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Arizona's First Chapter



The Arizona Chapter

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President's Perspective by Terry Tassin

I look forward to the coming year with great anticipation. Fortunately, almost all of our board of directors and committee chairpersons from 2006 have stayed on in Chapter leadership positions for 2007 - this assures us continuity of activities. I will be working closely with the board of directors and the committee chairpersons to best serve the interests of the Chapter members; to keep the membership informed; and to continue to grow the Chapter in ways that will ensure members enjoy being involved with it. Please do not hesitate to let me know of your concerns, points of interest and enjoyment.

Listed below are this years' goals. They are all equally important.

Goal: Membership. One of our primary goals will be to continue our strong membership program to increase our membership to 200 plus members. Part of this goal includes the way we welcome newcomers and make them feel more at home when they attend a function. (Greeters & Sponsors at meetings)

Goal: We have a duty to our members to make this an enjoyable association (have fun). That means we will continue the monthly luncheons with speakers on interesting subjects, but a special effort will be made to add an occasional fun gathering to the schedule (perhaps a group trip to the Arizona Broadway Theater for good food and a great performance) in the hope that more Chapter

members will participate in activities.

Goal: Continue to support MOAA National's objectives by emphasizing the letters, postcards and emails that National puts out and encouraging the submittal of letters to our elected officials to support the issues that National has identified.

Goal: Continue to support our current Chapter programs:

- Scholarship Program. (Financial Scholarships to deserving cadets)
- Junior ROTC Programs. (MOAA medal awards to students from each of the 17 Arizona Chapter supported JROTC programs)
- Personal Affairs
- TOPS program.
- Support of the Unified Arizona Veterans state organization.
- Memorial Day programs at the National Cemetery.

Goal: Submit application and be awarded the Chapter Five Star Award, the Communication Award for printed and electronic newsletters and the Web Site Award for the current award period.

Goal: Decrease mailing costs of the monthly newsletter *The Sentinel* by encouraging members to accept email copies of the newsletter rather than requesting USPS hard copies and by contracting with a less expensive print shop.

All of this t a k e s v o l u n t e e r effort. You, the members, have made this Chapter into one of the best in MOAA. We need your continued effort to keep

Happy St. Patrick's Day



Arizona Chapter Calendar

March 1

- BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107

March 17

- General Luncheon Meeting, McCormick Ranch Golf Club

April 21

- General Luncheon Meeting, McCormick Ranch Golf Club

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HELP WANTED!

Editor for Arizona Chapter MOAA monthly (less July/Aug) newsletter - *The Sentinel*. Candidate should have access to a computer, and be willing to contribute a few hours each month to newsletter preparation, printing, and mailing. Need more information - contact Terry Tassin at 623-931-1546 or email: terrytassin@cox.net.

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

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us on top. Volunteers are always welcome! In fact we can use an Editor for our newsletter right now - - **any takers?**

I wish you a safe and happy year and look forward to working with you during 2007.

New Members

Welcome to new Chapter members since the last newsletter:

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Please take the opportunity to meet our new members.

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

The next Chapter meeting is set for Saturday, **March 17** 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 **March 15**. Come join us for good food and comradeship.

Coming Attractions!

By Chuck Schluter

The **March 17th** Luncheon just happens to fall on Saint Patrick's Day. So Wear Green! We will have a guest speaker who will present a unique Summer program that we have in mind for you. Ron Klaphake is a former shipmate of Terry Tassin and owner of the shiny new Arizona Broadway Dinner Theatre. I've been there and it's great! We are planning a group event for July so stand by for more info soon and come to the luncheon to get the "straight skinny".

The **April 21st** Luncheon will feature ABC 15 Morning News Anchor Steve Irvin. Steve will discuss his career and motivations. I think we will find that the responsibilities, ethics and drive associated with his position mirror those on frontlines everywhere, whether public or military. Steve's biography and his personal insights and an interesting blog can be found on www.abc15.com. On 9/11, Steve was in Washington DC and covered the terrorist attack on the Pentagon, and I am sure he will share his experiences.

Don't miss the **May 19th** Luncheon! If there is one thing that we do, and do well, it's that we support local JROTC programs with both medals and scholarships, and quite frankly we expend a lot of effort on this program. Our military legacy demands that we look to the future military leaders. Join us as we present our Scholarship awards and hear testimony from the recipients – these young men and women have been fantastic!

The **June 16th** program will be rather special and certainly timely. An interest in the current events and lessons learned regarding expanded utilization and mission responsibilities of the Arizona National Guard and other Reserve units has been expressed by several of our members. BG Maxon, a member of both the Arizona Army National Guard and our Chapter will provide his personal perspective regarding those Reserve Components today. The uniqueness of Force structure, deployments, and rotations, heavy impact upon civilian careers, families and communities, unprecedented in scope as it is, promises to be both provocative as well as highly informative. Be there!

SPECIAL EVENT: Instead of taking our traditional summer break in July and June we are planning a trip to the Arizona Broadway Theatre. Group rates apply, and the show "Grease" seems perfect for a Saturday Matinee outing. Tickets include the Luncheon meal, gratuity and admission. It's a shiny new building, every seat is good, and quite frankly, we can't go wrong. That's it for now! Get the calendars out and get ready.

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 (10 issues)</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>	<u>Impact Ad</u>
Single Card	\$80	\$25	\$15
Double Card	\$160	\$50	\$30
Quadruple Card	\$320	\$100	\$60

Change in Sentinel Delivery Procedures

At February's board of directors meeting, it was agreed upon that in an effort to be more fiscally conservative, a change in the way we handle the Arizona Chapter newsletter - *The Sentinel* - would be placed into effect beginning with the March edition of *The Sentinel*.

Each monthly edition of the *Sentinel* will still be provided in **FULL COLOR** to all email recipients of *The Sentinel*. However, in an effort to reduce

the cost of printing the newsletter, the hard copy, United States Postal Service mail out version will be printed in **black & white**. To mail the *Sentinel* has become quite expensive, so we are taking this course of action as a prudent management consideration of Chapter cost containment.

However, if you still prefer the **FULL COLOR** copy - it is available online either by email or on our Chapter web site. Also, please, if you do intend to receive your copy each month by email or web site, it would be appreciated if you inform the editor (Terry Tassin - 623-931-1546 who will remove you from the

hard copy mailing list. Thus far 46% of our members have shifted to online delivery.

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:

Webb Ellis \$10; Kai Pedersen \$10; Dan Germond \$10; Tom Aranda \$18

Scholarship Fund:

Courtesy Chevrolet \$2000; Stephen Fisher \$50; Mike Gannon \$14; Tassin Family \$21

JROTC Award Presentations for 2007

by Terry Tassin

The letters are out notifying 17 JROTC Units that the Arizona Chapter, Military Officers Association of America is again awarding medals, ribbons and certificates to selected cadets in their Junior Year for outstanding leadership and achievement in the JROTC program. These award presentations will take place on the dates shown at the school's JROTC award ceremony. It is desired that the presentation be made by members of our Chapter as has been the practice in previous years. The schools involved and their award night dates are listed below.

The members who have volunteered to represent our chapter at the awards ceremonies this year are also shown. I know you will enjoy watching these patriotic young men and women receive their awards.

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Sunnyslope HS	19-April	6:00 PM	Ron Green
North HS	25 April	6:30 PM	Doug Gray
Central HS	27-April	6:30 PM	Frank Birtceil
Cortez HS	01-May	6:00 PM	Carol Culbertson
Carl Hayden HS	01-May	6:00 PM	James L. Andrews
Alhambra HS	02-May	6:00 PM	Doug Gray
Cactus HS	04-May	7:00 PM	Ron Perkins
Deer Valley HS	04-May	7:00 PM	Chet Baumer
Apollo HS	08-May	7:00 PM	Terry Tassin
Camelback HS	08-May	6:30 PM	Gary Fredricks
South Mountain HS	08-May	6:00 PM	Bernie Conway
Shadow Mountain HS	08-May	6:00 PM	Ron Worthington
Moon Valley HS	10-May	7:00 PM	Ron Perkins
Greenway HS	15-May	7:00 PM	Dan Conway
Thunderbird HS	16-May	7:00 PM	Dan Conway
Glendale HS	15-May	7:00 PM	Ron Perkins
Sandra Day O'Connor HS	TBD	TBD	Chuck Schluter

Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks

The new Arizona "Freedom" vehicle license plates finally became available on January 15. The "Freedom" plate is attractive and features a US red, white and blue flag in the background. Unlike the "Veterans" plates which can only be purchased by veterans, the new "Freedom" plates can be purchased by anyone. However, just like the "Veterans" plates, \$17 of the \$25 fee goes to the veterans benefit fund.

On January 30 Governor Napolitano signed into law Executive Order 2007-08 establishing the Arizona Veterans Research Council. This is an extension of the Veterans Task Force that was created in 2005. As a result of recommendations from the 2005 Veterans Task Force, state funding of over \$11.5M was made available in 2006 for supporting such things as a new Veterans Home in Tucson, a new Veterans cemetery in Northern Arizona and the hiring of 21 more Veterans Benefit Counselors (VBCs). In 2007 the Governors budget request includes funding for an additional 19 VBCs that were not funded last year in order to achieve the total of 40 new VBCs that were recommended by the 2005 Task Force.

There were several additional topics that the 2005 Veterans Task Force did not have time to fully consider but, nevertheless, recommended for further study at a later time. Those topics form the basis of the new Executive Order that establishes the Arizona Veterans Research Council. The Council is charged with forming subcommittees to research and make recommendations on issues including, as a minimum, reserve components benefit and recruitment plans, veterans and dependent education plans, service obstacles faced by rural veterans and ways to overcome

them, and benefit proposals for disabled veterans. The Council will make an interim report by August 15, 2007 and is charged with providing a final report to the Governor, the Senate President and the Speaker of the House by the first week in January 2008.

On the national legislative scene the Presidents FY2008 defense budget proposal is now on the street and looks very much like MOAA national had projected. In that the Task Force on the Future of Military Health Care which was established by Congress last year is not scheduled to make their recommendations until May, the Presidents budget proposal does not contain the specific large increases in TRICARE fees and pharmacy fees that we successfully headed off last year. However, it does assume \$1.8B in savings from as yet unidentified TRICARE fee increases, almost three times the savings assumed in the FY2007 budget request.

If you have not already done so, I urge each of you to tear out, sign, stamp and mail in the pre written and addressed letters (four grey sheets) regarding this defense budget issue that are contained in the February issue of Military Officer magazine to Senator Levin, Representative Skelton, Representative Hunter and Senator McCain. Also look for similar letters to your Arizona Congressmen that should be included in the March edition of the magazine. You can also visit the MOAA national website at www.moaa.org and forward prewritten emails to your congressmen as well. Once again, this year we will need all the grass roots support we can generate to make sure veterans, survivors and active duty folks get the fair deal they are fully entitled to.

Personal Affairs

by Bernie Conway

A Living Will

Do you have a *living will*?

Does your family or loved ones know you have a *living will*?

Do they know how to get their hands on your *living will*?

I have an old Air Force buddy whose mother recently suffered a massive stroke. She had let everyone in the family know she had no intention of living out her final days hooked to a machine to keep her alive. Everyone in her family knew what she wanted in her final days, but it was never documented on paper.

The lawyers and medical profession are now absorbing her estate, and the family is powerless to do anything about it.

The medical profession has perfected keeping the body alive, even if it is no longer functioning. I think it is a carry-over from pickled beets! Does anyone remember Terry Schavio?

Get your hands on your *living will*. Review it to make sure it says what you want it to say. Let your family and friends know where it is, and then place it in your important papers file right next to your MOAA survivors checklist, and your "letter of instruction to my spouse, next of kin, or personal representative" form.



MOAA Name Tags

Need a Chapter Name Tag? Order forms will be available at each meeting or call Dee Norton at 480-275-5089 to place your order. Please pay for them (\$5) when ordering so if something prevents you from attending the next meeting, they can be mailed to you.

Need a Copy of Your Discharge Papers?

To request a copy of a DD 214 either call the National Archives and Records Administration in St. Louis at 1-866-272-6272 or access their web site at: <http://www.archives.gov>

The web site walks you through the process and tells you what information you need to provide for your request.

Spring Golf Tournament

by Pat Dale

Hi Folks. The Arizona Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will be holding our annual Fun Spring Golf Tournament on **May 4th**. This is a really fun event and we would like to have as many Chapter members and other 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 AZ Chapter Spring Golf Tournament will be held Friday, May 4, 2007 at El Caro Golf Club, 2222 W. Royal Palm Road, Phoenix, AZ (Northern Ave & 23rd Ave). The format will be a "Texas Scramble" which means each foursome selects the best drive, and then finishes the hole individually from the location of that drive--on all holes. Besides the Flight winners, there will be skill prizes on all holes, a Skins game, and 50/50 drawing. Golf will be played in Flights with a 7 a.m. Shotgun start. There is no driving range available, however, there is a practice putting green and area for practice chipping.

All are welcome to bring guests. The fee is **\$42** which includes golf, cart, prizes, and a delicious hot buffet brunch following the round. **EVERYBODY WINS!!!** All Net proceeds go to the AZ Chapter Scholarship Fund. Come and enjoy a fun event. Planning is already underway for next Fall's tournament.

Checks and any preferred group member names should be sent with check payable to **Patrick Dale, Tournament Director**. Using the entry form on page 6, please remit a check for entry fees **NO LATER THAN May 1, 2007**.

More Golf

If playing in the Chapter Spring Golf Tournament is not enough golf for you, why not take part in the following fund raiser tournament on Saturday, May 5.

The *Scottsdale Quarterback Club* has a golf tournament every year as a means to raise money for the coming year to cover their activities in support of luncheons for the Scottsdale High School Player of the Week in football. They also host a boy & girl athlete during basketball season. A barbeque for the entire ASU football team is held in August to recognize the incoming freshmen and give a donation to SCC for their athletic program. Below are the particulars for this golf event.

FUN GOLF TOURNAMENT SCOTTSDALE QUARTERBACK CLUB

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May 5TH, 2007

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--- **INFO** ---

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March Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: March 17, 2007
11:00 a.m. Social Hour
12:00 Noon Lunch

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
7505 McCormick Parkway
Scottsdale, Arizona

COST: **\$18.00** - Per Person

DRESS: Casual

MENU: Chef's Choice

PROGRAM: Ron Klaphake Chief Executive Officer of the Arizona Broadway Theater, will be presenting information about the theater and a summer program in which our Chapter will be taking part.

Reservations need to be received by 4:00 p.m. on the Thursday prior to the luncheon date. Cancellations for reservations made need to be received by that same Thursday in order to receive your money back or not be charged for lunch. Please make your reservations early and send your check to Bill Johnson using the Meal / Meeting Reservation Form on page 7.

-- *Marie Fredricks, Arrangements*

AZ CHAPTER MOAA SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

INTERESTED IN A SUPER DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP?

WHEN: Friday, **May 4, 2007**. Shotgun Start: 7 AM - please check-in no later than 6:40AM.

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: \$42, which includes cart fee, green fees, hot 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 \$42.00 fee must be received by **May 1**. Please mail fees and the below form to Pat Dale; phone 480-661-5204 or email Pat at patrick-dale1@cox.net.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: _____

* Mail entry slip and fees to:

Pat Dale

12633 E. Kalil Dr

Scottsdale, AZ 85259

. Make checks out to: **Patrick Dale**

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Tuesday 6	7-9 PM	WIGWAM RESORT 300 East Wigwam Blvd. - Litchfield Park, 85340
Tuesday 6	7-9 PM	HILTON PHOENIX EAST/MESA 1011 West Holmes Ave. - Mesa, 85210
Wednesday 7	9-11 AM	PEBBLECREEK TUSCANY CLUBHOUSE 16222 Clubhouse Dr. - Goodyear, 85338
Thursday 8	9-11 AM	HILTON SCOTTSDALE 6333 North Scottsdale Rd. - Scottsdale, 85250
Thursday 8	9-11 AM	SUN LAKES - OAKWOOD COUNTRY CLUB 24218 South Oakwood Blvd. - Sun Lakes, 85248
Thursday 8	7-9 PM	ARROWHEAD COUNTRY CLUB 19888 North 73rd Ave. - Glendale, 85308
Thursday 8	7-9 PM	THE BUTTES TEMPE RESORT 2000 Westcourt Way - Tempe, 85282
Thursday 8	7-9 PM	EL PEDREGAL AT THE BOULDERS 34505 North Scottsdale Rd. - Scottsdale, 85262
Saturday 10	9-11 AM	CAMELBACK INN 5402 East Lincoln Dr. - Scottsdale, 85253
Saturday 10	9-11 AM	POINTE SOUTH MOUNTAIN 7777 South Pointe Parkway - Phoenix, 85044

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General Fund: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund: \$ _____ [now a 501(c)(3) charitable fund]

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Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** No Later Than: **15 March 2007**

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

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