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Arizona's First Chapter



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

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CHARTERED IN 1956 - OVER 49 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COUNTRY

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President's Message

What a wonderful May meeting! We had to be proud of the scholarship recipients. It was great to have Courtesy Chevrolet who donated \$2,000 to our scholarship fund participate in this program. Thank you to Ron Worthington for making it happen.

With 100 degrees almost every day, we know that summer is here. That means that we take two months off from our meeting schedule. But that does not mean that all of our activities come to a halt.

Our legislative activities continue. Please be alert to requests for letters, e-mails, postcards, etc. There is legislation which is important to us, so don't take two months off in that area.

Our 50th Anniversary committee continues to work on what should be the highlight of 50 years of Chapter existence. If you haven't made your reservations for our celebration, please do so as soon as possible.

It is also a good time to look back as to our accomplishments this last 6 months including awards for the past year.

We maintained our membership level, and are implementing a

major membership effort in contacting over 1,000 National members in our area asking them to join our Chapter. Thank you to Dee Norton and Rosanne Trujillo for agreeing to this important effort. They are also working on gaining new National members as part of the National "Give Me 10!" program.

We made MOAA JROTC Medal presentations at the 16 High Schools in our area with JROTC programs. Thank you to Terry Tassin for coordinating this effort, and to all of the presenters.

Also, thanks to Jim Seidl for his work in arranging interesting programs. The social component is not an insignificant part of our mission.

Finally, Thank you to the Board of Directors for their efforts and guidance.

I hope to see all of you at the June luncheon. Have a nice summer and in September, I hope that you will all be ready to hit the ground running.

Daniel M. Conway

Membership
Currently the AZ Chapter has 169 members including, 42 auxiliary members and 4 new members for 2006.

Auxiliary Comments

by Jo Ann Thompson

MOAA has now come out with Auxiliary member pins. They are just terrific and cost only \$3. They are available from the MOAA Exchange on MOAA's Website by clicking on "Services" and "Member Offers", then on "MOAA Exchange". Or call toll free (866) 663-6622 to place an order

FYI

by Chuck Schluter

Recycle Smartly - your Military Officer Magazines are needed. Please bring them to a Chapter meeting and give them to Chuck Schluter. Your magazines will ultimately be received by potential members, or will be placed in public locations such as the VA Hospital, the Mayo Clinic, or even the local Barber-shop. We need a large stack of them in support of the AZ National Guard Convention in May, and again later in the year for the Open House at Luke USAF. We will replace the mailing address label with a new label with membership contact information. If you have questions, call Chuck 480 563-8480

Golf Tournament
By Pat Dale

The May 5th Golf Tournament attracted twenty participants and raised \$290 for the Scholarship Fund. See Page 5 for more information.

Arizona Chapter Calendar

- June 1**
 - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- June 17**
 - General Luncheon Meeting
- July 6**
 - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- Aug 3**
 - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107

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Chaplain's Corner

"In the Sprit of Memorial Day we ask God to bless our troops, the living and the dead" Amen.

—Robert Rutherford, Chaplain



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks

As the Sentinel goes to press this month there is very little new to report on the legislative scene, so maybe it is time for a little reflection.. At both the state and federal levels, the various legislative committees that deal with authorizations (what can be done) and appropriations (the money to pay for it) are hard at work at various stages of progress in hammering out the details of the various bills. Once the various committees and subcommittees finish their work, the house and senate vote. There is never agreement between the two, so another committee is charged with working out the differences. Then the bills must pass muster with either the Governor or the President as the case might be.

This year there are actions on going at both the state and federal level that will ultimately affect us all. At the state level the key issue is authorization and funding for the many veterans' initiatives that came out of the Veterans' Task Force from last year. The Arizona Department of Veteran's Affairs and the Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV) called for help from state veterans organizations at key times during the year to provide grass roots support for these initiatives. The response from the veteran community has been outstanding. While the budget battles continue in Phoenix, we have reason to believe that our effort will be successful in getting these initiatives passed and signed into law.

At the national level, the key MOAA initiatives revolve around heading off substantial increases proposed by DOD for certain TRICARE and pharmacy fees and co-pays and in fixing remaining inequities in the Survivor Benefit Program (SBP). Again, responses to calls for action from MOAA and other veterans

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 members below have made generous donations to the:

General Fund:

50th Anniversary Fund:

Scholarship Fund:

Fran Tassin \$15, Mary Kay Worthington \$25

groups have been outstanding. How it all falls together is still a work in progress, but at least the proposed increases in fees and co-pays appear to be a dead issue for this year with some constructive alternative action being seriously discussed.

I think that the message we should all be seeing here is that our collective efforts really matter. It may be a pain in your side to send emails when asked or tear out post cards and mail them in when asked, but these are really important things to do. We are small individually, but very large collectively. In any big operations, including government, finding enough resources (in this case money) to meet all the requirements (needs) is always a real challenge. Our elected representatives will always need to be reminded that we represent a significant part of their constituencies and that our concerns deserve high priorities.

DID YOU KNOW?

1. Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.
2. The first novel ever written on a typewriter: Tom Sawyer

New Member

Welcome to a new Chapter member since the last newsletter:

**Howard "Bo" Bohannon
Maj USAF (RET)
And his wife Judy
8315 E Jenan Dr.
Scottsdale, AZ 85260
Tele: 480-860-8719
E-mail judybo@cox.net**

Please take the opportunity to meet our new member.

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

The next Chapter meeting is set for Saturday, 17 June 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 June. Come join us for good food and comradeship. Please note that this will be the last Luncheon Meeting until September

Editor's Notebook

Special editions of *The Sentinel* will be published in July and August to highlight the 50th Anniversary celebration.

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

News You Can Use !
By Paul Fein

JROTC MEDALS

By Terry Fassin

Auxiliary Corner
Extracted from MOAA's
The Affiliate May 2006

LOWER GORGE- GRAND CANYON RAFTING

Take the "trip of a lifetime" down the world-famous Lower Gorge of Grand Canyon. This three-day trip provides a wide variety of excitement starting the first day with great rapids, to floating and relaxing in the smooth current on day two and venturing across Lake Mead on the final day. We will navigate the Colorado River in sizeable 16-18 foot rafts providing plenty of room for you and your gear. In addition, INFLATABLE KAYAKS add an extra level of adventure for those wishing to get closer to the action. Enjoy a true taste of Canyon hospitality including gourmet meals, beach camping and fireside entertainment.

Trip Details: Dates: June 2-4, 9-11, 16-18, 23-25 and September 1-4*, 8-10, 15-17, 22-24. Cost-\$375.00 per person includes equipment, food, permits, transportation, and experienced trip leaders. * Expanded 4-day trips for holiday weekends (Memorial and Labor Days) Cost \$450

BLUE RIDGE RESERVOIR CANOE AND CAMPING EXPEDITION

A weekend on this narrow winding body of water feels more like a gentle river trip than a paddle on a lake. Our route will travel along the beautiful, forested canyon lake to a secluded campsite via two-person canoes. Fishing can be outstanding and the wildlife viewing potential is very good at this hidden jewel of the Coconino National Forest. This trip is suitable for the beginner canoeist, while the camping facilities are primitive along the reservoir.

Trip Details: Date: July 7-9 and August 4-6. Cost \$285 per person includes food, equipment, permits, transportation and experienced guides.

"Mission Accomplished" in the presentation of JROTC certificates and medals to the sixteen high schools under the cognizance of the Arizona Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. The enclosed picture of Chapter member Colonel James Gallo USMC (Ret) making the presentation to C/Ensign Schwab of Moon Valley High School is emblematic of what was accomplished at each of the other schools. The volunteerism of each of the presenters is appreciated by all members of the Chapter and award recipients.



The following thank-you note was received from Cadet Schwab. "Thank you so very much for presenting the MOAA JROTC medal to me on awards night. This award means more to me than you know. It has boosted my confidence in my future and lifted my spirits on what I'm doing. I am working on attending the Naval Academy at Annapolis. This medal also proved that if I work hard, do what I'm told but put forth the extra effort without being told to do so, I CAN succeed. My whole family have been members in the military and knowing that I have the necessary leadership skills I can set my goal to becoming an Admiral after Annapolis. I cherish and honor this award. Thank you." Cadet/Ensign Schwab, Moon Valley High School NJROTC"

For years many auxiliary members have viewed themselves as nonparticipating partners in their chapters. Too often they have shied away from taking leadership roles, leaving this to others. To a certain extent, chapters have been complicit in this situation. We would like to see this change!

When given an opportunity, auxiliary members can and do contribute much to their chapters and to MOAA. To illustrate: Where chapter bylaws permit, auxiliary members are frequently elected to leadership roles, and in some instances they have even been chosen as chapter and council presidents. The skills they have acquired over their lifetimes translate easily to chapter activities.

Consider this: When you belonged to and were active in various officer spouses clubs or other organizations, you likely served on different committees, helped organize events, raised funds for charities, ran meetings, helped write a newsletter, or participated in other ways. In short, auxiliary members have the skills to do what it takes. They have great organizational skills and know how to get things done! There is simply no question that auxiliary members can make a difference in chapters from coast to coast.

If you — an auxiliary — want to become more involved (and we hope you do), we suggest you check your chapter bylaws to see if they allow auxiliary members to hold office. If they do, RUN! If they don't, you might suggest that the bylaws be changed. In addition, you could consider asking to be appointed to a chapter committee. Various committees such as programs, events, personal affairs, publicity, or legislative would be interesting and challenging.

If you have questions or otherwise want to contact the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee, send an e-mail to aux-comm@moaa.org.

Anne Patton
Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee

*To be continued in the
September newsletter*

50th Anniversary Countdown—4 Months to Go!!!

50th Anniversary Celebration Update 30 May 2006

The Arizona Chapter MOAA announces it's 50th Anniversary Celebration to be held in the beautiful Scottsdale Park Plaza Resort located at 7200 North Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ. This gala event will get underway October 21, 2006 with no host cocktails at 5:30 P.M. followed by the call to Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

The menu includes an Appetizer of Napoleon of Dilled Shrimp tossed with a Light Dill Cream Sauce and layered between Delicate Puff Pastry. A Salad of Farm Raised Baby Lettuces with Toasted Pecans, Roasted Peppers and Red Onion Vinaigrette. The Entree is Traditional Slow Roasted Prime Rib with Horseradish Cream, Julienne Vegetables and Twice Baked Potatoes. This is topped off with a Dessert of Chambord Creme Brulee Garnished with Seasonal Berries. Beverages are Coffee, Tea, and Water.

The Key Note Speaker is Vice Admiral Norb Ryan Jr., USN (Ret) President, Military Officers Association of America.

Following the Benediction you may dance or listen to the music of the "Rags Allen Trio".

All MOAA members and their guests are invited to attend. Make your reservations early and use the coupon below. Price \$75.00 per person. Make your reservations early and have a grand time.

If you plan to stay overnight at the Park Plaza Resort, call 480-948-5000 for the resort special rate and refer to MOAA 50th. This special reduced rate is good until August 21st..

Dress is semi formal, uniform if you can still get into it or tuxedo or dark suit and don't forget your miniature medals.

Frank Birtceil

More 50th Anniversary Information

Our 50th Anniversary celebration at the lovely Scottsdale Plaza Resort will be a gala one with the cooperation of each member. Please help us have a "once in a lifetime" event by sending in your reservations for yourself, family members and friends as soon as possible, but not later than August 31st. Our tables will each seat eight (8) and already some members have reserved whole tables. We hope that many others do the same! In addition, we have also instituted a memorable souvenir program so members can be listed and/or their deceased spouses can be memorialized for a donation of \$50.00 each. Please send your requests with the appropriate check to our Treasurer, Bill Johnson, as soon as possible, but not later than August 31st, 2006.

Chet Baumer,
Chairman 50th Anniversary Committee.

50th Anniversary Dinner Reservations

Frank Birtciel—8 tickets
Dan Conway-2 tickets
Gary Fredricks-2 tickets
Mike Gannon—2 tickets
Doug Gray—2 tickets
Ron Green-2 tickets
John Gerometta— 2 tickets
Rosanne Trujillo-1 ticket

Our goal is 150 tickets—131 to go!

MORE DID YOU KNOW?

3. Each king in a deck of playing cards represents a great king from history:
 - Spades - King David
 - Hearts - Charlemagne
 - Clubs -Alexander, the Great
 - Diamonds - Julius Caesar

4. If a statue in the park of a person on a horse has both front legs in the air, the person died in battle. If the horse has one front leg in the air the person died as a result of wounds received in battle. If the horse has all four legs on the ground, the person died of natural causes.

5. If you were to spell out numbers, how far would you have to go until you would find the letter "A"?.
 One thousand.

6. What is the only food that doesn't spoil?.....Honey.

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please reserve _____ meals for (name)_____.

Enclosed is my check for\$_____ (\$75.00 each or \$600.00 per table) made out to Arizona Chapter MOAA

Please list my name _____and/or a memorial for (name)_____. Enclosed is my check for \$_____.

Send to Bill Johnson, 13410 North 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944.

SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

May 5, 2006



JROTC SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATIONS

May 20, 2006 General Luncheon



Cadets Urrutia, Heenan, Fasnacht and Tucker



NJROTC Cadet Brittany M. Fasnacht



Dan Conway presents her scholarship



AFJROTC Cadet Sean M. Heenan



Sean receives his scholarship from Dan Conway



NJROTC Cadet Omar Urrutia



Weldon Beall, Courtesy Chevrolet and Dan Conway present Omar with his scholarship



AJROTC Cadet Kyle S. Tucker



Weldon Beall, Courtesy Chevrolet and Dan Conway present Kyle with his scholarship



Dan Conway presents Weldon Beall with a plaque expressing the Chapter's appreciation of Courtesy Chevrolet's sponsorship



Barbara Hatch and student from Cactus Shadows High School posed in front of the Arizona Heritage Project exhibit of "Since You



The exhibit attracted JROTC Cadets

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 on
Living Trusts

- The Nuts and Bolts of Living Trusts, How Wills and Living Trusts differ
- 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

Tues.	June 20	7-9 pm	El Pedregal at the Boulders, 34505 N. Scottsdale Rd.	Scottsdale
Tues.	June 20	7-9 pm	Arrowhead Country Club, 19888 N. 73rd Ave.	Glendale
Wed.	June 21	7-9 pm	Wigwam Resort, 300 E. Wigwam Blvd.	Litchfield Park
Wed.	June 21	7-9 pm	JW Marriott Desert Ridge, 5350 E. Marriott Dr.	Phoenix
Thurs.	June 22	9-11 am	Pointe Squaw Peak Resort, 7677 N. 16th St.	Phoenix
Thurs.	June 22	7-9 pm	Anthem Country Club, 41551 N. Anthem Hills Dr.	Anthem
Sat.	June 24	9-11 am	Hilton Scottsdale Resort, 6333 N. Scottsdale Rd.	Scottsdale

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June Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: 17 Jun 2006
 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: Fresh Garden Salad, Burgundy Beef Tips w/
 Buttered Bow Tie Pasta, Vegetables, and Strawberry
 Shortcake for desert. Fresh baked breads, Coffee and
 Tea will be available

Program: Mr. Jerry Harper, Asst. Project Manager,
 City of Phoenix Downtown Development Office.
 Topic—Phoenix Downtown Overview..

Please make your reservations early and send your
 check to Bill Johnson using the Meal / Meeting
 Reservation Form.



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: \$ _____ **General Fund:** \$ _____,

Scholarship Fund: \$ _____ **(now a 501 (c)(3) charitable 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 June 2006.**

Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA **No Later Than: 13 June 2006**

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

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