

February 23, 2006

Minutes of the February 2006 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on February 18, 2006, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Daniel Conway** called the Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Chaplain **Bob Rutherford** gave the Invocation. **Dan Conway** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Total people present: **39**. Member **Steve Andrews** was recognized after being absent from Chapter activities.

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:

President: Dan Conway reported that **Velma Birtciel** is resting at home recovering from her accident. He also announced that **Dee Norton** and **Rosanne Trujillo** have volunteered to be Co-Chairman of the Membership Committee. If you book a cruise through MOAA Vacations they will donate \$50 to our Scholarship fund

Legislative: Gary Fredricks. Read the February issue of the *Military Officer* about the proposed increases in TRICARE co-payments for those not under MEDICARE. Tear out the enclosed post cards and mail them ASAP. The March issue will contain postcards that should be mailed to your congressional representatives.

50th Anniversary Committee: Chuck Schluter reminded the group that the Dinner will be held on October 21, 2006 at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort. and MOAA President VADM Norb Ryan will be the keynote speaker. We are planning a first class operation. We have a detailed project plan and are starting a promotion plan which will include selling advertising in our dinner program.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

10 -Minute Break.

Guest Speaker: Dan Conway introduced Mr. Larry Wilson, Director National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. The cemetery is located on Pinnacle Peak road just east of Cave Creek Road. and is the 9th busiest National Cemetery. Spouses and eligible children can be interred along with the veteran. Both above ground and below ground burials of cremation remains are available. To be interred in the cemetery, survivors need to provide a copy of the veteran discharge papers (DD-214) to the local mortuary and they will make arrangements with the cemetery. Monuments are available even if ashes are scattered. For more information go to their web site at www.cem.va.gov. After speaking he was presented with an MOAA Tumbler Set in appreciation of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$40 being paid out and \$40 entered into the Scholarship account. One \$20 prize was won by **Elizabeth Poulson**, the other \$20 prize was won by **Bob Rutherford**.

Chaplain Bob Rutherford gave the Benediction.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 1:50 PM.

John Gerometta,
Secretary