

## Minutes of the October General Meeting - Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Dinner Meeting of the General Membership was held on **23 October 2003** at Treulich's Restaurant. The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. **Ron Green** gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **58**.  
New member Mary Jane Hudson and other guests were introduced

**Minutes** of the last General meeting were read by **1<sup>st</sup> VP Gary Fredricks** and approved.

**Treasurer's Report** was made by **Bill Johnson**: Gave an overview of all of the fundraising during this period, including the Anniversary Fund Fishbowl which brought in \$32.

Checking account = \$ 3561.25  
Anniversary account = \$ 1539.02  
Scholarship account = \$ 6263.79  
ACCOUNTS TOTAL = \$11364.06

Dinner was served and enjoyed by all.

**Old Business** included reports from various committee chairmen:

**Golf Tournament (Bernie Conway)** - reminded members of the upcoming golf outing set for 7 November at Rolling Hills Golf Club. Sixteen members had signed up to participate with a few more expected. "Mulligans" were noted as an important source of funding for the Chapter Scholarship Program.

**Legislative (Dan Conway)** – Earlier reports as to the demise of Concurrent Receipt this year currently appear to have been premature. Dan reported the situation looks much better than last month. He was optimistic that some measure would be passed yet this year. The most likely outcome is for some level of qualification required (such as 50% or more disabled) and a phased in approach (perhaps over a 10 year period for full implementation). Check the MOAA national web site for specifics on who qualifies. Dan also reminded everyone of the upcoming Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Ceremony. Details may be found in the Sentinel. The charge is \$25/person and eight attendees are required to get a dedicated Chapter table.

**Membership (Paul Fein)** - Paul reported that two more people have become Chapter members: Mary Jane Hudson (Auxiliary) and COL Paul Shaw (Regular) and his wife Nancy. Approximately one-third of the members have now taken advantage of the Early Bird membership renewal opportunity. Paul reported a total of 201 members, including 13 new this year, and a continuing effort to penetrate Guard/ Reserve Units for membership.

**MOAA 75th Anniversary Scholarship Drive** - Ron Green noted the current MOAA national effort to seek Chapter help in making Chapter members aware of the drive to contribute to the National Scholarship Fund. Ron noted that if 10% of Chapter members participate, national would award a ribbon to be attached to the Chapter flag.

**10-Minute Break**

**Guest Speaker** - The President introduced the honored speaker, Major Ronald A. Stephens, United States Marine Corp Reserve. Major Stephens is a Combat Engineer and shared his experiences from multiple tours in Somalia and, more recently, from Iraqi Freedom. He made the points that most Iraqis are glad to see us, that the problem stems from "hold outs" of the old regime and that the toughest challenge is the nature of combat in urban areas. President Ron Green presented Major Stephens with a free one year membership in the Arizona Chapter in appreciation of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

**New Business** included a **Programs Report** by **Jim Seidl** in which he noted that the next meeting would be a luncheon meeting at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The meeting will be 22 November with a Social Period at 11:30 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. The cost will be \$16 per person with menu to include chicken cordon bleu and a complimentary glass of wine. The business meeting will include the election of officers for year 2004 and presentation of the Chapter Meritorious Service Awards for this year to ten Chapter members.

**Silent Auction (Dan Conway)** - Dan again reminded everyone of the coming event for December. He displayed a "teaser" item which was an autographed NFL Cardinal football.

The **Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$65 paid out and \$70 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were Penny Newell, Bill McCollum and Ron Green.

**Ron Green** gave the Benediction.

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary