



# The Sentinel

Arizona's First Chapter



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

MARCH 2006 CHARTERED IN 1956 - OVER 49 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COUNTRY EDITOR: John Gerometta



### President's Message

I am very pleased to report that Dee Norton and Rosanne Trujillo have responded to our call for a Membership Committee Chairman. Maybe it should be "Chairwoman". I don't like "Chairperson". They have agreed to jointly take on this responsibility, so I guess they should be called "Chairwomen". I call them Dee and Rosanne and thank them for taking on this task. Your assistance would be much appreciated.

Speaking of membership and our current effort in collecting dues from existing members, I would like to review the reasons why an Officer, whether on Active Duty, Retired, or serving in the National Guard or Reserve should be a Chapter member.

A starting point is MOAA's Mission which is "dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and to preserving the earned entitlements of the uniformed services and their families and survivors". As we know, MOAA National does the heavy lifting in these areas, but relies heavily on Chapter support. As past president of

the MOAA Arizona Council, I have been personally involved in these efforts as our past president and current Council president, Gary Fredricks is presently involved. Without Chapter support, I can assure you that these efforts would not be nearly as successful.

An important benefit of Chapter membership is the monthly newsletter, the Sentinel, which keeps you informed on Chapter as well as National activities.

Other benefits of Chapter membership include the opportunity to provide community service including participation in the JROTC Medal and Scholarship programs, and participation in Memorial Day activities at the National cemetery. The rewards of such participation go to those who participate and to those who support such participation.

A social benefit is participation in the Chapter's monthly meetings which gives an opportunity for social interaction as well as keeping informed on community and personal issues as presented by interesting speakers.

I hope that those of you who are considering whether or

not to renew your membership, and those of you who know potential members will consider these benefits. Another benefit for this year is the opportunity to help celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Chapter. We have learned that we will be the fourth Chapter to meet this milestone. I hope that you will be a part of it.

One last point, it is important to the viability of the Chapter for members to step forward and participate in Chapter activities as Dee and Rosanne have done. We have another opportunity for such participation to relieve Jim Seidl as Programs/Arrangements Chairman. Jim has been doing this for a long time, and is ready to step down and take a rest from this activity. Please give serious consideration to this opportunity to serve the Chapter and its members.

*Daniel M. Conway*

### Golf Tournament

*By Pat Dale*

The AZ. Chapter MOAA spring golf tournament will be May 5th at El Caro golf course, Glendale, located at 22nd Ave. and Northern. Tournament fees will be \$42 per player and will include prizes, green fees, cart and other "freebies". A "Skin"

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### Arizona Chapter Calendar

- Mar 2**
  - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- Mar 18**
  - General Luncheon Meeting
- April 6**
  - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- April 15**
  - General Luncheon Meeting
- May 4**
  - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107

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**Chaplain's Corner**

"I need perseverance to do those things I have agreed to do, and forbearance to refrain from those things I have promised not to do. I need tenacity and energy just to keep moving. With your blessing, Amen"

—Robert Rutherford, Chaplain

**Golf Tournament  
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game and 50-50 drawings will be conducted as well. All proceeds above costs will go to the MOAA Scholarship fund. Also included is a great hot breakfast buffet immediately following golf. The format will be 3 flights with three or four winners per flight. There is a 7AM "shotgun" start with check in from 6 AM to 6:40 AM. There will be prizes for EVERY hole for longest putt or closest to the pin awards. Participants can request to play with specific people in their foursome and are welcome to bring guests. Anyone who has contact with organizations willing to donate prizes is encouraged to do so. Entry forms are not required but will be sent in the April newsletter and by separate e-mail. Please send checks (\$42 each) written to Patrick Dale, 12633 E. Kalil Drive, Scottsdale, AZ., 85259, e-mail is [patrickdale1@cox.net](mailto:patrickdale1@cox.net), phone is 480-661-5204.

**March Luncheon Meeting  
Saturday, 18 March  
McCormick Ranch Golf Club**

The next Chapter meeting is set for Saturday, 18 March 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 14 March. Come join us for good food and comradeship.



**Legislative Update**

by Gary Fredricks

The annual budget battles are beginning in earnest in Washington. On the VA side, MOAA recently met with the House Veteran's Affairs committee to promote full funding of the VA health care system, oppose yet another proposed increase in certain user fees and drug co-pays, implement a timely "seamless transition" between military and VA programs, increase funding for medical research and construction and restore cuts in the VA claims processing system. Casualties from Iraq and Afghanistan continue to impose a heavy load on the VA system with polytrauma treatment for severely wounded veterans a truly new experience. Streamlining and fully funding the system are imperative.

The other current "big hitter" is the proposal in the President's FY2007 budget request to substantially increase health care fees for retirees under age 65 and to impose a 67% increase in retail pharmacy co-pays for all beneficiaries except active duty. As an example, current TRICARE PRIME annual enrollment fees for retiree's is \$230 for individuals and \$460 for families. Under the new proposal, retired officers of all ranks would pay \$700 per individual and \$1400 per family. The Asst Sec Def for Health Affairs has testified that the large majority of savings projected would be from the 150,000 folks who would be driven away from TRICARE entirely by the fee increases.

Whereas there is certainly some merit for consideration in some of the statistics that the DOD and JCS are using to support their position, it's difficult to understand the magnitude of the proposed increases and the claim that the pro-

**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:

**Velma Birtciel \$17, Dan Conway \$1, Faye Fahy \$20, Mike Gannon \$49, Joe & Vicky Manfreda \$100, JoAnn Thompson \$50**

Scholarship Fund:

**Jack Clinton \$25, Faye Fahy \$ 10, Mike Gannon \$34, Joe & Vicky Manfreda \$10, MOAA Tours & Travel \$100**

posal "puts priority on sustaining the current benefits." With all the "pork" that gets funded every year, it's also a real stretch to accept the rationale that health care costs, including TRICARE For Life", are impacting the services ability to buy weapons systems.

It is in our best interest to continue to keep up a substantial barrage of grassroots inputs to Congress over the next months. We can help that cause by signing and mailing the four tear-out letters to the top Armed Services Committee leaders that are enclosed in the February MOAA magazine (two at page 34 and two at page 50).

By the way, read the letters. They are well written and are a good reminder that we really earned these benefits in ways that most other folks cannot appreciate. Finally, look for similar letters to our Arizona Congressmen that will be included in the March magazine issue. As President of the Arizona Council of Chapters, I will be traveling to Washington the last week in March for the annual "Storming the Hill" session. The proposed fee in-

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**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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creases as well as eliminating the SBP "widow's tax" (DIC offset to SBP) and earlier implementation of 30-year paid-up SBP coverage are on the agenda. Your help in this letter writing campaign will be a big help in our efforts to "Storm the Hill."

**50th Anniversary Celebration**  
*by Chet Baumer*

**ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS:**

In the future we will publish a list of Donors of funds for the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Since this is a "once in a lifetime" celebration, we expect each member to want to be listed as at least a \$50.00 Donor (or hopefully more) toward the Anniversary Fund so we can really make it a "once in a lifetime" affair. Please become a Donor as soon as possible. Use the cutout coupon and send your donation today!

**Personal Affairs**  
*by Bernie Conway*

1. Do you really know how to forward e-mails? 20% of us do; 80% **DO NOT**. Preventing identity theft and stopping SPAMMERS is everyone's job!

2. Every time you forward an e-mail there are names and addresses left over from the people who got the message before you. As the messages get forwarded along, the list of addresses builds. Someone can take all of those addresses and sell them or send junk mail to them. To thwart their efforts, follow two easy steps:

a. When you forward an e-mail, **DELETE** all of the other addresses that appear in the body of the message you received. Clean them up!!!! That's right, **DELETE** those addresses. You **MUST** click the "Forward" button first. This gives you full editing capabilities of the message. If you don't click on "Forward" first, you won't be able to edit the message at all.

b. **VITAL**: When you send an e-mail to more than one person, **Do NOT** use the To: or Cc: columns for adding e-mail addresses. Always use the BCC: (blind carbon copy) column for listing the e-mail addresses.

(1) This is the way that people you send to only see their own e-mail address. If you don't see your BCC: option, click on where it says To: and your address list will appear. Highlight the address you want to send to, then choose BCC: and that's it.

(2) When you send to BCC: your message will automatically say "Undisclosed Recipients in the "TO:" field

c. Remove any and all "**FW**" in the subject line. You can re-name the subject so that is more appropriate or fix spelling.

d. Hit the Forward button from the **ACTUAL** e-mail you are reading!!! There is nothing more frustrating than having to click through 10 pages to finally get to the one page you're supposed to view. It is annoying, time consuming, and unnecessary. By Forwarding from the actual page, you stop the recipient from having to open many e-mails just to see what you sent.

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★ **New Members** ★  
★ Welcome to new Chapter ★  
★ members since the last ★  
★ newsletter: ★  
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★ **Mr. Stephen Baca** ★  
★ **LTJG USNR** ★  
★ **1718 W. Colter St. #132** ★  
★ **Phoenix, AZ 85015-2953** ★  
★ **Tele: 602-630-3865** ★  
★ **E-mail s\_baca@juno.com** ★  
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★ **Mrs. Judy B Walker** ★  
★ **Auxiliary** ★  
★ **4301 E. Swilling Rd.** ★  
★ **Phoenix, AZ 85050** ★  
★ **Tele: 480-502-8964** ★  
★ **E-mail: judybove@cox.net** ★  
★ Please take the opportunity to ★  
★ meet our new members. ★  
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I have just received 50 copies of the latest "Help Your Survivors Now", the MOAA publication to help you prepare for your family's future. It has expanded from 58 pages to 79 pages, and has a ton of good information, but you must read it to get this information. They have a price tag of \$14.95 per copy, but yours will be **free** if you come to the March luncheon! See you there!

Bernie

**AZ Chapter MOAA Membership Renewal Notice**

For most members, this serves as your notice that AZ Chapter dues for 2006 are due on January 1, 2006, and are delinquent 60 days thereafter. Our records show that the following have not yet paid their 2006 dues as of February 28th

Alix, P	Dale, P	Johnson, V	Riley, F
Allison, A	Dardzinski, L	Koepke, D	Ronner, M
Anderson, H	Derouin, H	Kronholm, E	Self, F
Arquette, C	Donato, W	Morris, R	Shiple, A
Axelson, W	Esterbrooks, R	Morrison, W	Siebenthal, R
Beck, R	Farenga, H	Nunez, R	Terry, W
Bigler, W	Herzwurm, L	Parker, A	Treece, G
Browning, R.	Hobbs, J	Patt, D	Walter, D
Carbonell, A	Johnson, P	Rhodes, D	

If you disagree, please let us know.

----- **CUT HERE AND MAIL RENEWAL FORM WITH YOUR CHECK** -----

**Arizona Chapter 2006 Membership Renewal Form**

\*Member Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Membership Renewal: \$20 Full member \_\_\_\_\_

\*Membership Renewal: \$10 Auxiliary member \_\_\_\_\_

\*I wish to receive the Chapter Newsletter (*The Sentinel*) by {select one}:  
\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail (in full color) or \_\_\_\_\_ U.S. Mail (hard copy b&w) or \_\_\_\_\_ Both

\*E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA**

Mail renewal application and check to:  
AZ CHAPTER MOAA  
C/O John Gerometta  
8555 E Camelback Road  
Scottsdale, AZ 85251-1801

Note: If you wish to pay in advance, you may do so at the above rates per calendar year. Please annotate your check accordingly.

The Members of the Arizona Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America request the pleasure of your company at the Fiftieth Anniversary Celebration of the Arizona Chapter on Saturday, October Twenty-First, Two Thousand and Six.

The Arizona Chapter has the distinction of being among the first Chapters authorized by TROA. The Chapter received its Charter on 22 October 1956, and as such is "AZ #1" – Arizona's First Chapter!

**Keynote Speaker: Vice Admiral Norb Ryan USN (Ret); National MOAA President**

**\*\*\*\* The Scottsdale Plaza Resort \*\*\*\***

7200 North Scottsdale Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE – OCTOBER 1, 2006**

**SEATING BY ADVANCED RESERVATION ONLY**

Resort rooms available at special rate. Call 480-948-5000 and refer to "MOAA 50<sup>th</sup>"

**Dinner Price: \$75.00 per person or \$600.00 for a table of eight (8)**

**Attire: Semi Formal (Suit and Tie)**

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**

**Arizona Chapter MOAA**

**MAIL TO:** Arizona Chapter MOAA  
William Johnson  
13410 N. 12<sup>th</sup> Place  
Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 21, 2006

**TIME:** No Host Social: 5:30 p.m.

Call to Dinner: 6:30 p.m.

Ceremonies and dancing to follow

**INFO:** (602) 690-1012

**PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE AREA(S) BELOW**

**Amount Paid \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

- A. Yes, I will attend @ \$75.00**
- B. Yes, I will bring \_\_\_\_\_ guest(s) @ \$75.00\*\***
- C. Yes, my organization/company will reserve \_\_\_\_\_ table(s) of eight @ \$600.00\***
- D. I cannot attend, but I would like to make a donation to the Arizona Chapter's Anniversary Fund.**

**Menu: (No Host Bar)**

**Appetizer:** Napoleon of Dilled Shrimp Tossed with a Light Dill Cream Sauce Layered between Delicate Puff Pastry

**Salad:** Farm Raised Baby Lettuces with Toasted Pecans, Roasted Peppers and Red Onion Vinaigrette

**Entrée:** Traditional Slow Roasted Prime Rib with Horseradish Cream, Julienne Vegetables and Twice Baked Potatoes

**Dessert:** Chambord Crème Brulee Garnished with Seasonal Berries

**Advance tickets are not issued – Attendee names and seating will be listed near entry.**

**Point of contact (Please print or type)**

**Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization/Company \_\_\_\_\_**

**Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_**

**Telephone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_**

**\*\* Please list guest names on reverse**

## 50th Anniversary Guest List

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*Protect Your Legacy For Those You Love*



**Attend this  
FREE SEMINAR  
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.	March 7	9-11 am	Ancala Country Club, 11700 E. Via Linda St.	Scottsdale
Wed.	March 8	9-11 am	Arrowhead Country Club, 19888 N. 73rd Ave.	Glendale
Wed.	March 8	9-11 am	Pointe Squaw Peak Resort, 7677 N. 16th St.	Phoenix
Wed.	March 8	7-9 pm	Camelback Inn, 5402 E. Lincoln Dr.	Scottsdale
Thurs.	March 9	9-11 am	Hilton Scottsdale, 6333 N. Scottsdale Rd.	Scottsdale
Thurs.	March 9	7-9 pm	Anthem Hampton Inn, 42415 N. 41st Dr.	Anthem
Sat.	March 11	9-11 am	Foothills Golf Club, 2201 E. Clubhouse Dr.	Phoenix
Sat.	March 11	9-11 am	El Pedregal at the Boulders, 34505 N. Scottsdale Rd.	Scottsdale

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**602-748-2333**

Or register online at [www.morristrust.com](http://www.morristrust.com)

3300 NORTH CENTRAL AVENUE, SUITE 900, PHOENIX, ARIZONA 85012

**March Luncheon Meeting**

**WHEN:** 18 March 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:** Chef's Choice

**Program:** CAPT Michael G. Basford USN(RET) author "America First", "SS America Affair" "The Phoenix Affair" and "A Desperate Land".

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:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **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 **18 March 2006.**

Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA **No Later Than: 14 March 2006**

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

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