

Minutes of the April General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

15 April 2004

Call to Order: President **Gary Fredricks** called the General Membership Dinner Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on 15 April 2004 at the Sunshine Hotel. President Gary Fredricks gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **33**. Guests were introduced.

Minutes: The reading of the last General meeting minutes was waived.

Announcements: The President announced that the AZ Chapter received 2003 Communication Award Certificates from National MOAA in the following categories:

The Sentinel - Winner for Electronic Newsletter - Category II (200-499) - Editor Terry Tassin

The Sentinel - 1st Runner Up for Printed Newsletter - Category II (200-499) - Editor Terry Tassin

Chapter Web Site - Winner for Web Site - Category II (200-499) - Web Master Tom Houser

Award Certificates for *The Sentinel* were presented to Editor Terry Tassin.

Dinner was served and enjoyed by all.

Board of Directors Reports:

Legislative:

***National Level** - Dan Conway reported on the Storming the Hill effort in Washington DC. He noted that MOAA is working on improving SBP and it appears Congress and the Senate will pass the improvements in SBP. The nature of the improvements is to be determined. Chuck Schluter commented on the nature of the efforts in improving the Guard/Reserve Health Benefits Package. He also noted that 1264 students are receiving MOAA scholarships this year.

Old/Unfinished Business

None

10-Minute Break

Guest Speaker: - The President introduced the honored speaker, Mr. Matt Burdick, of the Arizona Department of Transportation. Mr. Burdick apprized Chapter members of "where we are and where we are going with the Valley Freeway System". He gave a comprehensive overview of the present and future valley highway plans. President Gary Fredricks presented the speaker with an MOAA Tumbler Set in appreciation of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

New Business

Programs Report: Jim Seidl informed members the May general meeting would be held on 15 May at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. The menu will be Oriental Beef Pepper Steak and the program will be the presentation of five \$1000 scholarships to JROTC recipients.

May Golf Outing - the President encouraged members to sign up to play in the 1 May scholarship fund golf tournament at Rolling Hills Golf Course.

The **Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$40 being paid out and \$45 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: Raymond Deane, Dolly Blecick and Mike Gannon.

Benediction was given by the President.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary