

Minutes of the April 2009 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership and representatives from the Superstition Chapter was held on April 18, 2009 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President Ron Perkins called the meeting to order at 12:30 PM. Ron Perkins led the pledge followed by the invocation.

Members Present: Total people present: **60;**

Officer's Report:

Treasurers Report: Bill Roscher reported that the General Fund had a total of \$11,413.73 and the Scholarship Fund had a total of \$12,449.09 for a combined total of \$23,862.82

Legislative: Ron Perkin reported that Gary Fredricks and Vern Pall, President of the Arizona Council of Chapters will be representing Arizona MOAA chapters at the National MOAA's annual event of "Storming the Hill" scheduled for April 22.

JROTC Scholarship: Ron Worthington reported that the board had approved four \$1000 scholarships to four JROTC cadets. Presentation of the awards will be at the May 16th luncheon.

July 12th Outing to the Arizona Broadway Theater: Ron Perkins reminded everyone to get their tickets early because there are limited number of tickets available. More information can be found in the April and May Sentinel. Please send all ticket requests to Fran Tassin.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway reported that Personal Affairs workshop would be take place next Saturday the 25th of April at the Scottsdale Via Linda Senior Center, located at 10440 East Via Linda Road. Start time is 0900 and will run to 1200. Coffee, water and donuts will be available. Dan reported that there were still plenty of openings. If you haven't signed up and you are interested, please show up on Saturday the 25th at 0900.

Chapter Golf Tournament May 1st: Ron Perkins reminded everyone about the JROTC scholarship fund raiser golf tournament at Painted Mountain Golf Course. The deadline for entry is the 22nd of April. You can join in on the fun and help out with the scholarship fund at the same time. Pat Dale has reported that there are many, many prizes available. All levels of players are invited.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all

Guest Speaker: 5th District Congressman Harry Mitchell gave an outstanding presentation on the inner workings of government at the highest level. He covered many issues relating to veterans. He was very supportive of reducing the backlog of VA disability claims through technology, training and quality control. In addition, he emphasized the need to continue support for our wounded veterans with the best available care for life. Congressman Mitchell was a co-sponsor of the "GI Bill for the 21st Century". He was especially proud of this accomplishment for getting the provision of passing the benefits on to a spouse or child if the veteran did not use the benefit. Congressman Mitchell addressed several questions from the audience and took some for further research. Ron Perkins presented Congressman Mitchell with an MOAA Tumbler Set in appreciation of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$80 being paid out and \$85 entered into the Scholarship account.

May 16th Luncheon Program: Presentation of four \$1000 scholarships will be made to four outstanding JROTC cadets.

Greeters for May: Terry and Fran Tassin

Benediction: Ron Perkins gave the benediction.

Adjournment: 2:35 PM

Submitted:

Ron Perkins, President/Secretary