

Minutes of the February General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

19 February 2004

Call to Order: President **Gary Fredricks** called the General Membership Dinner Meeting to order at 7:05 PM. on **19 February 2004** at the Sunshine Hotel. Chaplain **Robert Rutherford** gave the Invocation. **Gary Fredricks** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **33**. Guests were introduced.

Minutes: The last General meeting minutes were approved and accepted as previously provided.

Dinner was served and enjoyed by all.

Board of Directors Reports included reports from various committee chairmen:

Treasurer's Report was made by **Gary Fredricks:**

Checking account	= \$ 3410.68
Anniversary account	= \$ 1848.02
<u>Scholarship account</u>	<u>= \$11059.41</u>
ACCOUNTS TOTAL	= \$16318.11

Legislative (Dan Conway) –

***National Level** - Dan Conway presented a synopsis of areas of National MOAA concentration for year 2004. Dan noted that National MOAA's effort this year will be to push for Survivor Benefit Plan improvements. He encouraged all members to mail the letters on this subject from the current Military Officer magazine. It was noted that Dan Conway and Charles Schluter would be participating in MOAA's "Storming the Hill" efforts on 23 March 2004.

***State Level** - Efforts will be made this year by the state's veteran's organizations to push the purchase of Veterans Auto License plates and the re-naming of Interstate 10 to Veteran's Highway.

Old/Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Programs Report by **Jim Seidl** in which he reminded members the March general meeting would be held on 20 March at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The menu will be Chicken Kiev and the guest speaker will be from the Sky Harbor Airport Authority speaking on the changes taking place at Sky Harbor.

10-Minute Break

Guest Speaker - The President introduced the honored speaker, Major Douglas Patt USA (Ret). Major Patt was in Army Intelligence and shared his experiences and thoughts from the "Gulf War to Afghanistan". President Gary Fredricks presented Major Patt with an MOAA Tumbler Set in appreciation of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$41 being paid out and \$41 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: Dolly Blecick and April Newell.

Benediction was given by Chaplain Robert Rutherford.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary