

Minutes of the December 2010 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

The holiday luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on December 18, 2010, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President Ron Perkins called the meeting to order at 11:55 AM and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation.

Members Present: Ron Perkins welcomed all and introduced guests at each table including new member Jack Leigh. Total people present: **86** including 76 members/spouses, 10 guests.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported the General Fund is at \$9,597.99 plus \$50 petty cash and the Scholarship fund is at \$10,279.68. That brings the combined total to \$19,927.67. Bill announced \$352 was collected in today's raffle, which may be a new high.

Membership Renewal: Ron Perkins reminded members to renew their membership by paying their annual dues: \$20 regular member fee or \$10 for auxiliary members. He requested everyone mail their check to our treasurer, Bill Roscher, before the end of the year. The next issue of *The Sentinel* will contain another renewal form.

2011 Arizona StandDown: We have an opportunity to participate again in the upcoming *Arizona StandDown for Homeless Veterans*. This year's event helped over 800 homeless veterans. The next event is scheduled for February 4-6, 2011. Ron Perkins will send out detailed information via email including how you can sign up as a volunteer through the internet. You may also check out their website at www.arizonastanddown.org

Cell Phones for Troops: Ron Perkins reminded everyone to turn in old cell phones at our next luncheon meeting. The box is available at every meeting and each phone collected provides a 100-minute phone card for troops overseas.

January Luncheon Reservations: Bill Roscher will not be available in January and announced that anyone planning to attend our January general meeting should mail their reservation and check to Marie Fredricks. *The Sentinel* will provide a revised form with instructions on mailing your reservation request to Marie.

Dickens Carolers: Ron Perkins introduced the Dickens Carolers Quartet. They sang beautiful Christmas music throughout lunch.

Lunch was served and thoroughly enjoyed with the Dickens Carolers entertainment.

Meritorious Service Awards: Ron Perkins and Gregg Maxon presented awards to several recipients unable to attend the November meeting. Colonel John Ady received his second award for his work as Membership Chair along with other support provided throughout the year. Through John's leadership over 40 new members have been added this year. John will be our chapter president in 2011. Beth Cullison was awarded for performing the chapter Secretary Duties and maintaining the membership roster. Lt Colonel Jim Cullison received a second award for his continued work in producing the monthly newsletter, *The Sentinel*, and work as the chapter historian. Jim will continue in those roles along with the additional job as 2nd Vice President next year.

Chinese Auction: Ron Perkins reviewed the Chinese auction rules. Participants purchased raffle tickets for a chance to select a present. There were many gifts supplied by the Chapter board members and a few regular members. All proceeds from the ticket sales, \$352, go to the Scholarship Fund. It was great fun for all.

Closing: Ron Perkins wished everyone a safe and happy holiday season and reminded that our next general meeting is January 15, 2011. January's guest speaker will be Captain Billy Walker, member of the Lafayette Escadrille and a former Air America pilot in Vietnam. Captain Billy Walker will be inducted into the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame at the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson in March 2011. The 2011 staff will also be sworn in at the January meeting. He gave special thanks to Marie Fredricks for coordinating the food and table set ups every month and thanked board members for donating the wrapped gifts.

Benediction provided by Ron Perkins

Adjournment: 2:10 PM

Respectfully submitted:
Beth Cullison, Secretary