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President's Perspective

by Jim Cullison



Memorial Day, the chapter again will provide a color guard and lay a commemorative wreath, joining other veterans' organizations in the annual tribute to those who died in battle. The ceremony will begin at 8 a.m. at the National Cemetery on Cave Creek Road north of Route 51. This is a moving event well worth attending.

Armed Forces Day

May 17 is also Armed Forces Day, a holiday created in 1949 to honor all who serve in the nation's military.

As Armed Forces Day approaches, it's common to think of the men and women who are willing to bear arms in defense of our country. But I also like to think about the many ways our military members have served our own citizens and our friends abroad without the force of arms.

Saving Yellowstone

For example, I was watching a television documentary about our national parks a while back. It noted that when our first national park,

Yellowstone, was created there was no agency like the National Park Service to maintain order. As a result, there was a rash of vandalism and environmental destruction, so the Army was sent to patrol the area. The Army's presence put an end to the destruction until a formal agency could take over the job. It was said that, without the Army's peaceful presence, Yellowstone Park, one of the crown jewels of our park system, would not exist as it does today. That's a pretty bright feather in the Army's cap, I'd say.

Many Examples

All of the services have similar examples. Think of the Berlin Airlift, the Navy and Marines helping provide relief after the devastating typhoon in the Philippines and the earthquake in Haiti, the Coast Guard almost daily providing assistance to civilians in distress at sea, the National Guard being called up to assist local populations in times of national disaster, most

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Arizona Chapter Calendar

Board of Directors meets at 1030 hours the first Thursday of the month.

Location: National Guard Regional Training Institute, 5636 E. McDowell Rd. Show ID for entry. Members welcome.

Upcoming meetings:

- May 2
- September 4

Member Meetings/Luncheons are 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:

- May 17
- September 20

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May Is Special for Us

May is a special month for the Arizona Chapter, as we give recognition to shining stars of the JROTC senior class, tomorrow's leaders, and pay respects to the warriors who gave the full measure to protect and preserve our freedoms.

At our May 17 luncheon, the outstanding recipients chosen by our Scholarship Committee will receive scholarships to help them pursue their college career and serve their country in uniform. This year, our two stellar recipients will each receive \$2,500 to get them started in college.

Wear Your Uniform

Plan to attend to give these deserving students our support as they embark on their futures. They will attend in uniform with family members, and we want to give them a warm welcome and wish them the best. So join them by wearing your uniform or your service medals.

Then on May 26,

President's Perspective...continued

recently including the devastating tornadoes in Arkansas. There are many examples.

So as the country marks Armed Forces Day, we should be thankful that each generation produces warriors willing to bear arms, but also that these same warriors are a force prepared to fulfill humanitarian missions anywhere in the world in time of need.

Bill and JoAnn are Back

Our Treasurer Bill Roscher is back following a monthlong cruise as he and his lovely wife JoAnn celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary. In his well-deserved absence Marie Fredricks and Beth Cullison filled in handling donations and meeting reservations, and Dave Fleming finished up accepting the 2014 dues renewals.

Thanks Marie, Beth and Dave. Welcome back Bill and Joann. And Happy Anniversary!

Have a great summer. See you in September.

Member's Spotlight

Chuck's Army Career Got Started in the Navy

Chuck Schluter is a retired Army Colonel, but his military career began as a blue water sailor in the Navy in the mid-60s. He was a crewman aboard the USS Colonial (LSD 18), an amphibious warship vessel bound for Southeast Asia, where the ship and crew participated in several Vietnam campaigns. He told his story as our April Spotlight Speaker.

An LSD (Landing Ship Dock) launches landing craft and amphibious vehicles. The Colonial's motto was "Large or Small We Haul All." and its nickname was the Vung Tau Da Nang Express.

In addition to Vietnam service, Chuck and the crew made stops in the Philippines, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Japan and a variety of Pacific islands, including Johnson Atoll, which was not much more than a big sand bar in the middle of the ocean.

The Colonial was involved in a

Reservations are a Must

By Arlene Day
Arrangements Chair

Reservations for the monthly luncheons, and any MOAA event, are required. We were lucky that McCormick Ranch was able to accommodate the additional 13 non-RSVP'd guests at the April luncheon by setting up extra tables at the last minute and fortunately had enough food for the extra attendees.

However, the club only plans for a 5% overage (13 additional guests was a 30% increase). Also, having to set up tables when the event has started takes the staff away from serving our luncheon meal on time and throws off the schedule of events. We only have the room until 2 p.m., and many times there is a follow-on event, so the room must be cleared promptly.

We certainly don't want to turn anyone away at our events, so reservations are a must. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

rescue at sea on one occasion when the ship came upon a Chinese fishing vessel that had broken down.

The Chinese crew, having been adrift, had become weak and was grateful for the Americans' aid.

The Colonial crew fed the fishermen, repaired their boat and helped them get back to Taiwan.

Chuck later transferred to Army Air Defense Artillery, and a new military career was born.

MOAA Leadership Award for Chuck

Chuck Schluter received a surprise following his spotlight presentation when Past President Rob Welch presented him with MOAA's leadership pin.

An accompanying letter signed by VADM Norb Ryan, MOAA President, cited Chuck for his "organizational ability, dedication and persistence which led to the successful reorganization of the chapter." He added, "I am grateful for all you continue to do."



Rob Welch presents the MOAA Leadership Pin to Chuck Schluter

Chapter, ESGR Join to Honor Local Employers for Support

Our April luncheon was highlighted by recognition of three businesses and a law enforcement agency that gave exceptional support to their National Guard and Reserve employees.

This annual event is sponsored by the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) and hosted by the Arizona Chapter.

The employer recipients of ESGR's Patriot Award and their citizen soldier/sailor nominators are shown here.

The awards were announced by Butch Wise, Arizona ESGR Executive Director. Presentations were made by Chapter President Jim Cullison, and ESGR Central Area Chairman Ken Yamamori of APS, shown at left and right respectively.



Above, Jason Saavedra, Director of Global Diversity Recruiting for Intel, received the award. He was nominated by MAJ Robert Polston, Arizona Army National Guard.

Below, Lindsey Anderson accepted the award on behalf of Michele and KC Mack for their company, 95 and Sunny. They were nominated by 2LT Matthew Harvey, Arizona Army National Guard.



Sergeant Joyce Miller of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office, above, received the award. She was nominated by Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeremy Smith, U.S. Navy Reserve.

Below, Laurie Darr, Zone Manager for Wal-Mart, was presented the award. She was nominated by PFC Eugene Malvo, U.S. Army Reserve, who is currently deployed.



Value of Guard/Reserve & Employers

Chuck Schluter, Arizona ESGR Employer Outreach Director and ESGR Training Director, described the importance of the Guard and Reserve to the military mission and the resources ESGR uses to gain support.

He noted that more than 844,000 reservists have been activated since 9/11, with 71,662 currently mobilized, including 564 from Arizona.

ESGR is assisted by Chambers of Commerce, Veterans Service Organizations, including MOAA, and civic organizations.

The mission of ESGR is to advocate, recognize (as was done at our luncheon), inform and mediate. ESGR is a Department of Defense agency that seeks to promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees.

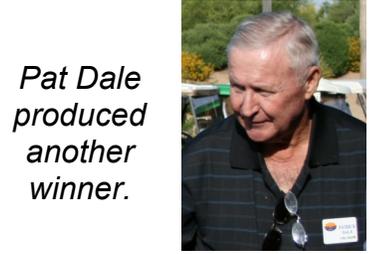
A Fine Day for Golf

The chapter's annual Scholarship Golf Tournament May 1 was another success, with 82 players taking to the links at Rio Verde Country Club. It was windy, but that didn't diminish the enjoyment and camaraderie.

Pat Dale put together another fine event, and a group of volunteers chipped in to make the event a winner. Shown here is some of the action.



Bernie Conway and Ben Budzinski watch Ben's tee shot. Bill Preece, a MOAA member from Texas, successfully escapes a sand trap.



Pat Dale produced another winner.



The registration table was a busy place as golfers checked-in bright and early. Rob Welch signaled the start with a piper's medley.



Ron Perkins urges his putt to find the cup, while Kathy Davis watches her approach shot take flight.



JROTC SCHOLARSHIP NEWS by Rob Welch Scholarship Chairman

Logo Shirts Support Scholarships

Now is your chance to purchase one of our beautiful golf shirts sporting our chapter logo. Men and women shirts are available in either black or white. You may order your shirt/s in sizes small through 2XL (\$1 extra for 2XL).



We will place an order on May 5, so please send your order right away to Rob Welch, either at scholarship@azmoaa.org or (623) 533-3404. List price on these golf shirts is \$60, but we are selling them for \$32 per shirt (includes tax), of which \$10 goes to our Scholarship Fund.

Rob

2 More Communication Awards

MOAA has announced that The Arizona Chapter was winner of two Communication Awards for 2013.

The chapter won two second place awards, one each for the chapter newsletter and website. MOAA chapters in Arizona received a total of four awards, half to our chapter.



Personal Affairs

By Lee Lange
Personal Affairs Officer

Your Best Source for Benefits Info

For years, MOAA has been the best source on the planet for information on military and survivor benefits. To help the benefits team get the word out, MOAA has put together an outstanding set of publications. These publications are continuously updated by MOAA to reflect changes in policy and law by DoD, Congress and other government agencies. They are available free to MOAA members with most of them either in hard copy or by downloading from MOAA's website.

2 of the Most Important

I'd like to talk about two of the most important publications from the standpoint of our chapter membership. Most of us have given some thought to planning for the future if something should happen to us. Two guides that can help are *Help Your Survivors Now: A Guide to Planning Ahead* and the *Personal Affairs Action Guide: A Personal Inventory for Peace of Mind*. Here's the gist of what they are all about.

Help Your Survivors Now provides a narrative covering all the various military benefits and what happens to those benefits after a member passes away. The publication includes a step by step checklist on what to do if that should happen. It's a great review of what most of us know now but with the benefit of the latest changes to the law. And it will be reviewed later this year and updated yet again.

The **Personal Affairs Action Guide** provides a format for a single document that members can use to write down all their individual and spouse information, and information on health care, bank accounts, insurance, wills and personal desires for final arrangements. If filled out one time, it will be invaluable to those loved ones left behind – definitely peace of mind to our families.

If you do not already have these two publications, get them via download from MOAA's website at www.moaa.org (put your cursor on Publications and click on Books and

Guides — member login will be required to download). Or call MOAA at (800) 234-6622 and ask for a copy to be mailed to you. You will need your membership number. That's it for this month. In the next *Sentinel*, I'll have more information on MOAA's benefits information program.

Have a Nice Summer

This edition of *The Sentinel* is the last until September, as the chapter takes a summer break.

We won't be totally inactive, however, as Arlene Day has arranged another outing at Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa. It's a fun night with good refreshments and lively music. Look for full details in the attached flier. And if you hurry, you can still get in on the MOAA group baseball game July 20 at Chase Field.

Grab This Opportunity

By Jim Cullison, Editor

Surely, there's an aspiring journalist out there in our membership who'd like to be editor of *The Sentinel*.

I'm feeling guilty keeping that person from fulfilling his or her dream, so I'm willing to turn over the blue pencil and editor's visor and just be content with functioning as chapter president. It keeps me plenty busy.

Seriously, though, I've been doing the job since 2008, and I'm ready to let another member or spouse have the opportunity. It's not hard, you'll get a lot of help from chapter program heads, and you'll have a real sense of accomplishment with every edition. Give me a call, 602-482-3838, or send me an e-mail, cullison30@q.com. I'll give you the full scoop.

Donations to Scholarship Fund

Bill Roscher \$100

A Thank You to Marie Fredricks and Beth Cullison for filling in while he was away

Lee Lange \$50

Dab Germond \$29

Chapter Luncheon Raffle \$57



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks
Legislative Chair

Our April 'Storm'

As we projected in last month's report, Al Rossow, our MOAA Council of Chapters President from Sierra Vista; John Chernoski, national board member from Green Valley; and I "Stormed the Hill" in Washington, D.C., on April 9. We participated with about 160 other MOAA leaders from around the country in visiting the offices of nearly all 435 representatives and 100 senators all in one day. Our contingent visited the offices of both of our Arizona senators and all 9 representatives.

Getting Started

We started the day with a half hour discussion with Senator McCain. As you would expect, he is well versed on the issues we raised. And he raised one as well. He is very concerned about the effects of sequestration on our base structure. The phase out of the A-10 being recommended by DOD would leave Davis-Monthan essentially without a primary mission and thus high on the list for potential closure. He recommended that we work to get the Tucson community engaged before it is too late. This will be an agenda item at our MOAA Arizona Council of Chapters meeting scheduled for Sierra Vista in May.

We also had a short session with Senator Flake before he had to leave for another meeting. From there on the day was consumed by committee meetings on the House side of the Hill, and we were not able to meet directly with any of our Representatives. However, in each case we met with a knowledgeable staffer, so we were able to get our points across. I believe that with one notable exception our points were well received. We will attempt to schedule a meeting locally with that person in the not too distant future.

3 Serious Issues

To review again, our issues were threefold:

The first severely effects active duty in that the quadruple impact to active duty personnel from DOD proposals to cap pay, significantly reduce the commissary subsidy, reduce housing allowances and overhaul TRICARE

would amount to almost a \$5,000 annual hit for mid-grade NCOs and almost \$6,000 for mid-grade officers

The second was the substantial increase in health care and pharmacy costs once again being proposed by the administration. Last year, we worked with Congress and achieved only a modest increase in TRICARE Prime and in pharmacy costs with the pharmacy costs then tied to the annual cost of living increases.

Thirdly, we pointed out the significant hits yet to be taken in the defense budget if sequestration is allowed to stand.

MOAA's Position

Our position is that it makes no sense to deal with compensation and health care piecemeal this year as is being proposed. Both should already be a part of the congressionally mandated Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission. The Commission report, required by the FY2013 Defense Authorization Bill, is now due in February 2015. I might add that MOAA has been asked to testify before the Commission. We may not eventually like all their recommendations, but they are at least reaching out for input.

Lastly, sequestration is another matter altogether. Congress needs to find another avenue for dealing with the national debt rather than putting it almost entirely on the back of defense. The budget agreement gives some limited relief from sequestration this year, but not beginning with FY2016 and on. DOD has said repeatedly that sequestration will result in a "hollow force" if allowed to stand. The problem is that most of our legislators don't have a clue what that means and many appear to be in mind to let it ride until they find out.

Welcome Our New Members

James Barker, COL USA (Ret)

And his wife, Karen, Mesa

Ken Nettles, COL USA (Ret)

Chandler

Please meet and greet our new members.

D-Day Anniversary Hits 60 Years

June 6 marks the 60th anniversary of the longest day, the D-Day invasion at Normandy that began the end of World War II in Europe.

It's not a national holiday, but it's a good day to fly the flag in memory of that generation that made the world safe for democracy again.

May Meeting

WHEN: May 17, 2014
11:00 a.m., Meet & Greet Social Hour; 11:45, Lunch

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
Scottsdale

COST: \$22 Per Person

DRESS: Business Casual

MENU: Tossed salad, bread and butter, slow roasted pot roast with roasted garlic mashed potatoes, seasonal vegetables, lemon meringue pie..

Anyone with dietary restrictions or allergies are asked to contact Arlene Day (arlenebday@gmail.com preferred) one week prior so alternate food selections can be arranged.

PROGRAM: Presentation of scholarship checks to outstanding JROTC cadets.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13. 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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The new TRICARE Nurse Advice Line does just that. TRICARE beneficiaries in the continental U.S., Alaska and Hawaii can get health advice by calling toll free around the clock.

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