



The Sentinel

Arizona's First Chapter



The Arizona Chapter, 14435 N. 66th Place, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254

OCTOBER 2005 CHARTERED IN 1956 - OVER 49 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COUNTRY EDITOR: Terry Tassin



President's Message

There are three October activities worthy of your consideration.

The first is the Council of Chapters meeting which we are hosting. It will be held on Friday, October 14th at the Hampton Inn in Old Town Scottsdale starting at 11:00 AM. MOAA Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents from around the state will be attending. We will be receiving our National Five star banner at this meeting. All members are invited. This meeting will give you insight into MOAA operations on a statewide basis. It will be three years before we will again be asked to host this meeting. If you can make it, please let me know. There will be a box lunch served around noon which will cost about \$10.50.

The next activity is our own Chapter luncheon meeting on Saturday, October 15th. We expect that several of the officers from other MOAA chapters will be attending. We would like to have a good turnout of our own members. We had only 35 attendees at our September Luncheon meeting which was somewhat disappointing. We had a very nice lunch and an outstanding presentation by Donna Adams. Our member surveys have shown that you prefer a luncheon meeting within the price range of our current costs.

We believe the McCormick Ranch to be a very nice facility. If you don't agree, please let me know. If there is anything else which keeps you away, please let me know. Our goal is to serve our members including social activities. Those who attended had a nice time. We would like you to participate too.

The third event of note is the Veterans' Hall of Fame Induction on Friday, October 28th. Two of our members; Mike Gannon and Dick Minor will be inducted. This is a wonderful patriotic event. A registration form is included in this issue. If you wish, please write in on the form that you would like to sit at the Arizona Chapter MOAA Table. We should be able to fill a table or two including our new inductees.

Please do your best to participate in these activities.

— Daniel M. Conway

MOAA Nominating Committee

by Gary Fredricks

Our annual Chapter election of officers will occur during our November General Membership Luncheon. In accordance with our by-laws our President, Dan Conway, has appointed a nominating committee consisting of Gary Fredricks (chairman), Ron Green, Chuck Schluter, Chet Baumer and Jim Seidl to

propose a slate of officers for next year in addition to any who may be nominated from the floor at the luncheon.

You may view the current slate of officers for 2005 on the last page of The Sentinel. Whereas all positions in the box labeled 2005 Board of Directors and Committee Chairman are crucial to the continued successful operation of your chapter, the only ones the Nominating Committee specifically addresses are the ones in the left column from "President" through "Directors".

As with most organizations, a few members continually step up to these jobs to keep the group going forward. Most of those listed in The Sentinel have provided long and valued service over many years. A few of them have expressed a desire to move over and let some new folks help us out. We thank those such as John Gerometta (picked up The Sentinel Editor in addition to being Chapter Secretary) who have stepped up to do so.

"Thank you" to those of you who we have already talked to that have agreed to help. If we haven't talked to you and you are willing to help the Chapter or know someone who would make a good contributor by filling any one of these positions, please let us know. You may contact any of the Nominating Committee members, or specifically the chairman, Gary Fredricks at (480)836-8419. We really need your help.

Arizona Chapter Calendar

- Oct 6**
 - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- Oct 14**
 - AZ Council of Chapters
- Oct 15**
 - General Luncheon Meeting
- Oct 28**
 - AZVHOF Induction
- Nov 3**
 - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- Nov 19**
 - General Luncheon Meeting

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS — REMEMBER OUR FALLEN COMRADES — FLY YOUR FLAG

Chaplain's Corner

"Merciful Lord, we beseech thee to cast thy bright beams of light upon this country that thus being illumined by your guidance, we may achieve a just and stable government in Iraq. Amen "

—Robert Rutherford, Chaplain

Purple Heart Memorial

A rededication of the Purple Heart Memorial at Wesley Bolin Memorial Park is planned for Saturday, November 5, 2005. A part of this memorial consists of commemorative bricks honoring Veterans. It is not necessary to be a Purple Heart recipient to be honored by a brick.

The cost of a brick is \$50.00 with one line of engraving, \$65.00 with two lines, and \$80.00 with three lines. If you would like to purchase a brick to honor a father, son, uncle, etc., please contact Nick Gervase at 6062 E. Iona Place, Scottsdale, AZ 85262, Phone 480-948-1366.

**September Luncheon Meeting
Saturday, 15 October
McCormick Ranch Golf Club**

The next Chapter meeting is set for Saturday, 15 October at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. Bring a friend to our meeting and introduce them to a great group of people. The meeting

New Members

Welcome to new Chapter members since the last newsletter

LtCol Edward W. Peters Jr USAF (Ret) and wife Barbara

1979 E. Drake Dr
Tempe, AZ 85283

Tele: 480-838-0533

Email: bbpeters@msn.com

Please take the opportunity to meet our new members at the next meeting.

Membership

Currently the AZ Chapter has 177 members including, 41 auxiliary members and 13 new members for 2005.

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 9 of this newsletter. The deadline for reservations to reach Bill Johnson is 10 October. Come join us for good food and comradeship.

Membership

The big news in membership is the "Give me 10" program which will give the Chapter \$10 for each new National member and a bonus of \$100 if we get 10 or more new members. We have agreed to participate in this program even though we don't have that much access to non MOAA members. This program lasts through December 2005, so if you have any friends eligible for membership, this is the

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:

Meta Seltzer \$50 - - Mike Gannon \$2

50th Anniversary Fund:

Nancy Horn \$15 - - Trula Halpern \$25

John Gerometta \$15 - - Toni Seidl \$15

Mike Gannon \$2

Scholarship Fund:

Mike Gannon \$2

time to approach them. For credit, they have to be paid members with a special offer of two years new membership for \$24. A special offer National MOAA membership form is enclosed as page 6.

ARIZONA VETERANS HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony October 28, 2005

The fifth annual induction ceremony of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame will take place on Friday, October 28th, from 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM at the El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, 552 N. 40th Street, in Phoenix.

The Hall of Fame is sponsored by Unified Arizona Veterans on behalf of the Office of the Governor and the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. It recognizes Arizona veterans who have honorably served their country through military service and who have continued to serve and inspire their fellow man with deeds and accomplishments throughout their lifetime.

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2005 will honor the following:

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|--------------------------|-------------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| David L. Althoff | Chandler | Richard Minor | Scottsdale |
| Melvin I. Brody | Scottsdale | Henry Ong | Phoenix |
| Duane R. Brofer | Sierra Vista | Albert F. Rodriguez | Scottsdale |
| Lowell E. Fox | Gilbert | Thomas E. Shaefer | Peoria |
| Michael G. Gannon | Scottsdale | John R. Tapia | Prescott |
| Nicholas G. Gervase | Peoria | Ildefonso "Al" Tercero | Prescott Valley |
| Gerd S. Grombacher | Sierra Vista | Leland M. Ullman | Goodyear |
| James S. Lay | Sun City West | Ralph C. Waara | Sun Lakes |
| Dennis N. McComb | Scottsdale | | |

The 2005 class will bring the total of veterans inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame to 124.

The ceremony is open to the public by reservation only. The cost is \$25 per person, \$200 for tables of eight. Lunch is included. Since the Hall of Fame is entirely non-profit, donations are most welcome. Reservations or donations may be made in writing to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in care of Unified Arizona Veterans, ATTN: Donna Adams, 4141 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Make checks payable to AVHOF.

Reservations must be received not later than Friday, October 21. Doors open at 10:30 AM. See reservation form on page 5 of this newsletter.

Newsletter Advertising

If you or a business/organization known to you wishes to place an ad in *The Sentinel* please contact the Editor for details. Advertisements will be priced according to size in multiples that approximate standard business card dimensions. Proceeds from advertisements help defray cost of preparing the newsletter. Advertising costs are:

| <u>Size</u> | <u>Annual</u> | <u>Quarterly</u> | <u>Impact Ad</u> |
|----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Single Card | \$80 | \$25 | \$15 |
| Double Card | \$160 | \$50 | \$30 |
| Quadruple Card | \$320 | \$100 | \$60 |

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Davis Rohr is moving to Austin Texas which left us a vacancy in the Membership Committee. However, Carol Culbertson has stepped up and agreed to take on this assignment. National has provided a list of past MOAA National members which we will be working on in addition to our Chapter efforts.



MOAA's eighth annual Chapter President's Symposium was held Sept 8th through the 10th in Wilmington, Del. This event rotates annually through four regions in the U.S. with this one being for the Northeast Region. The Legislative update portion of that symposium reflects an excellent summary of MOAA's legislative priorities for 2005 as well as a status on most of them.

The top 2005 issues have been SBP fixes (SBP/DIC offset and paid up SBP – discussed at length in last month's *Sentinel*), increases in Army end strength, Guard/Reserve health and retirement improvements, more concurrent receipt progress and fixing the 2006 Medicare/TRICARE rates. Many of these issues were being addressed through the FY2006 Defense Authorization Bill.

The House version of the bill passed on May 25 with few of MOAA's issues dealt with. The Senate suspended floor action on their bill in late July with the Hill recessing from August 1 through Sept 5. Contentious issues associated with the bill have included BRAC, "Buy America" and troop end strength authorizations as well as conflicting amendments on MOAA's SBP initiatives. The final bill is unlikely before November or December.

As to the SBP outlook, there are no provisions in the House version The Senate hangs on an amendment introduced by Sen. Nelson to fix the issues and an offsetting one by Sen. Warner to refer the issue to the VA Disability Compensation Committee.

If Sen. Nelson prevails a compromise in Joint Conference is likely. With respect to improving Guard/Reserve health care, prospects look good for adoption in Joint Conference. There is also a decent chance of fixing the "Unemployables" aspect of concurrent receipt, again, in Joint Conference. The only real issue is the cut in date.

The TRICARE/Medicare Reimbursement issue is more complicated. TRICARE rates are tied to Medicare rates with current law reducing Medicare payment rates by 4.3% in January 2006. An amendment in the House (H.R.2356) by Rep Shaw (FL) and one in the Senate (S.1081) by Sen. Kyl (AZ) should at least mitigate the issue.

Finally, MOAA is concerned about more recent efforts to shift costs due to tight federal budgets. In addition to articles in the Eastern press concerning the cost of veteran's benefits and Active/Guard/ Reserve personnel costs and similar words coming from some Congressmen, DOD is known to be exploring raising co-pays, deductibles, fees, etc. MOAA's advice is to be concerned but to not overreact. We should wait for more specifics that will likely be proposed during the coming 2007 budget cycle (Nov 05 – Feb 06). This should be one more wake up call to those of our colleagues who have been content to not lend their voices and support to MOAA and similar TMC organizations who have been there for us in the past and will continue to be so in the future. Stay tuned on this one.

Brief History of JROTC

(Extracted from the internet and edited)

by Art Parker

The Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps came into being with the passage of the National Defense Act of 1916. The focus of JROTC was on secondary schools.

At its inception, the JROTC course consisted of three hours of military instruction per week for a period of three years. Any JROTC graduate who completed this course of military

instruction was authorized a Certificate of Eligibility for a reserve commission to be honored at age 21. This provision was allowed to lapse after WWI as the need for reserve officers declined. When the United States entered the conflict in 1917 there were few resources to spare for the JROTC program.

Federal support and assistance for the JROTC program was limited between the world wars. Due to funding constraints and a lack of enthusiasm on the part of the Army, the number of JROTC units grew only gradually during this era.

The two decades after World War II were austere ones for JROTC. From 1947 until the passage of the ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964, the Army froze JROTC growth due to funding and manpower constraints. When Robert McNamara became Secretary of Defense in 1961, JROTC entered a period of intense scrutiny. McNamara found that the \$4.7 million needed annually to run the program and the 700 active duty personnel needed as instructors was an excessive price to pay for a program that despite its title produced no officers.

Ironically, McNamara's attempt to eliminate JROTC ultimately resulted in the program's expansion. Shortly after McNamara's intentions were announced, the Department of Defense received over 300 letters and the Department of Army received 90 from senators, representatives, heads of educational institutions and individual citizens. Almost all disapproved the proposed DOD action. Community members believed the JROTC program was in the national interest.

The House of Representatives introduced legislation proposing an expansion from the existing 254 to a maximum of 2,000 units and its extension to both the Navy and the Air Force.

A Department of Defense commission recommended that, in the future, greater use be made of military retirees as JROTC

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instructors. This would free up 700 active duty personnel for duty elsewhere and save a substantial sum of money. At this time enrollment in JROTC totaled just fewer than 60,000 students.

On October 13, 1963, 40 days before his assassination, President Kennedy signed Public Law 88-647, the ROTC Vitalization Act of 1964. The law required the services to increase the number of JROTC programs under their jurisdiction and also charged them to achieve a more homogeneous geographical distribution of units across the nation.

To facilitate the expansion, a new provision was added that gave incentives to high schools that hired military retirees as JROTC instructors. These retired military employees were to be paid by the school district in an amount which, when added to the instructors retired pay, equaled their active duty pay plus certain allowances.

The end of the Vietnam War and the elimination of the draft in the early 1970s ushered in a new era for the JROTC, and new challenges. At a time when public esteem for the military was low, the Army felt compelled to exploit the junior program as a recruiting source. During this period, women won the right to enroll in JROTC. A court ruling in the summer of 1972 declared the exclusion of females from the JROTC to be discriminatory. The first female cadets entered the program at the beginning of the 1972-1973 school year. Female cadets comprised over 40 percent of the corps by 1993. No clear design or idea guided the expansion process and as a result JROTC growth proceeded in a haphazard way. The JROTC program did not have a mission statement and had functioned since 1916 without a mission statement. This was seen as a fundamental weakness which caused confusion over the true purpose of JROTC which led to a tradition of neglect.

Upgrading the quality and appearance of JROTC instructors was another

objective high on the list of priorities. In the past, too many JROTC cadre members had been overweight, out of shape and lethargic in their approach to their duties

As a result of the difficulties encountered in the administration of JROTC, the Army Chief of Staff in 1985, conducted a detailed review of JROTC operations and formulated a plan, - the JROTC Improvement Plan {JRIP} - which outlined a three-year program. In addition to the curriculum changes, the JRIP involved a substantial revision of the regulations and laws governing JROTC and addressed a number of exigencies. The new plan called for, among other things, higher staffing levels, the funding of summer camp, an automated statistical analysis system and the acquisition of texts and other instructional materials.

Raising the qualification standards for instructor certification and enforcing these in accordance with AR 145-2, every instructor applicant had to meet Army height and weight standards and undergo an interview by regional authorities before being hired. The new regulation also emphasized that JROTC cadre had to answer to both the Army and local school authorities. Unsatisfactory instructors would be terminated.

Developing a new mission was another priority. The one finally adopted was "to motivate young people to be good Americans". The statement "good" was later changed to "better". This mission statement was to reflect the actual purpose of the program.

Improving instruction was another facet of the program the objective of which was to upgrade the JROTC instruction. Part of the problem was the instructional material used did not correlate with the textbooks being used. It was deemed essential that the new JROTC literature be pertinent to both the environment and the educational objectives of the average secondary school student.

For each of the leadership education and training instruction levels,

student texts, student workbooks, instructor guides, and test banks were produced. The program of instruction was implemented by the spring of 1990. Since 1989 program objectives and the program of instruction have undergone further refinement. JROTC assumed even more of a citizenship development focus than it had previously. Lowering of school drop-out rates became a program objective and the military skills portion of the curriculum was reduced.

JROTC was careful to ensure that the essential thrust of the program was on leadership development and citizenship. Military tactics and combat weapons training were specifically excluded from the program of instruction. This was done to refute critics who alleged that JROTC's main purpose was to serve as a recruiting instrument of the armed forces.

The Arizona Chapter of MOAA supports sixteen high school JROTC programs. Six are in Phoenix Union High School District. Each unit is Army and the schools are Camelback, Central, Alhambra, North, South Mountain, and Carl Hayden. Glendale Union High School District has Apollo, Glendale, Cortez, Thunderbird, Moon Valley, Greenway - all Navy Units and Sunnyslope (Air Force). Paradise Valley Unified School District has Shadow Mountain (Air Force); Deer Valley Unified School District has Cactus High School (Air Force) and Deer Valley High School (Air Force).

Each year the AZ Chapter awards a medal and certificate to a cadet in their Junior year nominated by the school for the award. The award events take place differently for each school and are held either the last week in April or the first three weeks in May. The success of our support is evidenced by Chapter volunteers being presenters.



Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame
INDUCTION CEREMONY – OCTOBER 28, 2005
 EL ZARIBAH SHRINE AUDITORIUM
 552 N. 40th Street
 Phoenix, Arizona 85006

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – OCTOBER 21, 2005
SEATING BY ADVANCED RESERVATION ONLY – NO WALK-INS

Luncheon Price \$25.00 per person or \$200.00 for a table of eight (8)

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| <p>MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AVHOF MAIL TO: Unified Arizona Veterans ATTN: Donna Adams 4141 N. Third Street Phoenix, AZ 85012 INFO: (602) 265-0591 1 (877) 527-0764 toll free</p> | <p>WHEN: Friday, October 28th TIME: Doors open at 10:30 a.m. Call to Order: 11:45 a.m. Lunch served at noon Ceremony to follow LOCATION: 552 N. 40th Street ¼ mile south of Loop 202</p> |
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PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE AREA(S) BELOW Amount Paid _____

- _____ A. Yes, I will attend @ \$25.00
- _____ B. Yes, I will bring _____ guest(s) @ \$25.00*
- _____ C. Yes, my organization/company will reserve _____ table(s) of eight @ \$200.00*
- _____ D. I cannot attend, but I would like to make a donation to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame

Menu: Green salad, chicken breast with citrus sauce, parsley red potatoes, vegetable, rolls, dessert, iced tea, coffee, cash bar

Special needs or requests (e.g. wheelchair accessible, special diet) _____

I am attending in honor of _____

Advance tickets are not issued – Guest’s names will be listed at the door.

Point of contact (Please print or type)

Name _____ Organization/Company _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail _____

*** Please list guests names on reverse**



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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

*Yes! Sign me up as a **National MOAA Member.***

Membership Application

Name _____

Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

Retired Active Former

Reserve National Guard Auxiliary*

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Date of Birth _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail Address _____

Chapter Name _____

Chapter Recruiter _____

SPECIAL HALF-PRICE OFFER:

Two Years for \$24

Method of Payment

Check (please make payable to MOAA)

VISA Discover

MasterCard AMEX

Card Number _____

Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

**Surviving spouse of eligible officer.*

Dues to MOAA are not deductible as charitable contributions for federal tax purposes.

Annual membership dues include a \$12 subscription to MILITARY OFFICER magazine.

Send To

MOAA, P.O. Box 1488, Merrifield, VA 22116-9820

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Board Meeting Notes

The Board of Directors met on 1 September, 2005. The following items of interest were considered.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Legislative: See **Gary Fredricks'** column in this month's *The Sentinel* for an up-to-date report on this matter.

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

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|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Checking: | \$ 4,597.00 |
| 50 th Anniversary: | \$ 2,716.00 |
| Scholarship: | <u>\$ 4,671.10</u> |
| Total Accounts: | \$11,984.10 |

Bill also reported that we have a new Tax ID number for the Scholarship Fund. He will open a new bank account in the name of the fund.

Membership: **Davis Rohr** announced that he is resigning from the chapter as he is relocating to Texas.

Scholarship: **Dan Conway** reports that MOAA has offered to promote Chapters' scholarship programs but as our program is so focused we will not participate. Dan also reported that he has submitted our application for 501(c)(3) status to the IRS. We can now tell potential donors of this fact. We have submitted an article on the four scholarships we awarded to *Military Officer* magazine for publication.

JROTC Medals: **Dan Conway** reported that **Art Parker** has moved to a new location, his health is much better but he can't drive. Kathy Davis will continue to work with Art.

Programs: **Jim Seidl** reports that he has a speaker for October's Oktoberfest program. November is Chapter elections and after some discussion Jim was asked to provide a speaker for the meeting. December is our Christmas Party and **John Gerometta** will check on the availability of a choral group from Scottsdale Community College. **Dan Conway** will ask corporations for silent auction items up to a total of ten items.

Newsletter: **John Gerometta** has stepped forward to replace **Terry Tassin** as editor.

Historian: **Frank Birtciel** reports that everything is up-to-date on the web site.

50th Anniversary: **Dan Conway** presented a draft program agenda for discussion. **Terry Tassin** will contact one of the JROTC schools for a color guard. **John Gerometta** will contact one of his Rotary friends about singing the National Anthem. **Chuck Schluter** will contact Senator John McCain and MOAA President VADM Norm Ryan to invite them to speak [VADM Ryan has since agreed to speak]. **Velma Birtciel** was authorized to engage a musical trio at a cost of \$1,200 for entertainment. **Chet Baumer** was authorize to sign a contract with Scottsdale Plaza Resort for a minimum of 125 persons with a per plate cost of \$55 by October 21, 2005. Wine will be provided on the tables and a cash bar will be provided by the resort. **Chuck Schluter** will investigate the cost of souvenir wine glasses.

Auxiliary: **Dan Conway** reports that MOAA has established an Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee. He will forward the information to Jo Ann Thompson.

Old Business:

Veterans Hall of Fame: Chuck Schluter reports that the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame has accepted both **Michael Gannon** and **Richard Minor** for induction. The induction ceremony will be held at the Shrine Auditorium, 552 N 40th Street, Phoenix on Friday, October 28th beginning at 11:45 AM. A reception for the honorees will be held on the preceding evening beginning at 6:00 PM.

AZ Council of Chapters Meeting 2005: The Council Meeting will be held on Friday October 14th beginning at 11:00. The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn located in Old Town Scottsdale and will be hosted by the AZ Chapter..

New Business:

Level of Excellence Presentation: MOAA has awarded the Chapter FIVE STARS in our size category. The certificate will be sent to **Chuck Schluter** and will be awarded at a future Council Meeting.

Open Positions – Second Vice President: Will need to replace Davis Rohr. **Dan Conway** will call on Past Presidents to form an officer nominating committee with **Gary Fredricks** as the chairman.

Good of the Order, Roundtable: **Ron Green** mentioned that Joe Manfreda is a possible new member.

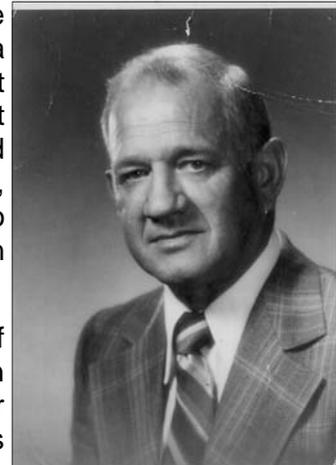
Past Presidents Place

Lieutenant James C. Seidl USCG (Ret) Past President 1988-1989



Born in Blue Island, Illinois, he enlisted in the U.S. Coast Guard in September 1941. As a Seaman 1st class he was selected to attend flight school. He completed primary flight training at Grosse Ile, Michigan in the winter of 1942 and received his wings of gold at NAS Pensacola, Florida in March of 1943. He was promoted to Aviation Pilot 2nd class and designated Aviation Pilot #76.

While flying out of BW-1 Greenland as a Chief Aviation Pilot, he received a direct commission as Ensign and was designated C.G. Aviator #343. After attending Helicopter School he was designated C.G. Helicopter Pilot # 173 in 1953.



In between three different promotions to Chief Petty Officer and three commission ranks (temp) he was promoted to Chief Warrant Officer W-4 (Perm) and retired as a Lieutenant.

Subsequent duty included qualifying as a Line Officer on the USCG Cutter Winona as Operations Officer and Navigator. He was the Executive Officer and Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Group Charlevoix, Michigan and Security Officer of the largest Coast Guard Base on Governors Island, New York.

His initial tour of duty was at CG Air Station St. Petersburg, Florida. He then served at the following facilities: VP-6 Greenland; Port Angeles, Washington; Salem, Massachusetts; NAS Argentina, Newfoundland; Miami, Florida; NAS Barbers Point, Hawaii; CGC Winona; CGD-13 Staff: Charlevoix, Michigan; and CG Base Governors Island, New York completing 30 years service.

He participated in many rescues including open-sea landings. One memorial experience was ferrying a British Swordfish Torpedo Bomber from Argentina, Newfoundland to Sydney, Nova Scotia. He was qualified in 18 different fixed wing aircraft and 4 helicopters.

He received the following awards: Air Medal, Coast Guard Achievement Medal, Coast Guard Good Conduct Medal, American Area, WWII Victory Medal, American Campaign, National Defense Service, and European African Middle Eastern Campaign Medals.

After retiring from the Coast Guard, he became involved in business management. His community service includes involvement in the Knights of Columbus, Lions Club (40 years), Silver Eagles, Navy League, Retired Officers Association (now MOAA) and Elks Club (63 Years).

He lives in Phoenix, Arizona with his wife of 60 years, Toni. They have three children: Kathryn, Christine and son James (deceased) and five grandchildren.

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- How Living Trusts prepared in another state are treated under Arizona law
- How a Living Trust can protect your heirs from creditors, divorce and lawsuits

Reservations required **CALL NOW** 24-hr reservation line

Tuesday, October 11th, 7-9 pm
Hilton Scottsdale Resort
6333 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Scottsdale

Tuesday, October 11th, 7-9 pm
Anthem Hampton Inn
42415 N. 41st Dr.
Anthem

Tuesday, October 11th, 9-11 am
Wigwam Resort
300 E. Wigwam Blvd.
Litchfield Park

Tuesday, October 11th, 9-11 am
Pebblecreek Tuscany Clubhouse
16222 Clubhouse Dr.
Goodyear

Tuesday, October 11th, 7-9 pm
Courtyard Marriott Scottsdale
17010 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Scottsdale

Thursday, October 13th, 7-9 pm
Fountain Hills Community Center
13001 N. La Montana Dr.
Fountain Hills

Saturday, October 15th, 9-11 am
El Pedregal at The Boulders
34505 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Scottsdale

Saturday, October 15th, 9-11 am
Pointe Hilton Squaw Peak
7677 N. 16th St.
Phoenix

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ARIZONA'S ESTATE PLANNING AND ELDER LAW CENTER
3300 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE, SUITE 920, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85012-2506

October Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: 15 October 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: Ms Eddie Sissons will speak on everything you need to know about "Identity Theft".

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: \$ _____,

Name of Donor : _____ Identify me as a donor in the next newsletter. YES ___ NO ___

MEAL / MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ meals for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$17.00 per person) for **15 October 2005.**

Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA

No Later Than: 10 October 2005

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