



# The Sentinel



Arizona's First Chapter

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CHARTERED IN 1956 - OVER 40 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COUNTRY

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There was much to write about for the President's Message in this issue of *The Sentinel*. However, major health concerns and doctor visits limited Ron's ability to produce the column for this newsletter. Therefore, I, your fearless Editor, am putting some words together for him.

Some issues the President wanted to expand upon were our own Chuck Schluter's induction onto the Board of Directors of TROA National. As you may remember, Past President Chuck Schluter was nominated by our Chapter to be a member of the TROA Board of Directors. He was elected by the national membership in August and sworn in at the National Conference last month in Colorado Springs, Colorado to begin a six-year term beginning in October 2002. I am sure you all join with me in wishing Chuck all the best of luck in this new endeavor. Its time to start keeping track of those "frequent flyer miles" Chuck.



By now you all know the TROA name change is official. TROA National will begin transitioning from the old TROA name to the new identification of Military Officers Association of America (M. O. A. A) on 1 January 2003. This national transition will be completed by October 2003. Our Chapter will make the necessary changes to our name over the summer of 2003. The June issue of *The Sentinel* will be the last using the old identifier of TROA. Please keep in mind that our goals and objectives will not change because of the name change. It is hoped that the change will result in better recruiting and retention among younger officers--something we must do for the health of the organization.

Why the name changes? TROA's goal is promoting a strong national defense, and it has long lobbied for fair entitlements and benefits for all military personnel, including active duty pay raises, equitable health care, repeal of the old REDUX retirement system that caused

retention and readiness problems, and improvement in compensation for military moves.

TROA officials began to look at the organization's name when more and more younger active duty and retired military officers showed reluctance to join a "retired" organization, even though many of TROA's legislative efforts are aimed at supporting military people's rights and benefits in all phases of their careers. It was felt that a new name would lend credence to TROA's already strong voice on Capitol Hill on behalf of the active duty and second career personnel.

Research also confirmed that the word "retired" confused prospective members because people thought they had to be retired to join. Additionally, TROA's membership has broadened to include more active duty, Guard, and Reserve officers. The concept of what is "retired" has changed over time, because many former military people and spouses are on their second or third careers or actively involved in community service.

In recommending the Military Officers Association of America, TROA officials noted that "military" clarifies what kind of officers are members. "Officers" and "Association" are self-explanatory. The "of America" acknowledges the patriotic inclinations of the membership and prospective members.

*Editor*

## Membership Renewal

The Chapter now has 160 regular and 47 auxiliary members. If you have an \*02 behind your name on the newsletter mailing label, an Early Bird insert with a quick and easy renewal slip is included in this issue. An \*03 or greater on your label means you are paid up through that year.

## Mailing Addresses

Just a reminder to please keep the membership chairman and the newsletter editor updated on your current mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number.

## Arizona Chapter Calendar

### Nov 10

Founding of U.S. Marines—1775

### Nov 11

Veterans Day  
WWI Armistice Day

### Nov 16

Luncheon Meeting

### Nov 28

Thanksgiving Day

### Nov 30

Hanukkah

### Dec 5

Board of Directors

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS — REMEMBER OUR FALLEN COMRADES — FLY YOUR FLAG

### Scholarship Fund

One person's generous gift will help strengthen future through supporting the education of our youth. Since the last newsletter generous Scholarship donations have been received from Bill Adams, Bryan, Harlan Welsh, Bob Rutherford, James G Fein, Ruth Kovacevich, Chuck Schluter, Roy Anderson and Frank Birtciel. Our thanks are offered to you on behalf of all future beneficiaries of the Scholarship Fund.

### Electronic Newsletters

If you would like to read an electronic copy of *The Sentinel* newsletter you may access the newsletter through our National TROA web site or, by clicking Chapter's new local web site at: <http://home.earthlink.net/~thousersprint0/TROA/>

### All Veterans Annual Picnic

When: Sunday, November 3, between 9AM and 12PM  
Where: Steele Indian School Road Park (Third & Indian School Road)  
What: Free, hamburgers, hotdogs, snacks, raffle and door prizes. Bring lawn chairs, sunscreen and children/grandchildren, also bring identification as a veteran - ID Card, Veteran's organization card or something to show your branch of service. Be proud of your service - wear your colors!

### Fall Golf Tournament Results

The AZ Chapter TROA Fall Weekday Golf Tour was held on Wednesday, October 9 at Falcon D Course. It was a beautiful day and 20 TROA members and guests showed up. We had five players who had joined us before. We enjoyed their company, and saw them, plus five or more new players at the tournament. We even had one lady join the event. We spoke of shooting for a ladies foursome next time.

A new champion was crowned. Cory Stegen, a former member, unseated our three-time champion Anderson. Cory shot a 71, and also garnered "1st drive" honors. Roy Anderson did come in a close with a score of 73, and also took one of two "closest to the pin" awards. Norm Miller, a first time attendee captured the second "closest to the pin" award. President Ron Green was not willing to give up his golfer's hat that is reserved for the highest scorer. He wears it well!

Bob Rutherford and Bill Adams had to cancel at the moment due to not feeling well, but contributed their fees to the scholarship fund. This, along with their money, contributed \$225.00 to the chapter. Not a bad event designed to produce camaraderie and a good time. Not money.  
*Dennie Conway, Tournament Director*

### Chaplain's Corner

"Almighty God, we lift our hearts in prayer not only for our country but also for those less fortunate. Help our president and congress to work together so that whatever action is taken, it is in the best interest of all mankind, in Your name, Amen."  
*Robert Rutherford, Chaplain*

### Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame

Just a reminder that the Arizona Chapter of TROA has two of our members being inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. We are pleased to have two of our members recognized in such a prestigious and honored way. LCDR Terry Tassin USN (Ret) and LTC William Toy USA (Ret) have been selected for induction.

This year's induction ceremony will be held at the Shrine Auditorium, 552 N. 40th Street, Phoenix, on Thursday, November 7th, beginning at 11:45 AM. The cost is \$25.00 each with tables of eight available for \$200. Please gather for a wonderful, patriotic, and enjoyable lunch as we honor and join our Chapter inductees on this special occasion. Please make your reservations with Chuck Schluter at 480-563-8480 by Thursday, October 31 to ensure room.  
*Col Chuck Schluter USA (Ret), Nominating Committee Representative*

### Silent Auction

Requests have gone out to local businesses for donations to the Silent Auction to be held at our Christmas party on December 19th and it's now time for you to search your treasures to see what you may wish to donate. The proceeds from the auction go to the Chapter's Scholarship Fund and will help deserving high school graduates attend college. Please call Dan Conway at 480-368-1427 to let him know what you have to donate.

### In My Opinion

When the Chapter dues bill arrives, we all have to make the decision as to whether or not our Chapter membership is worth the dues. Some of us think that it is.

We first look at the purposes of the Chapter, and determine if our Chapter is meeting those purposes which are as follows:

The purposes of the Chapter shall be to promote the purposes and objectives of the Retired Officers Association; stimulate love of our country and the flag; defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States; advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country; foster fraternal relations among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed Services and their National Guard or reserve components; protect the rights and interests of active duty, retired, reserve, and National Guard personnel of the uniformed Services and their dependents and survivors; provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors; and serve the community and the nation.

Being a member of National TROA can support most of these purposes.  
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★ **New Members**  
★ **Welcome to new Chapter members since the last newsletter**  
★ LTC Kathryn Ann Good USA Reserve  
★ CAPT William D. Morrison USMC (Fmr) and wife  
★ LTCOL Morton DuPree USMCR (Fmr) and wife  
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**URGENT**

**Early Bird Membership Drive and Big Prize Raffle**

It's time for the Early Bird Membership Drive and Raffle!! Here's how it works:

The raffle tickets go for \$10.00 each. But, if you renew your membership in the Arizona Chapter of TROA, - \$20.00 for Members and \$10.00 for Auxiliaries - before the annual Christmas Dinner (19 December 2002, at the Best Western Park Hotel), for an additional \$20.00 you will receive 3 raffle tickets - a \$30.00 value. If you want additional raffle tickets for yourself or a friend, they are \$10.00 each.

**To recap:**

Members send \$40.00 for 1-year membership and 3 raffle tickets.  
Auxiliaries send \$30.00 for 1-year membership and 3 raffle tickets.  
You get a raffle ticket just for renewing your membership early.  
Additional tickets are \$10.00 each.

<<You do not need to be in attendance to win, but it sure would be nice if you were.>>

Half of the raffle ticket sales will be returned to the membership in the form of cash prizes as follows:

**Assume:**

80 Members	@ \$20.00 each	= \$1600
15 Auxiliaries	@ \$20.00 each	= 300
50 Others	@ \$10.00 each	= <u>500</u>
	Total	\$2400

50% payout = (estimated) \$1200 as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> prize of \$500, 2<sup>nd</sup> prize of \$250 and 6 prizes of \$75 each.

The amount of payout depends on the amount taken in.

The raffle will be conducted at the annual Christmas dinner, 19 December 2002.

**We must receive your check before the dinner!**

\*To make all of this happen, turn this page over and fill out the appropriate blanks.

## Early Bird Membership Drive and Big Prize Raffle

▶ Sign me up for membership for 2003 and include me in the raffle \$\_\_\_\_\_ [Dues are \$20.00 for Full Member and \$10.00 Auxiliary, so \$40,00 or \$30.00 respectively]

▶ Only sign me up for 2003 membership \$\_\_\_\_\_ [Dues are \$20.00 for Full Member and \$10.00 Auxiliary, so \$20,00 and \$10.00 respectively]

▶ I am a multi-year member and paid up thru or past, 2003, but want to participate in the raffle (\$20.00) \$\_\_\_\_\_

▶ I want to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ extra tickets at \$10.00 each \$\_\_\_\_\_

remitted **Total** \$\_\_\_\_\_

▶ I am already a multi-year member past year 2002 and do not want to participate in the raffle\_\_\_\_\_.

***Please fill out the following*** and return as we are trying to expand our database to allow printing Anniversaries and Birthdays in *The Sentinel* along with other items of general interest.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd only)

Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ (mm/dd only)

Anniversary Date \_\_\_\_\_

Hobbies \_\_\_\_\_

Passions \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Put your check in the mail right now, made out to "AZ Chapter TROA", annotated to show "For 2003 Dues and Raffle", and ship the whole thing off to Bill Johnson, 13410 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. Profit (the other half) will go for Chapter administration and the Scholarship fund.**

**Well... What are you waiting for??**

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Date	Event
Jan 2	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107)
Jan 18	<b>Luncheon</b> McCormick Ranch <u>Note 1</u>
Feb 6	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107)
Feb 20	<b>Dinner</b> (Best Western Park Hotel) <u>Note 2</u>
Mar 1	Newsletter Awards Submission Date (TROA Recognition Program)
Mar 6	Boards of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107)
Mar 15	<b>Lunch</b> McCormick Ranch <u>Note 1</u>
Apr	Begin (JROTC Recognition and Scholarship Awards)
Apr 3	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107) ( <i>Scholarship Selection Committee Meeting</i> )
Apr 17	<b>Dinner</b> (Best Western Park Hotel) <u>Note 2</u>
May	(JROTC Recognition and Scholarship Awards Continue)
May 1	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107)
May 17	<b>Luncheon</b> McCormick Ranch ( <i>Present Scholarship Awards!!</i> ) <u>Note 1</u>
May 26	Memorial Day Observed/Chapter Participation
May (TBA)	AZ Chapter Golf Tournament: ???????? Golf Course
June 5	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107)
Jun 19	<b>Dinner</b> (Best Western Park Hotel) <u>Note 2</u>
<b>July/August Calendar is open for summer break</b>	
Sep 4	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107)
Sep 11	9/11 Remembrance!
Sep 20	<b>Luncheon</b> McCormick Ranch. <u>Note 1</u>
Oct 2	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107) ( <i>Chapter Award [MSM] Review Committee Meeting</i> )
Oct 16	<b>Dinner</b> (Best Western Park Hotel) ( <i>Nominating Committee Report</i> ). <u>Note 2</u>
Nov 6	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107)
Nov 11	Armistice Day/Veterans Day Observed/Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Dedication and Luncheon.
Nov 15	<b>Luncheon</b> McCormick Ranch ( <i>Annual Business Meeting</i> ) ( <i>Chapter Awards [MSM] Presentation</i> ). <u>Note 1</u>
Dec 4	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107)
Dec 7	Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day (USS Arizona Memorial/Activity TBA)
Dec 18	<b>Dinner</b> (Best Western Park Hotel) <i>Annual Chapter Christmas Dinner and Party &amp; Silent Auction</i> . <u>Note 2</u>
Jan 8	Board of Directors Meeting (American Legion Post #107)
Jan 17	<b>Luncheon</b> McCormick Ranch <u>Note 1</u>

Note 1-Luncheon Social Hour begins at 11:30 AM with lunch at noon.

Note 2-Dinner Social Hour begins at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM.

Note 3-The deadline for submitting items to be published in *The Sentinel* is the 25th of each month for the following month.

## Notice of Proposed Changes to By-Laws

With the change of the National TROA name to Military Officers Association of America it is necessary to revise the Chapter By-Laws. The following are changes to be voted on at the November General membership meeting. By-Laws will be revised where necessary to conform to new changes.

### **Article I - Name**

#### **Present**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Arizona Chapter, The Retired Officers Association, hereinafter referred to as "the Chapter".

#### **Proposed**

**Section 1.** *The name of this organization shall be the Arizona Chapter, Military Officers Association of America, hereinafter referred to as "the Chapter".*

Note: This change will bring the Chapter name into conformance with the recently approved change for the National organization.

### **Article VIII - Board of Directors**

#### **Present**

**Section 2.** Elected officers or directors shall be elected biennially by the membership at the annual meeting. Each elected officer or director shall take office at the first regular or special meeting in the calendar year following election and shall serve for a two-year term.

#### **Proposed**

**Section 2.** *Elected officers or directors shall be elected annually by the membership at the annual meeting. Each elected officer or director shall take office at the first regular or special meeting in the calendar year following election and shall serve for a one-year term.*

### **Article IX - Officers**

#### **Present**

**Section 2.** The elected officers shall be elected biennially by the membership at the annual meeting. Each elected officer shall take office at the first regular or special meeting in the calendar year following an election and shall serve for a term of two years or until a successor is duly elected and installed.

#### **Proposed**

**Section 2.** *The elected officers shall be elected annually by the membership at the annual meeting. Each elected officer shall take office at the first regular or special meeting in the calendar year following an election and shall serve for a term of one year or until a successor is duly elected and installed.*

#### **Present**

**Section 3.** No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive two-year terms as president.

#### **Proposed**

**Section 3.** *No member shall be eligible to serve more than two consecutive one-year terms as president.*

these objectives. Those of us who attend our monthly meetings know that the National purposes can be supported at a higher level by belonging to a Chapter. For example, the National legislative efforts would not be nearly as effective without the Chapter support. It wasn't National sending in 8,000 emails an hour to get TRICARE For Life passed - it was the Chapter members who did that. It isn't National fostering fraternal relations among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed Services and their National Guard or reserve components - it is at the Chapter level where this is done. It isn't National which keeps you informed on local issues - it is at the Chapter level where this is done.

If you haven't attended one of our monthly meetings, please do so before dropping your Chapter membership. We believe that you will be pleased. *Daniel M. Conway*

### TAPS

If you know of any member or member's spouse who enters the hospital or passes away, please notify one of the Chapter Officers.

### Newsletter Advertising

The Board of Directors approved advertising in the newsletter last spring. If you or a business/organization known to you wishes to place an ad in *The Sentinel* please contact the Editor – Terry Tassin for details. Advertisements will be priced according to size in multiples that approximate standard business card dimensions. Proceeds from advertisements will help defray the costs of preparing the newsletter. Ad costs are:

Size	Annual	Quarterly	Impact Ad
Single Card	\$80	\$25	\$15
Double Card	\$160	\$50	\$30
Quadruple Card	\$320	\$100	\$60

### November Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: 16 November 2002  
11:30AM Social Hour — 12:00 Lunch  
WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
7505 McCormick Parkway  
Scottsdale, Arizona  
COST: \$14.00 Per Person  
MENU: Garden Salad  
Steak Sandwich  
French Fries  
Relishes  
Rolls  
Apple Pie  
Coffee & Iced Tea

PROGRAM: Awards presentation, honoring outstanding members past and present.

Please make your reservations early and send your check to Bill Johnson using the Meal/Meeting Reservation Form in this newsletter.

*Jim Seidl, Programs*

### Veterans' License Plates

The veterans' license plates serve a dual purpose. First, they identify that your family includes a member who has served in one of the uniformed services. Second, they provide support to the Arizona veterans home with \$17.00 of the \$25.00 cost of the plates dedicated to the home. This is the most important purpose. At the present time, less than 2% of eligible veterans have purchased these plates. Possibly part of the reason is that they don't know that they are available. This excuse is no longer available to you. By purchasing the veterans plates when your registration is due for renewal, you will let your neighbors and other eligible veterans know that they are available by seeing them on your vehicle. Hopefully, that will encourage them to do the same. How about making it our goal to have 100% of our Chapter membership displaying these plates?

Please consider this request seriously when renewal time arrives.

### CHAPTER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

If you would like to make a donation to one or more of the AZ Chapter Funds or renew your chapter membership, include your check identified as the appropriate fund and mail to: Bill Johnson, 13410 N. 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944.

Membership Renewal: \$ 20 Full Member: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Auxiliary Member: \_\_\_\_\_  
50th Anniversary Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, General Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_, Scholarship Fund: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\* It is OK to identify me as a donor in the next newsletter. YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

Name Full Member: \_\_\_\_\_ Auxiliary Member: \_\_\_\_\_

## MEAL/MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ spaces for (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (**\$14.00** per person) for **16 November 2002**

Make check payable to: AZ Chapter TROA **No Later Than: 06 November 2002**

Send to Bill Johnson, 13410 N. 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. Phone 602-689-5379

### Yarns

Admiral Mick Carney, a former Chief of Naval Operations, was a junior officer in the World War I destroyer *Fanning* (DD-37) when a mess attendant accused of sleeping on watch in wartime asked Mick to defend him at a Summary Court-martial. After hearing the man's story Mick was convinced of his innocence and took the case. His defense was that 1) the lookout was stationed on the bridge, 2) it was an open bridge, 3) convex windshields deflected the wind over the lookout's head to protect his eyes, but 4) the rush of air was noisy and prevented the lookout hearing a question by the officer of the deck. In short, the attendant's failure to reply was because of wind noise and not from being asleep on watch. The court found him not guilty. In thanking Mick with great gratitude, the mess attendant promised never to sleep on watch again.

*Captain R. C. Smith USS, USN (Ret) Naval History*

### Trivia

\* If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

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\* Only two people signed the Declaration of Independence on July 4th, John Hancock and Charles Thomson. Most of the rest signed on August 2, but the last signature wasn't added until 5 years later.  
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### The Arizona Chapter TROA - 2002 Officers and Committee Chairmen

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\* Hershey's Kisses are called that because the machine that makes them looks like it's kissing the conveyor belt.  
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\* In Shakespeare's time, mattresses were secured on bed frames by ropes. When you pulled on the ropes the mattress tightened, making the bed firmer to sleep on. Hence the phrase "goodnight, sleep tight".  
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