

December 2, 2005

Minutes of the November 2005 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on November 19, 2005, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. First Vice-President **Terry Tassin** called the Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Chaplin **Bob Rutherford** gave the Invocation. **Terry Tassin** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **39**. New Member **Rosanne Trujillo** was introduced. Guests **Steve Baca** and **Colby Livingston** were also introduced.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

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

Treasurer's Report: **Bill Johnson** indicated the following status of fund accounts:

Checking:	\$ 4,600.38
50 th Anniversary:	\$ 2,007.00
Scholarship:	<u>\$ 5,071.19</u>
Total Accounts:	\$11,678.57

Bill reported that a \$1,000 deposit was made to secure the Scottsdale Plaza Resort for the 50th Anniversary Dinner.

Legislative Report: **Gary Fredricks** reminded the members of the need to donate to the 50th Anniversary and Scholarship Funds. The FY 2006 DOD Authorization bill finally passed the Senate and is now being reviewed in a House/Senate Conference Committee to settle differences between the two bills. The November 30 meeting of the Veteran's Task Force is scheduled to review issues and actions to date and to prioritize recommendations. It is anticipated that the Governor will be invited to the December meeting to review draft recommendations intended to set in motion implementation and change. The Executive Order, Task Force Plan and a record of presentations and meeting minutes may be found at www.azdvs.gov under Veteran's Task Force.

Election of Officers: **Gary Fredricks** called for nominations from the floor for any officer or director position. There being none, a motion was made, seconded and approved to elect the slate as posted in the November issue of *The Sentinel*.

10 -Minute Break

Guest Speaker: Terry Tassin introduced the guest speaker, Mr. Dave Bender, crew member of the B-17G Flying Fortress "Sentimental Journey" of the Commemorative Air Force (CAF), Arizona Wing. Started in 1951 and chartered in 1957 as the Confederate Air Force, the name was changed as to not offend anyone. Their goal is to collect at least one sample of all war planes made in the 1939 to 1945 era. They have 11,000 members world wide and have 107 flyable aircraft located in many countries. There are only four flying B-17s and the Arizona Wing's B-17 is considered the most authentic restoration.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$49 being paid out and \$50 entered into the Scholarship account. There were two \$16 prizes which were won by **Bob Lamparter**, and **Trula Halpern**. The \$17 prize was won by **Gary Fredricks**. Everyone donated

their prize money to the 50th anniversary fund. In addition, the guest speaker donated two prizes, A poster of the “Sentimental Journey” and a book on the history of the Arizona Wing. The poster was won by **Dan Conway** and the book was won by **Chet Baumer**.

Upcoming Events: **Terry Tassin** reminded everyone of the annual Christmas Party on December 17, 2005. We will have a 10 item silent auction and the Trevor Brown High School choir will entertain. The Spring Golf Tournament will be held on May 5, 2006 at the El Caro Golf Club (location of the Fall Golf Tournament).

Dick Minor thanked the membership for nominating him to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame.

Chaplin Bob Rutherford gave the Benediction.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 1:40 PM.

John Gerometta,
Secretary