

Minutes of the March General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

20 March 2004

Call to Order: President **Gary Fredricks** called the General Membership Luncheon Meeting to order at 12 Noon. on **20 March 2004** at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. Chaplain **Robert Rutherford** gave the Invocation. **Gary Fredricks** 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.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Board of Directors Reports included reports from various committee chairmen:

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

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| Checking account | = \$ 4216.70 |
| Anniversary account | = \$ 1991.02 |
| <u>Scholarship account</u> | = \$11103.58 |
| ACCOUNTS TOTAL | = \$17311.30 |

Legislative:

***National Level** - Dan Conway noted that members should watch for some changes in the Survivor Benefit Plan soon. He also noted that Past President Chuck Schluter was in Washington DC and that he (Dan) would be joining him for the annual "Storming the Hill" effort by MOAA on 23 March.

***State Level** - Efforts are underway to make Arizona military bases more attractive to the BRAC in order to save the bases from being placed on the Base Closure List. Some funds for the save the bases effort will come from HB2605. Chapter members were urged to send letters to the members of the State Legislature to encourage their positive vote for HB2605.

Membership – Gary Fredricks noted that present Chapter membership is about 175 and changing daily.

Old/Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Programs Report by **Jim Seidl** in which he reminded members the April general meeting would be held on 15 April at the Sunshine Hotel. The menu will be Beef Tips over Egg Noodles and the guest speaker will be from the Arizona Department of Transportation and will be speaking on "Why All the Road Construction".

10-Minute Break

Guest Speaker: - The President introduced the honored speaker, Mr. Moe A. Yacut, Community Relations Manager of Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport. Mr. Yacut apprized Chapter members of the history of the airport and some of the upcoming major changes that will take place in the not to distant future - i.e., a new terminal and new control tower. President Gary Fredricks presented Mr. Yacut with an MOAA Tumbler Set in appreciation of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

The **Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$65 being paid out and \$70 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: Chet Baumer, Trula Halpern and Betty Baumer.

Benediction was given by Chaplain Robert Rutherford.

The meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary