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President's Perspective by Terry Tassin

April was a good month for the Chapter. Late in the month we held our semi-annual golf outing at Rolling Hills Golf Course, enjoying a "cool Arizona day", fostering camaraderie and friendship and earning money for our JROTC scholarship fund. Also, we kicked off the presentations of our Chapter awards by providing medals to deserving young JROTC members at 17 high schools throughout the valley.

The month of May will wrap-up our award medal presentations and at the General membership luncheon we will see our members coming together to make scholarship presentations to four deserving high school students! Finally, as we close-out the first half of our year and begin our summer break, our Chapter Color Guard consisting of Tom Houser, Dan Conway, Bill Roscher, and Rob

Welch, will take part in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona - thanks for stepping up guys. All members are invited to attend the ceremony - it is really impressive and I am sure you will enjoy it.

Because this is the last chance I'll have to "urge" you in the newsletter, just a final reminder that we are having a fun outing on July 12th at the Arizona Broadway Theater in Peoria, AZ. Details have been published in the Sentinel. The cut off for getting your money to Marie Fredricks is June 25th. This event is open to family and friends, so please reserve your tickets now! Hope to see lots of our members and their quests at the luncheon and show.

This is the last issue of The Sentinel for the first half of the year and my last issue as your editor/publisher. At the end of May we take a

break for three of the hottest months of the summer. The next issue will be our September issue with Jim Cullison as your new editor. It has been great fun over the past seven and a half years serving as the editor of The Sentinel and I hope you have enjoyed reading the newsletter as much as I have enjoyed publishing it. I would like to extend my most heartfelt thanks to all of you who have contributed articles and input to the Sentinel over the years, and I know you will continue to support the new editor. I hope you enjoy your summer and I wish you a safe return in September.

~ Terry Tassin ~



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Arizona Chapter Calendar

May 1

- BOD Meeting 1:30, AZ Veteran's Home, Room A107

May 17

- General Luncheon Meeting, McCormick Ranch Golf Club

July 12

- Theatre Outing for Music Man

June thru August Summer Break

September 4

- BOD Meeting 1:30, AZ Veteran's Home, Room A107

September 20

- General Luncheon Meeting, McCormick Ranch Golf Club

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News of Interest

DoD Prepares to Remove SSN from Identity Cards

In response to Congressional pressure to protect service members and their families from identity theft, the Department of Defense is moving ahead with plans to remove Social Security numbers (SSN) from identity cards. SSNs will be removed from the identity cards of family members by year's end and replaced temporarily by the sponsor's SSN. By 2009, the SSN will also be removed from service members' ID cards. More information about this issue is available from the Army Times online at http://www.armytimes.com/news/2008/04/military_id_cards_040408w/.

Change in Travel Policy for Military Families

Military families can now travel on a Space Available (Space-A) status without sponsors aboard Defense Department-owned or contracted aircraft when they are deployed for a minimum of 120 days. The policy became effective on December 6, 2007 and was created to enhance the quality of life for service members and their families. The new Space-A travel program is considered a privilege and does not guarantee travel to every family interested in taking advantage of the policy.

Luncheon Meeting Saturday, May 17 McCormick Ranch Golf Club

The next Chapter meeting is set for Saturday, **May 17** at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. Bring a friend to our meeting and introduce them to a great group of people. The meeting will start with a social hour at 11:00 a.m. with lunch served at 12:00 Noon. The reservation form is located on page 7 of this newsletter. The deadline for reservations to reach Bill Johnson is the Thursday before the luncheon. Come join us for good food and comradeship.

Coming Attractions

By Chuck Schluter



May 17: If there is one thing that we do, and do well, it's that we support local JROTC programs with both medals and scholarships. Quite frankly we expend a lot of effort on this program, and your attendance at this luncheon means a lot to your staff. Our military legacy demands that we look to the future military leaders, and that's exactly what we are doing. Join us as we present our Scholarship awards and hear testimony from the recipients – these young men and women have been fantastic!

~June thru August Summer Break!~

July 12: Fun summer outing at the Arizona Broadway Theater in Peoria, AZ. Fee is \$47 per person for luncheon and stage performance of *"the Music Man"*. Contact Marie Fredricks at 480-836-8419.

September 20: Chapter will host an ESGR Employer Awards luncheon recognizing the importance of the Employer who supports the reserve components.

Welcome to New Chapter Members

LTC Don C. Kauffman USA (Ret) and wife Janet

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Fund Donations

One person's generous gift will help strengthen America's future through supporting the education of our youth and the troops of our country. Since the last newsletter many thanks to the members below for their donations to the:

General Fund (\$0)

None

Scholarship Fund (\$7)

The Gannon's - \$7



Board Meeting Summary

by Ron Perkins, Secretary

The Board of Directors met on April 3, 2008.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Treasurer's Report: General Checking: \$7384.73 Scholarship: \$8983.99 Total Accounts: \$16,368.72

Legislative: A Florida 501c3 organization is 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.

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: Ten scholarship applications received. Scholarship selection committee meets on the 9th of April. Committee to present nominations to the board meeting in May so scholarships can be presented to the winners at the May luncheon. There is enough Scholarship money to award a total four scholarships.

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

AZ Tax Exemption of Military Retired Pay: Robert Welch contacting Virginia and Wisconsin 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 replaces the \$50 contribution to the Arizona Veterans Donation Fund. Motion made and seconded to approve the change and after discussion the motion was passed unanimously.

General Luncheon Meeting Summary

General meeting held on April 17, 2008.

Members Present: Total people present: **34**. President recognized long time member attending her first meeting - Lavinia Davis.

Report on BOD Meeting:

Membership: 180 out of 213 members have renewed their membership for 2008.

Arrangements: Members reminded to get requests in to Marie Fredricks for the AZ Broadway Theater on July 12, 2008 to see the "*Music Man*". Tickets cost \$47 per person and include the meal and performance. Reservations due no later than June 25th.

Memorial Day Service at Cemetery: A service and massing of the colors will take place at 0800 on May 26th at the National Cemetery on Cave Creek Road. Chapter color guard will be made up of Tom Houser, Bill Roscher, Dan Conway, Rob Welch, and Paul Fein. Members were asked to take a look at the new Carillon tower and recognition Bronze plaque that was installed thru donations of various veterans groups and individuals from around the state. AZ Chapter is included on the plaque as part of the inscription that says, "Military Officers Association of America Arizona Council. The Carillon sounds every hour.

Guest Speaker: Guest speaker Tom Nelson, President of the Toastmaster's Club spoke on "*the Sub Prime Mortgage crisis*". After speaking he was presented with an MOAA Tumbler Set in appreciation of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$40 being paid out and \$43 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were:

\$20 prize won by **Ron Klaphake**

\$20 prize won by **Elizabeth Poulson**



TOPS Tips

by Chuck Schluter, TOPS Chair

Completing our series of résumé writing articles, here is:

Mistake No. 6: Accentuate the Positive

Attitude is everything. It also is profoundly important in your career transition. Without a positive approach to the very difficult venture of changing careers, you might not arrive at the right place to retire or the right job.

According to The American Heritage Dictionary, "Attitude is a state of mind or feeling with regard to some matter; disposition." As you begin to think about and plan for changing your career, your state of mind becomes important not only to you and your family but to your active duty coworkers as well.

All too often, people leaving the service tend to say negative things about their respective service, current job, or immediate supervisor. Potential employers do not want to hear your negative feelings about military service either, primarily because they will think you might bring a negative attitude to their organization.

If, on the other hand, you are upbeat and positive about life, others are more inclined to seek your friendship and counsel and offer help when you need it. Just as important, you'll succeed at your tasks. If you believe you can find a job, make the necessary preparations, including networking, and then throw your full enthusiasm and energy into the effort, you will be successful.

To a prospective employer, enthusiasm can be more important than intelligence. Very few endeavors in the business world are singular actions; they are integrated into a larger system involving other people—usually many other people. Goals are achieved through teamwork. If you cannot lead the team, follow the team, or in some way contribute to the team effort, you probably won't be selected to be part of an organization. An employer wants to be satisfied that you, as an employee, can do the work, will do the work, and most importantly, will fit on the company team.

That's not to say that maintaining a positive attitude is easy. The most important, but most difficult time to maintain a positive attitude is after receiving your first rejection -- and it will happen sometime during your job search. The key to handling the rejection is not to take it personally. It is part of the job search process.

A positive note of thanks is a tip worth remembering in the job search process. After an interview, drop members of the interview team a personal note of thanks, even if you were rejected for the position.

Members of an interview team will be more likely to remember you positively for your note. They might reconsider you for the job, or they may consider you for another position within the organization where you may fit better. Never underestimate the power of a bright and cheerful attitude. The quality of your future depends on it.

AZ Chapter Member Spotlight

[From time to time we will be running in the Sentinel, information on current and past members. If you have something for the newsletter, send it to the Editor. This month Elizabeth Poulson has provided this insight into her life with her husband John]

On May 16, 1941 John and I were married in St. Joseph, Missouri. I was 17 and he was just 21. We moved into a small house in the city and thirteen months later our first son was born.

A few weeks later John came into the kitchen while I was cooking breakfast and said "I just read in the newspaper that they would take married men into the Aviation Cadet program." Within a week he enlisted, took the physical and mental exams and was on his way to Jefferson Barracks in St. Louis.

From there he went to a College Training Detachment in Iowa, and then to Santa Ana, CA, where the group was divided into three groups -- Pilot, Navigator and Bombardier. John was put into the Pilot group. He was sent to Tulare and Bakersfield, CA and then to Douglas, AZ in the class of 44J. I drove to each base with my young son, begging for rationed gasoline stamps in each town. John graduated in Douglas and I watched as he received his first salute as a 2nd Lieutenant and flipped a silver dollar to the enlisted man who saluted him.

His first station as an officer was Williams AFB, AZ. For 25 years I was able to go to every base he was sent, including Wheelus AFB, Tripoli, Libya, Harmon AFB, Newfoundland, and Hahn AFB, Germany. Our other eight children were born in base hospitals; all went to base schools and on Saturdays and Sundays to the base theaters and Chapels. I was always active in wives club activities, bowling groups and family services.

John retired in 1968 with a 60% disability. I then decided to go back to school and get my B.A. and M.A. in Art History, and even spent two semesters in Paris, France while John took care of the children.

When John died in 2006, both the Legal Office at Luke AFB and this MOAA Chapter were with me all the way. I am especially grateful to Bill Johnson for his help. As I look back on the life I have led, I could not ask for anything better than to have been the wife of an USAF Officer.

Major John S. Poulson, USAF (Ret) [1920-2006]



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks, Legislative Chair

MOAA Legislative Report for May 2008 Sentinel
As we approach our Chapter summer break, we are also more than half way through the normal Arizona state legislative session for calendar year 2008. So far, a lot of the attention to state legislative affairs has certainly been focused on the severe budget shortfalls that the state is facing for the ongoing FY2008 expenditures and the FY2009 budget process. It appears that the Governor and the Legislature have come upon a plan for FY2008 that has minimal impact on veterans' activities in the state. We hope the same will be true of the FY2009 budget, but it is still very much a work in progress.

At the same time several veteran and military related bills have been in various stages of work within the Legislature. A total of 32 bills, sixteen each in the Senate and House, have been introduced by our state legislators. As of this date House and Senate deadlines for initially hearing bills in committee without special permission have lapsed. Of the 32, five in the Senate and three in the House were never heard. Many of the rest will never proceed beyond committee this year either. However, it seems prudent to provide for your information a summary of those efforts that appear to be making good progress.

HB 2213 which would allow absent uniformed service members and overseas voters to vote by early ballot using secure mail is now passed the Legislature and with the Governor. Bills that are currently actively moving through the process include the following: SB 1006 which would provide automatic extension of professional licenses for members on active duty; SB 1083 which would create a Gold Star Family of Arizona special license plate; SB 1084 and HB 2021 which would extend the completion and dedication of the Enduring Freedom Memorial to December 31 2010; SB 1277 which would establish a task force to research and act as a coordinating agency for programs to retrain disabled military veterans; SB 1334 which would create an interstate compact and commission to facilitate school enrollment of children of active military families; SB 1430 which would extend

until 2010 the \$10 million appropriated for building a veterans' home in Tucson; HB 2210 which would provide for a tuition waiver scholarship for certain critical incident personnel; and HB 2249 which would allow some organizations to provide right of way escort at a military member's or veteran's funeral.

Only three of the 32 bills are directly related to recommendations made in the Veterans' Research Council Report submitted to the Governor and the Legislature in January of this year. Unfortunately, all three are still mired deeply in the committee process. They are SCR1030 and HCR 2002 which would ask voters to amend the Arizona Constitution to exempt up to \$150,000 of the value of the primary residence of a service connected disabled veteran or certain unmarried surviving spouses from property tax and SB 1035 which would provide tuition waivers to certain military veterans. For the most up to date versions of Arizona bills please go to <http://www.azleg.gov/bills.asp>.

May Luncheon Meeting

- WHEN:** May 17, 2008
11:00 a.m. Social Hour
12:00 Noon Lunch
- WHERE:** McCormick Ranch Golf Club
7505 McCormick Parkway
Scottsdale, Arizona
- COST:** \$19.00 - Per Person
- DRESS:** Casual
- MENU:** Chef's Choice
- PROGRAM:** Presentation of Annual JROTC
Scholarship awards.

Reservations need to be received by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the luncheon date. Cancellations of reservations need to be received by that same Thursday in order to receive your money back or not be charged for lunch. Please make your reservations early and send your check to Bill Johnson using the Meal / Meeting Reservation Form on page 7.



Personal Affairs
by Dan Conway, Personal Affairs Officer

ENROLLMENT IN TRICARE FOR LIFE IF WORKING AFTER AGE 65

I have provided information on enrollment in Tricare for Life for those receiving Social Security benefits prior to age 65. The short answer is that Medicare and Tricare for Life automatically start at age 65 if you are current in DEERS.

If you continue to work and are covered by an employee-sponsored health plan, you may defer enrollment in Medicare Part B without penalty. You remain ineligible for Tricare for Life during this period, but your eligibility will be restored once you enroll in Part B.

Another point is that there are those who continue with their employee-sponsored health plan after retirement. In those cases, Tricare for Life becomes the third payer, and will require that you file claims for reimbursement. If you are in this position, you are encouraged to consider canceling your employee-sponsored health plan to get the full benefits of Tricare for Life.

This and other important information for those "Aging into Medicare" is included in the MOAA publication "Aging into Medicare". It is free to members either as a download or as a hard copy.

Please don't take this information as all inclusive. It is intended only to show that certain action is required to ensure that you are correctly enrolled in Tricare for Life. There is much more information in the publication referenced above. You can request a copy by phone at 1-800-234-6622 or at the MOAA web site which is www.moaa.org. You will need your MOAA membership number.

SUMMER IS ON THE WAY - MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

We have a limited number of tickets to the Arizona Broadway Theatre on July 12, 2008 to attend the afternoon performance of *the Music Man*. The price of the ticket is \$47 each which includes the performance and lunch (except drinks & dessert) plus the gratuity. You can reserve your seat now by filling out the reservation form, enclose a check and mail to Marie Fredricks.

JULY 12, 2008
"the Music Man"



The Music Man is a charming tribute to a bygone era in Smalltown, U.S.A. Follow fast-talking traveling salesman Harold Hill as he cons the people of River City, Iowa into buying instruments and uniforms for a boys' band he vows to organize – despite his not knowing a trombone from a treble clef. Meredith Wilson's *the Music Man* is family entertainment at its best.

Reservation Request for the Arizona Broadway Theatre

Name _____

Number of tickets _____

Amount enclosed _____

Make Check to: AZ Chapter MOAA - - Money must be in Marie's hands no later than 25 June.

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General Fund: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund: \$ _____ **[now a 501(c)(3) charitable fund]**

Name of Donor : _____ Identify me as a donor in the next newsletter. YES ___ NO ___

MEAL / MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ meals for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (**\$19.00** per person) for **17 May 2008**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** **No Later Than: 15 May 2008**

Send to: **Bill Johnson, 13410 North 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. Phone 602-690-1012**

TAPS

We regret to inform you of the passing of one of our members:

LCDR Kay S. "Blackie" Blackman USN (Ret)
November 19, 1921 - March 24, 2008

Our heart felt condolences are extended to the family.



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