

April 22, 2006

Minutes of the April 2006 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on April 15, 2006, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. 1st Vice President **Terry Tassin** called the Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Chaplain **Bob Rutherford** gave the Invocation. **Terry Tassin** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Total people present: **41**. There were no new members present. **Bob Rutherford** introduced his son, Robert Rutherford, CAPT USN. Guests of today's speaker were introduced.

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was accepted and approved as distributed.

Board of Directors Reports:

Legislative: **Gary Fredricks** reported that he and **Chuck Schluter** successfully participated in MOAA's "Storming the Hill" in Washington, DC last week. They were able to meet with 9 out of 10 Arizona's congressional delegations or their staff representatives. Gary noted that the delegation is well aware of the issues that are of concern to MOAA's membership. Gary also reported that the postcard campaign is very effective - the more than 40 thousand cards received were on display at a congressional hearing on increasing TRICARE co-payments.

Programs: **Jim Seidl** introduced the new McCormick Ranch Golf Club catering manager, **Kara Smith**.

50th Anniversary Committee: **Chet Baumer** gave a full report on the status of the 50th Anniversary Dinner. This report will be printed in full in the May edition of *The Sentinel*. A new event advertising brochure was made available to everyone present. Additional copies can be downloaded from the chapter's web site or requested from committee members.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

10 -Minute Break.

Guest Speaker: **Terry Tassin** introduced LtCol Mike Rall, Air Force NG. Mike is a member of the Phoenix Police Department. Mike's topic was the Municipal Military Member (M3) Support Group which is a group formed to help ease the transition into and out of active duty by National Guardsmen or reservists. Since 9/11, over 200 city employees have been activated. Some of their goals are: streamline in/out procedures; resolve pay differential problems; and reach out to other veterans. Mike showed a PowerPoint presentation about the M3 program/

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$40 being paid out and \$43 entered into the Scholarship account. There were two \$20 prizes that were won by **Margo Rutherford and Chuck Schluter**. Chuck donated his prize to the Scholarship fund.

Chaplain Bob Rutherford gave the Benediction.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 2:10 PM.

John Gerometta,
Secretary