

## **Minutes of the April 2010 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA**

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on April 17, 2010 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President Ron Perkins called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation.

**Members Present:** Total people present: 52; 45 members & 7 guests. New member Jerry McNally was also introduced.

### **Reports:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Roscher reported the General Fund is at \$9,334.71 and the Scholarship Fund is at \$12,362.90 for a total of \$21,697.61. Although the numbers have not been finalized, April's golf tournament was a big success bringing in an estimated \$1,300.

**Membership:** John Ady reported membership is currently at 186. Several officers are calling prospective members from lists provided by National. John requested current members "Bring in a Buddy" to recruit new chapter members.

**Programs:** Chuck Schluter thanked John Ady for recommending a guest speaker. Chuck reviewed the upcoming calendar indicating he has scheduled speakers through March 2011. Next month our ROTC scholarships will be awarded. During our summer break, a group outing is planned for July 17<sup>th</sup> at Arizona Broadway Theater for the showing of Footloose. See *The Sentinel* for additional information and to place your reservation.

**Legislative Report:** Ron Perkins explained Marie & Gary Fredricks are prepping for *Storming the Hill*, however Ron shared several updates. The House, Senate, and President delayed the 21% decrease in Medicare payments until June 1. The Senate also passed legislation that TRICARE beneficiaries will not suffer with National Healthcare. Another element of the national health reform would allow parents to continue health coverage of their children until age 26, although there would be a cost. Possibly by 2011 there would not be an additional cost for children up to age 26. More to come on National Healthcare benefits and impacts. Ron explained Congressman Harry Mitchell is hosting a Veterans Outreach Fair today which Gregg Maxon is working on. Per Gregg, a Veterans Legal Clinic will be established by the Phoenix School of Law. In addition, there is tentative approval for a Judicial Court focused on handling only veterans' issues to be put to the legislature next year.

**JROTC Scholarships:** Ron Perkins reminded attendees that next month's meeting will include the awarding of seven scholarships to worthy cadets. The cadets' instructors and parents have also been invited to the luncheon. Ron asked all to attend and show support for these deserving military students.

**Communications Awards:** Ron Perkins received word from National that our chapter website won second runner up. Tom Houser is our website manager and deserves many thanks and recognition for all his hard work. *The Sentinel* was awarded first runner up. Jim Cullison is the editor and many of the officers contribute to the monthly editions.

**Luke AFB:** The *Luke Forward F-35 Support Campaign* is working to ensure Luke Air Force Base is selected as a training base for the F-35 fighter aircraft. As Ron Perkins explained, it will enable Luke AFB to continue its role in our military's air defense. In addition, there are major benefits to the local economy. You can register your support online at [www.LukeForward.com](http://www.LukeForward.com) and contact your state legislators and representatives to voice your support.

**Vietnam Remembrance Day:** The annual Vietnam Remembrance Day Ceremony will be held Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. at the Vietnam Memorial, Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza by the state capital.

**Member Recognition:** Ron Perkins acknowledged our chapter's many distinguished members. Ron announced Rance Farrell just received the 2010 Soaring

Eagle Award which is the highest award from the Association of the U.S. Army. Rance was also making a presentation to a group of ROTC cadets Saturday evening on the topic of leadership.

**Lunch** was served.

**Dr. Paul Schnur:** Ron Perkins introduced our fellow member and guest speaker, Dr. Paul Schnur. Ron enumerated Dr. Schnur's numerous accomplishments and hobbies. Dr. Schnur's presentation was titled, *The Mayo Clinic Mystique*, The Secret of The Mayo Clinic Success. He spoke of the world's most famous medical institute, taking us through Mayo's rich history, philosophy, and current status. Ron Perkins presented a set of MOAA tumblers to Dr. Schnur as a token of our appreciation.

**Chapter 50/50 Raffle** collected \$131; Bill Roscher awarded seven prizes: three \$5, three \$10, and one \$20 for a total of \$65 awarded.

**Adjournment:** 2:00 PM

Respectfully submitted:  
Beth Cullison, Secretary