

Minutes of the January General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on **17 January 2004** at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Ron Green** called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. **Chaplain Robert Rutherford** gave the Invocation. Member **William McCollum** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **56**. Guests were introduced.

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

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

Checking account	= \$ 3616.36
Anniversary account	= \$ 1822.02
<u>Scholarship account</u>	= <u>\$10964.41</u>
ACCOUNTS TOTAL	= \$16402.79

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Old Business included reports from various committee chairmen:

Legislative (Dan Conway) – reported on Vice President Dick Cheney's visit to Mesa's Falcon Field recently and the Vice President's presentation to those in attendance. 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. At the State level, member Tom Smith discussed problems being encountered by families of the National Guard when whole units are called to active duty.

National MOAA Matters (Chuck Schluter) - It was noted that Dan Conway and Charles Schluter would be participating in MOAA's "Storming the Hill" efforts on 23 March 2004.

Administrative Announcement (Ron Green) - Ron informed members that the annual "Voices Take Flight" fundraiser event, to support the ALS Association program, would take place on 6 March 2004 from 2 to 4 PM, at the Phoenix First Assembly, 13613 N. Cave Creek Road. Basic ticket cost is \$10.00 with \$5.00 remaining with the Chapter if tickets are purchased from Ron Green.

10-Minute Break

New Business

Programs Report by Jim Seidl in which he reminded members the February general meeting would be held on 19 February at the Sunshine Hotel & Suites, which is our new General meeting location. The menu will be Sliced Roast Beef and the guest speaker will be Major Douglas Patt USA (Ret) speaking on the "Gulf War to Afghanistan-the Army Transformation".

Staff Officer Induction for 2004 - The following members were installed to serve as Chapter Officers for Year 2004: President Gary Fredricks, 3rd VP Frank Birtciel, Secretary Terry Tassin, and Treasurer William Johnson. 1st VP Paul Fein, and 2nd VP Tom Houser, were not present and will be sworn-in at the February meeting.

The **Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$70 being paid out and \$70 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: Renate Weidenfeld, Dolly Bleckick, Bette Green, and Mary Jane Hudson.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary