

## **Minutes of the March 2009 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA**

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on March 21, 2009 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President Ron Perkins called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Ron Perkins led the pledge followed by the invocation.

**Members Present:** Total people present: **50;**

### **Officer's Report:**

**Treasurers Report:** Bill Roscher reported that the General Fund had a total of \$10,698.55 and the Scholarship Fund had a total of \$11,187.65 and Petty Cash Fund \$50.00 for a combined total of \$21,936.20

**JROTC Scholarship:** Ron Worthington reported that he had received four scholarship applications to date and was expecting more by the deadline of 25 March. The Scholarship committee will meet on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March to review the applications. Selected cadet applications will be presented to the board.

**JROTC Medals:** Terry Tassin reported that contact letters had been mailed out to the JROTC instructors as well as the volunteer presenters.

**Membership Renewal Drive for 2009:** Approximately 184 of 201 (92%) members have renewed their dues to date. Dan Conway will send out one last letter to those who have not renewed their 2009 membership and let them know that they are being dropped from the membership role.

**Arrangements:** Marie Fredricks reminded everyone about the July 12<sup>th</sup> outing to the Arizona Broadway Theater to see **Bye, Bye Birdie**. Reservation forms can be found in the March and April Sentinel. Tickets will be \$55 per person. Make your reservations early to Fran Tassin.

**April 18<sup>th</sup> Luncheon:** We have scheduled Congressman Harry Mitchell, Fifth District representative, to be our guest speaker. We have also invited the Superstition Chapter to join us. There will be a small change in the start time. We will start the social hour a half later at 11:30 and serve lunch at 12:30 and the speaker around 1:30

**Personal Affairs:** Dan Conway reported that the date, time and place for the Personal Affairs workshop would be posted in the April Sentinel.

**Chapter Golf Tournament May 1<sup>st</sup>:** Terry Tassin reminded everyone about the upcoming golf tournament and to submit your entry form to Pat Dale.

**Legislative: Federal:** Gary Fredricks reported that President Obama heeded the advice of veteran's after meeting with MOAA President VADM Norb Ryan (USN-Ret) and other veterans' association leaders this week; President Obama agreed to drop a budget proposal to bill veterans' health insurance companies for the cost of treating their service-caused injuries. **State:** He also reported that no bills are being assigned to Senate committees until the FY 2010 budget is finished. In the House, he reported on HCR 2034- repeal business personal property tax, **NOW: state veterans' cemetery; Tucson.** This was a "Strike Everything" amendment adopted to bill that expresses the desire of the Arizona Legislature to build a State veterans' cemetery in the City of Tucson. The state would have to provide a third of the cost and the federal stimulus package would provide two thirds of the cost. The final decision has not been made by the state.

### **Lunch was served and enjoyed by all**

**Guest Speaker: Scottsdale Police Chief Alan Rodbell** gave an outstanding presentation on the Scottsdale Police Department. The chief spoke a little on the past, present and future of the police department. He explained the vast improvements in technology and coordination between other police departments. He also talked about his strategic plan for the department and how it was constantly being reviewed and updated thru inputs from all department members. Ron Perkins presented Chief Rodbell with an MOAA Tumbler Set in appreciation of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

**Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$65 being paid out and \$70 entered into the Scholarship account.

**April 18th Luncheon Program:** The guest speaker will be Congressman Harry Mitchell who is the 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Representative.

**Greeters for April:** Ron and Bette Green

**Benediction:** Ron Perkins gave the benediction.

**Adjournment:** 1:35 PM

Submitted:

Ron Perkins, President/Secretary