

2005 Events

January 2005

The January 15, 2005 meeting of the Arizona Chapter of MOAA was held at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The program was the Installation of Officers for the year 2005. Sworn in by President Gary Fredericks were CAPT Dan Conway President, LCDR Terry Tassin First Vice President, LtCol Bernie Katz Second Vice President, CDR John Gerometta, Secretary, LtCol Chet Baumer Director, Mrs. Jo Ann Thompson Director, Lt Jim Seidl Programs, and Col Chuck Schluter TOPS.

Following the ceremony the gavel was transferred to CAPT Dan Conway.

Presentation of the National MOAA Award to Tom Houser's first place Web Site was made by President Dan Conway as well as the Awards to Terry Tassin for his Winner in the Electronic Newsletter category and his First Runner Up in the Printed Newsletter category.

Congratulations to both of these hard working men and our new Officers.



Dan Conway presenting Webmaster Tom Houser with web site award.



Dan Conway presenting Terry Tassin with Newsletter award.

February 2005

The Chapter held the February 17, 2005 dinner meeting at the Sunshine Hotel. A goodly number turned out in spite of the inclement weather to hear Dan Morris, an attorney, speak on Senior Survival Workshop and Estate Planning. We have been getting quite a bit of this material through National MOAA as well and is timely and informative as some of us are putting on quite a few years.



Dan Conway presents Dan Morris with MOAA Tumblers

March 2005

The March 19, 2005 Luncheon was held at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The speaker was Mrs. Gayle Martin of the Arizona Historical Society. Her topic was "Anna Ferguson - World War Two Housewife and Defense Worker." It reminded some of their own experiences with Fathers or Brothers going off to war and their own experiences with ration books for sugar, meat, gasoline, tires etc. Gayle had quite a display of memorabilia from that time period including the Blue Star and Gold Star Banners that have become popular at the present time.



Gayle Martin



Dan Conway presents Gayle MOAA tumblers



Memorabilia

April 2005

The April meeting of the Arizona Chapter was held at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The guest speaker was Col Pat Shannahan Ret. His subject was "What is an Ombudsman". Not easy to speak or spell and described by Webster as a citizen appointed by the Legislature to investigate citizen complaints about their Government. That is what he does and is on his second 5 year term.

This former Artilleryman's last assignment was with the Joint Chiefs of Staff. He is shown here being presented with MOAA Tumblers by Gary Fredricks.



June 2005



The last meeting of the Arizona Chapter before the summer break was held at McCormick Ranch Golf Club June 18, 2005.

The guest speaker was the Honorable Jerry Porter JD Associate Presiding Judge, Superior Court, Maricopa County. He explained the city courts and JP courts in Maricopa County, election of judges along with some of the improvements in the system and facilities.

Judge Porter receives MOAA Tumblers from President Dan Conway.

September 2005

The Luncheon Meeting was held on September 17, 2005 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club.

Chuck Schluter reported that our nominees Mike Gannon and Richard Minor for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame were selected. Induction will be held October 28, at the Shrine Auditorium.

The guest speaker was Donna Adams the Community Relations Resources Coordinator for the Arizona Department of Veterans Services (AZDVS).

This agency runs the Arizona State Veterans Home, Museum, and provides conservative guardianship for disabled and needy veterans. They are working on establishing a new cemetery in the north on land to be donated by the Navajo Army Depot.



Donna is shown here being presented tumblers by President Dan Conway

October 2005

The October 15, 2005 luncheon meeting was held At McCormick Ranch Golf Club with the theme of Oktoberfest. Braten, Sauerkraut mit kartoffelen und brot was delicious.

Some of the members of the Council of Chapters which the Arizona Chapter hosted on the 14th at the Hampton Inn in Old Town Scottsdale joined our luncheon.

The speaker was Ms Eddie Sissons from the State Arrorney General's Office she spoke on Identity Theft and gave some good pointers on how to avoid it. One of the main points was not to give out your Social Security Number to any one on the phone unless you initiate the phone call. She also pointed out some of the scams that are hitting the valley that are directed primarily at the elderly. President Dan Conway presents Ms Sissons the tumblers.



MOAA National has awarded the Arizona Chapter the rating of 5 Stars. The

5 star streamer will be attached to our MOAA Flag. Many thanks to all the Officers and individuals who made this award possible. President Dan Conway and Past President Gary Fredricks hold the award.



November 2005

The November 2005 MOAA luncheon meeting was held at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. Terry Tassin took over the meeting as President Dan Conway was absent. November is the month for the election of officer and directors for the coming year and the following slate as announced in the Sentinel previously was elected: President Dan Conway, 1st VP Terry Tassin, 2nd VP Ron Worthington, Secretary John Geormetta, Treasurer William Johnson, Directors Charles Schluter, James Seidl, Chester Baumer, Ronald Green and Jo Ann Thompson. Gary Fredricks is the Past President.

The guest speaker was Mr. Dave Bender a crew member of the B-17 Flying Fortress "Sentimental Journey" of the Arizona Wing of the Commemorative Air Force. Dave reported that they have no problem with rank as every member joins as a Colonel. He also reported that they had special permission from Band Leader Harry James to put the pin-up picture of Betty Grable on the B-17 and that her picture was taken from the back side as she was pregnant at the time.



Dave is presented MOAA Tumblers by Terry Tassin

December 2005

The final meeting for 2005 of the Arizona Chapter MOAA was held at McCormick Ranch Golf Club December 17. A good crowd of 52 attended and were entertained by the Glee Club from Trevor Browne High School under the direction of Mr. Nick Halonen.

A check for \$300 was donated to the Glee Club. Our President Dan Conway had a small silent auction of items donated by local sports franchises, restaurants, etc. Many thanks to those who donated and it all goes for the Scholarship Fund.

