with 6 remaining.

**Legislative:** Gary Fredricks reported that the Arizona House Appropriations Committee passed the 2010 Budget but it still has to go thru several reviews before it goes to the Governor for signature. It currently does not borrow money nor raise taxes. Veteran's Service stands s to loose about \$500,000 in the new proposed budget. Gary also mentioned that Gregg Maxon was working with other veteran advocates for a Veteran's By Pass Court. He noted that there were two new bills introduced in the U.S. Senate and U.S. House numbered S 902 and HR 2138 which proposes grants for the establishment of Veteran's Treatment Courts. These bills are in the first step in the legislative process. Introduced bills and resolutions first go to committees that deliberate, investigate, and revise them before they go to general debate. The majority of bills and resolutions never make it out of committee.

**Personal Affairs:** Dan Conway gave an after action report on the Personal Affairs Workshop held on 25 April. He stated that 31 people had signed up but there were several walk ins making the total number even higher. Dan and John Ady received several positive comments concerning the workshop. Dan sent a thank you letter to Terry Goddard for providing a presenter, Will Bessett, who discussed "Living Wills" particular to Arizona. John Ady has volunteered to be Dan Conway's Personal Affairs Assistant.

**Arrangements:** Gary Fredricks reported for Marie that she and Jo Ann Thompson had reserved the McCormick Ranch Railroad Park for the October Picnic. The board would like Marie to check on booking the Dickens's Carolers for the Christmas luncheon.

**Programs:** Ron Perkins reported for Chuck Schluter that the program for September will be Colonel Gregg Davies, Commander of the 214<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron in Tucson, Arizona. The 214<sup>th</sup> Reconnaissance Squadron located at Davis Monthan AFB in Tucson flies the MQ-1 Predator over Iraq and Afghanistan via satellite from ground control stations in Tucson. Ron reminded the members that the October meeting will take the form of a Chapter picnic where we will host the ESGR Award presentations as we did for 2008.

**Share-a-Ride Program:** Ron Perkins asked that anyone needing a ride to please call Ron Drew at 602-319-4900

**Old Business:**

**AVHOF:** Nomination packages have been submitted on Joan Sisco and BG Carl Schneider

**5 Star Awards Submission Status:** Ron Perkins confirmed that package had been sent to National.

**Spring Golf Tournament Results:** Pat Dale reported that here was a great turn out and the; chapter made \$1,051.07 for the JROTC Scholarship Fund. Fall golf tournament will be on September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

**Luncheon Greeters: May:** Terry and Fran Tassin.

**Sept:** John and Sharon Ady

**Oct:** ?????????

**Nov:** Ron and Bette Green

**New Business:**

**Memorial Day Color Guard:** Rob Welch has been selected to serve as Color Guard Commander for Memorial Day activities at the national cemetery. Additional Color Guard members will be Paul Fein, Bill Roscher and Ron Perkins.

**AZ Council of Chapters Meeting May 16:** President Ron Perkins and Gary Fredricks will be representing the AZ Chapter at this meeting.

**Nominating Committee for 2010 Officers:** Gary Fredricks and John Ady volunteered to be on the committee. We still need a couple more and a chairman.

**MSA Committee Selection:** Terry Tassin volunteered to be the Chairman and asked for nominations with written supporting data.

**TAPS:** Ron Perkins reported the passing of members Lonnie King and Michael Hedrick and asked the treasurer to donate \$50 to the JROTC Scholarship fund in their memory.

**TV for VA Recreation Room:** Terry Tassin made a motion to spend up to \$2000 for a large screen TV for the veteran's recreation room. The motion was seconded by John Ady and the motion passed unanimously. John Ady and Pat Dale volunteered to research the purchasing the TV for the best price.

**Next BOD Meeting:** 3 Sept 2009

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:50 PM  
Ron Perkins, President/Secretary