



The Sentinel

Arizona's First Chapter



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

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



President's Message

Summer is over. Can you believe it? I don't mean summer like hot but like our MOAA break.

During the break some of us continued to be busy.

The first item of work was the completion and filing with the IRS of our application for recognition of 501(c)(3) status for our scholarship fund. As I noted previously, the first step was at the state level in establishing a separate Scholarship Fund corporation. This involved preparing Articles of Incorporation which were filed with the Arizona Corporation Commission, and, upon their approval, publishing them in the Capitol Times. The federal filing is the final step. Upon federal approval, we will have 501(c)(3) status and all contributions to the Scholarship Fund will be 100% tax deductible. The 100%

deductibility will go back to October 2004.

This means that we can begin serious solicitation of donations for the Scholarship fund. Until IRS approval, we will have to disclose that our 501(c)(3) application is still pending. Please remember that this will be a major effort and keep us informed as to your contacts who might be candidates for Scholarship donations to the fund.

Relative to membership, MOAA National has promised us a Chapter recruiting brochure in September. To be on the safe side, Terry Tassin and Davis Rohr have been working on our own brochure which looks real good to me. Our officers will evaluate it and decide whether we should continue to wait or to go on our own.

As many of you know, we have been asked to host the Fall Arizona Council of Chapters meeting. Tentative arrangements have been made for the meeting on October 14th to be held at the Hampton Inn in Old Town Scottsdale. This means that we should have some extra attendance at our October 15th lunch. It also gives our members a chance to attend a Council meeting.

I hope to see all of you at the September luncheon.

--- Daniel M. Conway

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.

Congressional Medal of Honor Society Needs Your Help!

Each year the Society holds a convention to bring together the living members to continue their legacy of inspiring the nation's youth, honoring patriots and exemplary citizens, and memorializing those Medal of Honor recipients who have died. This year, from Sept 25 – Oct 1 the City of Phoenix is honored to host the convention.

The CMOH Convention Volunteer Committee is calling out to all veterans and Veterans' Service Organizations in search of fellow veterans who are willing to offer their time and talents in

Arizona Chapter Calendar

- Sep 1**
 - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- Sep 17**
 - General Luncheon Meeting
- Sep 30**
 - Fall Golf Tournament
- Oct 6**
 - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- Oct 14**
 - AZ Council of Chapters
- Oct 15**
 - General Luncheon Meeting

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Editor Wanted

Editor for Arizona Chapter MOAA monthly newsletter - The Sentinel. Volunteers should be willing to contribute several hours each month to newsletter preparation, printing, and mailing. Expenses reimbursable. Need more information - contact present Editor at 623-931-1546 or email: terrytassin@cox.net.

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

Chaplain's Corner

"Lord I ask your blessing because I need fortitude to be pleasant and caring. Give me the strength to be dependable and resolute in your way that I may be patient, in your name, Amen."
 —Robert Rutherford, Chaplain

New Members

Welcome to new Chapter members since the last newsletter

Col Stuart Alton USAF (Ret)

23651 N. 112th Place
 Scottsdale, AZ 85255
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 Email: leealton@cox.net

Ann G. Allison, Auxiliary

4400 W. Missouri Ave Lot 25
 Glendale, AZ 85301
 Tele: 623-934-7883
 Email: None

Major James L. Andrews USA (Ret) and wife Marcia

1813 W. Mandalay Lane
 Phoenix, AZ 85023
 Tele: 602-375-2643
 Email: jandrews26@cox.net

LtCol Thomas Aranda USAF (Ret) and wife Shirley

14207 N. 17th Place
 Phoenix, AZ 85022
 Tele: 602-439-9550
 Email: f100a@cox.net

Major Robert Lamparter USAF (Ret) and wife Mary

7920 E. Camelback Road #106
 Scottsdale, AZ 85251
 Tele: 480-946-9520
 Email: None

LtCol Ramon Nunez USAF (Ret)

PO Box 1206
 Scottsdale, AZ 85252
 Tele: 480-377-3119
 Email: None

Mrs. Katherine Russell, Auxiliary

6250 N. 19th Ave Apt 334
 Phoenix, AZ 85015-1562
 Tele: None
 Email: None

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

Membership

Currently the AZ Chapter has 176 members including, 41 auxiliary members and 12 new members for 2005.

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order to assist and accommodate various needs of the attending CMOH recipients. Opportunities will include transportation from the airport to the Hilton Tapatio Resort, reception and information desk, administrative support, memorabilia sales, and assistance at a variety of events throughout the week. Volunteer services will be required from early morning until late evening. Anyone who can volunteer to participate in this extraordinary event should contact the following:

By mail:

Veterans First Ltd.
 CMOH Convention Volunteer Committee
 8433 N. Black Canyon Highway Suite 100
 Phoenix AZ 85021

By phone: 602-841-7663

By email:

MOHvolunteers@veteransfirstlimited.org

If you are unable to volunteer your time, monetary donations are welcome to help offset the costs of hosting the convention. Please make any checks payable to Veterans First Ltd and send to VFL at the address above. For questions concerning the tax-deductible donations, contact the VFL office at 602-255-3373.

Approximately 60 of the almost 120 surviving Medal of Honor recipients are expected to attend. Much of their time will be spent visiting local schools and participating in civic events, but on Wednesday, September 28, they will attend a picnic in their honor at the Steele Indian School Park. Veterans, Active Duty, Guard and Reserve personnel are invited to attend for a minimum donation of \$5 per person. If you would like to purchase tickets for the picnic, contact the VFL office at 602-255-3373 as soon as possible.

This event presents an excellent medium for showcasing Arizona and

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:

Charles Retz \$25

50th Anniversary Fund:

None

Scholarship Fund:

None

its veterans' community in addition to honoring some true American heroes. And in light of the ongoing task force, the CMOH convention also offers yet another impetus for bringing together Arizona's military community.

**September Luncheon Meeting
 Saturday, 17 September
 McCormick Ranch Golf Club**

The next Chapter meeting is set for Saturday, 17 September 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 13 September. Come join us for good food and comradeship at our first meeting of the new season.

Fall Golf Tournament

by Pat Dale

Hi Folks. The Arizona Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will be holding their annual Fun Fall Golf Tournament on September 30th. This is a really fun event and we would like to have as many Chapter members and other

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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guests as possible participate. This is one of a limited number of methods we use to raise funds for our Chapter Scholarship Fund which helps graduating high school JROTC seniors attend college. So come on out and have some fun and help us send these outstanding students to college.

The MOAA Fall golf tournament will be held September 30 at El Caro Golf Club, 2222 W. Royal Palm Road, Phoenix, AZ (Northern Ave & 23rd Ave). The golf will be played in Flights with a 7 a.m. Shotgun start. Each Flight will be based on level of player skill with prizes for golfers in each Flight. There is no driving range available, however, there is a practice putting green and area for practice chipping.

All are welcome to bring a guest or guests. The fee is \$40 which includes golf, cart, prizes, and a buffet luncheon following the round. EVERYBODY WINS!!! All Mulligan proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Come and enjoy a fun event. Planning is already underway for next spring's tournament.

Using the entry form on page 6, please remit a check for entry fees **NO LATER THAN** September 5th to:

Patrick Dale
12633 E. Kalil Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85259
Tel: 480-661-5204
Email: ppdale@qwest.net

PS: If anyone knows of any organizations or individuals willing to donate promotional items such as logo shirts, balls, towels, putters and other golf clubs or anything else to be used as prizes, please let me know.

Personal Affairs
by Bernie Conway

The following is extracted from the MOAA website, which I doubt many of you read very often. My intent is to perk your interest to learn about Hospice before you really need it.

Many people are surprised to learn that hospice services are covered by most insurance, including TRICARE, Medicare, and Medicaid. While private coverage is variable, TRICARE and Medicare benefits pay for almost everything such as medical equipment, medications, and personnel, including home care providers, doctors, nurses, therapists, and social workers. Medicare has a support program that provides up to three days of hospital coverage while hospice arrangements are being finalized. This ensures that a patient cannot be released before needed medical accommodations are made at home.

Many hospices also have endowments funded by foundations, corporate grants, memorial gifts, and fundraising activities. These charitable dollars can help cover expenses for uninsured clients.

Hospice programs support the process of living and dying. When death does come, "we want families to look back with peace and no regrets," says Brubaker. "Families discover strength. They stay with their loved ones to the end, and that is everything."



Our summer break has come and gone. During our time off it seems that the Washington scene has had considerable movement but little progress, so to speak. When we last reported, in the June Sentinel, it was anticipated that in short order there would be several amendments to the FY2006 Defense Authorization Bill potentially affecting us introduced in the House and Senate. Then, it was thought the bills themselves would be law well before our return.

Well, such was not to be. The House version was brought to the floor, voted on and passed with little if any amendments added. The thought was to let the Senate do the amendments and reconcile them in joint conference. There have in fact

been several amendments proposed in the Senate, but the Senate action is still a work in progress.

One amendment that MOAA has particularly advocated and that we have been watching closely is Sen. Bill Nelson's Survivor Benefit Plan that fixes for military retirees and survivors both the SBP/DIC offset and the implementation date for paid-up SBP. The August 19 MOAA Legislative Update does an excellent job in describing the status of this issue and proposes a plan of action. We fully support that plan of action and encourage you to participate. An extract of that update follows.

In the August 12 MOAA Legislative Update, it was reported that Sen. John Warner, Chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, had filled an amendment that would defer action on MOAA's top legislative goal for 2005 which is embodied in Sen. Nelson's already proposed amendment – fixing two significant inequities concerning the military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP).

As you will recall, current law reduces SBP for survivors of members whose death was caused by military service. In those cases, the survivor is entitled to an annuity from the VA (DIC), and the SBP payment is reduced (offset) by that amount. Often, this wipes out most or all of the SBP annuity. MOAA believes that, if military service causes the member's death, the VA indemnity payment (DIC) should be added to SBP, not substituted for it.

The other SBP inequity affects older retirees enrolled in SBP. Congress passed a law in 1998 authorizing paid-up SBP coverage for retirees who have attained age 70 and paid SBP premiums for 30 years. This would allow such retirees to stop paying premiums while retaining coverage for their spouses. But Congress delayed the effective date of that law until October 1, 2008 – which means thousands of Greatest Generation retirees who enrolled in SBP in 1972 will have to pay premiums for 36 years and end up paying about one-

Board Meeting Notes

The Board of Directors met on 2 June, 2005. The following items of interest were considered.

Officer/Committee Reports:

Legislative: **Gary Fredricks** reported that the House of Representatives has approved the FY 2006 Defense Authorization Bill. MOAA requests the membership to urge our Senators to support three key amendments: 1) Paid-up SBP coverage this October; 2) ending the disability offset to military retired pay immediately for disabled veteran deemed "unemployable" by the VA; and 3) extending permanent TRICARE eligibility to all members of the Selected Reserve.

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

Checking:	\$ 5,016.37
50 th Anniversary:	\$ 2,650.00
Scholarship:	\$ 4,450.50
Total Accounts:	\$12,116.87

Membership: **Dan Conway** reported that **Davis Rohr** has recruitment letters ready to send out but would like to have a current MOAA brochure to attach rather than use the old TROA brochure. After some discussion it was decided that we will create our own brochure if MOAA indicates that the new brochure will not be available for more than two months from now.

Scholarship: **Gary Fredricks** reported that **Ron Worthington** wished to continue as Chairman of this committee. **Dan Conway** reported that we must provide documentation of how the Scholarship Fund operates as a part of our filing with the IRS for 501(c)(3) status. He will use Chapter Operating Instruction #6 as that documentation. We will submit to the IRS in early July.

JROTC Medals: **Dan Conway** reported that he has appointed **Kathy Davis** to act as assistant to **Art Parker**.

Programs: **Jim Seidl** reported that the McCormick Ranch Golf Club will increase the cost of our meals by \$0.25 - there will be no change to Chapter members.

Historian: Everything is up to date on the web site except for the events of Memorial Day.

50th Anniversary: The committee continues to work on the program and location.

Old Business:

Open Positions: Still looking for a volunteer for the newsletter editor position.

Veterans Hall of Fame: **Chuck Schluter** reports that he will meet the deadline for submitting the two applications.

National Awards, Levels of Excellence: **Dan Conway** distributed the documentation for the Level of Excellence Award

New Business:

Oktoberfest: **Jim Seidl** will ask the Golf Club to serve German food.

December Meeting: We will not have the traditional Silent Auction but **Dan Conway** will ask our major sponsors to provide auction items for the membership to bid upon. He will look into some sort of seasonal entertainment.

Congressional Medal of Honor Society (CMHS): **Terry Tassin** reported that Veterans First Limited is asking for volunteers to assist in the CMHS Convention scheduled to be held here in Phoenix at the Point Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort on September 25th to October 1st 2005.

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third more SBP premiums than similar members who retired after 1978.

Sen. Warner's amendment, if accepted, would delete Sen. Nelson's previously propose amendment entirely and substitute language for a study of the VA/SBP issue by the Veteran's Disability Commission. MOAA believes strongly that survivors and older retirees need action on Sen. Nelson's amendment now, not just delays and studies.

MOAA is undertaking an organized effort to get MOAA members in Virginia, Sen. Warner's home state, to convince him not to proceed with his amendment. Also, we are all encouraged to urge our own senators to stand firm in supporting Sen. Nelson's SBP amendment (SA #762) to the Defense Authorization Bill and to oppose any alternative amendment by Sen. Warner or others that would dilute, defer, or drop action on these important issues. In addition to visiting Senator McCain's or Senator Kly's home office, you can support this effort by:

1) Sending our senators an MOAA prepared e-mail by clicking on the "FIX SBP Now" alert on MOAA's Web site at <http://capwiz.com/moaa/home/>

2) Calling our senators' Washington offices by MOAA's toll-free hot line to Capitol Hill (1-877-762-8762). Just ask the Capital operator to connect you to your senator's office.

A Little History

September 1542 - Juan Rodríguez Cabrillo discovers San Diego Bay while searching for the Strait of Anian, a mythical all-water route across North America.



Past Presidents Place

LtCol William W. Thompson USAF (President 1973-74)



His military assignments (1945 - 1970) varied from instructor of Management in the ROTC Program at UCLA and the U of A, to Liaison Officer for the CINC USAF Europe, to the CINC Group of Soviet Forces Germany, and subsequently as a VIP briefer on the Airborne Command Post.

The European assignment to the CINC of Soviet Forces East Germany, led to the award of the Airman's Medal for heroism, involving seven incursions into restricted areas in East Germany in attempts to save the lives of American Aircrewmembers who had been shot down by Russian fighters. The latter position, 1966 - 1969, required briefing of various important high level personages including two Presidents of the United States, Secretaries of State, Secretaries of Defense, and other military and civilian officials at the highest levels of the National command structure.

His final assignment in the USAF was as Commander 7499th Special Activities Group and as Senior USAF Intelligence Representative in Korea.

His assignment to the United States Military Liaison Mission to the CINC of the Group of Soviet Forces, East Germany was unusual for Col Thompson in that he did not speak Russian, a normal prerequisite. This assignment was also unique in that they personally carried out the collection of intelligence without resorting to the use of nationals of other countries. This guaranteed the accuracy and timeliness of the intelligence. A number of "Firsts" resulted from these efforts. It provided the first photographs of the T-54 tank in an operational combat role, the first detailed pictures of the T-76 tank, the first Fishbed aircraft, the first Fishbed "D" configuration, the first Fritter aircraft on the ground with full armament load, the first photos of Flashlight aircraft in a bomber configuration and virtually first photographs of every deployed soviet tactical aircraft radar. And on, and on, and on.

LtCol Thompson's Decorations and Awards include the Airman's Medal for Heroism, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Defense Intelligence Agency Meritorious Service Medal, Korea-Berlin Occupation Medal; WWII Victory Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, American Campaign Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Service Award, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Longevity Service Award with 4 OLC.

He held many other honors, awards, and affiliations such as: Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities - 1950, Distinguished Military Graduate Air Force Officer Candidate School - 1951, Who's Who in Finance -1970, 1989-1982, and Investment Officer- Department of Arizona, American Legion and many others.

He was a Life member of TROA now MOAA, Life Member of The Air Force Association, and Life Member of the VFW.

He was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2001.

AZ CHAPTER MOAA FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

INTERESTED IN A SUPER DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP?

WHEN: Friday, September 30, 2005. Shotgun Start: 7 AM - please check-in no later than 6:30AM.

WHERE: El Caro Golf Club, 2222 W. Royal Palm Road, Phoenix, AZ (Northern Ave & 23rd Ave), Club House located one block north of Northern Ave. Eighteen hole PAR 60 course with elevated greens and lots of trees and water.

COST: \$40, which includes cart fee, green fees, buffet lunch and a few bucks left over for prizes and the Scholarship Fund. Remember, the proceeds from Mulligan sales (2 for \$5 unlimited number allowed - unused Mulligans are not refundable) go directly into the Chapter's Scholarship Fund, so buy lots of Mulligans when you check-in – you may need them and even if you don't the money is for a good cause!

WHO: Members and guests of the AZ Chapter MOAA.

DRESS CODE: No special dress code other than you must keep on your clothes. However, collared shirts are recommended. Soft or metal spikes are OK – you may wear sneakers.

WHAT: Reservations and \$40.00 fee must be received by 5 September. Please mail fees and the below form to Pat Dale; phone 480-661-5204 or email Pat at ppdale@qwest.net if you have questions.

SPECIAL RULES: Use of a Mulligan is not allowed on Longest Putt or Closest to Pin holes. Additional rules and prize information may be available at check-in.

This is a very friendly, fun tournament. You do not have to be a good golfer to play and have fun with this group. We do have a couple of “good” golfers, but they just have to put up with the rest of us.

----- **CUT HERE AND MAIL WITH CHECK** -----

AZ CHAPTER MOAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

COUNT ME IN!

HERE IS MY REGISTRATION SLIP AND ENTRY FEE.

Name: _____ Phone No: _____

I would like to be partnered with: _____

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Pat Dale

12633 E. Kalil Dr

Scottsdale, AZ 85259

* Make checks out to: [Patrick Dale](#)

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- How a Living Trust can protect your heirs from creditors, divorce and lawsuits

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

Wednesday, September 21, 9-11 am Fountain Hills Community Center 13001 N. La Montana Dr. Fountain Hills	Wednesday, September 21, 7-9 pm Hilton Scottsdale Resort 6333 N. Scottsdale Rd. Scottsdale
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Wednesday, September 21, 7-9 pm The Boulders 34631 N. Tom Darlington Dr. Carefree	Thursday, September 22, 9-11 am Sun City Grand Sonoran Plaza 19753 N. Remington Dr. Surprise
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Thursday, September 22, 7-9 pm Arrowhead Country Club 19888 N. 73rd Avenue Glendale	Saturday, September 24, 9-11 am JW Marriott Desert Ridge 5350 E. Marriott Dr. Phoenix
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September Luncheon Meeting

- WHEN:** 17 September 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:** Salad
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Whipped Potatoes
Vegetable, Rolls and Butter
Dessert, Coffee, Iced Tea
- PROGRAM:** Donna Adams, Arizona Department of Veteran Services.

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 **17 September 2005.**

Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA **No Later Than: 13 September 2005**

Send to: Bill Johnson, 13410 North 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. Phone 602-690-1012

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