

Minutes of the November General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on **22 November 2003** at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Ron Green** called the meeting to order at 12:05PM and then gave the Invocation, **Terry Tassin** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **58**.
Guests were introduced.

Minutes of the last General meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was made by **Bill Johnson**:

Checking account	= \$ 3628.25
Anniversary account	= \$ 1744.02
<u>Scholarship account</u>	= \$ 6528.75
ACCOUNTS TOTAL	= \$11901.02

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Old Business included reports from various committee chairmen:

Golf Tournament - Bernie Conway reported on the completed Fall Golf Tournament which provided \$165 for the Scholarship Fund. He noted that the rules committee, after long deliberation, and with a unanimous vote, determined that the dreaded "hat" award may not be passed on if the current owner of the hat is not playing in the event. That being the case, the hat was not awarded this tournament.

Membership (Paul Fein) – noted that 40% of the members had renewed their membership as of this date, under the Early Bird Renewal program.

Legislative (Dan Conway) – reported on the efforts of MOAA in the areas of Concurrent Receipt; SBP Improvement; and Fort Huachuca's responsibility for the water supply of Sierra Vista, AZ. He also gave a brief report on the recent AZ Veterans Hall of Fame induction luncheon. Dan commented on the moving Veterans Day ceremony honoring the Arizona servicemen killed in action in Iraq. It was noted that Dan Conway and Charles Schluter would be presenting a flower wreath from the AZ Council of MOAA Chapters at the Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Memorial Ceremony.

National MOAA Matters (Chuck Schluter) - reported on the recently completed Annual MOAA meeting that was held in Portland, OR. It was determined that the annual Storming the Hill effort would take place in March 2004.

10-Minute Break

New Business included a **Programs Report** by **Jim Seidl** in which he reminded members the December general meeting and Silent Auction would be held on 18 December at the Sunshine Hotel & Resort.

Meritorious Service Awards - The President and 1st VP presented the annual Meritorious Service Awards to ten Chapter members. Recipients were; 1st Award: Thomas Houser, Terry Tassin, Richard Horn, Dolly Blecick, Chris Magadan. 2nd time award winners (Oak Cluster) were: Chester Baumer, James Seidl, Frank Birtciel, , Charles Schluter, and Ronald Green.

Staff Officer Elections for 2004 - The following members were elected to serve as Chapter Officers for Year 2004: President Gary Fredricks, 1st VP Paul Fein, 2nd VP Tom Houser, 3rd VP Frank Birtciel, Secretary Terry Tassin, Treasurer William Johnson. Installation of officers will be held at the 4 January 2004 General meeting.

The **Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$75 being paid out and \$72 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: Dom Varricchio, Tom Smith, and Mike Gannon.

In closing, the members sang "God Bless America".

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.
Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary