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Arizona's First Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was great that we had 43 members and guests at our April dinner meeting, since 13 members had conflicting schedules that prevented them from attending. However, only 36 had sent in reservation slips or called that they were coming. This did present some confusion with the hotel staff when we asked for seven more dinners. We almost had to take hamburgers for some of the extra people. Consequently, we request that you take a hard look at your schedule and try to make a firm reservation ahead of time. We know schedules change, so a late cancellation with Jim Seidl (602-841-6026) is better than showing up without advance notice. Try to give us 24 hours advance notice and above all, please help us to give you the best possible meeting.



The presentation given by BG Connolly was very interesting. Thanks to a comment by Doug Gray, it came out as: "Yes they do owe us as Veterans, but without reminding many of our legislators, they tend to forget what has been promised or is due to those that have joined a service and then have separated or gone on to retirement." This point is one I have been trying to make for several years as the membership chairman, but I feel I have been using the wrong words to point out the need for both National and Chapter Membership.

The events of 9/11 have resulted in a surge of patriotic displays. Often the showing of the colors is done by the display of a flag on a vehicle that soon becomes frayed and should be disposed of properly, yet is probably just thrown in the trash. I have seen flags wrapped around the spare tire; flags taped on the hoods of vehicles; flags draped over the tailgates of pickups and in one parade even a flag draped over a straw bale with people sitting on it. In researching proper etiquette, I have found that the single source document is the U.S. Flag Code, but I believe that each organization that puts out a related code has some minor

variances in their interpretation. For example, each service has it's own code that may have some minor deviations. I will try to sum up some of these codes in an insert that is included in this newsletter. Formal documentation can be obtained from each service, the American Legion and there is a book put out by TROA National (to name just a few). I will try to get several copies of the TROA pamphlet (called Our FLAG) to have available to any who call me and I will put a stack of them out at our future luncheons/dinners. Information included in these pamphlets can then be shared with others as the need/opportunity presents itself. If you have questions and are on the net you might try http://www.ctssar.org/flag_etiquette.htm or www.americanflags.org.

I hope to see you at the luncheon on 18 May. Once again Jim Seidl has done a grand job in obtaining a speaker who will increase your knowledge in the area of computer technology

Ronald R. Green
LtCol (Ret) USAF
President, Arizona Chapter TROA

Spring Golf Tournament Results

Sixteen members and guests enjoyed superb weather in the 70's for the Spring Golf Tourney held at Rolling Hills Golf course in Tempe, Arizona on 27 April 2001. Roy Anderson defended his champion status by one stroke over Ben Budzowski. Ben and Rod McDougal captured the "longest drive" prizes. Roy Anderson and Raymond Deane took home the "closest to the pin" prizes. The "shortest drive" honor (or dis-honor) went to Bill McCollum. The "Dreaded Hat" award was wrestled away from Dan Conway by Chapter president Ron Green. Mulligan sales contributed \$75.00 to the Scholarship Fund. We welcomed four new faces to the group this tournament, and hope to see at least four more at the fall event. Details will be forthcoming in a later newsletter. Everyone seemed to enjoy the event, and I want to emphasize that you do not have to be a good golfer to participate and have a good time.

Bernie Conway, Tournament Director

Arizona Chapter Calendar

- May 2**
Board of Directors Meeting
- May 8**
VE Day 1945
- May 12**
Mothers Day
- May 18**
Armed Forces Day
- May 22**
National Maritime Day
- May 18**
Lunch Meeting
- May 27**
Memorial Day Color Guard

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS — REMEMBER OUR FALLEN COMRADES — FLY YOUR FLAG

Schluter Nominated for National Office

Past President Chuck Schluter has been nominated to be a member of the TROA Board of Directors. If elected by the national membership this fall he will begin a six-year term beginning in October 2002. A ballot will be included on the "wraparound" cover of the August 2002 issue of the Retired Officer Magazine. Here is a chance to have our voices heard at the national level – lets vote Chuck into office.

Membership

Our membership stats are looking better all the time. Thanks to an influx of eleven new members since 1 January we now have 149 total members, broken down as 34 Auxiliary and 115 Regular members. We hope to continue adding new members throughout the year.

The membership roster that was included in last months Sentinel contained a few errors. The majority of the errors were minor consisting of missing zip + 4 numbers or numerical transpositions, but two were really bad (we left whole people off of the roster). We are heartily sorry for this transgression and in order to correct the mistake we are including an update with correct information (we hope). Since we are producing this correction we decided to include a listing of new members since the first of the year as well. Look for additional update/change/corrections as they occur.

We continue to look for new members, but as with most endeavors we suspect that the success or failure of our chapter rests with our current membership, both regular and auxiliary. Do you know someone who should be a member of our chapter, but isn't? Please - bring that persons name to our attention!

If you have any kind of change to your **HOME ADDRESS** or **E-mail ADDRESS**, please bring it to our attention at rddeane@aol.com or to my address: 5043 W Shangri-La Road, Glendale, AZ 85304. We do not give out this information to non-chapter members. Rather, we use it to keep you apprised of important information having to do with TROA activities.

Raymond Deane, Membership

Scholarship

This is the time of the year when our efforts begin to pay off. The chapter has participated in six high school JROTC award ceremonies so far, and we will participate at the remaining eight schools by the end of the month. We have also begun to receive applications for our chapter scholarship awards. Those applications will be processed at the 1 May Board of Directors Meeting and we will award checks to the winners at our June Dinner Meeting.

We want to thank everyone in the chapter who has participated in this very worthwhile endeavor either by donating to the fund, or donating his or her time for the awards ceremonies. In particular we want to thank the following members who made the Medal Award Ceremonies for the schools. They are: Irene Doto, Terry Tassin, Bernie Conway, Bill Adams, Harry Farenga,

Chuck Schluter, Chet Baumer, Mike Gannon, Frank Birtciel, Dan Conway, Al Rodriguez, Joe Falkner, Ron Green and Bill Johnson.

Raymond Deane, Scholarship

Legislation

Budget Resolution and Concurrent Receipt

The House and Senate Budget Committees have approved their respective versions of the FY2003 Budget Resolution, including \$581 million (\$6.1 billion over 5 years) to phase out the disability compensation offset to military retired pay over the next 5 years for disabled retirees who served 20 years or more and have a 60% or higher service-connected disability rating. The full House approved the Budget Resolution in the middle of March. Whenever the full Senate takes it up, Sen. Harry Reid (D-NV) intends to propose an amendment adding funds to eliminate the disability offset to retired pay as of October 1 for all disabled retirees with 20 years' service or more, regardless of disability rating.

But budget issues are so contentious this year that Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle (D-SD) has said it may not be possible to craft a Resolution that can win 51 Senate votes. That will be disappointing, but it won't affect the final outcome on the concurrent receipt issue. In a normal year, a major new retired pay initiative like this involves a two-step process. First, the Budget Resolution sets funding limits for the Armed Services Committees. Second, the Defense Authorization Act is what actually changes the law to make it happen. In each case, amendments may be considered on the House and Senate floors, under their respective rules.

If the full Senate doesn't pass a Budget Resolution, or if the House and Senate can't agree on a final Budget Resolution, it just means we move to step two instead. Our main goal in the Budget Resolution process was to get a House-passed Resolution that included significant concurrent receipt progress. That's been accomplished, so the House Armed Services Committee can put the House-approved concurrent receipt plan in its Defense Authorization Bill.

The bottom line: it doesn't matter whether any further action is taken on the Budget Resolution. The focus now shifts to the Defense Authorization Act. The House and Senate Armed Services Committees plan to begin drafting their versions of the Authorization Bill in late April and early May, respectively. The full House and Senate will consider the bill -- including a Senate vote on the Reid full-concurrent-receipt amendment -- in May. We'll alert you before the proposal comes up for action, so you can

Chaplain's Corner

"Dear Father, thou hast been our strength through the days of our years, our fortress through periods of peril. Make us able now with courage, faith, and immortal hope. Sustain us in darkness and lead us into light. Through days of confusion, be Thou as a mighty rock within a weary land; and guide us in the end to Thy kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen"

Robert Rutherford, Chaplain

urge your legislators to support it.

Dan Conway, Legislative

Chapter By-Laws Change

The previously promulgated change to add the Scholarship Committee information to our by-laws was passed unanimously at the General Meeting. The proper wording will be incorporated into the next change to the Chapter By-Laws

May Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: 11:30AM – 18 May 2002
 WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
 7505 McCormick Parkway
 Scottsdale, Arizona
 COST: \$14.00 Per Person
 MENU: Steak Sandwich, French Fries, Garden Salad, Relishes, Apple Pie
 PROGRAM: Mr. John Barnabus talking about Today's Technology (Computers).

Please make your reservations early and send your check to Bill Johnson using the Meal/Meeting Reservation Form in this newsletter.

Jim Seidl, Programs

Dinner Guest Speaker

John Barnabas was born to Indian parents in the Republic of South Africa. In 1967 he accompanied his family when they immigrated to the United States. He attended Arizona State University, obtaining the BSE and MSE degrees with special focus in Industrial and Management Systems Engineering.

He has held a variety of engineering and management responsibilities beginning with Financial Information Systems for Prudential Insurance Company; Engineering Design and Production engineering for Honeywell Commercial Flight Systems Division; UNIX systems Engineering and Field Management for Hewlett Packard Company.

In 1991 he joined USUND Company to assist in their migration from medical software publishing to UNIX systems integration. He formed Stellar Technology

Division of USUND in 1992 and established profitable, successful relationships with Sun Microsystems, Hewlett Packard, and IBM.

John currently is engaged in executive level advisement and assessment of issues relating to technologies, materials, and processes as he serves as Virtual Member of Technical Staff for UCS, the consultative arm of Stellar Technology. He maintains an industry profile as a Consultative Reporter on Technology and the Business of Technology for KFNN Bloomberg News Radio and others. He is a member Alpha Kappa Psi professional fraternity, Senior Member and Past Chapter President of the International Institute of Industrial Engineers, cofounder and President of AZAI (artificial intelligence), and Online Editor for Leica Historical Society of America (photographic).

Breaking TROA News

TROA's new president will be Vice Adm. Norbert R. Ryan Jr., USN, who will succeed Lt. Gen. Michael A. Nelson, USAF (Ret) later this year. When Ryan retires from the Navy, he will become TROA's ninth president in the association's 73-year history. He currently serves as the Chief of Naval Personnel.

When a Retiree Dies

When retired pay is automatically deposited into your account at the beginning of the month, those funds are for that current month. If a retiree dies before the month has ended, all of those funds for that month are automatically withdrawn, and the survivor must then file for the arrears of pay. Words to the wise – try and keep a sufficient amount of money in your account in case of emergencies. The surviving spouse will receive two W-2 tax forms for that year, one for the member and the other for themselves.

Put Your Memories Where They Count

The American Folklife Center of the Library of Congress (LOC) has launched a program to collect and preserve the personal stories and oral histories of America's veterans and make selections available to the public over the Internet. Congress established the program last year.

CHAPTER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

If you would like to make a donation to one or more of the AZ Chapter Funds or renew your chapter membership, include your check identified as the appropriate fund and mail to: Bill Johnson, 13410 N. 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944.

Membership Renewal: \$ 20 Full Member ____ \$10 Auxiliary Member ____ 50th Anniversary Fund: \$ ____
 General Fund : \$ ____ Scholarship Fund: \$ ____

* It is OK to identify me as a donor in the next newsletter. YES ____ NO ____

Name Full Member: _____ Auxiliary Member: _____

MEAL/MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ spaces for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ \$14.00 per person for **18 May 2002**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter TROA** No Later Than: **15 May 2002**

Send to Bill Johnson, 13410 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. Phone 602-689-5379 (Office)

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The Veterans' Oral History Project encourages veterans, their families, veterans' groups, and students to record memories of the veterans' time in service. Guidelines can be found at the LOC Web site, www.loc.gov/folklife/vets/. For more information, the toll-free number is, 888-371-5848.

The LOC will create a network of partnerships throughout the country to encourage organizations, community groups, and individuals to gather these recollections and firsthand accounts. The LOC has about 100 supporting organizations, and TROA has signed on in that capacity.

Classic Quotes

In a recent interview, General Norman Schwartzkopf was asked if he didn't think there was room for forgiveness toward the people who have harbored and abetted the terrorists who perpetrated the attacks on 9/11. His answer was classic Schwartzkopf. He said, "I believe that forgiving them is God's function. Our job is simply to arrange the meeting."

National Guard Ball

The Army National Guard Ball is to be held Saturday night, 14 December 2002 at the Holiday Inn, 1600 S. Country Club Drive, Mesa, Arizona. All ranks and all service branches are invited. Call Doug Gray (480) 941-2510 to be put on the information mailing list.

Gentle Thoughts

- There's always a lot to be thankful for if you take time to look for it. For example I am sitting here thinking how

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nice it is that wrinkles don't hurt.

- The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right time, but also to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.
- The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight, because by then your body and your fat are really good friends. **HAVE A GREAT DAY!** *Editor*

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Proudly Displaying The
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Help Veterans.