



The Sentinel

Arizona's First Chapter



The Arizona Chapter, P.O. Box 7644, Cave Creek, Arizona 85327

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CHARTERED IN 1956 - OVER 47 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COUNTRY

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DUES!! DUES!! DUES!! DUES!! DUES!! DUES!! DUES!!

One last push for you to renew your membership in the Arizona Chapter of MOAA during the Special Early Bird Renewal period which ends at the annual Christmas Dinner and Silent Auction.



President's Message

As you read this, Thanksgiving is over and Christmas is yet to come. I hope you all had a peaceful

day with your friends and family sharing a meal together and giving thanks for our many blessings. I look at the calendar and realize that I only have about six weeks left of my presidency of the Chapter. Many, with tongue in cheek, would say that time really flies when you are having fun. Well, in this case, I have had fun. It has been a rewarding experience and it's really been enjoyable working with you all.

When Dan Conway was briefing the latest strides in Concurrent Receipt, I couldn't help but relate it to other statements I've heard. Maybe we haven't gotten a home run or a touch down, but we did make a double or a first down. I think we have made progress in the last two years and I feel much of it is related to the letters, e-mails, etc. that you all have made to your political representatives. I thank you all for being involved. Please stay concerned so that we can continue to win back losses that we have incurred and strive for fair treatment.

As a part of the legislative update that is given at each Chapter meeting our own Chuck Schluter briefed us on many of the significant events that occurred at the last National Board of Directors meeting that was held in early November. His comments reinforced my feeling that MOAA National is the organization in the lead of military / veteran / retiree affairs.

At the November luncheon the

Chapter awarded the Meritorious Service Award to 10 people and I feel humbled to be one of them. I think the whole Chapter deserves a Meritorious Service Award for their efforts and support of our many programs. Although the Chapter can't give a medal or pin to each member, come to the next meeting so I can at least give you a hug. Thanks Again!

We have a new slate of officers for next year. Of special note all the committee chairmen have agreed to continue on in their positions. I ask that you give them all the same support that you have given me. I want to add my personal thanks to Jim Seidl. He not only accomplished a change in our night dinner meeting place and has kept the prices of our luncheons and dinners at an acceptable level, but he chaired the Board of Directors meeting for me at a time of personal duress for him. I want to express a personal thanks to all of the Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Committee members and all that have worked with me these last two years.

It is that time of year again when the Chapter holds its Silent Auction to raise scholarship funds. This year's auction will be during our dinner meeting on December 18. I urge you all to attend. However, if you can't and you have an item or items that you would like to donate, please give me a call at (480) 595-8693 and I will arrange to have your item picked up.

Please have a joyous Holiday Season and Happy New Year. God Bless America and God Bless Each of You.

Ronald R. Green,

December Dinner Meeting Thursday, 18 December at Sunshine Hotel & Resort

The fourth meeting of the season is set for Thursday, 18 December at the Sunshine Hotel & Resort.

The hotel is located at 3600 N. 2nd Ave in Phoenix on the corner of 2nd Ave and Osborn Road. The main entrance to the hotel is located on 2nd Ave. Parking is in a covered parking garage just to the north of the hotel.

Bring a friend or two to our meeting and introduce them to a great group of people. The meeting will start with a half-hour social time at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. The reservation form is located on page 7 of this newsletter along with a description of the meal. The deadline for reservations to reach Bill Johnson is 11 December. Come join us for the Silent Auction, food and comradeship.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
Your Board of Directors



Arizona Chapter Calendar

December 4

- BOD Meeting
1:30pm

Dec 7

- Pearl Harbor Day
Remembrance at
USS Arizona
Memorial.

Dec 18

- **General Dinner
Meeting & Silent
Auction 6:30 p.m.**

Dec 22

- First Day of Winter

Dec 25

- Christmas Day

Dec 31

- End of WWII 1946

January 8

- BOD Meeting 1:30

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

Chapter Meritorious Service Awards

At the November 22 luncheon meeting, Chapter MSAs were awarded to ten members of the Arizona Chapter for superior service to the Arizona Chapter of MOAA and it's members.



Recipients were: Chester Baumer, Richard Horn, James Seidl, Frank Birtciel, Thomas Houser, Terry Tassin, Dolly Blecick, Chris Magadan, Charles Schluter, and Ronald Green.

Membership Renewal

If you have an *03 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 *04 or greater on your label means you are paid up through that year. For electronic *Sentinel* recipients, you should have received an informational email with your membership expiration year listed.

Do We Have Your E-Mail Address?

The Arizona Chapter of MOAA would like to make sure we have your e-mail address on file if you would like us to communicate with you via e-mail.

There are a few options: 1) we can have your e-mail address on file to contact you specifically about National MOAA items of interest; 2) you can be included in an email list to receive communication about a variety of

New Members

Welcome to new Chapter members since the last newsletter

MAJ Ronald Stephens USMC-R and wife Sharon Mary Jane Hudson, Auxiliary

Please take the opportunity to meet our new members at the next meeting.

Membership

Currently the AZ Chapter has 194 members including, 42 auxiliary members and 16 new members for 2003.

subjects including those nice to read fun or informative emails that some of you like so much. 3) you can elect to receive your *Sentinel* newsletter via email rather than USPS thereby saving the Chapter the cost of postage, printing, folding, labeling, etc and you get it in FULL color one or two weeks earlier than USPS versions.

Interested? email the Editor and let him know your desires at terrytassin@cox.net.

Pearl Harbor Day

The Arizona Department of Veterans' Services and the Pearl Harbor Survivors Association cordially invite you to attend the 62nd Commemorative Memorial Service for Pearl Harbor Day on Sunday, December 7, 2003 at the Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, 1700 W. Washington, Phoenix. The program will begin promptly at 10:55 a.m. If you would like to be a part of the presentation, please RSVP by December 1st to (602) 255-3373.

Legislative Update

Dan Conway, Legislative Chairman

While a month ago things didn't look good, the Congress has been very busy and productive with several provisions which are of benefit to the military and retirees as recently reported in recent MOAA Legislative Updates.

On November 12th, the Senate passed the FY 2004 Defense Authorization Act. The final step for enactment into law is President Bush's signature.

In addition to concurrent receipt which we reported in last month's *Sentinel*, there are a number of further provisions in the Act that will improve benefits for members of the military community. Among them are:

* **Military Pay Raise Comparability Process.** A permanent law change tying future military pay raises directly to private sector pay growth, as measured by the Bureau of Labor Statistics' Employment Cost Index (ECI). Current law specifies that raises for active duty, Guard and Reserve members after 2006 would otherwise be capped one-half percentage point below the average American's pay raise every year. MOAA has championed this change for years, in the belief that pay comparability has to be a fundamental requirement for a successful all-volunteer force.

* **Additional SBP Changes.** Survivors of

Chaplain's Corner

"Lord forgive us our trespasses and lead us in the way of righteousness that we may follow in your footsteps. Amen."
Robert Rutherford, Chaplain

service members killed on active duty will have the option to elect "child only" Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) coverage. This will help many surviving spouses who now see their SBP coverage reduced by the amount of any VA survivor benefit. In addition, the new law tasks DOD and the GAO to conduct a study of military death benefits to include a comparison with private sector death benefits.

* **Housing Allowance.** Service members will see an average housing allowance increase of about 6.5% in January. That will reduce median out-of-pocket housing expenses for each grade to 3.5% of housing costs in 2004, with a target of further reducing average out of pocket expenses to zero in 2005.

* **Federal Long-Term Care Insurance Program.** Gray area Reservists (who have completed 20 years of service but have not attained age 60 and retired pay eligibility) will be eligible to enroll in the program.

* **Commissaries.** The new law restricts Pentagon authority to contract out certain commissary functions and requires congressional notification of planned changes affecting more than 10 commissary employees.

Officers Elected for 2004

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce the election of the following members as Staff Officers of the Arizona Chapter of MOAA for the year 2004:

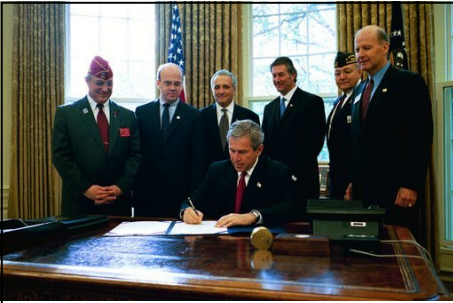
President: Gary Fredericks, Col USAF
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3rd VP: Frank Birtciel, LtCol USAF
Secretary: Terry Tassin, LCDR USN
Treasurer: William Johnson, Maj USAF
Past President: Ron Green LtCol USAF

All remaining Chapter Committee Chairpersons have agreed to continue to serve in their current positions as an expression of their faith in the new President's leadership abilities.

Newsletter Advertising

If you or a business/organization known to you wishes to place an ad in *The Sentinel* please contact the Editor for details. Advertisements will be priced according to size in multiples that approximate standard business card dimensions. Proceeds from advertisements help defray cost of preparing the newsletter. Advertising 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



President George W. Bush signs H.R. 3365, The Military Family Tax Relief Act of 2003 in the Oval Office on Veterans Day, Nov. 11, 2003. The legislation provides tax-relief for military and Foreign Service personnel. Pictured with the President are, from left: John Brieden, American Legion National Commander; Congressman James McGovern, R-Mass.; Congressman Rick Renzi, R-Ariz.; Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony Principi; Jim Mueller, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Junior Vice Commander-in-Chief; and Admiral Norb Ryan, Military Officers Association of America. White House photo by Eric Draper.

* **Reimbursement for Household Goods.** A new provision authorizes the Pentagon to enter contracts with moving companies that require the companies to reimburse military families the full cost of replacing any items lost or damaged during the move.

* **Reserve Mobilization Reports.** The President must provide a report to Congress within six months on the numbers, duration, and skills of activated reservists since 2002; the Secretary of Defense must report within a year on the effects of the call-ups on reserve recruitment and retention and assess what changes may be needed in active and reserve component roles, missions, force structure, and capabilities.

* **Reserve Health Care.** The bill directs a report on health care needs of the Reserve component, to include whether benefits need to be expanded beyond the limited new measures in this legislation.

During the week of November 17-22, both the House and Senate passed H.R. 2297, the Veterans Benefits Act of 2003. It will now go to the President for signature. Among its many provisions, H.R. 2297:

* **Restores Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)** and certain other benefits for surviving spouses who remarry after age 57. (MOAA and The Military Coalition strongly supported the House plan for restoration at 55, but the Senate measure prevailed). Qualifying spouses who remarried at age 57 or older before enactment of the bill will have one year to apply for reinstatement of these benefits.

* **Increases monthly educational benefits** for spouses and dependent children of members who died of service-connected causes from \$695 to \$788 for

full-time study, from \$522 to \$592 for three-quarter time study, and from \$347 to \$394 for half-time study.

* **Extends VA's specially adapted housing grant** to severely disabled service members prior to separation from active duty service.

* **Expands benefits eligibility to children** with spina bifida who were born to certain Vietnam-era veterans who served in Korea near the demilitarized zone.

* **Eliminates the 30-day requirement** for POWs to qualify for presumptions of service-connection for certain disabilities.

* **Expands the Montgomery GI Bill** program to cover self-employment training programs and entrepreneurship courses at approved institutions.

Medicare Bill Affects Military Retiree Seniors

In addition to civilian pharmacy benefits covered by the Medicare Prescription bill that the Senate passed November 25, four items will impact on Medicare-eligible military retirees and their families. First, the bill will eliminate late enrollment penalties for Medicare-eligibles who want to enroll in Medicare Part B in order to participate in TRICARE for Life. Second, it will replace a planned 4.5 percent cut in Medicare payments to doctors with a 1.5 percent increase, thus encouraging doctors rather than deterring them from taking Medicare (TRICARE for Life) patients. Next, it will eliminate the annual \$1,500 cap on Medicare physical therapy payments. Finally, it will establish a means test for Medicare Part B participation, creating higher premiums beginning at the \$80,000 annual income level. The President has said he is anxious to sign the bill. [Source: Armed Forces News 11/26/2003]

Include Cover Sheets With Prescriptions Faxed To TMOP

Extra care is needed by providers who fax prescriptions to the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP).

According to TRICARE officials, many prescription pads used by providers contain embedded watermarks to prevent fraud and forgery. When prescriptions written on watermarked pads are faxed to TMOP, the watermarked area of the copy received at TMOP is black and unreadable or totally blank.

TRICARE is spreading the word among its customers to encourage providers to fax a cover sheet containing the provider's name and telephone number along with every prescription. This will allow TMOP to contact a provider when an unreadable watermarked prescription is received.

Officials noted that TMOP receives thousands of faxes daily and will make every attempt to track down providers as

Fund Donations

One person's generous gift will help strengthen America's future through supporting the education of our youth. Since the last newsletter generous donations have been received for the: **50th Anniversary Fund:** Ron Green \$25, Maureen Arnold \$5, Irene Doto \$50, Chuck Schluter \$100, **Scholarship Fund** - Dom Varricchio \$50, Roy Anderson \$10, Irene Doto \$50, Golf Tournament \$165, **General Fund** - Irene Doto \$50.

Our thanks to contributors on behalf of all future beneficiaries of the Chapter Funds.

long as they have contact information. The cover sheet is the best possible way to provide the needed contact information and, as a result, prevent unnecessary delays in providing services to TMOP beneficiaries. TMOP related information is available online at <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm>. [Source: AFRNS 11/26/2003]

Disability Division CRSC Web Page Goes On Line

The Air Force Personnel Disability Division's new Combat Related Special Compensation web page is up and running to give retirees direct access to CRSC information.

According to Col. Larry N. Van Buren, Disability Division chief, the new page furnishes all the information required for a member to submit and follow an application's progress.

In addition to the direct link at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/disability/>, the page is linked to the Air Force Retiree News home page at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/afretire>.

Retirees who have submitted CRSC applications or who feel they may be eligible are encouraged to review the web site for the latest information on the CRSC program. Information will be updated regularly to include the dates of applications received that the board is currently reviewing and the latest guidance from the Department of Defense.

There will be no more CRSC weekly updates disseminated through the Air Force Retiree News Service (AFRNS); however, there will be occasional reminders about the web site and information on changes in policies or procedures will be sent out via the AFRNS as quickly as possible. [Source: AFRNS 11/24/2003]

JROTC Drill Competition

Do you like to watch precision exhibition drill by color guards, armed

Saint Barbara's Military Ball

It's party time! Open to all ranks, all service branches, phone Doug Gray at 480-941-2510 if you are interested in this fun event.

Field Artillery Military Ball

Saturday 13 December

Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites

RSVP no later than 5 December

and unarmed drill teams? If the answer is yes, you are invited to come out and watch many of the best Junior ROTC drill teams in the State compete in the 17th Annual "Blue & Gold" Exhibition Drill Meet being held at Apollo High School, 8045 N. 47th Ave, Glendale, AZ beginning at 9:00AM and lasting until about 1:00PM on Saturday, 6 December. Most of the schools we support with scholarships and medals will be competing. This event is FREE and a great way to see some wonderful young Americans in action. Come on out and enjoy the day!

Fall Golf Tournament

Bernie Conway, Tournament Director

It was a beautiful, cool morning on Friday, Nov 7, when 21 AZ Chapter MOAA members and friends showed up at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Tempe to exhibit their skills in controlling the little white ball. I emphasize the "cool", because we have experienced temperatures in the high 90's for previous tournaments. We had a new champion this time, as the perennial winner; Roy Anderson did not play. Calloway scoring, as computed by the fine team, shown here, of Raymond Deane, Tom Deane, Terry Tassin, and Pat Dale determined the winners.



I think it speaks to the integrity of this group of scorers that while utilizing a system that only they knew how to make work, none of them placed in the competition for neither high, nor low score. The new tournament champion is George Stafford (he played in my group), Second place went to K.C. Cowan, a friend of mine visiting from Wisconsin (he played in my group). Ben Budzowski, Bill Adams, Frank Birtciel, and Gary Fredricks rounded out the scoring list. I tied Gary, but ran out of prize money!

Longest drive went to Terry Tassin. I don't think anyone got within 20 yards of him. We are having the rules committee check out the legality of his not so new driver—just kidding. Closest to the pin winners were Bill Axelson, who snuck one in at about 27 ft, and Ron Worthington, who put his within 27 inches of the cup. High score winner and the award of \$10.00 for range balls went to Jeff Young.

The rules committee, after long deliberation, and with a unanimous vote, determined that the dreaded "Hat" may not be passed on if the current owner of the Hat is not playing. That being the case, the Hat was not awarded this tournament. Not only was the current owner not present, none of the previous owners were present.

I think everyone had a good time. The burgers and beer and companionship were outstanding, and a check for \$165 was mailed to Bill Johnson for inclusion into the scholarship fund.

Raw scores ranged from 71 to 107, and four of the money winners were first time participants. How could you possibly feel you would not fit in with this group? See you in the spring.

MOAA Name Tags

Many members are ordering new nametags sporting the new MOAA logo. If you would like a new Name Tag, order forms are available at each Chapter meeting. It is requested that you pay for them (\$5) when ordering so if something prevents you from attending the next meeting they can be mailed to you.

National MOAA Scholarship Fund

In 2004, the Military Officers Association of America is celebrating its 75th Anniversary. In honor of this celebration, MOAA is conducting a 75th Anniversary Campaign for the Scholarship fund. The goal is to help educate several hundred additional children of military families annually by raising \$7.5 million.

MOAA is asking for your help. Although more than 1,300 students are being helped this year by their Scholarship Fund, 5 out of 6 applications had to be turned down. To achieve the goal, MOAA is asking you and 99,999 other MOAA members to contribute \$75 each.

You may donate by clicking on the "Donate Now" button on MOAA's website (www.moaa.org), calling the member service center at 1-800-234-6622 or mailing your donation to: MOAA 75th Anniversary Campaign, Department 889, Alexandria, VA 22334-0889. Remember, 100% of your donations will go directly to help educate the sons and daughters of military personnel. All administrative costs of the Scholarship Fund are borne

"Duty, honor, country: Those three hallowed words reverently dictate what you ought to be, what you can be, what you will be. They are your rallying point to build courage when courage seems to fail, to regain faith when there seems to be little cause for faith, to create hope when hope becomes forlorn."
--Gen. Douglas MacArthur

by MOAA, plus, your contribution is tax deductible.

Aviation Centennial Trivia

* O'Hare Airport Chicago was named after "Butch" O'Hare, US Navy Medal of Honor recipient. Butch's dad was an associate of Al Capone, and he quit the mob to ensure his son would be allowed to complete his academy training. Butch was killed during the famous Marianna's Turkey Shoot battle.



* The Navy's first pilot completed his training on April 11th 1911 – LT Theodore Ellyson

* The first military flight school, College Park US Army Flying School, was formed in College Park, MD on April 11th 1911, and the Naval Aviation Service was formed less than one month later, on May 8th.

April 25th, 1914: First US combat flight was off Vera Cruz, Mexico – also first plane to sustain combat damage – it figures!

* What was the name of the organization that became NASA? (National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics was formed on March 3rd 1915, and became the National Aeronautics and Space Administration in 1958)

* When the United States entered WW1 on April 6th, 1917 the US Army Aviation Section had 35 trained pilots and no combat aircraft.

"When once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return." — Leonardo da Vinci

SILENT AUCTION

This is where we are as of the present time on Silent Auction Donations. There are some real neat items. Maybe they will give you some ideas of what you could donate. How about some books, CD's, Tapes, DVD's?

DONATIONS TO DATE

Donor	Item	Value
Paul Alix	Neiman Marcus Bohemian Crystal Bowl	\$250
Art Parker	Back Massager	\$75
	Beer Basket	\$25
	New England Basket	\$20
	Salsa Basket	\$15
	Print, Steele Park	\$25
	Book Selection, Including Wine for Dummies	\$30
	Holiday Sweat Shirt	\$20
Doug Gray	Fagermeilter (Krauter Liqueur)	\$25
	El Mezcalito (Tequila I Think)	\$20
Velma Birtciel	14 Inch Rabbit Face Doll	\$10
	One bar Sweet Almond bar soap	\$3
	14 Inch orange coral bead necklace	\$20
	19 inch necklace, cream, turquoise & brown	\$20
	25 inch Heishi necklace, variegated browns	\$20
Jim Seidl	24 inch Heishi necklace, variegated browns	\$20
	Framed Rockwell Plate	\$75
Martin Selling	Stand Alone Fax Machine	\$25
	His Book "With Rancor and Compassion"	\$25
Mike Gannon	Rare US Coins	\$50
	Radio	\$25
	Pocket Binoculars	\$25
	Cameras, Frames, Boxes, etc	\$50
Dan Conway	As seen on TV Pancake Cooker	\$20
Ron Green	5 inch B&W TV Set	\$20
	Christmas Condiment Set	\$15
	Liz Taylor White Diamonds Cologne, Body Wash & Lotion	\$75
	Dansk Vase	\$20
	Cosant Wind Chime	\$65
	18 Pack Miller MGD	\$10
Marie Fredricks	12 pack Bud Lite	\$7
	5 Liter Box Francia Wine (Sunset Blush)	\$10
	Gift Basket Tea for Two	\$20
Arizona Cardinals	Autographed Football, Marcel Shipp	\$50
Lexus Western Region	2 Dozen Titleist Golf Balls	\$37
	Tomax Watch	\$15
	Black & Gray Long Sleeve Polo	\$42
Arizona Diamondbacks	TBA	
Out of Africa	6 Adult Admissions	\$90
Heard Museum	4 Adult Admissions	\$28
Phoenix Art Museum	4 Adult Admissions	\$28
TOTAL TO DATE:		<u>\$1425.00</u>

In My Opinion

When the Chapter dues bill arrives, we all have to make the decision as to whether or not 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 Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); 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 MOAA can support most of 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 local 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*

Early Bird Membership Drive and Big Prize Raffle

- Sign me up for membership for 2004 **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 2004 membership \$ _____
[Dues are \$20.00 for Full Member and \$10.00 Auxiliary, so \$20.00 or \$10.00 respectively]
- I am a multi-year member and paid up through or past 2004, but I want to participate in the raffle (\$20.00) \$ _____
- I want to purchase _____ extra tickets at \$10.00 each \$ _____
- Total remitted** \$ _____
- I am already a multi-year member past year 2003 and do not want to participate in the raffle _____.

Please fill out the following and return as we are trying to expand our database.

Name _____ Birth date _____ (mm / dd /)
 Spouse Name _____ Birth date _____ (mm / dd /)
 Wedding Anniversary Date _____
 Hobbies _____
 Signature _____ Date: _____

Put your check in the mail right now, made out to "AZ Chapter MOAA", annotated to show "For 2004 Dues and Raffle", and ship the whole thing off to:

Bill Johnson, 13410 N. 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944

Profit (the other half) will go for Chapter administration and the Scholarship fund.

Well...What are you waiting for??

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Firewood * Hauling * Tree Removal * Clean-Up 	 <p>BEN'S FIRE & ICE CO. (602) 437-3139</p>	<p>1/2 Cord: \$150.00 Full Cord: \$250.00 Delivered & Stacked</p>
<p>Benson H. Huddleston General Manager/Owner</p>		<p>7246 S. 41st Street Phoenix, Az 85042</p>

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

As you know, our membership community changes regularly. Our new chapter mates may not have received all the information that the more senior members have been receiving through *The Sentinel* and other sources. To that end, there may sometimes seem to be repeat information about various subjects of interest to retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed Services and their National Guard or reserve components. We have to make every attempt to cover the entire spectrum of benefits and entitlements to our entire readership, so please bear with us.

Because this will be the last edition of *The Sentinel* for 2003, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyous and healthy holiday season. *Terry Tassin*—Editor

December Dinner Meeting

WHEN: 18 December 2003
6:30 p.m. Social Period
7:00 p.m. Dinner

WHERE: Sunshine Hotel & Resort
3600 N. 2nd Ave (**Corner of 2nd Ave and Osborn Rd**)
Phoenix, Arizona

COST: \$19.00 - Per Person

MENU: Lightly Breaded Stuffed Chicken Breast topped w/Basil Creamy Sauce with Julienne Vegetables and Wild Mushrooms
Chef's Choice of Potato, Rice or Pasta
Tossed Salad
Vegetable Dujour
Fresh Rolls & Butter
Holiday Dessert
Coffee & Iced Tea
Punch Station

PROGRAM: Annual Chapter Christmas Dinner Party and Silent Auction. Members are requested to bring an item for the auction.

Please make your reservations early and send your check to Bill Johnson using the Meal / Meeting Reservation Form.
Jim Seidl Programs

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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: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund: \$ _____ **General 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 _____ meals for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (**\$19.00** per person) for **18 December 2003.**
Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA **No Later Than: 11 December 2003**
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