

# 50th Anniversary

## A Golden Celebration!



The Arizona Chapter of MOAA celebrated its 50th Anniversary with a grand gala event! The spectacular celebration was held at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort on October 21, 2006.

One hundred forty-four MOAA members, families and friends were in attendance. Attendees represented the Superstition Mountain, Tucson, Yuma, Luke, Northern and Arizona Chapters. The Arizona Chapter is "Arizona's First Chapter".

The guest of honor and key note speaker was Vice Admiral Norb Ryan USN (Ret), President of the Military Officers Association of America.

Following the cocktail hour, a dinner chime announced the "Call to Dinner." Chapter President Dan Conway welcomed all to the occasion.



The Cortez High School NJROTC presented the colors followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Beverly Poage sang a super rendition of the National Anthem and the Invocation was given by Father Gerry Conway.



First Vice President Terry Tassin conducted the MIA/POW Missing Member Remembrance ceremony, and acknowledged the symbolic significance of each item mentioned. He also initiated the traditional series of service toasts in honor of all services of MOAA.

A diet-breaking dinner was served and Vice Admiral Norb Ryan, the keynote speaker, was introduced by Chuck Schluter.

Admiral Ryan spoke on the missions of MOAA and the force of the many members of the Association shaping legislation that benefit veterans including active duty, reservists, and the National Guard.





He presented President Dan Conway with the 50th year certificate.

Dan, in turn presented the Admiral with a 1,000 check for the MOAA Scholarship Fund.

Dan also presented a check to COL Rick Palmatier (AZARNG) on the behalf of the Arizona Guard and Reserve Families Relief Fund.



Father Conway gave the Benediction. The Rags Allen Trio was introduced for the dancing pleasure of all. This excellent trio consists of Rags Allen on keyboard, Ron Lowry on drums and Marty Ramirez on sax, guitar and violin.

**More gala pictures below. Just double click on the pictures so they enlarge.**



Our Tucson Friends



Tim Bogin, Velma & Liz Hughes



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The Toys



Table Setting



Our Superstition Mountain Friends



Ron Lowry



Rags Allen



Dan presents \$1K



Memorial Table



Marty Ramirez



Bill, Nina and Jo Ann



Bernie & Judy Conway



Dan receives 5-Star from Adm Ryan



Jim & Toni Seidl



History Display



Head Table



Bruce & Kathleen Birtciel



Dan & Joyce Conway



Bill & Carol Adams



Bill & Angela Toy



Chuck & Marie Schluter



Fred Ferguson



Chet Baumer



Irene Doto



Doug Gray



Donna, Janice & Shasta



Marie Birtciel