

Minutes of the September General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on **20 September 2003** at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Ron Green** called the meeting to order at 12:01PM. Chaplain **Robert Rutherford** gave the Invocation and **Ron Green** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **49**. New members and guests were introduced. New members present were: Col Phil Johnson USAFR, 1Lt John Newell III USA (Ret), and Auxiliary Member Gerry Treece.

Minutes of the last General meeting were read and approved.

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

Checking account	= \$ 2837.25
Anniversary account	= \$ 1229.02
Scholarship account	= \$ 6007.79
ACCOUNTS TOTAL	= \$10074.06

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Guest Speaker - The president introduced the honored speaker, Mr. Jack A. Cole – Executive Director of Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP). During his presentation Mr. Cole addressed the subject of legalization of drugs and called the 33-year-old ‘war on drugs’ a failure. His discussion gave the audience an alternative perspective of the US war on drugs. President Ron Green presented an MOAA desk paper weight to the speaker as a memento of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

Old Business included reports from various committee chairmen:

Tribute to Hal Halpern - Ron Green noted that Trula Halpern expressed her thanks to all members of MOAA for their condolences. She noted that Hal's internment, which will be at the Arlington National Cemetery on 30 Sep at 9:00 AM, is open to all.

Membership (Paul Fein) – commented on the recruiting efforts underway to get 25 new MOAA members this year from the Guard/Reserve and Active duty arena. Contact has been made with the AZ State National Guard and is ongoing.

Legislative (Dan Conway) – reported that so far 2003 has not been a good year for Concurrent Receipt. Even though Full Concurrent Receipt appears to have failed, efforts are continuing to have it approved by the government.

Silent Auction (Dan Conway) - stated that letters are being mailed to past contributors and 20 new possible contributors asking for donations and support for the major fund raiser for our scholarship program - the Chapter's Silent Auction.

10-Minute Break

New Business included a **Programs Report** by **Jim Seidl** in which he told members the date of the general meeting for November has been changed to accommodate the meeting location and will be held at 12 Noon on 22 November at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The October general meeting is still scheduled for 7 PM on 23 October at Treulich's Restaurant, 5020 N. Black Canyon Freeway in Phoenix.

AZ State Veteran's Advisory Committee (Tom Smith) – asked all members who have not already done so to sign up, either by Internet or USPS, with the AZ State Veteran's Registry. The registration form can be found either in the February 2003 edition of the *Sentinel* or on line at www.azvets.com.

New Chapter Flag - The new Chapter flag reflecting the name change from TROA to MOAA was displayed for the members present.

Centennial of Flight - Chuck Schluter spoke briefly about this year being the 100th Anniversary of manned flight. He also indicated that there would be articles in the upcoming Sentinels on this subject. Chapter members who were/are military aviators were saluted.

The **Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$60 being paid out and \$61 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: Dolly Blecick, Dick Albrecht and .Angelynne Carpenter.

Chaplain Robert Rutherford gave the Benediction.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 PM.

Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary