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Arizona's First Chapter



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President's Message

Our March General Membership meeting was a luncheon meeting at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale. We had an excellent turn out with 56 folks in attendance. Continuing our pattern of alternating luncheon and dinner meetings as well as locations, our April General Membership meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 15, at the Sunshine Hotel in central Phoenix. Following the March meeting presentation on air travel through the Phoenix Sky Harbor Airport, the April meeting will feature a talk on ground transportation from a representative of the Arizona Department of Transportation.

Ron Green and I represented the Arizona Chapter at the MOAA Arizona Council of Chapters quarterly meeting in Tucson hosted by the Tucson Chapter on March 18. The meeting was chaired by Council President Dan Conway, with Chuck Schluter, Council Vice-President, also in attendance. The Council provides a forum to learn from other chapters across the state and for focusing energy on state and other legislative activities. With regard to the later, we are actively supporting a bill currently in the state legislature that would implement recommendations of the Governors Committee on Base Closures and provide infrastructure and funding to help preserve our military bases.

Our annual Chapter membership renewal campaign is drawing to a close. We have worked the list of 83 members who had not renewed in January down to 5 who have moved on and another 20 who have not firmly committed. Our Chapter By-laws require that we drop people from

the membership rolls who have not renewed by the end of March. For those of you who, like me, may sometimes not recall, don't worry, I plan to make one more run at contacting the 20 members who we still have not heard from. For those of you who have renewed, we thank you. We are assured of having a healthy Chapter of nearly 200 members and will do our best to make it worth your while.

Along those lines, expect to receive a Chapter survey/questionnaire within the next few weeks and begin thinking what you like about the Chapter and what we can do better or differently. I just finished reviewing the responses from the last Chapter survey which was conducted about four years ago. There was a good response from that survey with about 50% returning completed forms. Those surveys showed that most people were members who wished to "remain involved and informed" and for "camaraderie and friendship". Something like a quarter of the membership did not attend meetings due mainly to work constraints, difficulties with transportation and distance. Members favored alternating luncheon and dinner meetings and enjoyed a good mix of guest speakers and other activities.

From that survey your current mix of a strong monthly newsletter, the *Sentinel*, and a varied set of meetings evolved. Our meetings now alternate between luncheon and dinner, alternate between central Phoenix and Scottsdale and host a variety of guest speakers. There is a special meeting for scholarship presentations and a silent auction to help support the scholarships as well as two yearly golf outings. We are looking at the possibility of including a "theme" meeting such

as an Oktoberfest or St. Patrick's theme with entertainment in lieu of a speaker. In any case we will be looking forward to receiving your thoughts in our upcoming survey.

— Gary Fredricks

Spring Golf Tournament

by Bernie Conway

The MOAA Spring golf tournament will be held on Saturday, May 1st at Rolling Hills Golf Course. This course is a PAR 62 located at 1415 N. Mill Avenue in Tempe AZ. There are a few hills and valleys so we encourage the use of carts. Cart fee, green fees, and prize money are included in the entry fee of \$30.00.

First Tee Time is 0830, so we ask everyone to show up by 0800. A driving range is available, as is a good little restaurant with breakfast specials every day.

A new twist has been added this year. We will present a championship trophy that will be yours to show off until the next tournament, and will then be passed on to the next champion. However, your name will be engraved on the trophy to remind everyone who was this year's champion. What more incentive could you possibly need to show up and compete for the prize? Could a green jacket for the winner be far behind?

Calloway scoring will be utilized, so it says in the fine print that anyone could be the winner. Unlimited Mulligans are for sale. Cash prizes will also be awarded for longest drive, closest to the pin, and longest putt made.

Awards will be made immediately after the scores are compiled by our crack Calloway scoring team. Good cheeseburgers and cold beer are available in the restaurant while we await the results.

Reservations and fees are due

Arizona Chapter Calendar

April 1

- BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- Scholarship Committee Meeting
- 50th Anniversary Committee Meeting

April 15

- General Dinner Meeting 6:30 p.m.

May 1

- Golf Tournament Rolling Hills GC

May 6

- BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107

May 15

- Auto Tour
- General meeting and Scholarship Presentations

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Chaplain's Corner

This is going to be a short discourse on the Bible from Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. This is The New Testament of course. John's discussion is somewhat different from the other three. John reports five miracles not reported by the others and his discussion contains no parables. His story is that Christ is God, but he shows also that Christ is very much a human by his suffering. It is very interesting to examine the four gospels and compare their writings.

—*Robert Rutherford, Chaplain*

to me not later than April 26. Send them now so you don't forget. Make checks payable to Bernie Conway, and mail to 5737 N. 79th Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. See you there!

Membership Renewal

If you have an **03** behind your name on the newsletter mailing label this is the last issue of *The Sentinel* you will receive unless you renew your Chapter membership. Please use the cut-out slip on page 7 of this bulletin. An **04** or greater on your label means you are paid up through that year. For electronic Sentinel recipients, you should have previously received an informational email with your membership expiration year listed. Membership dues cover the period 1 January to 31 December of each year.

Free National and Chapter Memberships

One of the most popular questions MOAA receives concerns what we have come to call the "chapter freebie program." This program really is quite simple. Any Chapter recruiting a new officer into its ranks (that is, an officer who has never before been a member of national MOAA), can offer that officer a free one-year membership in the national organization as a bonus. It's that simple. Join the Chapter and receive a free one-year membership to national MOAA - no strings attached.

This program has been in existence for more than five years and, based on the great results it has produced, it will continue indefinitely. Our Chapter has been so delighted with recruiting results we have also taken to offering a free one-year Chapter membership in addition - a two for one deal! Now you can't beat that! If you have a candidate for the "chapter freebie program" give Paul Fein our Membership Chairman a call.

Looking for Five More Good Men or Women

We still need presenters for the five listed high schools. Lets support these patriotic young men and women. If you can make a presentation let Arthur Parker (602) 997-7913 know you are available and for which school.

School	Date	Time
Central HS	01 May	7:00 PM
Cortez HS	04 May	6:00 PM
Cactus HS	06 May	6:30 PM
Glendale HS	11 May	7:00 PM
Camelback HS	12 May	7:00 PM

**April Dinner Meeting
Thursday, 15 April - Sunshine Hotel**

The next Chapter General Meeting is set for Thursday, 15 April at the Sunshine Hotel & Suites.

The hotel is located at 3600 N. 2nd Ave in Phoenix on the corner of 2nd Ave and Osborn Road. The main entrance to the hotel is located on 2nd Ave. Parking is in a covered parking garage just adjacent to and north of the hotel.

Bring a friend or two to our meeting and introduce them to a great group of people. The meeting will start with a half-hour social time at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00 p.m. The reservation form is located on page 7 of this newsletter along with a description of the meal. The deadline for reservations to reach Bill Johnson is 9 April. Come join us for good food and comradeship.

Some future Chapter meeting dates are listed here for your planning purposes. Please put them on your calendar as a reminder!

- Dinner Meeting* - 15 Apr - Sunshine Hotel
- BOD Meeting* - 6 May - Post 107
- Lunch Meeting* - 15 May-McCormick Ranch includes Auto Museum Tour and Scholarship Presentations.
- BOD Meeting* - 3 Jun - Post 107
- Dinner* - 17 Jun - Sunshine Hotel

Legislative Committee

by Dan Conway

At the State Level, the major effort concerns Legislation to help preserve the Arizona Military bases. Legislation written by the Governor's Task Force on base preservation has been introduced as HB 2605. This bill provided for 5% of state income taxes paid by Military Retirees and Active Duty personnel go into a fund to

purchase land or easements or agreements to prevent base encroachment. I have written a letter to all 60 house members on this issue. You are encouraged to write your own letter to your own representatives using the letter which was e-mailed to you last week.

At the Federal level, the major effort is improvements to SBP. The Senate 2005 budget resolution includes funds for improvement. The comparable House resolution doesn't. However, there are over 250 House cosponsors on the SBP bill which means that this omission can be overcome.

The annual Storming of the Hill was held on March 25th. Chuck Schluter and I had appointments with the entire Arizona Delegation.



Legislative Spotlight

[Source: The Affiliate April 04]

The Legislative Spotlight is prepared by MOAA's Government Relations directorate.

Administration Seeks VA Fees:

They're back! The administration's FY 2005 budget request proposes a \$250 usage fee for about 2 million priority 7 and 8 veterans enrolled in VA care. Priority 7 and 8 veterans are those with no compensable disabilities who have incomes above a geographically adjusted threshold.

The administration also proposes increasing pharmacy copayments from \$7 to \$15 for priority 7 and 8 veterans (those with no disabilities rated as compensable by the VA). On the other hand, it would eliminate all drug copayments for disabled and indigent veterans (priorities 2-5). Severely disabled veterans - Priority 1 - already do not make any copayments.

Newsletter Advertising

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Size	Annual	Quarterly	Impact Ad
Single Card	\$80	\$25	\$15
Double Card	\$160	\$50	\$30
Quadruple Card	\$320	\$100	\$60

Book Store

This is the section in our newsletter used to advise Chapter members of books recently available which were written by our AZ Chapter members. Authors should contact the *Sentinel* Editor with information concerning their work.

This month's book was written by Phil Johnson.

"Military Reporters: Read All About It!"

by Col Phillip E. Johnson, USAF (Ret)

Over 1300 worldwide DoD, Air Force, Army, Navy, and Marine Corps Public Affairs offices, listing state/country, and address/phone numbers. A "must have" for media members and student journalists.

For a complete description of this book and how to procure a copy, contact Phil Johnson at 1-800-592-0304 or Email: pjohnson65@hotmail.com.

Last year, the administration sought a similar \$250 "enrollment" fee and drug copayment increases for priority 8 veterans. Both proposals were rejected by Congress.

Presenting the new budget plan at a House Veterans Affairs Committee hearing in early February, VA Secretary Anthony Principi was forced to acknowledge his department had sought \$1.2 billion more than President Bush's budget ended up recommending.

Committee members expressed anger and frustration at the administration's budget plan. Some characterized it as "smoke and mirrors," because it masks the continuing resource versus capacity mismatch in VA health care that has caused lengthy waiting lists in recent years. President Bush's VA health care task force recommended in May 2003 that the VA system should be fully funded to meet the needs of all veterans enrolled in priorities 1-7, but administration budget officials seem to have ignored that message. Instead, they renewed efforts to trim the federal budget needs by "robbing Peter to pay Paul" - requiring some veterans to pay higher fees to help fund cost reductions for others.

MOAA fully supports initiatives that free disabled and indigent veterans from any cost-shares. But this budget says, in

"Would it not be better to simplify the system of taxation rather than to spread it over such a variety of subjects and pass through so many new hands."
--Thomas Jefferson

effect, that the government doesn't want to pay for the care of the veterans it has agreed to treat. Rather than meeting its own budget obligation, it prefers to make eligible veterans wait months for access and force some to pay more out of their own pockets, in hopes this will drive some away and lessen demand.

Stop-Loss: The New Draft: The more we think about DoD's plan to meet wartime requirements for the next few years, the more concerned we get. The plan is to increase Army manning by 30,000 for the next few years. But that won't be accomplished through additional recruiting, as most of us tend to think when we hear those words. It will be accomplished mainly by barring current members from leaving when their terms of service are up - a policy known as "stop-loss." The plan is to keep stop-loss in place through 2005 for thousands of active duty and Guard and Reserve troops.

It's hard to see that as anything other than a reinstatement of the draft, imposed in the most ironic way possible. The only people being drafted are those who already have volunteered to serve. Many already have seen combat or hazardous duty in Africa, the Balkans, Afghanistan, or Iraq. Now their end-of-tour separations are being denied and they are being forced to fill manpower shortages and deploy again.

DoD is trying to put a good spin on it, saying it will meet wartime needs through increased retention rather than increased recruiting. If stop-loss is being euphemized that way, DoD's kidding itself. You can't keep stop-loss in place for extended periods without risking negative retention consequences for the longer term.

Don't get us wrong. Sometimes stop-loss is the only way to meet the national defense mission. But prudent planners know it should be a short-term tool, not an extended policy. It means that somebody didn't plan very well.

The planning deficiency didn't start with current leadership. The United States should have started recruiting for a bigger force years ago, because the troops have been overstressed for more than a decade. But the fact that it hasn't been done yet is no excuse to keep putting it off.

Is anybody thinking about the situation this process is creating downstream? When the stop-loss policy ends, does anyone think there won't be a disproportional wave of negative retention? If the United States will need a larger force for years to come - and everybody knows it will - prudent planning would seem to dictate that increased recruiting has to be part of the solution.

Fund Donations

One person's generous gift will help strengthen America's future through supporting the education of our youth. Since the last newsletter generous donations have been received for the

General Fund:

Jack Clinton \$25

50th Anniversary Fund:

Mike Gannon \$4

Scholarship Fund:

Mike Gannon \$4

Our thanks to all contributors on behalf of all future beneficiaries of the Chapter Funds.

Senate "Keep Promises" Bill

Introduced: On Feb. 11, Sens. Tim Johnson (D-S.D.) and John McCain (R-Ariz.) joined to introduce S. 2065, the Keep Our Promise to America's Military Retirees Act of 2004. S. 2065 is a companion bill to H.R. 3474, introduced by Rep. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.). Like its House counterpart, S. 2065 would waive Medicare Part B premiums for all military retirees (and their dependents) who entered service before Dec. 7, 1956. It also would authorize optional coverage for all military retirees under the Federal Employees Health Benefit Plan.

MOAA strongly supports S. 2065 and will work for its enactment. H.R. 3474 has already gained 177 cosponsors, and we have similar hopes for S. 2065. If you would like to send a message to your legislators supporting this bill, do so on MOAA's Web site at: <http://capwiz.com/moaa/issues/bills/?bill=5087281>.

Health Hearing Highlights Progress

and Problems: On Feb. 25, the House Armed Services Total Force Subcommittee held a hearing on DoD's health protection program for servicemembers deployed to support the war on terrorism. MOAA Deputy Director of Government Relations Sue Schwartz, DBA, RN, and Bob Washington, legislative director for the Fleet Reserve Association, testified on behalf of The Military Coalition (TMC) urging the subcommittee to:

- make permanent the temporary reserve TRICARE coverage authorities in last year's Defense Authorization Act;
- ensure the VA and DoD do a better job of tracking occupational exposure by sharing data on service members' assignment history, location, occupational exposure, and injuries; and
- increase the government subsidy

"A young man whose father is a carpenter grows up working in his father's shop. He has no formal education. He owns no property of any kind. One day he puts down his tools and walks out of his father's shop. He starts preaching on street corners and in the nearby countryside. Walking from place to place preaching all the while even though he is in no way an ordained minister he never gets farther than an area perhaps 100 miles wide at the most. He does this for three years. Then he is arrested, tried and convicted. There is no court of appeal so he is executed at age 33 along with two common thieves. Those in charge of his execution roll dice to see who gets his clothing -- the only possessions he has. His family cannot afford a burial place so he is interred in a borrowed tomb. End of story? No, this uneducated, propertyless young man who preached on street corners for only three years who left no written word has for 2000 years had a greater effect on the entire world than all the rulers, kings and emperors, all the conquerors, the generals and admirals, all the scholars, scientists and philosophers who ever lived -- all put together. How do we explain that? ...Unless he really was what he said he was." --Ronald Reagan

for the Selected Reserve TRICARE Dental Plan to encourage participation and dental readiness for deployment.

DoD witnesses included Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs Dr. William Winkenwerder Jr., and Army Surgeon General Lt. Gen. James Peake. These officials indicated that they have been aggressively tracking force health protection indicators for all military members and are working closely with the VA on transition issues.

Asked by Rep. Vic Snyder (D-Ark.), the ranking member of the committee, about how much Guard and Reserve members might have to pay to participate in the newly authorized, fee-based Guard/Reserve TRICARE coverage, Winkenwerder said he was not ready to offer a cost publicly. He went on to say DoD leaders don't like the cost to the Pentagon of offering this coverage. He said they have concerns about expanding health benefits to unmobilized Guard and Reserve members and are not convinced such coverage would help recruiting, retention, or readiness.

MOAA thinks it's disgraceful that Pentagon leadership is "slow-rolling" implementation of this requirement. The law requiring this coverage was passed Nov. 6, 2003, but the Pentagon has yet to offer any timetable for implementation

or give any indication that implementation planning even has begun. Apparently, DoD officials are clinging to the hope that they can somehow get out of this responsibility.

If they think that, they have another think coming. Congress put the requirement in statute last year in full awareness - and rejection - of the Pentagon's resistance. Drilling members who have no other insurance need this coverage badly. Several state reserve officials have asserted to MOAA leaders that providing health coverage would be a major help to their recruiting and retention efforts.

It is time for Pentagon leaders to stop dragging their feet, start supporting the troops, and get busy delivering this much-needed coverage.

Keep a Close Eye on SBP: By the time this issue reaches your mailbox, legislators will be in the middle of what is sure to be a contentious battle over the FY 2005 Budget Resolution. MOAA has been working for the past several months to convince legislators that funding headroom should be included to finally do away with the age-62 reduction in the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity.

The Budget Resolution is a key step in our efforts to finally win equity for military widows. With budget headroom, the Armed Services committees will have the leeway they need to craft SBP legislation. Without budget authority it will be extremely difficult to find the needed funds, and action might be delayed for another year.

When a key vote is imminent, a last-minute flood of phone calls and e-mails to your legislators' offices can mean the difference between success and failure. We'll be sure to alert the MOAA membership when a pivotal moment is approaching, but we need your help to spread the word. When action is required, please do everything you can to make sure your legislators get the message.

Voices Take Flight

By Ron Green

A total of 21 Chapter members and guests attended the "Voices Take Flight" program at Phoenix First Assembly on 6 March. The choral presentations by the ASU Concert Choir, the "West Point" Cadet Glee Club and the Xavier Preparatory Honor Choir were great! An additional highlight of the program was an address by Pat Chorpenning, Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans Affairs, and a special presentation of a video concerning the Pledge of Allegiance. Our own Bill Toy participated

"The eyes of the world being thus on our Country, it is put the more on its good behavior, and under the greater obligation also, to do justice to the Tree of Liberty by an exhibition of the fine fruits we gather from it."

--James Madison

in the video preparation. After the presentation, a small group of Chapter members and wives went to the "Point in Tyme" restaurant (Hilton Topatio Cliffs) where we partook of a delicious dinner and some great conversation. It was decided that future group outings similar to this, in addition to the luncheons and dinners, would be fun activities. Stand by for possibly a get together at the *Satisfied Frog* in Cave Creek in July or August.

Raffle Winners

Congratulations to the following AZ Chapter members who were winners in the "50/50" raffle held at the March meeting: Chet Baumer, Trula Halpern and Betty Baumer.

News You Can Use

Did you know excess charges aren't covered by TRICARE? When it comes to your medical bills, TRICARE Standard for retirees generally pays 75% of the allowed amount for TRICARE-authorized doctors' visits and many expenses associated with a hospitalization. If your doctor accepts TRICARE assignment, the bill is paid in full after you pay the remaining 25% of the allowed amount. *But what if your doctor doesn't accept TRICARE assignment and bills you for more than the TRICARE allowed amount?*

You have to pay these "excess charges" out of your own pocket, which could add up to thousands of dollars each year. Unfortunately, this is a problem many MOAA members face. TRICARE Standard does have the Catastrophic Cap, which protects retirees from paying more than \$3,000 in TRICARE deductibles and cost-shares each fiscal year. But the only expenses applied to the cap are cost-shares and deductibles. Excess charges are *not* applied to it. Even if you meet the \$3,000 Catastrophic Cap, you would still be responsible for paying excess charges yourself.

"Terrorists will kill innocent life in order to try to get the world to cower. That's what they want to do. And they'll never shake the will of the United States."

--George W. Bush

TRICARE Standard Supplement insurance is an excellent way to protect your family against the risk of excess charges. [Source: MOAA's Member Services Update - March 2004]

Space-A Travel for Families Extended: The one-year test to expand space-available travel privileges to family members of active-duty and retired service members traveling within the continental United States has been extended until further notice, according to Air Mobility Command's air transportation division officials. The extension will allow the test to continue while Defense officials complete their evaluation of the test. Under the space-A test, family members of active-duty and retired service members may travel space-A aboard military flights when accompanied by their sponsors, said John Lundebey, of the passenger policy branch. He said the test does not apply to gray-area retirees.

Guard and Reserve members who are retired but are not yet eligible for retired pay and benefits. To register for Space-A travel, active-duty sponsors must be on leave or pass and remain in such status while awaiting travel and through the entire travel period, officials said. For additional information, visit <http://public.amc.af.mil/SPACEA/spacea.htm>. [Source: Armed Forces News 3/25/04]

Navy Exchanges Offer Gifts from the Home Front: As a way to say thank you to service members for serving their country, the Navy Exchange Service Command has made "Gifts From the Home Front" gift certificates available for purchase. Purchasers can send them (1) directly to the home of an active-duty military member or the family; (2) to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society, which can identify individuals or families with the greatest need for these gift certificates; or (3) to The Fisher House Foundation, Inc., for distribution to military members wounded in action and those who are seriously ill being treated in a military hospital. Recipients can redeem the certificates at any military exchange. Certificates come in \$5, \$10, \$25, \$50, \$100 and \$250 denominations.

Order them at www.navy-nex.com, at 1-877-770-GIFT (4438), by fax at 1-877-770-3234, or by mail at CertifiChecks, Inc., Attn: Order Processing; 1435 Shoup Mill Rd., Suite A, Dayton, Ohio 45414. [Source: Armed Forces News 3/19/04]

Congress Authorizes Korean Defense Service Medal: Criteria for the award of and procedures to claim entitlement to the Korean Defense Service Medal, authorized by Congress in February, were announced recently.

The new medal, said a Pentagon spokeswoman, is America's way "of recognizing the tremendous accomplishments of service members who served in Korea from July 28, 1954 to a future undetermined date."

To qualify for the medal, service members must have served in support of the defense of the Republic of Korea. The area of eligibility encompasses all land area of the Republic of Korea, and the contiguous water out to 12 nautical miles and all air spaces above the land and water areas.

Service members must have been assigned, attached or mobilized to units operating in the area of eligibility and have been physically deployed in the area of eligibility for 30 consecutive or 60 nonconsecutive days or meet one of the following criteria:

- Have been engaged in actual combat during an armed engagement, regardless of the time in the area of eligibility;
- Was wounded or injured in the line of duty and required medical evacuation from the area of eligibility; and
- Participated as a regularly assigned air crew member flying sorties into, out of, within or over the area of eligibility in support of military operations. Each day that one or more sorties were flown in accordance with these criteria counts as one day toward the 30 or 60-day requirement.

Personnel who served in operations and exercises conducted in the area of eligibility are considered eligible for the award as long as the basic time criteria is met. Due to the extensive time period for medal eligibility, the nonconsecutive service period for eligibility remains cumulative throughout the entire period.

The military may award the medal posthumously. Only one award of the medal is authorized for any individual.

According to DoD, more than 40,000 service members have been on South Korean land or adjacent waters each year since the July 1953 cease-fire establishing the DMZ.

Retired members and veterans who meet the eligibility (or the next of kin in the case of those now deceased) must request the award from the National Personnel Records Center in St Louis. The address is:

NPRC
9700 Page Avenue
St. Louis MO 63132-5100

The web address is <http://www.archives.gov>.

Requests should include documents clearly proving service and dates in Korea, such as TDY/PCS orders, performance reports, letter of evaluations, flight records, decoration citation, record review RIP, medical documents, or DD form 214 (discharge form). Questions should be addressed to, and only to, the NPRC Customer Service Center at (314) 801-0800.

Once entitlement has been verified, NPRC will update the KDSM to the DD form 214, certificate of release or discharge from active duty, and then authorize HQ AFPC, Randolph AFB, TX, to issue a medal. Because of the expected large number of individuals applying, this may take quite awhile.

The KDSM should also be available for purchase at Army and Air Force Exchange Service Clothing Sales facilities in three to six months. [Source: Air Force Retiree News 03/04/04]

MOAA Name Tags

Many members are ordering new nametags sporting the new MOAA logo. If you would like a new Name Tag, order forms are available at each Chapter meeting. It is requested that you pay for them (\$5) when ordering so if something prevents you from attending the next meeting they can be mailed to you.

More Real, True and Un-Exaggerated Rules of Golf

- If you're afraid a full shot might reach the green while the foursome ahead of you is still putting out, you have two options: you can immediately shank a lay-up, or you can wait until the green is clear and top a ball halfway there.
- The less skilled the player, the more likely he is to share his ideas about the golf swing.
- The inevitable result of any golf lesson is the instant elimination of the one critical unconscious motion that allowed you to compensate for all your errors.
- If it ain't broke, try changing your grip.
- Golfers who claim they don't cheat, also lie.
- Everyone replaces his divot after a perfect shot.
- A golf match is a test of your skill against your opponent's luck.
- It's surprisingly easy to hole a 50-foot putt when you lie 10.
- Counting on your opponent to inform you when he breaks a rule is like expecting him to make fun of his own haircut.
- Nonchalant putts count the same as chalant putts.
- It's not a gimme if you're still away.
- The shortest distance between any two points on a golf course is a straight line that passes directly through the center of a very large tree.

AZ CHAPTER MOAA SPRING GOLF TOURNAMENT

INTERESTED IN A SUPER DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP?

WHEN: Saturday, May 1, 2004. First Tee Time: 0830 - please check-in no later than 0800.

WHERE: Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave, Tempe, located just north of Hwy 202 (Red Mountain). Eighteen hole PAR 62 course with a few hills and valleys.

COST: \$30, which includes cart fee, green fees and a few bucks left over for prizes. Remember, the proceeds from Mulligan sales (2 for \$5 unlimited number allowed-unused Mulligans are not refundable) go directly into the Chapter's Scholarship Fund, so buy lots of Mulligans when you check-in – you may need them and even if you don't the money is for a good cause!

WHO: Members and guests of the AZ Chapter MOAA.

DRESS CODE: No special dress code other than you must keep on your clothes. However, collared shirts are recommended. Soft or metal spikes are OK – you may wear sneakers.

WHAT: Reservations and \$30.00 fee must be received by 26 April. Please mail fees and the below form to: Bernie Conway, 5737 N. 79th Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Changes, both additions and deletions, can be handled by phone up to 28 April. Phone 480-994-0440 or Email Bernie at conwaybcjc@cox.net if you have questions.

This is a very friendly, fun tournament. You do not have to be a good golfer to play and have fun with this group. We do have a couple of “good” golfers, but they just have to put up with the rest of us.

SPECIAL RULES: Use of a Mulligan is not allowed on Closest to Pin and Longest Drive holes. Additional rules and prize information may be available at check-in. Calloway scoring will be utilized.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL WITH CHECK -----

AZ CHAPTER MOAA GOLF TOURNAMENT - COUNT ME IN!

HERE IS MY REGISTRATION SLIP AND ENTRY FEE.


Name: _____ Phone No: _____

I would like to be partnered with: _____


* Mail entry slip and fees to: Bernie Conway, 5737 N. 79th Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

* Make checks to: **Bernie Conway**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Firewood * Hauling * Tree Removal * Clean-Up 	 <p>BEN'S FIRE & ICE CO. (602) 437-3139</p>	<p>1/2 Cord: \$150.00 Full Cord: \$250.00 Delivered & Stacked</p>
<p>Benson H. Huddleston General Manager/Owner</p>		<p>7246 S. 41st Street Phoenix, Az 85042</p>



TAPS



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

1LT Alan G. McIlvaine USA (Ret)

April 20, 1924 — December 14, 2003

He Will Be Missed By All

If you know of a member or spouse who enters the hospital or passes away, please notify one of the Chapter Officers.

April Dinner Meeting

WHEN: 15 April 2004
6:30 p.m. Social Period
7:00 p.m. Dinner

WHERE: Sunshine Hotel
3600 North 2nd Ave
Phoenix, Arizona

COST: \$16.00 - Per Person

MENU: Tossed Salad w/Dressing
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Vegetable du Jour
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