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President's Perspective

by John Ady



Hosting the Arizona Council

Our chapter hosted the semi-annual meeting of the Arizona Council of Chapters May 20 at the Holiday Inn in Fountain Hills. The Council of Chapters is the state organization that provides support and assistance to the eight MOAA chapters in Arizona.

Planning took place with a committee consisting of Ron Perkins, chair, Marie Fredricks and Jim Cullison.

Highlights included presentations by Joey Strickland, Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans Affairs, and Kathy Beasley, CAPT USN (Ret), from the MOAA National staff.

Kathy is Government Relations Deputy Director for Health Affairs and holds a key role in working with Congress on a variety of issues regarding active duty and retired personnel and their families. She is a former Navy nurse and has in-depth knowledge of issues as they relate to health care, the federal budget and the national deficit.

Representing our chapter along with me were Gary

Fredricks, Chuck Schluter, Ron Perkins and Dan Conway. Gary made a presentation on legislative affairs, and Chuck put on an informative presentation on ESGR. Incidentally, Gary and Dan are former Arizona Council presidents.

Chapter Awards Presented

Ken Yamanouchi, Council President and a member of the Luke Chapter, presented me with three national MOAA Communication Awards for chapters with 120-199 members. We received first place for our website developed by Rob Welch, first place for our recruiting brochure developed jointly by Dan Conway and Terry Tassin, and first runner-up for our chapter newsletter, The Sentinel, edited by Jim Cullison.

Arizona chapters picked up seven national awards, with our chapter winning three of them. Hats off to these members for their splendid efforts.

Chapter May Be In Line For Fiesta Bowl Funds

The Fiesta Bowl's plight might benefit our Scholarship Fund.

Dan Conway pointed out at the Council of Chapters meeting that the Fiesta Bowl is accepting grant applications for the \$1 million in donations it's been ordered to give to Arizona youth charities as part of its deal to stay in the college football Bowl Championship Series.

Applications must be filed by June 13, and the money will be distributed to registered 501(c)(3) organizations, which would include our JROTC Scholarship Fund.

Chapter President John Ady appointed Rob Welch, Scholarship Chairman, to prepare the application and serve as the point of contact in the hopes we can receive some of the funds.

"It certainly looks like we can qualify," John said. "Whether we could get \$1,000, \$5,000 or more, it's worth a try. "We have no idea how long this process will take, but I hope to receive good news at some point."

Photos left to Right: Ken Yamancouchi, Kathy Beasley, Joey Strickland.

