



**THE ARIZONA CHAPTER**  
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Minutes of the February 7, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA, AZARNG HQ, RTI-Classroom 5, 5636 E. McDowell Rd, Phoenix Arizona 85008

**Call to Order:** President Rob Welch called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, February 7, 2013 at the AZARNG Regional Training Institute, Classroom 5, 5636 E. McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** John Ady, Jim Cullison, Jim Draper, Ron Green, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher, Rob Welch

**Officer & Committee Reports:**

**Secretary's Report:** A motion was made by John Ady and seconded by Ron Perkins to waive reading minutes of last meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Roscher reports the current figures to be: General Fund \$9585.62; Scholarship Fund \$15188.77; Petty Cash \$50.00 for a Grand Total of \$24824.39. Bill Roscher presented the 2012 yearend financial report for the Chapter. A motion was made by John Ady and seconded by Jim Draper to accept the report.

**Arrangements:** Arlene Day reported that the February Luncheon Menu is set. She would like to start planning a summer event – please contact Arlene at [arleneday@gmail.com](mailto:arleneday@gmail.com) with any ideas.

**Auxiliary & Wives:** Nancy Burt reported no activity this month. Nancy will follow up on Auxiliary membership renewals.

**Chaplain:** Chapter position is currently vacant. Ron Green is trying to entice his friend Pastor Brooks to join the Chapter and become the new Chaplain.

**ESGR:** No report this month.

**Historian:** Jim Cullison had nothing to report this month.

**JROTC:** Terry Tassin reports that he has received from National MOAA all the medals, certificates and presentation folders for this year. They will be delivered to the schools prior to their scheduled Awards Night. All presenters will need to do is show up and hand out the award(s); they have been requested not to speak while presenting due to time constraints. All JROTC schools, with the exception of Cactus High Scholl, have award night dates set. So far 6 Chapter Members have signed up to present; 11 schools still need presenters. Please email [terrytassin@cox.net](mailto:terrytassin@cox.net) for info and sign up.



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#### **Legislative Affairs:** Gary Fredricks reports:

On the National level, the White House has not provided any specific leadership during this period for the Congress to act upon. The following two major milestones are cresting on the horizon while a sit & wait attitude prevails:

- Mid Feb Budget
- March 1<sup>st</sup> Sequestration

On the State level, two bills have surfaced of interest to veteran's pocketbooks:

- HB-2391. Would exempt 100% of military pay or military retiree pay from AZ State Income Tax. Rumor is that the State can't afford it, and that it will go no place. Nine Sponsors. Assigned to committees: Ways & Means, Appropriations & Rules. FYI - Another bill might surface upping the current \$2,500 exemption to \$5,000.
- HB-2076. Drafted/Pushed by the Green Valley Chapter. Would give service members credit for service education, training or experience as a member of the armed forces, when applying for a license, certificate or registration requiring said qualities. 21 sponsors so far. It is currently in the House PSMRA Committee.

**Membership:** Ron Perkins reports current Chapter Membership is 225; 184 Regular Members and 41 Auxiliary Members. Emails have been sent to the 110 members who have not yet sent in their 2013 dues. Dan Conway will send out letters to non-email members.

A Membership Committee of Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher and Rob Welch will research options to ease and update membership renewal. Bill Roscher will contact other State Chapter Treasurer's to get their ideas on dues/renewal issues. The committee will meet and report their findings at the April Board of Directors' Meeting.

**Newsletter:** Jim Cullison continues to produce our award winning *The Sentinel*.

**Personal Affairs:** No report this month.

**Programs:** John Ady reports the program speakers have been scheduled through the month of May: Dr Paul Schnur/February; Director, Dept. of AZ Veterans Services Joey Strickland/March; AZ Congressman David Schweikert/April – Breakfast Meeting; JROTC Award Ceremony/May. October will be the annual Chapter picnic at McCormick Railroad Park, Scottsdale. Other fall programs are still in the planning stage.

**JROTC Scholarship:** Rob Welch reports the Scholarship LOI with 2 applications was mailed on January 10<sup>th</sup> to the 17 high school JROTC programs we support. So far we have verbal commitments from 3 cadets. The cutoff date for applications is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday in March, the 21<sup>st</sup>. The Scholarship Review Board will be confirmed at the March Board meeting, and meet between the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> or the weekend of the 30<sup>th</sup> of March.



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**Spotlight Speakers:** Frank Hoak reports that members are set to speak through May: February/Jim Cullison; March/Dan Conway; April/Dave Fleming; May/Arlene Day. Any Chapter member interested in participating in the fall schedule should contact Frank Hoak at [FHoak@aol.com](mailto:FHoak@aol.com).

**TOPS:** Frank Hoak has no report this month.

**Webmaster:** Rob Welch reports that effective 10 Feb 2013, our old website will no longer forward members to our new website address. Please make sure you change your favorite website to [www.azmoaa.org](http://www.azmoaa.org).

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**AZ StandDown, March 8-10, 2013:** The StandDown website has numerous volunteer opportunities available. President Rob Welch encourages all members to consider signing up to assist with worthy cause. Please advise Rob of your day(s) and hours worked. The BOD has again agreed to support the StandDown with a monetary donation of \$1.00/Chapter member.

**Board Vacancies:** There are currently 3 Board vacancies; Chaplain, Director and Public Information Officer (more on the PIO below). Please contact Rob Welch at [president@azmoaa.org](mailto:president@azmoaa.org) should you be interested in volunteering.

**Public Information Officer (PIO):** Rob Welch reports that the search continues for this new chapter position. So far, two members have expressed interest, but no takers have contacted Rob to follow through to work out a job description and duties. If you know of a person who might be qualified and willing to take this position, please have them contact Rob either on the telephone, or by email at [president@azmoaa.org](mailto:president@azmoaa.org).

**Senior Free Membership:** A motion to rescind the previous proposal to change the Chapter By-Laws was made by Ron Perkins and seconded by John Ady. All Board members in attendance were in agreement. Requests will be considered on a case by case basis.

**AZ NG Conference May 17-18, 2013:** The Chapter will continue to support the Conference by hosting an AZ MOAA info table; our presence is a positive PR & recruiting initiative. The Chapter banner will be prominently displayed.

**Water for Homeless Vets:** Ron Green continues as the Chapter's Mr. H2O – he delivered another 32 cases of water to the Veteran Outreach Center on February 6<sup>th</sup>. Ron's "informal" water collection last year allowed him to deliver more than 950 cases of water for the Valley's homeless veterans. In order to continue Ron's efforts, we are looking for sponsors to assist with the summers increased need to supply our vets with water. Please contact Ron at [bargranch@aol.com](mailto:bargranch@aol.com) to offer your assistance keeping local veterans hydrated. Ron is to come up with a proposal for the chapter to support either this effort, and/or a similar effort to an organization that supports Veterans in the Valley and submit it to the Board at the March Board meeting.



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**NEW BUSINESS**

**National Memorial Cemetery:** Rob Welch requested that the Chapter consider sponsoring an AZ MOAA golf cart to assist disabled veterans and their families to travel to memorial sites within the cemetery. John Ady will chair a Committee to look into grant possibilities. The December *Affiliate* had an article on the DC MOAA Chapter who provided this service with rousing success.

**By-Laws:** Rob Welch has asked the Board to consider for future discussion the current By-Laws concerning composition of the Board of Directors which have not been changed since 1999. Specific attention is to the issue of Committee Chairs who actually run the day-to-day operations of the chapter, yet they currently have no vote in matters that affect what they do. Rob will draft a suggested change for discussion.

**February Greeters:** Ron and Betty Perkins

**Summer Group Outing to a Diamondback Game:** Jim Cullison submitted the info/rates on a possible group trip to support our local baseball team. To secure group rates a minimum of 30 tickets are required; group sits together during the game and the group name will be displayed on the Jumbotron during the game. More info to follow.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**

Rob Welch presented a new option for our Chapter name pins. Several members have suggested a larger first name and a bigger Chapter logo for ease of reading. Rob will work with Terry Tassin on the design development and with the maker of our current name tags.

**Adjournment:** 1223 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Leonore Kenefic Hoak, Secretary