



## Minutes of the May 2011 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA



A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on May 21, 2011, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1133 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation.

**Members Present:** John Ady welcomed all and began with introductions. Colonel Ken Yamanouchi, President of the Arizona Council of Chapters, was introduced and thanked everyone for their support. Ken said there are about 370,000 National MOAA members and about 66,000 belong to a local chapter. He went on to say it is the Chapters that truly do all the work and commended everyone for their support and involvement. John then had each cadet briefly introduced followed by an introduction of other guests. JROTC Instructor, Lt Col John Simmons was present and became our newest chapter member. There were 17 guests and a total of 57 attendees present.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bill Roscher summarized the chapter's accounts: General Fund \$11,698.68 plus \$50 Petty Cash, Scholarship Fund \$13,147.34 for a total of \$24,896.02. Six people added money to their luncheon reservations to support the scholarship fund. Bill announced \$146 was collected for the raffle with \$76 going to the scholarship fund.

**Arrangements:** Marie Fredricks said time is running out to get tickets for the June 25<sup>th</sup> dinner play *All Shook Up*. The cost is \$50.25 per person and includes the show, complete meal with soft drinks/ice tea/coffee and gratuity. You order off a menu and it's a fun event to socialize with other members.

**Secretary:** Beth Cullison was happy to announce Ron Perkins, Membership Chairman, has officially taken over the chapter membership roster. We now have 201 members in good standing.

**Programs:** Chuck Schluter wasn't able to attend today's meeting but John Ady explained he has terrific programs planned for the remainder of the year and is already working on speakers for 2012. Anyone with ideas for potential speakers should contact Chuck. Chuck has Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu scheduled for the September meeting, which should be interesting for all.

**Legislative Report:** Gary Fredricks continues to focus on legislative issues and referred to *The Sentinel* for a review of current State issues. Gary went on to explain at the National level, the Department of Defense requires two bills: an authorization bill & an appropriations bill to approve the money. Gary recommended everyone go to the National MOAA website and read the report entitled, Worry About the Flood, Not the "Camel's Nose", which uses the Mississippi flood as a

comparison. Ron Perkins will be e-mailing updates from National throughout the summer months and ask for member support in sending e-mails to Congress.

**Other Announcements:** John Ady encouraged members to attend the Memorial Day event at our National cemetery. Several chapter members will be participating in the Color Guard.

The **U.S. Army** will be celebrating their 236<sup>th</sup> birthday on June 14<sup>th</sup>.

John received a package addressed to Jim Cullison from auxiliary member June Bryan. She is now 92 years old and explained she loves to read *The Sentinel*. Her husband, Colonel John H. Bryan, was president in 1985 and 1986. She wanted Jim to have some of the previous newsletters she saved and expressed how much she enjoys reading current editions of *The Sentinel*. June extended greetings to our chapter.

**Lunch** was served and enjoyed by all.

**Presentations:** Dan Conway announced TriWest Healthcare Alliance is contributing \$2,000 to the scholarship fund. **Edwin “Biff” Messinger**, Director of Operations for TriWest, provided the check. John Ady presented Biff a certificate of appreciation explaining how much their support means to the scholarship fund. Next, John presented **Kathy Upchurch** with an award from National MOAA for her leadership and support for MOAA as Kathy steps down from her role as Auxiliary Chair. John explained National MOAA gave our chapter a \$250 kickback for a cruise Dan Conway booked through MOAA Travel. John encouraged anyone making travel plans to book through MOAA Travel so the chapter will receive additional funds. **Bill Roscher** was recognized for stepping forward to become our chapter treasurer following the death of our previous treasurer about 2 ½ years ago. Bill has made many contributions to the chapter and maintains impeccable financial records. Bill was presented a letter of commendation and lapel pin from National for his exceptional service. John awarded **Jim Cullison** the National MOAA 1<sup>st</sup> runner-up communications award for *The Sentinel* newsletter. **Terry Tassin** and **Dan Conway** received the first place 2010 Communication Award from National for developing the best new member recruiting brochure. Although not available at the meeting, John acknowledged **Rob Welch** for earning the first place National MOAA website award. After our previous webmaster unexpectedly moved to Virginia, Rob stepped forward, completely revamped our chapter website and continues to keep it current.

**Scholarship Presentations:** Terry Tassin explained that each of the five Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps students was being recognized for maintaining an exceptional scholastic standing, demonstrating excellent qualities of leadership and having shown good moral character through participation in extracurricular activities and other community services. All five recipients were unanimously approved to each receive a \$1,000 scholarship. Terry called each

recipient up to the podium while summarizing their many accomplishments. John Ady and Biff Messinger (TriWest), presented each recipient a certificate and \$1,000 check. Following are the winners:

**Jennifer M. Ellis**, Moon Valley Navy JROTC  
**Jaime Martinez, Jr.**, North High Army JROTC  
**Carolina G. Mora**, Alhambra Army JROTC  
**Lyna Ngo**, Sandra Day O'Connor Air Force JROTC  
**Genevia MacFarlane Turnbull**, Cortez Navy JROTC

After all scholarship awards were presented, each recipient was asked to step forward to talk about how much the award means to them and their plans for the future. All recipients thanked the chapter for being selected and explained how the money will help with furthering their education. **Jennifer M. Ellis** plans to attend Arizona State University majoring in electrical engineering with plans to become a nuclear engineer in the Navy. **Jaime Martinez, Jr.** will also attend Arizona State University having received a four year Army ROTC scholarship. Once Jaime graduates and serves eight years in the Army he will decide whether to serve 20 years or go into law enforcement. **Carolina G. Mora** talked about how much the past four years in JROTC taught her and helped her realize her desire to go into the medical field. She will attend Northern Arizona University and plans to become a cardiovascular surgeon in the Army. **Lyna Ngo** thanked her JROTC instructor, Lt Col John Simmons, for the wisdom and guidance provided. She will be attending the University of Arizona College of Pharmacy and join the ROTC to enter the Air Force upon graduation. **Genevia MacFarlane Turnbull** earned a scholarship to attend Arizona State University. She will major in early childhood education and make teaching a career. She plans to use her scholarship money to purchase a laptop to use for her studies.

Terry Tassin closed by thanking “**Biff**” **Messinger**, TriWest Healthcare Alliance, for their generous donation. Terry thanked the scholarship selection committee, particularly Rob Welch, and also Pat Dale for raising so much money through the semi-annual golf tournaments. And last but not least, Terry thanked all chapter members for their financial support which helps to award so many scholarships.

**Chapter 50/50 Raffle** collected \$146 with \$76 going to the scholarship fund. Nancy Burt handled the drawings awarding three prizes: one \$15, one \$20 and one \$35 for a total of \$70 awarded.

**Benediction** provided by John Ady

**Adjournment:** 1333 hours

Respectfully submitted:

Beth Cullison, Secretary