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Arizona's First Chapter



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Arizona Chapter Calendar

- June 2**
 - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- June 18**
 - General Luncheon Meeting
- June 14**
 - Flag Day
- June 19**
 - Father's Day
- Sep 1**
 - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- Sep 17**
 - General Luncheon Meeting

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The Sentinel will be taking a break in July and August with publication beginning again with the September issue. Hope to see you all back safe and sound in September—have a great summer! ...*Editor*



President's Message

Summer is here. Can you believe it?

The good news is that we take two months off. But that does not mean that all of our activities come to a halt.

Our legislative activities continue. Please be alert to requests for letters, e-mails, postcards, etc. There is legislation which is important to us, so don't take two months off in that area.

We continue to work on 501(c)3 status for our scholarship fund. We now have completed our efforts at the state level in establishing a separate Scholarship Corporation, and we plan to

make the federal filing in early July to gain non tax status for the new corporation. The difference between our Chapter status and the Scholarship Corporation is that all contributions to the Scholarship Corporation are 100% tax deductible.

By the time we resume activities in September we expect to have the Scholarship Corporation in place and will begin serious solicitation of donations for the Scholarship fund. Please remember that this will be a major effort and keep us informed as to your contacts who might be candidates for Scholarship donations.

It is also a good time to look back on our accomplishments this last six months including awards for the past year.

We maintained our membership level, and are implementing a major membership effort in contacting over 1,000 National members in our area asking them to join our Chapter. Thank you to Ron Green for his past efforts and to Davis Rohr for agreeing to this important effort.

We again received National Communications awards for the electronic Sentinel and for

the web. Congratulations to Terry Tassin and Tom Houser.

We made MOAA JROTC Medal presentations at 16 High Schools in our area with JROTC programs. Thank you to Art Parker for coordinating this effort, and to all of the presenters. Also thank you to Kathy Davis who has agreed to assist Art in this program as we go forward.

Our JROTC scholarship awards luncheon was a wonderful experience. It was truly inspirational to hear about the backgrounds and accomplishments of these outstanding young people. Thanks to Ron Worthington for coordinating the program; to Gary Fredricks for picking up the ball when Ron had to leave us for awhile, and to the Scholarship Committee for their work in the scholarship selection process.

Also, thanks to Jim Seidl for his work in arranging interesting programs. The social component is not an insignificant part of our mission.

Finally, thank you to the Board of Directors for your efforts and guidance.

I hope to see all of you at the June luncheon. Have a nice

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Chaplain's Corner

"There are times when we need you just to cope with the on-going everyday decisions of living. Help us when our energy and will are not enough for the plans we have made. Give us strength to make the extra effort necessary. Amen " —*Robert Rutherford, Chaplain*

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summer and in September I hope that you will all be ready to hit the ground running.

— *Daniel M. Conway*

**June Luncheon Meeting
Saturday, 18 June
McCormick Ranch Golf Club**

The next Chapter meeting is set for Saturday, 18 June at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. Bring a friend to our meeting and introduce them to a great group of people. The meeting will start with a social hour at 11:00 a.m., with lunch served at 12:00 Noon. The reservation form is located on page 7 of this newsletter. The deadline for reservations to reach Bill Johnson is 14 June. Come join us for good food and comradeship at our last meeting before the summer break.

**Chapter 50th Anniversary
by Chet Baumer**

TO EVERYONE: We are approaching the time for final preparations for the Year 2006 Chapter 50th Anniversary Celebration

"It should be your care, therefore, and mine, to elevate the minds of our children and exalt their courage; to accelerate and animate their industry and activity; to excite in them an habitual contempt of meanness, abhorrence of injustice and inhumanity, and an ambition to excel in every capacity, faculty, and virtue. If we suffer their minds to grovel and creep in infancy, they will grovel all their lives."
John Adams

Membership

Currently the AZ Chapter has 170 members including, 39 auxiliary members and 5 new members for 2005.

and the availability of support funds is essential. If you want a GALA party and since this is a once in a lifetime event for the organization that doesn't hesitate to award four \$1,000.00 scholarships each year to students - we need lots of DONATIONS. By the way, any reference about canned music is erroneous! Send your donations to Bill Johnson, our Treasurer, marked for the 50th Anniversary Fund.

**Legislative Chairman's Notes
by Gary Fredricks**

As the Sentinel goes to press this month, two significant activities are going on in Washington D.C. that have potential impact to many of our members. The first is the FY06 Defense Authorization Act, and the second is the initiation of the Veteran's Disability Benefits Commission.

As you will recall, the FY06 President's Budget Request came with rather severe budget constraints in order to reduce the annual deficit. After months of subcommittee and committee activity, both the House and Senate Armed Services Committees passed their versions of the FY06 Defense Authorization Act this month. The two committee's respective bills will come to the House and Senate floors for debate and other action during the last week of May.

Among other things, both versions contain many initiatives such as dealing with active duty pay raises and manpower increases as well as TRICARE and Guard/Reserve related actions. Currently absent from the versions is any language dealing with the two remaining Survivor Benefit (SBP) inequities; the SBP/DIC offset and the initiation date for 30-year

Fund Donations

One person's generous gift will help strengthen America's future through supporting the education of our youth. Since the last newsletter the below members have made generous donations to the:

General Fund:

Mike Gannon \$2; Tom Smith \$10

50th Anniversary Fund:

Chet Baumer \$50; Doug Gray \$5

Mike Gannon \$5; Jim Seidl \$15

Charles Schluter \$15; Dan Conway \$15

Scholarship Fund:

Mike Gannon \$5; Doug Gray \$5

paid-up SBP. These are the two issues that we advocated fixing during our "Storming the Hill" session last month.

During the activity on the bills on the House and Senate floors over the next few days and weeks, congressmen traditionally propose amendments, in the Senate's case on average 100 a year. MOAA has advised that, among other initiatives, the bills dealing with the SBP inequities will be brought to the floor by their respective sponsors as potential amendments. However, so far only about one fourth of the Senators and Representatives have signed up as cosponsors for these SBP bills. That is not encouraging. You can help influence the outcome by adding your voice. You can either call your representative direct through MOAA's toll-free Hot Line to Capitol Hill (1-877-762-8762) or use MOAA's Web site

(<http://capwiz.com/moaa/home/>).

Both issues are covered under Senate Bill S-185 while on the House side the offset issue is in H-808 and the paid-up issue is in H-968.

The second activity, the initiation of the Veteran's Disability Benefits Commission, is a longer term one but with potentially more impact. This

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2005 Chapter \$1000 Scholarships



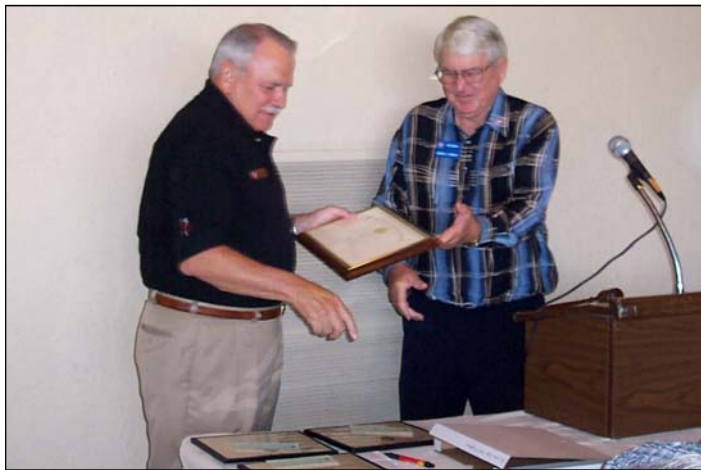
LT Ron Maul USN(Ret) Senior NSI at Thunderbird HS; Thomas Campbell - Cactus AFJROTC to U.S. Air Force Academy; Evan Rutherford - Thunderbird NJROTC to Northwestern Prep School then to U.S. Naval Academy; Jessica Sanchez - Cortez NJROTC to Arizona State University; Jesus Mendoza - Alhambra AJROTC to Arizona State University; CWO3 Dan Vass USN(Ret) Senior NSI at Cortez HS.

These great looking young people are this year's recipients of the 2005 Arizona Chapter MOAA Scholarships. After each student gave a short report on their future plans, each was presented with a Scholarship Certificate and a \$1000 check to help with their college expenses

The four candidates attended the awards luncheon with their families. Two Senior JROTC Instructors were also in attendance. The scholarship presentation ceremony on May 21, 2005 was held at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, Arizona where the candidates told about their interesting JROTC experiences and their future college plans. They expressed their appreciation for the \$1000 scholarships and thanked all veterans for their military service to our country. President Dan Conway presented the checks and the framed certificates. Everyone enjoyed this most impressive program.



Tom Campbell shares his future plans to attend the U.S. Air Force Academy, with the AZ Chapter members.



President Dan Conway on behalf of MOAA National, presents Terry Tassin The Sentinel Editor, with a certificate for winning the 2004 Communications Award for Best Electronic Newsletter (75-199 members).

Spring Golf Tournament *by Bernie Conway*

It was a beautiful, cool morning on Friday, May 6 when AZ Chapter MOAA members and friends showed up at Rolling Hills Golf Course in Tempe to exhibit their skills of controlling the little white ball. We had only 13 players this year. Twenty-two members played a year ago and 20 players 6 months ago. Not too impressive for an organization with 180 plus members. Statistician as I am that appears to be a bad trend, so I have asked Pat Dale to "Shake the Stick" for the fall tournament. He has agreed to take it by the horns. We can expect a new location that may be closer to more potential golfers.

The infamous hat has been retired, and the rules committee declared that if the same person won the championship trophy three times in a row, that person would retain the trophy forever. Roy Anderson won the trophy by a "mere" 12 strokes, no matter how you score it - Callaway or normal; so the trophy has also been retired.

Other than Roy, money winners included Terry Tassin and Bill Bigler for closest to the pin, Raymond Deane took home the longest drive money, and Bernie Conway lucked out with the longest putt. I was in the last group, but had numerous witnesses observe the ball going into the hole! There was a tie for high score between Chuck Schluter and Tom Deane. The committee felt obligated to consider all the work Tom does with the scoring, so he was awarded the bucket of practice balls. \$150 in "Mulligans" was collected for the Scholarship fund.

Please give your inputs to Pat Dale on what changes you would like to see to get you to join the group for the fall outing. Scores ranged from 60 to 94, so you can see there is a place for everyone. If that doesn't work, would the last person out please turn out the lights!



Board Meeting Notes

The Board of Directors met on 5 May, 2005. The following items of interest were considered.

- ♦ **Legislative:** The House of Representatives approved the Emergency Supplemental Wartime Appropriations Act that increases military death and disability benefits in several areas. More info available on MOAA's web site. On the state level, Unified AZ Veterans (UAV) Advisory Council recommends establishing a focus group to coordinate veterans' issues state wide. Discussion followed about how MOAA prioritizes issues for congressional action. Dan Conway proposed that the Chapter suggest to MOAA our priorities prior to next year's "Storming the Hill" activity.
- ♦ **Treasurer's Report:** Indicated assets of:

Checking:	\$ 5,194.86
50 th Anniversary:	\$ 2,536.00
<u>Scholarship:</u>	<u>\$ 8,626.83</u>
Total Accounts:	\$16,357.69
- ♦ **Membership:** Davis Rohr has taken over duties of Membership Chairman. The Board discussed the methods that were used to get membership renewals and concluded that generally we did OK, but we will revisit this issue in the fall. Recruiting new members was discussed, with a question of how much effort and cost should we expend. MOAA is developing a new Chapter recruitment brochure, the current one still has the TROA logo on it.
- ♦ **Scholarship:** President will need checks and certificates for the scholarship presentation. Discussion on the source of the certificates - Chuck Schluter will contact MOAA and report back to Dan Conway. (Note: Dan Conway contacted Art Parker later and he reports that the certificate is on Art's computer and Art will forward the certificate to Dan).
- ♦ **JROTC Medals:** Several Board members volunteered to present medals at award nights for those schools that had no AZ Chapter member already assigned to present.
- ♦ **50th Anniversary:** Committee is still looking into venues for the event. Dan Conway asked the committee for a budget of Chapter costs in order to determine the adequacy of the funds collected for the event.
- ♦ **Programs:** The Program Chairman will be asked to look into more variety in the meals served at the meetings. Chuck Schluter suggested that we award the Home Depot Regional VP a plaque honoring the support Home Depot gives its employees that are deployed on military activities. He was authorized to pursue the plaque and schedule the presentation for either the May or June luncheon.
- ♦ **Historian:** Frank Birtciel reported that the club's history on the web site is up to date. He is now working on brief biographies about Past Presidents and has the first one ready for publication in *The Sentinel*.
- ♦ **Women's Auxiliary Affairs:** Jo Ann Thompson reported that there has been little response for the Women's Auxiliary luncheons. Last month's event drew only ten people.
- ♦ **Council of Chapters:** Gary Fredricks reported that we are scheduled to host the October Council meeting. We will try to get a MOAA representative to attend and get a speaker from the UAV for the meeting.

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commission, originally established by Congress in 2003 and delayed by manning issues, finally had its first meetings this month. Congress established the commission to review benefits going to disabled veterans and the survivors of deceased veterans.

Specifically, Congress charged the commission to examine three issues;

- The appropriateness of compensation and other benefits for disabled veterans and for the survivors of veterans who died from causes related to military service.
- The appropriateness of the level of such benefits.
- The appropriate standard for determining whether a disability or death of a veteran should be compensated.

The commission has 13 members and is chaired by retired Army LT. Gen. James T Scott. It will take testimony at public meetings, oversee studies of the United States' disability compensation systems and receive input from other organizations. The commission is charged with reporting to the President and to Congress by August of 2006. Interestingly, this will be some 50 years after the last major review of the veteran's disability system led by General of the Army Omar Bradley, USA, back in 1956.



Past Presidents Place

LTC William Kwan Toy USA(Ret) - (1963-1964)



LTC William Kwan Toy, born 8 October 1921, enlisted in the Arizona National Guard in 1938 two years prior to graduating from Phoenix High School. He was a Sergeant when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. He was selected for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, Infantry in December 1942.

His WWII service included three Pacific crossings and two tours of duty in the Far Eastern (China, Burma and India) Theater. He served on the staff of General Joseph (Vinegar Joe) Stillwell as an Infantry Weapons Instructor and later as a Liaison Officer to the Chinese Army. Some of his specific duties required his participation in the rebuilding of the Chinese Army as they prepared to move against the Japanese Forces.

LTC Toy served as a White House Courier during the Truman Administration assigned to the CIG (forerunner of the CIA) in 1945.

In 1950 he was ordered to Korea and Japan while attached to General MacArthur's Allied Translation and Interpretation Unit. He returned to CONUS for a tour of duty at the Presidio, CA as a unit Executive Officer (1951-1953). Later he redeployed to the Military Advisory Group, Taiwan as an Infantry Unit Commander and subsequently served as the Public Information Officer in Okinawa (1954-1956).

LTC Toy's awards and decorations include World War II Service Medal; American Defense Service Medal; American Campaign Medal; European, African and Middle East Campaign Medal; Army of Occupation Medal with bar (Japan); Korean Service Medal; United Nations Service Medal; National Defense Service Medal; Armed forces Reserve Medal; and 5 Overseas Bars.

He is a proud member of the Arizona Bushmasters Regimental Combat Team. He has served in State government as well as City government and numerous veterans service organizations. He has held every officer position in the Arizona Chapter of MOAA during his long service in our organization including President during 1963-1964.

LTC William Toy was inducted into the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame November 7, 2002.



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June Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: 18 June 2005
11:00 a.m. Social Period
12:00 Noon Lunch

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
7505 McCormick Parkway
Scottsdale, Arizona

COST: \$17.00 - Per Person

DRESS: Casual

MENU: Chef's Choice

PROGRAM: We hope to have Kent Dana, CBS News Anchorman, "Current Affairs".

Please make your reservations early and send your check to Bill Johnson using the Meal / Meeting Reservation Form.

-- Jim Seidl, Programs

TAPS

If you know of a member or spouse who enters the hospital or passes away, please notify one of the Chapter Officers.

CHAPTER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

If you would like to make a donation to one or more of the AZ Chapter Funds, include your check identified as the appropriate fund and mail to: **Bill Johnson, 13410 N. 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944.**

50th Anniversary Fund: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund: \$ _____ **General Fund:** \$ _____

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