

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on **May 21, 2005**, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Daniel Conway** called the meeting to order at 11:55 AM. Chaplin **Bob Rutherford** gave the Invocation. CWO3 **Daniel M. Vass**, USN (RET) led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **54**. Scholarship recipients introduced their families and their JROTC Instructors.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Minutes: The last General Meeting Minutes were approved and accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report as listed in the distributed May BOD Meeting were accepted and approved.

Board of Directors Reports:

Legislative: **Gary Fredricks** reported that the FY 2005 Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Bill has passed both Houses of Congress and will be signed into law by the President. Some provisions in the bill include increasing the death gratuity to \$100,000 to survivors and increasing the Serviceman Group Life Insurance (SGLI) benefit to \$400,000 from the current \$250,000. The FY 2006 DOD Budget has cleared committees of both Houses of Congress. Gary also reported that the first meeting of the VA Disability Commission is scheduled for this month, report is due in 2006.

Color Guard: **Terry Tassin** announced that the Chapter's Color Guard will participate at the Arizona Veteran's Cemetery Memorial Day Services beginning at 8 AM. The Color Guard consists of Terry Tassin (Commander), Chuck Schluter, Frank Birtciel and Tom Houser.

10-Minute Break

Presentation of Awards:

President **Dan Conway** presented MOAA's 2004 Communication Award to **Terry Tassin** for winning the Category III (75-199 members) Electronic Newsletter version of *The Sentinel*. **Tom Houser** won 1st Runner-Up Award for Chapter Web Sites in the same category but was not present to receive his award.

Presentations of Scholarships:

President **Dan Conway** presented scholarships to Thomas H. Campbell, Cactus High School AFJROTC, Peoria, Jesus D. Mendoza, Alhambra High School AJROTC, Even S. Rutherford, Thunderbird High School NJRROTC, and Jessica M. Sanchez, Cortez High School NJROTC. Each recipient gave brief comments on their future plans and thanked the Chapter for their scholarships.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$50 being paid out and \$55 entered into the Scholarship account. There were two \$15 prizes which were won by **Elizabeth Poulson** and **Bob Rutherford**, and one \$20 award which was won by **Barbara Aydelotte**.

Chaplin **Bob Rutherford** gave the Benediction.

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