

Minutes of the FEBRUARY 2008 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on February 16, 2008, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President Terry Tassin called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM.; Chaplain Robert Rutherford gave the Invocation. Terry Tassin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Total people present: **42** Terry Tassin recognized the following guests: Dr. Jean McFarland and her husband Jim.

Report on BOD Meeting:

The Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$6829.89; Scholarship Fund \$8250.76; Total \$15,080.65

Membership: Terry Tassin reported that 154 out of 212 members had renewed their membership for 2008. The remaining 58 members will be contacted by either Dan Conway via U.S. Mail. The 31st of March is the last date to renew for 2008.

JROTC Medal Presentations: One more volunteer presenter needed.

TAP's: Noted that Auxiliary member Lorraine Pritchard had passed away and a memorial donation will be made in her name to the AZ Veterans Home.

Voices Take Flight Program: Location of program has been changed to the Phoenix First Assembly, 13613 N. Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, AZ. Berthing for Coast Guard Academy Choir members is being sought.

Phoenix Suns tickets auction: Ron Drew donated his Sun's season ticket seats to be auctioned off to raise money for the scholarship fund. Auction to take place at March general meeting.

Chapter Outreach Project: Chapter support sought for an outreach project where volunteers contribute some of their time at the AZ Veterans Home helping in their "Adopt-A-Vet" program.

AZ Tax Exemption of Military Retired Pay: Committee made up of, Chair Dan Conway, Rob Welch, and Chuck Schluter are pursuing AZ Tax Exemption of Military Retired Pay by eliminating the State Income Tax on the military pensions of veterans.

New Sentinel Editor: Gary Fredricks gave a passionate speech looking for a new editor for the Sentinel. Jim Cullison stepped forward to accept the job.

Scholarship Program: Due to a down turn in the economy, Courtesy Chevrolet will only be able to support one \$1000 scholarship for 2008. Additional sources of funding are being sought.

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks reported the Chapter is set for the ABT July 12th musical, "the Music Man". Information for the July outing to the Arizona Broadway Theater is in the latest Sentinel and will be in upcoming issues as well.

Golf Tournament Update: Spring golf tournament scheduled for the 25th of April at the Rolling Hills Golf Course. Applications can be found in the Sentinel. Deadline for signing up is 16 April.

Lunch: was served and enjoyed by all

10 -Minute Break.

Guest Speaker: President Terry Tassin introduced our guest speaker - Dr. Jean McFarland who spoke on *Bullies in the Work Place*. The president presented a set of MOAA tumblers to the speaker as a memento of the occasion.

New Business:

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$50 being paid out and \$50 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were:

\$25 prize won by Fran Tassin

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Chaplain Robert Rutherford gave the Benediction.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:12 PM.

Submitted:

Terry Tassin for the Secretary