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President's Perspective

by John Ady



Off and Running

First of all, let me wish you all a belated Happy New Year if I have not done so already. From the manner in which our chapter is starting the year we can look forward to another outstanding year from every way we measure our success.

We had another great luncheon meeting in January with perfect Arizona weather, and our attendance was such that our friends at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club had to move us to a larger room.

If you were not there, our speaker was Captain Billy Walker, a former Air America pilot who has logged over 40,000 hours in the cockpits of virtually every airplane ever built. His experiences over his lifetime of flying were very interesting, and it was an excellent start to our programs for 2011. Thanks to COL Chuck Schluter for his continued superb work of scheduling great programs, which is

very important to our success.

In February we will "return to the ground" with Col Jill Nelson, AZANG, who heads the Guard's Counter Drug Interdiction Units. In addition, she now has been assigned additional duties for all Guard units assigned to the American-Mexican Border. It promises to be another great program.

Our March speaker

will be Lt Col Hoyt Slocum, Operations Officer for the 161st AZANG Air Refueling Wing, which supports our troops on active duty by flying missions all over the world.

Turning to other matters, I would be remiss if I did not give a GREAT pat on the back to COL Rob Welch, who not only volunteered to take over our chapter website, but in doing so came up with what I consider to be arguably as good an organizational website as any I have ever seen. If you have not visited the site, simply go to

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Change of Command. *Outgoing Chapter President Ron Perkins reads the oath of office to Chapter officers for 2011. From left are John Ady, President; Gregg Maxon, First Vice President; Jim Cullison, Second Vice President; Beth Cullison, Secretary; Rance Farrell, Ron Green and Rob Welch, Directors. Absent were Bill Roscher, Treasurer, and Dan Conway and Ron Worthington, Directors.*

Arizona Chapter Calendar

Board of Directors meets at 1030 hours, Rm. A107, in the Arizona Veterans Home, 3rd Street and Indian School Road. Members are invited to attend.

Upcoming meetings:

- February 3
- March 3
- April 7

Member Meetings/ Luncheons are normally held on the third Saturday of the month, Social Hour at 1100, Luncheon at 1200, at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, unless noted otherwise.

Upcoming meetings:

- February 19
- March 19
- April 16

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www.azchaptermoaa.org and I believe you will be very impressed with what we now have in place.

Finally, you cannot run an efficient organization without lots of help. Fortunately, we have an excellent board as well as great people in all key positions. We can, however, use some help. Our Treasurer, COL Bill Roscher, needs an assistant, and COL Rob Welch can use a member to assist with the website. In addition, with my present role as President, CAPT Dan Conway could use a member to assist with our Personal Affairs initiatives, as I have to vacate that responsibility. For more information, contact any of these members directly or me at JRAdy@aol.com.

That's it from me for this month...Hope to see you soon!

John R. Ady
COL, USAR (Ret)

Dues! Dues! Dues!

Annual membership renewals for 2011 can be submitted with the renewal form below. Dues for 2011 remain unchanged: \$20 for regular members and \$10 for Auxiliary members. If you haven't renewed, don't delay and miss out on activities planned for the year ahead.

February Program

Focus on Drugs, Border Security

Col Jill Nelson, a key leader in the state's drug interdiction and border security activities, will be guest speaker at our February 19 luncheon.

She is Commander of the Arizona National Guard Joint Counter Narco-Terrorism Task Force, the third largest National Guard counter-drug program in the U.S.

In addition to that program, Col Nelson is Commander of Operation Copper Cactus, the recent deployment of 560 soldiers and airmen in Arizona to support the Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement. She also oversees the substance abuse testing program within the Arizona National Guard.



Col Jill Nelson

Her presentation promises to be timely and insightful, so get your reservation to Bill Roscher so you won't miss this informative program. Use the reservation form on page 7.

A February Anniversary

The Retired Officers Association (TROA) was founded on February 23, 1929, in Los Angeles. The name was changed to The Military Officers Association of America on January 1, 2003. MOAA now has more than 370,000 members.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL RENEWAL FORM WITH YOUR CHECK -----

[Arizona Chapter 2011 Membership Renewal Form](#)

Member Full Name: _____

Membership Renewal: **\$20** Regular member _____

Membership Renewal: **\$10** Auxiliary member _____ (surviving spouse)

Any Changes in your address, phone number, e-mail, etc:

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA**

Mail renewal application and check to:

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A Few Good Men & Women

by Terry Tassin, JROTC Awards

Many thanks to the members who have volunteered to represent the Arizona Chapter at JROTC award ceremonies this year. If you have any difficulty making your presentation date, please let Terry Tassin, 623-931-1546, know. If anyone else is willing to be listed as a back-up presenter, give Terry a call.

<u>School</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Presenter</u>
Alhambra HS	21-Apr-2011	6:00 PM	Auditorium	John Finical
Apollo HS	10-May-2011	7:00 PM	Auditorium	Terry Tassin
Cactus HS	29-Apr-2011	6:30 PM	Cafeteria	Ron Perkins
Camelback HS	3-May-2011	6:30 PM	Auditorium	Carl Schneider
Carl Hayden HS	5-May-2011	6:30 PM	Auditorium	Glenn Goins (MOWW)
Central HS	21-Apr-2011	6:00 PM	Auditorium	Bill Adams
Cortez HS	9-May-2011	6:00 PM	Auditorium	Carol Culbertson
Deer Valley HS	4-May-2011	6:00 PM	Auditorium	Ron Drew
Glendale HS	11-May-2011	7:00 PM	Auditorium	LT Lynn Valverde (Assn USN)
Greenway HS	28-Apr-2011	6:00 PM	Auditorium	Ron Drew
Moon Valley HS	22-Apr-2011	6:00 PM	Auditorium	Ron Perkins
North HS	5-May-2011	6:30 PM	Auditorium	Harry Farenga
Sandra Day O'Connor	3-May-2011	6:30 PM	Auditorium	Rob Welch
Shadow Mountain HS	3-May-2011	6:00 PM	Auditorium	John Ady
South Mountain HS	4-May-2011	5:00 PM	Cafeteria	Bernie Conway
Sunnyslope HS	21-Apr-2011	6:00 PM	Cafeteria	Ron Gawlitta
Thunderbird HS	11-May-2011	7:00 PM	Auditorium	Ron Green

Back-up Presenters: Kathy Upchurch, Pat Dale, Gary Fredricks, Jim Cullison,
John Ady, Chuck Schluter

Chapter Spring Golf

A Great Day to Hit the Links, Win Prizes, Support Scholarships

The next MOAA Golf Outing will be held **April 8** at Painted Mountain Golf Club in Mesa. The fee is \$65, which includes hole and flight prizes, food and golf plus cart. Per tournament director Pat Dale, the correct shotgun tee time is 7:30 a.m., NOT 6:30 a.m. as was indicated in a notice sent earlier. Check-in between 6:30 and 7:10.

Fees must be received in advance, checks written to **AZ Chapter MOAA** for \$65 per player and sent to Pat Dale, 12633 E. Kalil Dr., Scottsdale, 85259, phone 480-661-5204, e-mail patrickdale1@cox.net. We request all checks be received by March 25 if possible.

Groups and couples are encouraged, but not necessary. Coffee will be served before tee time, buffet lunch after golf. There will be four flights with 18 total winners, evenly spaced and based on raw score, plus a ladies flight.

Skill prizes will be awarded on all holes (closest to pin on par 3s, two longest drives and longest putt made on par 4s and 5s). The format is a "shamble" as we have done in the past, where all players hit the tee shot, then select the best one, all dropping there. Each player then plays his/her own ball from there, recording his/her own individual score for the hole. There will be a \$1,000 hole-in-one on hole # 2, plus some other extra prizes sold with proceeds going to winners and the JROTC scholarship fund. Those wishing to eat and not play golf will pay \$12, with those checks also going to AZ Chapter MOAA, mailed to Pat. Come and bring friends.

Memorable Life in Aviation Recalled by January Guest Speaker

Capt. Billy Walker, retired senior airline pilot, recounted his fascinating life of over 50 years in the air, which he likened to “a history of aviation,” at the January luncheon.

That life came naturally, as his parents were both aviation pioneers in Wyoming, and he soloed at 16. Since then, he has piloted 200 different kinds of aircraft, accumulated 40,000 hours of flying time and acquired multiple ratings and certifications. His early mentors were a “who’s who” of aviation, including FDR’s son Elliott Roosevelt and Arthur Godfrey.

Walker’s exploits included two years flying during the Vietnam War for Air America, the CIA airline. He was based in Cambodia, but said he couldn’t be called American because according to U.S. officials, “there were no Americans in Cambodia.” His stops included Laos, Vietnam, Thailand and Singapore. He flew a C-131 with no markings, since American markings couldn’t be used. Air America’s motto was, “Anything, Anytime, Anywhere, Professionally. First In, Last Out.”

His most memorable flight, Walker said, began on September 14, 2001. He was in France to deliver a new Jet Blue airliner to the U.S. It was three days after the World Trade Center tragedy, and he was able to fill the plane with Americans trying to get home. He recalls a moving sight on takeoff as he saw a huge American flag draped from a building and French citizens on the ground cheering.

He flew to New York City and at the last minute received clearance to land at JFK Airport, the first aircraft to land there since the



Capt. Billy Walker chats with Chuck Knight.

airport was closed on 9/11. The normally bustling airport was eerily quiet, he said. “The only thing moving was us.”

Walker, who will be inducted into the Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame in March, is a past wingman of the Lafayette Escadrille d’Arizona,

a patriotic group that flies World War I vintage aircraft in flyovers at public events, including the Memorial Day observance at the National Cemetery in Phoenix. “Our primary mission,” he said, “is to honor the veterans.”

Auxiliary Corner

*by Kathy Upchurch
Auxiliary Liaison*

MOAA spouses and Auxiliary members enjoyed doing Bingo November 4 and December 2 so much that a decision was made to commit to offer a helping hand to our veterans at the State Veterans' Home for the next three months .

The first Thursday of the month (Feb. 3, March 3 and April 7) will be our day to sponsor Bingo. Plan to arrive at 1:45 p.m. to sign in and go to D2 Cafeteria. Bingo is from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. Please let me know which day you can volunteer. Contact me at 602-799-0240 or e-mail at ksupchur@cox.net.

The following have completed their State Veterans' Home Orientation: Judy Conway, Marie Fredricks, Beth Cullison and Hanna Schwartz. Nancy Farrell (who volunteers at the AZ National Cemetery as an Arlington Lady) and I have both completed the VA Voluntary Orientation. For those who may have been missed in October when the phone committee called MOAA spouses and Auxiliary members, it is never too late to lend a hand. You do not have to be present each month.

The Arlington Ladies Program was started in Washington, D.C., so that no veteran is ever buried without at least one person present. Our AZ National Cemetery has the same program. We have many veterans, especially those from World War II, who have outlived their family and friends. Thus this program insures that no veteran is put to rest without a caring person present. The program is open to both men and women, but you do have to go through the VA Volunteer Orientation and regulations. Call me if you are interested.

Thank you all for volunteering! Also don't forget to bring those used cell phones to our chapter luncheon to turn in for phone cards for our troops.



Personal Affairs
by Dan Conway
Personal Affairs Officer

Fiduciary Services

Just over a year ago, I wrote about Marie Long, who was taken advantage of by the County Probate Court system, and pointed out the availability of The Fiduciary Division of the State of Arizona, Department of Veterans' Services. Her problems continue. Therefore, I believe it prudent to provide more information about the Fiduciary Division. The following was taken from the web site of the Department of Veterans' Services:

Mission Statement of The Fiduciary Division
"To protect incapacitated veterans from exploitation and improve their quality of life."

The Fiduciary Division of the State of Arizona, Department of Veterans' Services, manages a program that serves as guardian, conservator, or representative payee for incapacitated veterans or the surviving spouses and dependent children of protected veterans pursuant to A.R.S. § 14-5414. A person is judged to be incapacitated if he or she is impaired due to mental illness, mental deficiency, physical disability or illness, senility or advanced age, drug abuse to the extent that the individual fails to exhibit sufficient understanding or ability to make sound or responsible decisions regarding his or her person or estate. Veterans are referred to the Fiduciary Division from a variety of sources, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, Regional Office and Medical Centers, Adult Protective Services, Arizona State Hospital, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, family members and, occasionally, veterans themselves. When a referral is made, the case investigator will visit the individual referred to determine if the Fiduciary Division can provide the services that are needed by the client. After the visit and upon determination by the program staff that the Fiduciary Division can serve the client, the County Superior Court is petitioned to gain appointment as guardian or conservator. A guardianship appointment involves assuming responsibility for ensuring the client's physical and medical needs are met. A conservatorship appointment involves assuming the responsibility

for managing the client's estate. The human service specialist assigned to the client carefully assesses his or her needs in order to secure medical, psychological and social services, training, education, and other services as appropriate in order to maximize the client's potential for self-reliance and independence. The Fiduciary Division also provides assistance to eligible veterans and their families in all financial matters, including powers of attorney, financial planning, budgeting, bill paying, preparing income tax returns, and making major purchases (e.g., homes and vehicles, etc.); and also acts as personal representative for the estates of deceased veterans and their spouses or dependent children.

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Scholarship Process Begins

By Rob Welch
Scholarship Chairman

Letters have been sent to the 17 high schools that we support, asking them to submit their two most outstanding cadets for consideration of a MOAA scholarship. The applications are due to us March 25. Last year, we gave out seven \$1,000 scholarships.

Our scholarship fund is currently \$10,894, so unless we receive additional donations, we will give out five \$1,000 scholarships this year. This is because our bylaws limit the number of our annual scholarships to one-half of the amount in our fund.

We are seeking corporate sponsors to support our scholarship fund. If you know of a defense industry located in our state that might consider helping us to further the education of a deserving JROTC cadet by making a donation to our scholarship fund, please pass along their contact information to me at webmaster@azchaptermoaa.org, and I will ask them for their support.



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks, Legislative Chair

End of Year Activity

Last year ended with a flurry of activity by the lame duck congress which:

- Passed a stripped down version of the FY2011 Defense Authorization Bill;
- Passed a bill delaying a required cut in MEDICARE and TRICARE payments for doctors until January 2012, when it would then be a 25% cut;
- Approved funds for government operations until March 2011;
- Extended and augmented the Bush-era tax cuts.

Coming Up

Looking at this year, MOAA National has provided us an estimated timeline when important actions should occur as follows:

- Mid-February: The President submits his annual budget proposal to Congress. At this time we will see what the Pentagon proposes for military manpower levels, TRICARE fees and more. It will most likely be strongly influenced by the Deficit Commission Report of last year.
- Late March: Congressional Committees are required to submit their "views and estimates" of spending and revenues to the House and Senate Budget Committees six weeks after the President delivers his budget to Congress. We are likely to see some more impacts of the Deficit Commission report here.
- April: The House and Senate Budget Committees draft concurrent resolutions on the budget, which sets spending limits for the year.
- May: The House and Senate Armed Services Committees begin work on the FY2012 Defense Authorization Bill, including any changes that may be imposed by budget resolution spending limits.
- May-July: The full House and Senate should pass their respective versions of the defense bill. The last couple of years the House has made this schedule and the Senate hasn't come close.
- July-October: The House and Senate negotiators resolve differences between their

respective versions. This occurred in late December in 2010.

- October-December: The final FY2012 Defense Authorization Bill is passed by both the House and Senate and becomes law upon the President's signature.

MOAA's Focus

MOAA's legislative game plan will be a work in progress until after we see the President's budget proposal. That will focus MOAA's legislative initiatives on the most crucial issues. The remainder of the year will be pretty much working with congressional members to protect the interests of the military (including the Guard and Reserve), retired service personnel, their families and survivors.



Online With The Arizona Chapter

by Rob Welch, Webmaster

I hope you all have had the opportunity to visit our new website at www.azchaptermoaa.org. If not, please take the time to look at it. I think you will find it a very useful place to visit each month.

Our website is a great place to keep informed of chapter activities. It has the latest and also the past editions of *The Sentinel*, our award winning newsletter which you are reading right now, in case you accidentally deleted or lost an issue. Also in our website are copies of the latest and past minutes of our membership and Board of Directors monthly meetings.

Our website has our calendar of events for the year, as well as flyers describing upcoming chapter activities and our monthly speakers. It also contains our roster and contact numbers and e-mails of our Directors and Membership Chairs. You will need a password to look at the chapter roster, so please send me an e-mail and I will provide the password to you.

Please visit our website and learn how useful it can be for you, and visit it on a monthly basis, if not more frequently. If you have any suggestions for improvement, please pass them along to me at webmaster@azchaptermoaa.org.

Note: Luncheon Price Change

For the past four years the price for our luncheon has been \$19. McCormick Ranch has done a terrific job keeping our price level and providing us with exceptional food and service.

This year it is necessary to raise the price to \$20. We will continue to receive the best the Ranch can provide for us. We couldn't ask for a better location for our meetings with the ambiance, the food and the service they offer.

February Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: February 19, 2011
11:00 a.m. Social Hour
12:00 Lunch

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
Scottsdale, Arizona

COST: \$20 Per Person

DRESS: Business Casual

MENU Chef's Choice

PROGRAM: Col Jill Nelson, Commander of the Arizona National Guard's Joint Counter Narco-Terrorism Task Force, is our guest speaker.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 17. Cancellations need to be received the same day to receive your money back. Use the reservation form below.

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General Fund: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund: \$ _____ **[a 501(c)(3) charitable fund]**

Name of Donor : _____ Identify me as a donor in the next newsletter. YES ___ NO ___

MEAL / MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ meals for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (**\$20.00 per person**) for **February 19, 2011**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** Received No Later Than: **February 17, 2011**

Send to: **Bill Roscher, 4337 E. Sands Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050; 480-948-3609; e-mail wroscher@cox.net**

Welcome Our Newest Members

Ole C. Griffith, Col, USAF (Ret)
Phoenix

Nancy J. Burt, COL, USA (Ret)
Scottsdale

**Please meet and greet
our new members.**

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