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President's Perspective

by John Ady



Greetings to All

If you missed the October picnic luncheon and our annual Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve program, you missed a great meeting and luncheon. A big thank you to Marie Fredricks and Chuck Schluter, who are primarily responsible for this event.

Thoughts on Steve Jobs

Turning to other matters, I wanted to comment on the passing at the age of only 56 of Steve Jobs, co-founder of Apple Corporation. He stands as one of the true geniuses of modern times in terms of technological advances that have had a positive effect on the world, including the U.S. military. I heard a commentator recently call him the "Thomas Edison of modern times," and that is certainly the case.

What I found interesting in reading the various articles about him was that after finding out he had a very difficult cancer to deal with, he rededicated his life to trying to work even

smarter and faster to develop all these wonderful products that we now take for granted. I cannot imagine how many jobs he created directly and indirectly through his efforts.

Motivated by Adversity

In delivering the commencement address at Stanford University a few years back, after he knew of his health problems, Jobs told the graduating class that the awareness of his health issues and what might lie ahead for him only sharpened his motivation to work harder and smarter. The results

speaking for themselves.

A Message for All

There's a great message there for all of us. If you have a "bucket list" that doesn't seem to get the attention it deserves, regardless of your age or health, it's probably something that warrants some of your time and attention going forward. Maybe that even includes assisting your chapter in some way if you are not already! Believe me, we can always use the help.

Meet a Week Earlier

In closing, I wish to remind everyone that the **November luncheon** will be one week earlier, **on the 12th**, as your Board felt we wanted to move the date away from Thanksgiving. Hope to see you then.

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:

- . November 3
- . December 1
- . January 5

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:

- . November 12 (Second Saturday instead of third)
- . December 17
- . January 21

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TAPS

We regret to inform you of the passing of one of our members:

Arthur R. (Ron) Worthington, Col USAF (Ret)

June 29, 1943—October 11, 2011

Chapter First Vice President, 2007-09

Chapter Second Vice President, 2006

Chapter Director, 2010-11

JROTC Scholarship Chairman, 2005-10

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family.



November Luncheon

Spotlight Will Be on Officers For 2012, Meritorious Service

Two annual activities will highlight the November luncheon meeting: election of officers for 2012 and awarding of Meritorious Service Medals to exceptional chapter members.

Officer Election

The tentative slate of officers approved by the Board of Directors to be presented for vote are:

- John Ady, President
- Ron Perkins, Immediate Past President
- To be determined, First Vice President
- Jim Cullison, Second Vice President
- Bill Roscher, Treasurer
- Carol Winkler, Secretary
- Ron Green, Rance Farrell, Nancy Burt, Jim Draper and Rob Welch, Directors.

Floor nominations also will be accepted.

Meritorious Service Awards

MSAs will be presented to the following members and spouses for exceptional service to the chapter over the last year: Terry Tassin, Gary Fredricks and Chuck Schluter, 7th award; Pat Dale, 6th award; Dan Conway and Marie Fredricks, 5th; Ron Perkins, 4th; Bill Roscher and Jim Cullison, 3rd; Rob Welch and Beth Cullison, 2nd; Paul Schnur, 1st.

Come help celebrate these chapter ceremonies.

Raise a Toast to the U.S Marine Corps

On November 10, 1775, a committee of the Continental Congress approved a resolution creating the Continental Marines, and the U.S. Marine Corps was born. The committee was meeting in Tun Tavern in Philadelphia. Tun was an Old English word meaning keg of beer.

Also that day, according to the Marine Heritage Press, the tavern proprietor was named chief Marine recruiter, working out of the tavern. Reportedly, "recruits flocked to the tavern, lured by cold beer and the opportunity to serve in the new Corps of Marines." The rest is history.

**Veterans Day, November 11
Fly Your Flag Proudly**

TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

Again this year we will be collecting **new, unwrapped** toys from members for delivery to the USMC Reserve Center for their Toys For Tots program at Christmas.

All members are encouraged to bring **at least** one toy for donation to this worthy program.

Usually, the 9-12 year-old age group is the most difficult to accommodate. Bring your donations to the November luncheon meeting; there will be a collection box set up in the corner. No stuffed animals please.

Bring your old cell phone to a chapter meeting for the Cell Phones for Soldiers program. The phones are exchanged for calling cards for deployed service members to keep in touch with family members.

Christmas Is Coming

Roll Out the Holly, Join the Fun At December Luncheon

Start your Christmas celebration early at the Arizona Chapter's December 17 luncheon.

Relax during lunch as the Dickens Carolers serenade us with songs of the season.

Then get ready for the fun as you vie for a boatload of brightly wrapped gifts provided by your chapter officers in the annual Chinese Auction. In this event, you might get to keep the gift you select, or it might be "stolen" by another chapter member. You might even get a chance to steal it back.

It's always an entertaining and fun-filled meeting, with a good meal to add to the enjoyment.

So plan now to be there: December 17, social hour at 11:00, lunch at noon, at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. More details next month.

Scholarship Donation Honors MG John Renner, Phoenix Native

Auxiliary Member Jean Hilding gave the Chapter Scholarship Fund a big boost with a \$500 donation in memory of MG John Renner, USA (Ret), who died earlier this year.

Jean is a very good friend of MG Renner's mother, Mrs. Mary Renner, who lives in Glendale. She said since JROTC is a popular activity and a priority for our chapter, it would be a good cause for her donation in honor of Mrs. Renner's son.

MG Renner was a Phoenix native and University of Arizona graduate who served two tours in Vietnam. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, two Silver Stars, Bronze Star with V for Valor and two Purple Hearts. His final active duty assignments were Commanding General at Fort Jackson, SC, and Deputy Commanding General of NATO forces in Southeast Europe. He retired in 1994 and remained active in community service in Columbia, SC.



Donations to Chapter Funds

Scholarship Fund

\$50, Ron and Betty Green

\$50, Gary and Marie Fredricks

Consider a donation to our funds using the Financial Contributions Form on Page 7.

One Chapter, Many Faces

Our Arizona Chapter, currently consisting of 216 members, has many faces. It is composed of:

- 144 retired officers
- 21 active officers
- 7 former officers
- 44 Auxiliary members

Members' service affiliations are:

- Army, 69 members
- Air Force, 58 members
- Navy, 27 members
- Coast Guard, 10 members
- Marines, 5 members
- Public Health Service, 3 members



No Waiting in This Chow Line

Ron Green isn't the Cookie Monster, but he knows a good cookie when he sees one. There were plenty of those and other mouth-watering morsels at the October picnic to go along with ESGR award presentations. See more about the awards on the next page.

Welcome Our Newest Members

Ralph Martinez, CW4, USA (Ret)
And Wife Marjorie, Scottsdale

John A. Replogle, COL, USAR, (Ret)
And Wife Marianne Buettner, Phoenix

Richard L. Weiss, 1LT, USMC (Frm)
And Wife Maryanne, Scottsdale

Please meet and greet our new members.

ESGR, Arizona Chapter Honor Exemplary Employers



McKesson Pharmaceutical

McKesson Pharmaceutical received the Above and Beyond Award and three Patriot Awards. Pictured clockwise from top left: Chapter President John Ady, Distribution Center Manager Ruben Vital, Human Resources Coordinator Mary Schneider, Warehouse Supervisor Scott Conlan, and Chuck Schluter (Above and Beyond Award); Scott Conlan and SPC James Ndungu, ARNG; Mary Schneider and James Ndungu; Ruben Vital. Scott and Mary were nominated by James, and Ruben was nominated by CPT Jerry Cole, ARNG, currently deployed.

The Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve presented awards to local employers who provide exceptional support to their employees called to active duty. The event took place October 15 at a barbecue picnic hosted by the Arizona Chapter. President John Ady presented the awards, assisted by Chuck Schluter, Arizona ESGR Outreach Coordinator, who read the citations.

nFocus Solutions



Accepting Patriot Awards for nFocus Solutions are Company President Ananda Roberts, left, and Human Relations Manager Betty Lou Evanson. Both were nominated by PO1 Matthew Lightfoot, USNR, currently in pre-deployment training.



Glendale Union High School District

A Patriot Award was presented to Dr. Jennifer Johnson, Superintendent. Also pictured are, from left, John Ady, SSG Michael Varela, USAR, who made the nomination, SFC Charles Brown, Michael's Platoon Sergeant, and Chuck Schluter.



Desert Schools Federal Credit Union

Melissa Crowe, wife of deployed SMS John Crowe, USAFR, holds the Patriot Award won by Manager Rich Farrell, who could not attend.

VSS Security Services

The Patriot Award was accepted by SSG Anthony Rumore, ARNG, for Brian Vigilante, Company Senior VP, who could not attend.



Honeywell Aerospace

Brian Sill accepted the Patriot Award for Honeywell. The company was nominated by CW3 John Zdanis, USAR, who is currently on his second deployment.





Personal Affairs
by **Dan Conway**
Personal Affairs Officer

**Notes from the Recent
Personal Affairs Workshop**

From CAPT Norm Miller, USN (Ret). Norm is a past Arizona Chapter president. He is an attorney and is approved by MOAA National as a financial planner.

His phone number is 602-300-3645.

If you have a trust, all of your assets should be in the trust. You still need a will for any odds and ends which didn't get into the trust. The will should name the trust as the beneficiary. That will make the trust the vehicle for the distribution of all assets.

If you don't have a trust, title to automobiles, bank accounts, savings accounts and investments should be shown as in the names of "husband **or** wife". This will allow for transfer of ownership to the surviving spouse immediately upon the death of either the husband or wife.

Again, if you don't have a trust, title to your real estate should be in the name of "husband and wife as community property with right of survivorship". This form will minimize the tax impact upon the death of the second party.

From Debra Boelkhe, who is a Community Outreach and Education Specialist from the State Attorney General Office.

Her phone number is 602-542-7806.

The Top 10 Consumer Scams are auto purchases and repairs, work at home jobs, certified check fraud, charity fraud and scams, internet auctions and fraud, identity theft, mortgage foreclosure rescue schemes, payday loans, prize notification scams, and telemarketing rip offs.

The elderly are special targets of all of these scams.

Elder Care Abuse is a serious problem in Arizona.

The Attorney General's office has a life care packet which meets all Arizona law requirements.

From Daniel Conway, whom you all know.

The MOAA publication "Help Your Survivor Now" is a great resource to ensure that all of your records and papers are in order when you or your spouse die or are unable to care for yourself.

The Military is removing Social Security Numbers from Military ID Cards. This can be done at the Army National Guard at 1335 N. 52nd St., Bldg M5710, 0730-1530 hours, M-F.

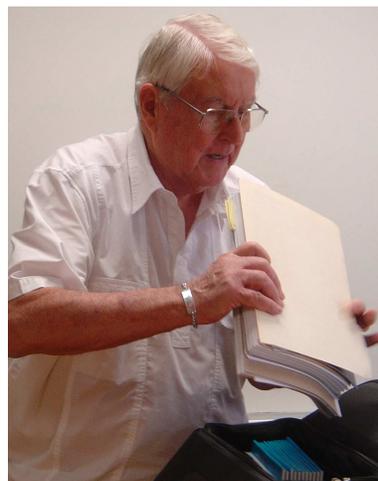
A great resource at the time of death of a service member or spouse is Glenda Moore at the Luke Casualty Assistance Office. Her phone is 623-856-7834.

Several publications which were distributed at the workshop will be available at the November luncheon.

Please consider me as a resource and don't hesitate to call with your questions and concerns. My phone is 480-368-1427.

Daniel M. Conway

(Editor's Note: If you missed this event, you really missed it. Dan put together a terrific workshop, with invaluable information and advice on hanging on to your assets while you're alive and making sure those assets are distributed according to your wishes when you pass away. And to make it even more special, it was free. If this opportunity comes up again, don't miss it.)



Dan Conway wraps up another informative Personal Affairs Workshop.

It's almost time for annual dues

Here's a heads-up: membership renewal for 2012 begins next month. Look for a renewal form in the next edition of *The Sentinel*.



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks, Legislative Chair

Perfect Storm Brewing?

As we approach the end of the year, I am wondering if we may not be approaching a "Perfect Storm." We have four critical legislative issue deadlines that are all piling on top of each other. They are November 18 when we reach the limit on the "Continuing Resolution" under which the government is currently operating, November 23 which is the date the "Deficit Reduction Super Committee" must report its recommendations to decrease the deficit by at least an additional \$1.2 Trillion over 10 years, December 23 when Congress must vote up-or-down on the deficit recommendations, and January 1 when the mandatory and much delayed cut in Medicare/TRICARE payments to doctors is currently scheduled to take effect.

Budget Cut Cliff Hanger: As FY2011 came to a close in September, Congress failed to pass the FY2012 Defense Authorization Bill and the various Appropriations Bills to fund the government beginning October 1. Rather, at the last minute they avoided a government shut down and passed a "Continuing Resolution," allowing the government to continue operating at near FY2011 levels until November 18. The FY2012 bills are supposed to give us an indication of where Congress will impose initial budget cuts of nearly a trillion dollars as agreed to by the August 2 Budget Control Act of 2011, which also raised the debt limit and established the Deficit Reduction Super Committee. The DOD share of that trillion dollar deficit reduction agreement was \$350 billion over 10 years, an obviously not easy task in itself. If Congress is unable to pass the required FY2012 bills, the government will be forced to shut down or another "Continuing Resolution" will be required. Given the difficulties Congress is having identifying these budget cuts, it's reasonable to assume we will be facing another cliff hanger.

Super Committee Deadline: The other end of the deficit reduction requirements of the Aug 2 Budget Control Act is the report of the Deficit Reduction Committee due November 23.

Although we have heard several recommendations that have gone to the Super Committee, such as those from the President, Senator Levin and Senator McCain, we haven't heard much of what the Super Committee is thinking or where they are headed. I think we (MOAA) have done all we could do. We conducted an e-mail campaign, we prepared snail mail letters for each MOAA member to send to their Congressmen or Congresswomen who are members of the Super Committee, MOAA National sent letters to each of the 12 Super Committee members, and our President, VADM Norb Ryan, and members of his staff were able to arrange face to face meetings with several of the 12. Now, I think we just have to wait and see what recommendations come out of the committee. Whatever, they really need to pass the up-or-down Congressional vote by December 23 or we will face even more stringent DOD cuts mandated by the Aug 2 Budget Control Act.

Medicare/TRICARE Cuts: The last "Perfect Storm" issue is the mandated cut to Medicare/TRICARE doctors scheduled to take effect January 1. It's easy for this one to get lost in the other budget issues. You will recall that we believe this cut, which now amounts to about 30%, if allowed to take place would significantly limit the number of doctors willing to accept the coverage. We have been able to head this one off for the last several years but have been unable to get a permanent fix implemented due to the fact that the federal budget does not yet account for the additional \$300 billion or so by which it would further raise the federal deficit. If the Super Committee does not deal with this issue in their recommendations, expect MOAA to initiate an e-mail blitz to our Congressmen to try to head off this potentially devastating issue once again.

Some Good News: With all that serious discussion said, I would like to point out some good news for you if you haven't already heard it. For the fifth year in a row, MOAA has been named as one of the top lobbying organizations in the country by *The Hill* newspaper, the largest distributed newspaper on Capitol Hill.

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Legislative Update

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It is very significant to be so recognized from all of the hundreds of lobbyist organizations that exist, especially given the fact that we were the only military or veteran organization so recognized. This is a credit to our MOAA national staff, our 11 registered MOAA lobbyists led by VADM Ryan and Col Steve Strobridge and our own grassroots support supplied by our chapter system. Thank you for being an active part in our efforts to advocate for our military personnel, our veterans and retirees, their families and survivors.

November Luncheon Meeting

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

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
Scottsdale, Arizona

COST: \$20 Per Person

DRESS: Casual

MENU Chef's Choice

PROGRAM: Election of Chapter Officers for 2012 and presentation of Meritorious Service Awards to members who provided exceptional service to the chapter over the last year.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10. Use the reservation form below. Cancellations must be received the same day to receive your money back.

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General Fund: \$ _____

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

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MEAL / MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ meals for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (**\$20.00 per person**) for **November 12, 2011**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** **Received No Later Than: November 10, 2011**

Send to: **Bill Roscher, 4337 E. Sands Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050.** wroscher@cox.net

Like Free Meals? Try These

Veterans and active military can enjoy a free meal in conjunction with Veterans Day at these restaurants. Bring proof of service.

- Sassi in north Scottsdale, November 11. Limited seating, make reservations.
- Applebees, November 11.
- McCormick & Schmick, November 13, make reservations.
- Golden Corral, November 14.

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