

Minutes of the March 2010 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on March 20, 2010 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. First Vice President Gregg Maxon, filling in for President Ron Perkins, called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation. Gregg welcomed Frank & Velma Birtciel, who were able to attend today's luncheon after a brief absence due to medical issues. Ron Worthington then shared an article from *The American Air Museum in Britain* featuring the P51 airplane named for Velma flown by Frank during WWII.

Members Present: Total people present: 64; 57 members & 7 guests. New members Larry DeSanto and Charles Knight were also introduced.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported the General Fund is at \$8,563.21 and the Scholarship fund is at \$12,230.54 for a total of \$20,793.55.

Programs: Chuck Schluter announced Dr. Paul Schnur will be our April speaker presenting "The Mayo Clinic Mystique, The Secret of the Mayo Clinic Success".

Legislative Report: Gary Fredricks was not able to attend, however, Gregg Maxon provided updates including the extension of Medicare/TRICARE payment reductions to April 1st, a COLA increase in 2011 is not likely, and the House Armed Services Personnel Subcommittee reported the troops are very satisfied with their level of compensation when compared to the current economy and there is no need to increase the Pentagon proposed 1.4% pay raise for 2011. Typically Congress increases the military pay raise by at least one-half percent.

JROTC Scholarships: Gary Worthington currently has seven applications but expects 10 to 12 before the March 25th deadline. The scholarship committee will review the applications on March 27th and make their final recommendations at the April Board meeting.

Chapter Golf Tournament: The tournament is scheduled for April 9th.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Marshall Trimble: Gregg Maxon introduced Arizona's official state historian, Marshall Trimble. Gregg highlighted several of Marshall's many awards and national recognition. Gregg also shared a humorous story about Marshall's presentation at an international workshop for Emergency Response with one of the former Russian Republics held in 2000. Marshall then entertained and enlightened our group with numerous facts and stories about Arizona's history including how many of Arizona's towns got their names. Marshall's stories and music were not only entertaining but educational and thoroughly enjoyed by all. Marshall is being inducted into the Arizona Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame.

Membership: Gregg Maxon asked Beth Cullison for an update on membership renewal. Beth reported that 90% have now renewed and urged everyone to make sure dues are paid no later than March 31st.

Chapter 50/50 Raffle collected \$141; six prizes were awarded: one \$5, three \$10, and two \$20 for a total of \$75 awarded.

Adjournment: 1:46 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Beth Cullison, Secretary