

# 2006 Events

## January 2006

The Arizona Chapter of MOAA met January 21, 2006 at the McCormick Ranch Country Club with 49 people present. The Officers, Directors and Committee Chairpersons were installed for the year 2006 with Gary Fredricks doing the honors.

From the left: CAPT Daniel Conway President, LCDR Terry Tassin, First Vice President, Maj William Johnson Treasurer, Jo Ann Thompson Director, Lt Col Chester Baumer Director, LtCol Ronald Green Director, CDR John Gerometta Secretary, Lt James Seidl Programs / Arrangements, Col Charles Schluter Tops Liaison. Ron Worthington 2nd Vice President was absent and will be installed at the next meeting.



Gary Fredricks presented the following recipients with the Arizona Chapter of MOAA Meritorious Service Awards: Velma Birtciel, John Gerometta Bill Johnson, Terry Tassin and Jo Ann Thompson.





The President's special MSA was awarded to Gary Fredricks by Terry Tassin.



The guest speaker was LtCol Ret.USAF Kevin Osterman from the Scottsdale City Council who gave an update on the city of Scottsdale.

Not to overlook a golden opportunity Kevin was signed up as a new member of the AZ Chapter.

## February 2006

The February Luncheon was held on the 24th at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The guest speaker was Mr. Larry Williams Director National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona with up to date information about the cemetery and information concerning the development of a new cemetery in northern Arizona.



## March 2006

The March Luncheon Meeting was held on the 18th at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The guest speaker was CAPT Michael G. Basford USN (RET) and he spoke on the history of Naval Aviation and the development of aircraft carriers. This was followed by a slide show on aircraft and aircraft carriers.

CAPT Basford is the author of several books including "America First", "SS America Affair", "The Phoenix Affair" and "A Desperate Land".



## April 2006

The end of March saw our troops storming the hill in support of MOAA legislation goals. There is tremendous competition for dollars within the Defense Department and the Veterans Agencies and it appears that the Vets will get the short end of the stick again.

A lot of activity going on behind the scenes getting ready for the 50th Anniversary Celebration in October. This is a once in the lifetime affair and the opportunity to participate will not be repeated. Think what MOAA has done getting Tri Care for Life passed and what it has meant to your wallet and then be generous in support of our celebration.

Our April luncheon was held as usual at the McCormick Golf Club with Mike Rall of the Phoenix Police Department M-3 Municipal Military Member Support Group as our guest speaker. Terry Tassin presented Mike with a set of MOAA Tumblers.



## May 2006



The MOAA spring golf tournament was held May 5, 2006 at El Caro Golf Course in Glendale. A good time was had by all and everyone was a winner as was the Scholarship Fund. The \$42.00 fee included prizes, green fees, cart, freebies and a great hot breakfast following the tournament. Some of the participants are shown enjoying the breakfast.



Some of the prizes are shown on the table picture.

## June 2006



The June luncheon was held June 17, 2006 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club with 39 attending. This is the last meeting until September, but the Sentinel will be published during the summer to keep the members up to date on legislative issues, 50th Anniversary preparation and other important items.

Our guest speaker was Mr. Jerry Harper Assistant Project Manager for the city of Phoenix. He brought us up to date on the many projects going on or in the planning stage for the down town area. The area is bounded roughly on the east by 7th Street, on the west by 7th Avenue, on the north by McDowell Road and on the south by Lincoln Street. A few of the projects covered were the new Convention Center, several hotels, ASU additions, Medical School, several high rise condominiums and apartments, parking lots and of course the light rail. Many of these projects will see completion in 2008.

Mr. Harper is shown being presented with a box of MOAA Tumblers by President Dan Conway.

## September 2006

September is the first meeting after the summer break even though The Sentinel was published for the first time right through the summer. The Sentinel carried preparations for the October 21, 50th Anniversary celebration as Chet Baumer and his Anniversary Committee have been busy with planning details. The luncheon was held as usual at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club with only 38 attending. A great lunch was served with Fresh Garden Salad, Steak Sandwich, French Fries and Banana Cream Pie for dessert. The guest speaker was Stephen A. Johnston and his topic was Bio Design with the attempt to develop a vaccine for various types of cancer. Toni Seidl won the first raffle, Barb Aydelotte the second and Sheila George the third.



Chapter President Dan Conway and Stephen Johnston are about to enjoy their steak sandwich

## October 2006

The Arizona Chapter MOAA celebrated its 50th Anniversary Celebration at the beautiful Scottsdale Park Plaza Resort located in Scottsdale, AZ. This gala event was held October 21, 2006

Our keynote Speaker was Vice Admiral Norb Ryan Jr., USN (Ret) President, Military Officers Association of America.

**[Please read more about it!](#)**

## November 2006

The Arizona Chapter of MOAA met November 18, 2006 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. During the program, the MOAA Meritorious Service Medal was presented by President Dan Conway to Frank Birtciel, John Gerometta, Jim Seidl, Ron Worthington, Pat Dale, Chet Baumer, Jo Ann Thompson, Velma Birtciel, Betty Baumer and Dee Norton.

Chuck Schluter was not present and will be presented his medal at a later date.

A slate of Officers was announced and the election will be held in the December meeting.



## December 2006

Saturday December 16, 2006 some of the members of the Arizona Chapter MOAA met with relatives and friends at the Memorial Service for our former Secretary and Sentinel Editor John Gerometta.

Dan Conway and Terry Tassin both spoke in behalf of John's service to MOAA. Following the service we moved on to the McCormick Ranch Golf Club for the monthly luncheon.

The slate of officers minus the Secretary was voted in. So far, we have no volunteers for Secretary or Sentinel Editor. John will be sorely missed.



Chuck Schluter receiving his Meritorious Service Award



Once again, our entertainment was a singing group made up of high school students from Cortez and other high schools.

