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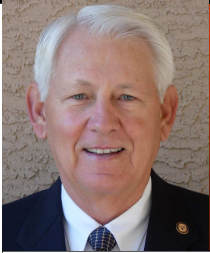
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DUES!! DUES!! DUES!! DUES!! DUES!!
Please renew your membership in the Arizona Chapter before March 31.

Arizona Chapter Calendar

- March 4**
- . BOD, AZ Veterans Home, 1030 Hours
- March 20**
- . General Meeting/ Luncheon; Guest Marshall Trimble, Arizona State Historian; McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Social Hour 1100, Lunch 1200 Hours
- April 1**
- . BOD, AZ Veterans Home, 1030 Hours
- April 17**
- . General Meeting/ Luncheon; Guest to be announced; McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Social Hour 1100, Lunch 1200



President's Perspective

by Ron Perkins

64D and its survivability in combat. In addition to information on the construction of the AH-64D and its capabilities, Mr. Austin also provided insight to the unique management and leadership techniques used at the Mesa plant. He described the bottom-up approach to addressing problems on the line and praised the close working relationship between assembly workers and upper management. A very informative and interesting tour was enjoyed by everyone.

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On the Go in February

Early last month, several chapter members participated in the 9th Arizona StandDown for homeless veterans. Then later in the month a total of 39 members and friends received a special tour of the Boeing Helicopter plant in Mesa that makes the AH-64D Apache Longbow Attack Helicopter.

I want to thank all those members who participated in the Stand Down. It was a very enlightening and rewarding experience. Over 800 homeless veterans were helped out in many, many ways. See Jim Cullison's article in this edition of the Sentinel for a more detailed break down of the StandDown statistics and pictures. The chapter hopes to make the Arizona StandDown an annual community

service event. On February 20, several chapter members and friends were provided briefings and a close-up tour of the Boeing Helicopter plant in Mesa by Doug Austin, Production Manager for Final Assembly of the AH-64D Apache Longbow. The briefings included excellent videos showing the combat capabilities of the AH-

New ID Procedure at Luke AFB

Anyone requiring routine access to Luke AFB needs to register your ID card information with Luke Security now through June 30 due to a new biometric ID system being implemented as of July 1.

You can register 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at the South or North Gate visitor information centers and the Base Exchange. The procedure requires you and/or your spouse to present your current ID card. The card information and your thumb or index finger are scanned into the new system. It just takes a few minutes. You do not have to get a new ID card unless your card was issued prior to the year 2000.

Hint: The Exchange table is often busy and can take longer. The North Gate is typically quickest.

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President's Perspective...

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March Speaker Will Be a Real Treat

The Boeing tour was followed with lunch at McCormick Ranch Golf Course. We had 47 people in attendance and we all enjoyed good food, conversation and updates on upcoming chapter activities. You will not want to miss next month's luncheon when we have Marshall Trimble, Arizona's official state historian, as our guest speaker. Please make plans to attend early; bring a friend and use the sign-up form in *The Sentinel* to make reservations.

Your Dues are Important

I have been informed by the membership chairman that several members have not renewed their annual dues. Your membership is vitally important to all veterans. Your Arizona Chapter is very active nationally, at the state level and locally, helping to improve veterans' situations and foster support and understanding for retired, current and future military officers. We also have a full calendar of events throughout the year for the enjoyment of our members.

The Arizona Chapter of MOAA is well represented at all levels, but will remain so as long as it can lay claim to its greatest resource, **its membership**. If you haven't already paid your dues for 2010, please act quickly and get your dues in to Bill Roscher before the end of March. The renewal form is on Page 4.

Ronald J Perkins



Coming Attractions

By Chuck Schluter

April's planned speaker, Lt. Col. Hoyt Slocum, has to be rescheduled for 2011, but an equally interesting speaker is being lined up. Look for all the details in next month's *Sentinel*.

May: Presentation of JROTC scholarships.

June-August: No Monthly meetings. Theater outing in July; all the information next month.

September: Remembering 9/11 by one who was there.

March Luncheon

Grab Your Western Duds, Get Set for a Rollikin' Good Time

Our luncheon on March 20 promises to be a memorable one, as Marshall Trimble, Arizona's official state historian, attends as guest speaker.

A native Arizonan and Marine Corps veteran, he is one of the state's most popular and colorful personalities and is often referred to as "the Will Rogers of Arizona."



He has appeared on national TV, is a member of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame and has a list of other honors too lengthy to include here. His presentations, a mix of stories and songs, are entertaining and informative. You'll learn a lot about our state, even if you've lived here all your life.

Dress Code for March

You can give Marshall an Arizona welcome by dusting off your Stetson, cowboy boots, western clothes, putting on your bola tie and wearing them to the meeting. He'll appreciate it.

Scholarship Selection Process Begins

by Ron Worthington

The Arizona Chapter awards scholarships each year to several graduating JROTC cadets from applicants from 17 area high schools. With these scholarships, we hope to further the education of students who have maintained a scholastic position in the upper half of his or her class and who demonstrate qualities of leadership, good moral character and concern for fellow men and women through service to others.

President Ron Perkins appointed this year's scholarship committee: Ron Worthington (chairman) and members Terry Tassin, Rob Welch, Ron Green and Bill Roscher. The committee will accept applications until 25 March and meet on 27 March to select winning cadets. These cadets and their parents and Senior Military Instructors will be honored at the May luncheon meeting when the cadets will be presented their scholarship checks.

VADM Ryan Honored for Leadership

MOAA National President Norb Ryan Jr., VADM USN (Ret.) has been named Association Executive of the Year by *Association TRENDS*, the national newspaper for association executives and suppliers.

The trade publication's award recognizes VADM Ryan's leadership of MOAA and effective advocacy on critical military issues. It's the first time the award has been given to someone in the military community and is a shining example of the high caliber of people who head our association at all levels. The award was presented at a ceremony February 23 in Washington, D.C.

Grab your clubs, Have some fun, Support scholarships



The AZ Chapter's spring golf tournament and scholarship fundraiser tees off Friday, April 9, at Painted Mountain Golf Course, 6210 E. McKellips Rd., Mesa.

Shotgun start at 8 a.m.; check-in between 6:45-7:30 a.m.

Your \$60 entry fee includes cart, 18 fun holes of golf, buffet lunch and prizes. Proceeds go to the Chapter's Scholarship Fund.

Members and guests are welcome to play. Collared shirts are required. Golf shoes should have soft spikes. Sneakers are allowed.

Pat Dale needs to receive your entry by March 27. Questions? Give Pat a call at 480-661-5204 or e-mail at patrickdale1@cox.net.

--- CUT HERE AND MAIL WITH CHECK ---

AZ Chapter Golf Tournament Registration

Name: _____

Phone No: _____

E-mail: _____

(Please Print)

I would like to be partnered with: _____

Mail with check made to **AZ Chapter MOAA** to:
Pat Dale, 12633 E. Kalil Dr., Scottsdale, AZ 85259

Check for \$____included for ____players (\$60 each)

New Member Initiative

“Bring in a Buddy”

Our recruitment efforts this year are off to a good start with at least two new National and Chapter members from direct contact with recruitment materials in hand. If each member would think of a friend who should be a member, request the recruitment materials, and present them to your friend, we could meet our recruitment goals. We need everyone to help.

For Chapter membership, we have a very professional brochure and offer free membership for the balance of the calendar year. However, they first have to be National members.

For National membership, there are two options. For active duty officers, or drilling Reservists, National offers a one-year free membership. For retired or former officers, National offers a two-year membership for the price of one. As an additional incentive, each recruiter earns an entry in a random end-of-year drawing for a \$1,000 prize.

If you want recruiting materials, you can pick them up at a meeting or call John Ady at 480-596-0780 or Dan Conway at 480-368-1427.

Welcome New Members

**Maj. Richard L. Westby, USAF (Ret.)
and Spouse Julie**
Glendale, Arizona

**LT Charles E. Knight III, USN
and Spouse Paula**
Scottsdale, Arizona

**Please meet and welcome our new
members.**

Did You Know?

Gen. Douglas MacArthur's father, Arthur MacArthur, was a Lieutenant General in the Army and won the Medal of Honor in the Civil War.



Happy Volunteers

Shown here are some of the Chapter volunteers who pitched in to help make the StandDown for Homeless Veterans a success. Pictured at left overlooking some of the clothing they helped sort are, from left, Ron Perkins, Dan Conway, Bette Green, Kathy Upchurch, Ron Green, Jim Cullison and Carol Culbertson. Below from left are Bill Roscher, John Ady and Ronnie and Rob Welch. Our Chapter volunteers helped sort clothes and did other tasks as needed. The Board also approved a \$500 donation to the StandDown committee to help defray expenses.

Chapter Assists Homeless Veterans

The Arizona Chapter was well-represented at the annual Arizona StandDown for Homeless Veterans in February. Seventeen members and spouses volunteered more than 100 hours at the 4-day event, held at Veterans Memorial Coliseum in Phoenix.

It was a record year for the StandDown, with more than 800 veterans being assisted with donated clothing and shoes, legal aid, medical care, and help with Social Security, driver license/state ID cards, housing and employment. The veterans could even take showers, get haircuts, play table games and sleep overnight at the Coliseum if they wished.

Nearly half of those served are chronically homeless. Almost a third were living on the street or in shelters, while others were living in transitional housing or with family and friends.



Last Chance to Renew Your 2010 Chapter Dues

Your 2010 renewal must be received by March 31 for you to remain an active member of the chapter. If you haven't renewed, don't delay. Your dues support our worthwhile programs and keep our chapter strong.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL RENEWAL FORM WITH YOUR CHECK -----

[Arizona Chapter 2010 Membership Renewal Form](#)

Member Full Name: _____

Membership Renewal: **\$20** Full Member _____ **\$10** Auxiliary Member _____ (surviving spouse)

Any Changes in your address, phone number, e-mail, etc: _____

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA**

Mail renewal application and check to:

AZ CHAPTER MOAA

C/O Bill Roscher

4337 E. Sands Drive

Phoenix, AZ 85050



Personal Affairs
by Dan Conway
Personal Affairs Officer

Identity Theft

Among the many MOAA publications, one which could be very valuable is the Financial Planning Guide. Below is a part of the information included about Identity Theft.

Practical Steps You Can Take Now to Reduce Your Exposure to Identity Theft:

Pick up your mail promptly and deposit outgoing mail at the post office or in a post office collection box.

Review all bills and statements promptly and notify banks and creditors of transactions you do not recognize.

Review your credit report annually. Recent legislation allows you to receive a free credit report each year from the three national credit bureaus. For more information go to www.annualcreditreport.com

Guard your Social Security Number. Do not print it on your checks. If it is on your driver's license, contact your DMV to ask about other options.

Do not sign the backs of credit cards. Instead write "PHOTO ID REQUIRED."

Destroy documents with personal information that you do not need. A cross-cut shredder works best.

Home Computer Tips:

Install anti-virus software to prevent a worm or virus from compromising your computer files.

Password protect both your hard drive and sensitive files.

If you dispose of your computer, use a good software utility to "wipe" clean the hard drive. Do not simply erase files or reformat your hard drive.

When registering at a web site, provide minimal information. Never provide your Social Security Number. If you do not understand why certain information is required, then do not provide it.

Do not download files sent to you by

strangers or click on links in e-mails from people you do not know.

Travel Tips:

Stop the delivery of mail, newspapers and other items received on a regular basis.

Make your home appear to be lived in by setting lights on variable timers and arrange for someone to mow your lawn.

Put your work address on your luggage tags and use your first initial instead of first name.

Use a money belt or neck pouch to carry important items.

Do not take personal checks.

Take only the credit cards you need. If traveling alone, take two cards to avoid any inconvenience if one card is lost or stolen. If traveling with your spouse, insure that each brings a different card.

Take an ATM or debit card for extra cash. Memorize your PIN.

To obtain the entire publication at no cost, call MOAA at 1-800-234-6622. Be sure to have your MOAA membership card ready.

Again, consider me as a resource and don't hesitate to call with your questions and concerns at 480-368-1427.

Daniel M. Conway

Auxiliary Corner

by Kathy Upchurch
Auxiliary Liaison

Survivor Outreach Services Offices

are being set up in every state. The mission of the SOS offices is to provide assistance to survivors: spouses, children, parents and siblings. They are focused on OIF/OEF and the immediate needs of recently surviving families, yet they also will see any survivor needing assistance from counseling, benefits, financial counseling and more. All branches of service and all ages of survivors will be seen.

The Arizona SOS Coordinator is Annette Yover, located at Army National Guard JFHQ, 52nd Street Bldg M5710-PRC, Phoenix; phone 602-629-4725, cell 602-369-1668, e-mail Annette.yover@us.army.mil.



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks, Legislative Chair

MOAA's National Agenda

The President's FY2011 Defense Authorization budget proposal is now known, and it reveals no significant surprises. This allows MOAA's 2010 national legislative agenda to proceed pretty much on course.

The next major event will be the annual "Storming the Hill" campaign on April 21. For our visits to our Arizona legislators in Washington, I will be teamed with Bob Delker, the immediate past president of the Arizona Council of MOAA Chapters from our Superstition MOAA Chapter, and Mrs. Pat Schechter, a member of the National MOAA Auxiliary Members Advisory Committee from our Tucson MOAA Chapter.

The campaign this year focuses on authorizing an increased military pay raise, providing fair retirement credit for Guard/Reserve members activated since 9/11/01, and ending unfair penalties for disabled retirees and survivors including the DIC offset to SBP and concurrent receipt remaining issues.

Medicare/TRICARE Deadline Looms

As the Sentinel goes to press this month, the clock is still ticking on a very significant issue which could affect most of us adversely if not fixed. That issue, of course, is the looming 21% cut to Medicare/TRICARE doctor payments that is scheduled to kick in on March 1 unless Congress takes action to prevent it. We are still working the issue hard and hope to at least see the cut postponed once again as it has been for the past four years. A long term fix is not likely at the moment given the concern over the federal deficit and the \$250 billion it would add to that problem.

As we wait to see what happens, I thank those of you who sent in the pre-written MOAA e-mails to our Congressmen expressing our concern, and I urge each of you to stay alert for future MOAA national requests for support on this issue.

At the state legislative level the budget deficit remains unsolved, but some small movement in

breaking the partisan deadlock on progress seems to be surfacing. There is also considerable activity on several proposed bills that potentially affect us. As reported last month we shouldn't expect any of these new initiatives to surface that actually cost money to the state. But, it is encouraging to see some interest in the military/veteran community from our legislators.

The Action So Far

Last month at this time, there had been 34 of these new bills introduced, eight in the Senate and 26 in the House. Currently, there are 48 on record, 15 in the Senate and 33 in the House. That compares with the roughly two dozen that were introduced last year, of which a half dozen were actually enacted.

One of the bills, HB 2427 (military overseas voting; ballot arguments) passed the legislature and was signed by the Governor. Others vary from being passed in the Senate or House and pending action in the other chamber, through still being discussed in committees, to a few that haven't yet been heard by committees.

There are far too many in process to be able to discuss with any detail in this column. We are encouraged, however, to note that a small number of them which seem to be inappropriate are not progressing at all while others that are appropriate are making headway. As an example of the former, the "payday loan" issue is back, as well as an effort to divert special license tag fees from the Arizona Veteran's Donation Fund to a non-profit operating out of Florida. At the moment we believe things are going well, but stay tuned for any requests for support that may be forthcoming through our AZ Chapter MOAA E-newsletter.

Donations to Chapter Funds

General Fund

Edward Waldmann, M.D., USNR (Ret.) \$25

Scholarship Fund

Marie Loos, Auxiliary \$50
(In Memory of Carl Hayden)

Edward Waldmann, M.D., USNR (Ret.) \$25
Eleanor Pickett, Auxiliary, \$25

Event of Interest to Military Families

The 7th annual sunrise memorial to honor fallen heroes, their mothers, spouses and families is scheduled for 6:30 a.m. March 23 at the Apache Ramada at Piestewa Peak in Phoenix. The event is open to the public. Members of Lori Piestewa's family, former POWs and Gold Star Families will attend. Lori was the first Native American woman/U.S. service member killed in combat. The ramada is located off Lincoln Drive east of Rt. 51. A vigil and dinner also are planned to begin at 5 p.m. March 23 at the Phoenix Elks Lodge 335, 14424 N. 32nd St., Phoenix. For information and RSVP contact Liz Gonzales, 623-334-9393, e-mail lizzyjane323@aol.com.

March Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: March 20, 2010
11:00 a.m. Social Hour, 12:00 Lunch

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
Scottsdale, Arizona

COST: \$19 Per Person

DRESS: Business Casual

MENU Chef's Choice

PROGRAM: Marshall Trimble, Arizona's official state historian, will entertain us with tales of Arizona lore. Wear your western clothes.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Thursday, March 18. Cancellations need to be received the same day in order to receive your money back. Use the reservation form below.

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Send to: **Bill Roscher, 4337 E. Sands Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050** Phone: 480-948-3609 E-mail: wroscher@cox.net

Space-A Bill Would Aid Surviving Spouses

A bill now in Congress, HR 4403, the Space-A Travel Act of 2009, would allow unremarried spouses of deceased retired service members to fly space available on military aircraft. The spouse's dependents also could travel space available if accompanied by the spouse. Kathy Upchurch, Auxiliary Liaison, urges Auxiliary members to contact their Congress members to co-sponsor and support the bill.

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