



The Sentinel



Arizona's First Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again our summer break is over and as of this writing we only have one month of summer left. I must have blinked for the break to be over so soon but then Terry's message woke me up that an input for *The Sentinel* was due.



Actually your Chapter Officers and Directors didn't go on break as we had a July business meeting and two breakfasts of special groups to discuss specific items.

As promised, copies of the "Our Flag" pamphlet have arrived. Plans for mailing them out with the September newsletter were changed when a copy was weighed and found to exceed the weight limit for one stamp. Instead we will have over 100 copies available for pickup at our September luncheon.

Due to a family situation the wife and I were reminded of vital information that a surviving spouse or an executor of a will should have if the need arises. Ignoring it will not prevent it from happening and in this case adopting the Boy Scout motto of "Be Prepared" is the thing to do. The Retiree Activities Office's (RAO) at Luke AFB and TROA have given us some information that we have put together in a package. Bob Rutherford, our Personal Affairs Officer, and I will split the packages so that hopefully one of us will always be available. If a death of a member or spouse does happen - please have a surviving member or the executor give us a call so that we can get with them and hopefully help out.

Our last planning breakfast was one of several involved in preparing for the Council of Chapters meeting that we will host on October 25th. We had to identify the specifics so that the Council Secretary could publish his letters enlisting chapter participation. This reminded me to put in a plug here for you to circle October 25th on your calendar as the evening when we will have our Chapter dinner. It has been delayed so that Captain Bud Schneeweis, USCG (Ret) (Deputy Director, Benefits

Information Department/TROA) can be our guest speaker. Our meeting has been scheduled so that he can address the Luke Chapter Thursday night, the Council Friday afternoon, our Chapter Friday night and then the Luke Retiree Appreciation Day on Saturday the 26th. I hope his voice holds out!

I want to inform you that if you are thinking of buying a computer and/or going on the Internet - to go ahead and do it. We plan to have the September issue of *The Sentinel* on the Internet as a test. Those that are on the email list will receive a message shortly that informs them of the procedure for accessing it. This should be just a procedure where you click on a link or a "go to" statement without having to download an attachment.

That reminds me that I need to inform you that our new Web Master and instigator (sic) of our Internet copy of *The Sentinel* is Tom Houser. Our past Web Master, Ron Drew, has declined to continue in this position. We were one of the first Chapters in Arizona to have a Web Page on the Internet because of his efforts. Our sincere thanks go out to both men, Ron for carrying the load for over three years and getting us started and Tom for stepping in when help was needed.

Currently we have chairmen for all Chapter committees. However, we need volunteers to help with committee matters. Evidence of this need was demonstrated when Bill Adams stepped up to be the Chapter Historian after Bill Toy had to step down. Frank and Velma Birtceil then said they would serve on the Historian committee. Please look at the list of committees on page 4 of *The Sentinel* and call the committee chairman or me if you would like to volunteer your time. I have already started to call some people, but I don't want to leave anybody out that desires to help. Call now! Although there are more items that need to be addressed I will save them for October. I hope to see many of you at our September luncheon.

Ronald R. Green
LtCol USAF (Ret)
President, Arizona Chapter of TROA

Arizona Chapter Calendar

- Sep 5**
Board of Directors Meeting
- Sep 11**
9/11 Remembrance
- Sep 16**
Yom Kippur
- Sep 17**
U.S. Constitution Approved—1787
- Sep 18**
US Air Force Established—1947
- Sep 20**
POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sep 21**
Lunch Meeting

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

The key legislation of interest to the retired community is H.R. 4546, the FY2003 Defense Authorization Act, which in the House version provides for partial and in the Senate version for full Concurrent Receipt of military retired pay and VA disability compensation for disabled retirees with 20 or more years of service. Also important is H.R. 5010, the National Defense Appropriations Act for FY2003, which provides funding for initiatives approved in the Defense Authorization Act. Concurrent Receipt has to pass both hurdles. Action on both of these bills has been delayed, and is not expected to be complete until October at the earliest and after the elections in November at the latest. John McCain and Bob Stump are on the Authorization Act conference committee. Both are favorable. We will be getting emails to them once they get back to work to show our support.

Dan Conway, Legislative

Fall Golf Tournament

The AZ Chapter TROA Fall Weekday Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, October 9th at Falcon Dunes Golf Course, located just north of Luke AFB at 15100 W. Northern Avenue. First tee time is 9:30AM. Come early and use the range balls included in your registration fee.

Fee will be \$45.00, which includes green fees; carts, range balls, gratuities, lunch, and a few bucks left over for prizes. Carts are required because those dunes are real! Remember, the proceeds from Mulligan sales go directly into the Chapter's Scholarship Fund, so buy lots of Mulligans at the check-in table – you may need them!

Reservations and \$45.00 fees must be received by October 2nd. Please mail fees to Bernie Conway, 5737 N. 79th Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Changes, both additions and deletions, can be handled by telephone up to October 2nd. Phone 480-994-0440 or Email Bernie at bcjc5737@cox.net.

For those not familiar with our format, this is a very friendly, fun tournament. You do not have to be a good golfer to play with this group. We do have a couple of "good" golfers, but they just have to put up with the rest of

September Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: 21 September 2002
11:30AM Social Hour — 12:00 Lunch

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
7505 McCormick Parkway
Scottsdale, Arizona

COST: \$13.00 Per Person

MENU: Caesar Salad
Sliced Roast Beef
Vegetable
Baked Potato
Rolls
Chocolate Cream Pie
Coffee & Iced Tea

PROGRAM: BGen R. Thomas Browning (AZ Chapter member) talking on current events.

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

Jim Seidl, Programs

us.

There have been many new chapter members signed on since the last tournament. Hope to see you at this outing!

Bernie Conway, Tournament Director

Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm

Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and its Allies for valorous achievement in combat during the Vietnam conflict, March 1, 1961 through March 28, 1973. Every American and every nation allied with the United States who served in Vietnam was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. The United States government and all federal agencies recognize the Cross of Gallantry.

Because the Cross of Gallantry does not automatically appear on every U.S. Vietnam veteran's DD-214 Vietnam veterans may receive government acknowledgement of this medal by requesting a DD-215 from the National

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 \$ _____ (\$13.00 per person) for **21 September 2002**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter TROA** No Later Than: **15 September 2002**

Send to Bill Johnson, 13410 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. Phone 602-689-5379 (Office)
Phone 602-942-4549 (Home)

Records and Personnel Center in St. Louis, MO using standard form SF-180. To obtain an SF-180 please travel to URL on the Internet:

<http://members.aol.com/forvets/htomr.htm>

For more information about the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, go to URL:

<http://www.amervets.com/replacement/vcog.htm#isr>

The American War Library - www.americanwarlibrary.com

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:

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

An ad could look like the sample shown at the bottom of the next column.

The Arizona Chapter TROA - 2002 Officers and Committee Chairmen	
President, LtCol Ron Green, USAF	480-595-8693
1st Vice President, LtCol Raymond Deane, USAF	623-939-8517
2nd Vice President, LT Jim Seidl, USCG	602-841-6026
3rd Vice President, LtCol Chet Baumer, USAF	623-582-8595
Secretary, LCDR Terry Tassin, USN	623-931-1546
Treasurer, Maj Bill Johnson, USAF	602-942-4549
Past President, Col Charles Schluter, USA	480-563-8480
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Membership, LtCol Raymond Deane, USAF	623-939-8517
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Historian/Photographer, LtCol Bill Adams, USAF	480-483-3180
Morale, LtCol Bernie Conway, USAF	480-994-0440
50th Anniversary, LtCol Chet Baumer, USAF	623-582-8595
Scholarships, LtCol Raymond Deane, USAF	623-939-8517
Advertising, Col Charles Schluter, USA	480-563-8480
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Happy Anniversary to the Arizona
Chapter of The Retired Officers
Association
Thank you for 50 Years of Dedicated
Service to our Veterans, our Community,
and our Nation.
VFW Post #107, Phoenix, AZ

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Veterans Help Veterans.