

Minutes of the March 2011 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on March 19, 2011 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation.

Members Present: John Ady welcomed all and introduced guests at each table including new member Steve Glantz. Total people present: **35** including 31 members/spouses, 4 guests.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported the General Fund is at \$10,837.91 and the Scholarship fund is \$11,146.63 with an additional \$50 in petty cash for a total of \$22,034.54. \$105 was collected at today's raffle with \$55 going towards the scholarship fund.

Arrangements: John Ady encouraged all to attend this year's annual theater outing to the musical, *All Shook Up*, on 25 June 2011. *The Sentinel* provides all the information to sign up. The \$50.25 price includes the show, lunch, soft drinks and gratuity. It promises to be a fun and entertaining event.

Auxiliary: Kathy Upchurch said the Veterans enjoy Bingo. The auxiliary and member spouses will continue to support Bingo the first Thursday of every month at the Veterans Home. Contact Kathy if you can help on April 7th.

Programs: John Ady announced next month's speaker will be Betty Tackaberry Blake, a Women Airforce Service Pilot (WASP) in World War II.

Legislative Report: Gary Fredricks is attending a national MOAA Board meeting but provided a brief update to John Ady. John explained we are still in a state of flux with national legislative affairs. All Department of Defense issues are subject to debate. The President's 2012 fiscal year budget did not pick up the deficit commission recommendations which members of Congress on both sides of the aisle are supporting to some extent, thus the next weeks and months are going to create some interesting situations as our leaders try to reach compromises to restore our fiscal health. The DOD initial proposal was less onerous than expected but nothing is settled yet.

Membership: Beth Cullison reported 85% of the membership have renewed their dues for 2011. We currently have 189 members in good standing. Dan Conway has mailed individual letters for those that had not yet renewed and is planning a phone call campaign for those that did not respond to his letter.

Golf Tournament: John Ady said the April 8th golf tournament is fast approaching. Pat Dale needs one or more volunteers for recognizing anyone making a hole-in-one on the second hole.

Arizona National Guard Conference: John Ady explained the MOAA Arizona Council of Chapters meeting May 20-21 coincides with the annual AZ National Guard Conference. Due to the conflict with the Council meeting, more volunteers are needed to staff the table at the National Guard conference. 15 new members were recruited for our chapter at last year's conference. Materials will be available and it's a good opportunity to meet many National Guard members. Let John know if you can volunteer a few hours of your time.

Scholarship Donations: Rob Welch sent letters to 100 defense contractors in Maricopa County but to date only one company has responded with a contribution. John Ady mentioned that Rob had also succeeded in obtaining our Epson digital multi-media projector free of charge directly from Epson, saving our chapter approximately \$1,000.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

Lieutenant Colonel Hoyt Slocum: John Ady introduced Lt. Col. Slocum, Standards and Evaluations Chief at the 161st Air Refueling Wing in Phoenix. He is a Command and Evaluator pilot with over 3,000 flying hours in T-37, T-38, KC135D, E, and R model aircraft. Lt. Col. Slocum gave an interesting slide presentation including background history of the 161st which included Senator Barry Goldwater's involvement. Their primary mission is to provide aerial refueling of military aircraft and transportation of personnel, patients and cargo anywhere, anytime. They also have many enabling mission sets to include trained aircrews, aircraft maintenance professionals, a medical group, civil engineering, security forces, logistics readiness, services and more. They deploy hundreds of people every year to support the nation's needs. Lt. Col. Slocum reviewed many of the aircraft used, shared experiences on the job and ran through partnerships developed including ESGR, JROTC, Veterans of Foreign War Posts, and many others. His presentation ended with a captivating Q&A session.

Chapter 50/50 Raffle collected \$105 with \$55 going to the scholarship fund. Three prizes were awarded: one \$10, one \$15 and one \$25 for a total of \$55 awarded.

Benediction provided by John Ady

Adjournment: 1347 hours

Respectfully submitted:
Beth Cullison, Secretary