

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on 16 November 2002 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **RON GREEN** called the meeting to order at 12:00PM. **ROBERT RUTHERFORD** gave the Invocation and **BILL JOHNSON** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **54**.  
New members and guests were introduced

Minutes of the last General meeting were read and approved. The Treasurer's Report was made by **BILL JOHNSON**:

Checking account	=	\$3066.45
Anniversary account	=	\$589.52
Scholarship account	=	\$8150.66

Lunch was held.

**Old Business** included reports from various committee chairmen:

**DAN CONWAY (LEGISLATIVE & COUNCIL)** stated that a watered down version of Concurrent Receipt is going to the President. This version is not what was first envisioned and is not as comprehensive as the original version. During the year 2003, TROA will be trying to get an improved version of the Survivor Benefit Plan through Congress.

**DAN CONWAY (SILENT AUCTION)** stated that a very good response from merchant sponsors and chapter members indicates the chapter's Silent Auction at the 19 December meeting has the potential of putting substantial funds into the Chapter's Scholarship Fund and Operating Fund. Auction items valued at over \$3000 have been received to date.

**RAYMOND DEANE (MEMBERSHIP AND SCHOLARSHIPS)** reported that the chapter has 165 full members and 50 auxiliary members for a total of 215 members. A total of 77 new members have been installed for the 2002 membership year to date.

**Past President CHUCK SCHLUTER** noted that he had been sworn in as a National TROA officer on Friday, 15 November 2002 at TROA HQ in Alexandria, VA. The presentation of the Chapter Meritorious Service Medal to eleven recipients at today's meeting was his first official act on behalf of TROA National. He commented on the excellent quality of the Chapter's Internet Web Site. He also pointed out that TROA National would consider voting rights for Auxiliary members this year. He recognized all past and present members of the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame. They are: Class of 2001 Walter W. Thompson (deceased); Class of 2002 Thomas Smith, Terry Tassin, and William Toy.

**Chuck Schluter and James Seidl presented chapter Meritorious Service medals** to this year's recipients. This award is presented to Chapter members who have performed exceptional service to the chapter and national organization.

Recipients present and receiving their awards were: **Ron Green, Raymond Deane, Velma Birtciel, Bernie Conway, Dan Conway, Chet Baumer** and **Norman Derouin (deceased)** – accepting for Norman was his widow Helen.

Due to illness **Ray Hitzel** will have his medal presented at home. Recipients **Jack Bryan** (deceased), **Pete Magadan**, and **Ron Drew** not being present will have their awards presented at the next meeting.

**New Business** included a **Programs Report** by **JIM SEIDL** in which he told members the next general meeting, on 19 December, would be a Prime Rib menu dinner meeting where we would also conduct our annual Silent Auction fundraiser. Members were urged to bring auction items to the meeting.

The **chapter raffle** was held with \$70 being paid out and \$69 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: Doug Gray, Mike Gannon, Fran Tassin, and Betty Tichenor.

**BOB RUTHERFORD** gave the Benediction.

**Motion to adjourn** was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:05PM.

Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary