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President's Message

I want to lead off by addressing the item of primary interest - **April Meeting Alert**. When I reviewed the schedule I saw we were meeting on Maundy (Passover) Thursday. I couldn't attend because of church services and I was sure there were many others in the same boat. I was looking at moving it forward one week and then General Fogleman said he could speak to the Chapter if we met on **3 April**. The Board and I decided to change it to that date, as this is really a special chance to hear an outstanding guest speaker. I'm sure most of you (probably all AF) remember General Fogleman from his days as Chief of Staff of the Air Force. The meeting place will be the same it's just the date that has changed. Put it on your calendar!!!



A short resume of General Fogleman is included along with a reservation form for that night. The room can hold 90 people so we will have to give a priority to current members (03 and beyond). I suggest you send in the reservation form immediately. If we have overflow, we will use the extra room as we previously did when a TROA representative talked to us, and set-up chairs in the main room during our break.

I have continued to gather information on the theft of data from TriWest. The Chapter has two families that were effected. They have been satisfied with the action taken to date, but it is hard to tell what will happen in the future. I will continue to track this and call the list with any information I receive.

I went with Bill Johnson to change our name at the bank where the Chapter has accounts. Basically, we couldn't do it and will probably have to change banks. In the meantime, be sure your checks are made out to AZ Chapter MOAA, as we can't even deposit a check if it has TROA on it.

To get more involved in State Affairs I accompanied Dan Conway to the

appropriations committee session on 27 Jan. We wore our blue garrison caps with the TROA patch as we don't have a MOAA patch yet, but it did make us stand out as veterans. The room was packed with veterans and many were standing. The names of all were read off as supporting the bill for full funding. It passed unanimously. I next plan on going with Dan to the Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV) meeting held the first Saturday of March.

We were not happy with the setup, service or meal at our last general meeting. Jim Seidl met with the catering manager and she said this would not happen again and that the meal would be of better quality. We will meet with her next week and maintain coordination with her to ensure all the problems are resolved.

Ronald R. Green

LtCol USAF (Ret), President, Arizona Chapter, MOAA

Membership

Our membership at the end of last year was 212, including 50 Auxiliary members. Currently the AZ Chapter has 189 members including members that have renewed, auxiliary members and the five new members for 2003. This gives a renewal rate of 89% or if stated another way - it leaves 27 members that have not renewed. If an 02 follows your name on the label of your newsletter, you are urged to fill out the enclosed renewal form and send it to Bill Johnson. If you don't agree with the number just give me a call (480) 595-8693, so that I can check things out with Bill.

Ronald R. Green

Ron Green, Membership

Chapter 50th Anniversary

ATTENTION ALL CHAPTER MEMBERS: Since our Chapter's 50th Anniversary celebration will take place in 2006, we need to start contributing now to the Anniversary Fund. In the future, whenever you have a little extra discretionary money available give it to the Treasurer for deposit in the Anniversary Account. Check the box on the form in this newsletter and send your contribution to the Chapter Treasurer, Bill Johnson.

Chet Baumer, 50th Anniversary Chairman

Arizona Chapter Calendar

- March 6**
BOD Meeting
- March 12**
Girl Scouts founded 1912
- March 15**
Luncheon Meeting
- March 17**
St Patrick's Day
- March 21**
First Day of spring
- April 2**
BOD Meeting
- April 3**
Dinner Meeting

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

the proposal for MOAA to make a major contribution to the proposed Bob Hope Memorial to be built in San Diego. To recap, of the many veterans groups requested to donate to this cause, as retired officers who make up the majority of MOAA, we are as a group in a better financial situation to support such an effort, and our age level means that we are very aware of what Bob Hope did for the armed services. Quite a difference from the current group of entertainers.

So we will go ahead asking that each member or auxiliary member make a donation of \$5.00 for this cause. Please mark your checks as Bob Hope Memorial and send them to your Chapter Treasurer, Bill Johnson. The checks will be deposited in the Chapter account, and then a single check will be sent to the Council Treasurer. I encourage you to support this effort prior to 20 March.

Dan Conway, Legislative

DOD Tests Space-Available Travel Privileges for Dependents within the CONUS

The Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Transportation Policy) has approved a one-year test to evaluate the expansion of space-available privileges for dependents traveling within the Continental United States (CONUS). The test will allow dependents of active duty and retired Uniformed Services members to travel within the CONUS when accompanied by their sponsors. The test is scheduled to begin 1 April 2003 and will end 1 April 2004.

Dependents will assume the same category of travel as their sponsor. Space-available sign up for this program will be effective 1 April 2003. Retired members may sign up 60 days in advance but no earlier than 1 April 2003.

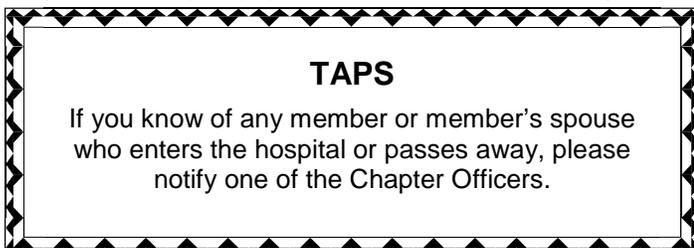
Active duty Uniformed Services members must be in a leave or pass status to register for space available travel, remain in a leave or pass status while awaiting travel, and be in a leave or pass status the entire period of travel.

For additional information concerning space-available travel and sign-up procedures review the Air Mobility Command public web site at <http://amcpublic.scott.af.mil/Spacea/spacea.htm> or contact the servicing DOD air terminal of interest.

[Source: MOAA's Officer Placement Service Update Feb 03]

New MOAA Name Tags

Many people 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.

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.

Scholarship/Awards Committee

We're getting to the good part of the awards and scholarship program. That's the time when we pass out the medal awards to the third year students, and scholarship money to some very deserving graduating seniors. All of us who have participated in this exercise come away with the feeling that there are some very good students enrolled in these programs, and what we offer is possibly just the incentive they need to go on to bigger and better things. If you would like to help, we will need 5 to 7 members to serve on the scholarship selection board, and up to 16 members to help with the medal awards night at the high schools. Don't be bashful, pick-up the phone and call the Scholarship Chairman and volunteer.

Arthur Parker & Richard Horn Scholarship/Awards

Looking For A Few Good Men Or Women

Below are listed the members who have volunteered to represent our chapter at JROTC awards ceremonies this year. As you can see we are a "little" short of our goal of 16 presenters. This is a great opportunity to get out and see some wonderful young people at their best. Yes you will need to give up a couple of hours of your time to make the presentation. However, what would you use the time for if you do not help out - watching "Survivor" on TV? Lets support these patriotic young men and women. If you can make a presentation let Arthur Parker (602) 997-7913 know you are available and for which school.

School	Date	Time	Presenter
North HS	23-Apr	6:00 PM	
Sunnyslope HS	24-Apr	7:00 PM	Dinner at 6 PM
South Mountain HS	30-Apr	6:30 PM	
Carl Hayden HS	30-Apr	6:30 PM	
Cactus HS	01-May	6:30 PM	
Moon Valley HS	01-May	7:00 AM	
Alhambra HS	02-May	6:30 PM	
Central HS	03-May	7:00 PM	
Apollo HS	06-May	7:00 PM	LCDR Terry Tassin USN(Ret)
Glendale HS	06-May	7:00 PM	
Camelback HS	07-May	7:00 PM	
Cortez HS	08-May	6:00 PM	
Deer Valley HS	09-May	7:00 PM	
Greenway HS	13-May	7:00 PM	LtCol Raymond Deane USAF(Ret)
Shadow Mountain	13-May	5:30 PM	
Thunderbird HS	14-May	7:00 PM	

Presidential Memorial Certificate (PMC) Program

The Presidential Memorial Certificate Program honors the memory of honorably discharged, deceased veterans.

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The certificate, which bears the president's signature, expresses the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the armed forces. The VA administers the PMC program. Eligible recipients may apply for a PMC through the local VA regional office. Eligible recipients include the next of kin, other relatives or a friend. The award of a certificate to one eligible recipient does not preclude issuance to another eligible recipient. Eligible recipients of veterans who died before March 1962 may also receive the PMC. The VA encourages all eligible recipients to apply. Application should be made at the local VA regional office. For veterans whose service was before July 16, 1903, the requested should be mailed to the VA regional Office, 941 N. Capitol ST, N.E. Washington, DC 20421.

Nautical Trivia

Manning the Rails. This custom evolved from the centuries old practice of "manning the yards." Men aboard sailing ships stood evenly spaced on all the yards and gave three cheers to honor a distinguished person. Now men and women are stationed along the rails of a ship when honors are rendered to the President, the heads of a foreign state, or a member of a reigning royal family. Men and women so stationed do not salute. Navy ships will often man the rails when entering a port, or when returning to the ship's homeport at the end of a deployment.

Gun Salutes. In the days of cannon, it took as long as twenty minutes to load and fire a gun. When a ship fired her guns in salute, she rendered herself powerless for the duration. By emptying their guns, the ship's crew showed shore batteries and forts that they were no threat. Over time, this gesture became a show of respect, with both shore and ship gun batteries firing volleys. While many people like to say the 21 gun salute was a tribute to the American Revolution, a number determined as a result of adding together the numbers 1+7+7+6, the truth is the 21 gun salute was an effort to cut costs. The habit of firing salutes became wasteful, with ships and shore batteries firing shots for hours on end. This was particularly expensive for ships, which had a limited space to store powder (which went bad quickly in the salt air). The British admiralty first dictated the policies now in place as a practical matter to save gunpowder. The rule was simple, for every volley fired by a ship in salute, a shore battery could return up to three shots. The regulations limited ships to a total of seven shots in

salute, so the 21 gun-salute became the salute used to honor the only the most important dignitaries. Today, the U.S. Navy Regulations proscribe that only those ships and stations designated by the Secretary of the Navy may fire gun salutes. A national salute of 21 guns is fired on:

- Washington's Birthday
- Memorial Day
- Independence Day
- To honor the President of the United States
- To honor heads of foreign states.
- Additionally, ships may, with approval from the office of the Secretary of the Navy, provide gun salutes for naval officers on significant occasions, using the following protocol:
 - Admiral-17 guns
 - Vice Admiral-15 guns
 - Rear Admiral (upper half)-13 guns
 - Rear Admiral (lower half)-11 guns
 - All gun salutes are fired at five-second intervals. Gun salutes will always total an odd number.

Tell Your Legislators About TRICARE Problems

The February issue of MOAA's Military Officer magazine has a centerfold with three tear-out letters for members to send to the Secretary of Defense and the Chairmen of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. The letters urge actions that will make TRICARE more attractive to providers and require DOD's health care contractors to help TRICARE Standard beneficiaries find participating providers. You are urged to send this message to senior officials in positions to help address these important problems.

April Guest Speaker

General Ronald R. Fogleman USAF (Ret)

General Ron Fogleman retired from the USAF on 1 Sep 1997 after thirty-four years of active commissioned service. On his final tour of duty General Fogleman served as the 15th Chief of Staff of the U.S. Air Force and a member of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. From '92' until '94' he was Commander in Chief of the U.S. Transportation Command (CINCTrans).

General Fogleman has an extensive background in fighter and mobility aircraft having flown over 6800 total hours. His fighter experience included operational tours in the F-100, F-4, F-15, and A-10. He served two tours in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War flying 315 combat sorties and logging 806 hours of combat time. His airlift and tanker experience includes the C-5, C-21, C-130, C-141, KC-10 and KC-135.

General Fogleman is currently Chairman and CEO, Durango Aerospace Incorporated, an international consulting firm. Additionally, he serves on the board of directors of many companies. Included on this impressive list is Mesa Air Group in the Valley.

March Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: 15 March 2003
 11:30AM Social Period
 12:00 Noon Lunch

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

COST: \$14.00 Per Person

MENU: Garden Salad
 Steak Sandwich
 French Fries
 Relishes
 Apple Pie
 Coffee & Iced Tea

PROGRAM: Mr. Craig Wilson, Lawyer.
 Topic: "The Problem is Clear, the Air Isn't.
 Can Hydrogen be a Fuel." He will try to have a
 car operated by Hydrogen Available for
 viewing.

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

April Dinner Meeting

WHEN: 3 April 2003
 6:30PM Social Period
 7:00PM Dinner

WHERE: Best Western Executive Park Hotel
 1100 N. Central Avenue
 Phoenix, Arizona

COST: \$17.00 Per Person

MENU: Mixed Green Salad
 Yankee Pot Roast
 Chunks of Carrots/Potatoes/Celery
 Roasted in Mushroom Sauce
 Warm Rolls with Butter
 Apple Pie
 Coffee & Iced Tea

PROGRAM: General Ronald R. Fogleman
 USAF (Ret), formerly the 15th Chief of Staff of the
 United States Air Force and member of the Joint
 Chiefs of Staff. Topic: "Military Transformation in
 Transition".

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 Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** No Later Than: **25 March 2003**
 Send to Bill Johnson, 13410 North 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. Phone 602-689-5379

MARCH MEAL / MEETING RESERVATION FORM

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 Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** No Later Than: **07 March 2003**
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