



Minutes of the December 2011 Board of Directors' Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA



Call to Order: President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, December 1, 2011, at the National Guard Distance Learning Center, 5636 E. McDowell Road.

Members Present: John Ady, Beth Cullison, Jim Cullison, Jim Draper, Marie Fredricks, Ron Green, Frank Hoak, Bill Roscher, Rob Welch, and Carol Winkler.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported the golf tournament earned \$845.57. The General Fund balance is \$9,466.42; Scholarship Fund is \$12,470.05 and \$50 in Petty Cash for a grand total of \$21,986.47. Bill asked if the chapter will be continuing the monthly \$50 contribution in 2012 to support bingo at the Veteran's Home. After discussion including the fact we are no longer holding the board meetings at the Veteran's Home, Ron Perkins moved we discontinue managing participation but continue the monthly \$50 donation to support bingo refreshments and prizes. Frank Hoak seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Legislative: Gary Fredricks provided a comprehensive status in *The Sentinel* December issue.

Membership: Ron Perkins reported membership currently stands at 218, 174 regular and 44 auxiliary. We've added 26 new members. National sent a new list of about 20 potential recruits. All agreed National has improved screening the lists. A letter will be mailed to the prospects with a follow-up phone call inviting them to our luncheon meeting. It's time to renew annual memberships and Bill Roscher mentioned he has already received several renewal dues.

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks indicated she has everything prepared for the December luncheon and reminded board members to bring one or two wrapped gifts for the scholarship raffle. The Chinese Auction raffle rules were discussed and each gift may move up to three times. Marie said she also gives gifts in December to the McCormick Ranch Golf Club staff at her own expense. All agreed the chapter should be paying for the staff gifts. Beth Cullison made a motion seconded by Ron Perkins to give \$50 to Marie for the gifts, which passed unanimously. The annual contract with McCormick Ranch Golf Club is due in January 2012 which must specify the dates for luncheons throughout the year. The board agreed to keep the third Saturday of each month with the exception of the ESGR October lunch held at the McCormick Ranch Railroad Park and the November luncheon which is held the second Saturday due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Programs: John Ady said Chuck Schluter confirmed Colonel Lee Lange, MOAA VP Chapter Affairs, will be our keynote speaker for the January 2012 meeting. John said there was an excellent speaker from the Attorney General's Office at the Personal Affairs Workshop on the topic of consumer fraud that may be available to present at one of our luncheon meetings. John talked about investigating a larger and more visible attachment to the Meritorious Service Award ribbon for the second and beyond awards to replace the current oak leaf clusters.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison, editor, published and distributed *The Sentinel* for December. Jim experienced some computer problems and verified that all in attendance did receive the newsletter distributed yesterday.

Website: Rob Welch continues to fine tune and improve the chapter website. Rob included an article about the website in *The Sentinel*.

OLD BUSINESS

Greeters:

December – Nancy Burt & Carol Winkler
January – Jim & Beth Cullison
February – Frank & Lenore Hoak

Scholarship Fund: Rob Welch sent an e-mail to members asking for donations for the scholarship fund and has collected \$225 to date and anticipates more. He is also working on corporate donors such as USAA. He is putting together the scholarship application forms and will be mailing them on December 31 to the 17 schools we support. The need to ensure the schools are handling and distributing the applications appropriately was discussed. The board agreed the scholarship committee will review the applicants and make a recommendation on awarding the Ron Worthington Scholarship including the amount to award.

NEW BUSINESS

MOAA Travel Program Rebate: Frank Hoak briefly spoke about the *MOAA Travel* member benefits and chapter rebate awards. Information on the travel program is available on the National MOAA website and in the *Military Officer Magazine*.

2011 MOAA Annual Meeting: John and Sharon Ady attended the annual meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, October 27-29. John was very impressed with the planning and agendas. Wounded Warriors caregivers were honored. John accepted the chapter's seventh Five Star award. There was a focus on increasing membership beyond the current 377,000 national members including recruiting more active duty members. Marie Fredricks added honoring local caregivers and touring the Wounded Warriors family complex was fantastic and it is funded strictly by donations. Families are able to come in to eat, attend various workshops, and enjoy the camaraderie of others. It was noted that the *Wounded Warriors* program has very low administrative costs.

January & February 2012 Meetings: John Ady will not be available for the January luncheon and February Board meetings but is coordinating with Rob Welch to chair those meetings.

Installation of Officers: John Ady reminded that the installation of Officers will occur at the January 2012 luncheon meeting.

Personal History Presentations: Frank Hoak suggested chapter luncheon meetings could include a brief personal interest or show & tell type presentation to break the meeting up and perhaps spend less time on officer reports since that information is typically covered in *The Sentinel* and meeting minutes. Frank volunteered to do a brief presentation at the January meeting.

Communication Awards: John Ady said submissions for the annual Communication awards are due February 1, 2012. The plan is to submit *The Sentinel* electronic version, website, and recruiting brochure.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Chase Bank: Frank Hoak said Chase Bank announced monthly charges will be waived for Veterans.

Gold Bar Program: Rob Welch suggested expanding the Gold Bar Program to include the Scottsdale Healthcare military trauma training graduates to also increase membership. Rob will research and bring back a recommendation.

StandDown: Bill Roscher has sent the \$500 donation to support next year's StandDown event. Around the first of January their website (www.arizonastanddown.org), will be available to sign-up to volunteer for the event. Ron Green suggested Art Sloan as a possible speaker to provide more information on the event held every February to help homeless veterans.

Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday, 17 December 2011

Next BOD Meeting: Thursday, 5 January 2011

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1145 hours.

Respectfully submitted
Beth Cullison, Secretary