



# The Sentinel

Arizona's First Chapter



The Arizona Chapter, 15403 E. Sunburst Drive, Fountain Hills, Arizona 85268

OCTOBER 2004 CHARTERED IN 1956 - OVER 48 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COUNTRY EDITOR: Terry Tassin



### President's Message

Thanks to Ron Green for leading the group through the September luncheon general membership meeting in my absence. Marie and I had to be out of town for a function at our old high school in Kansas. We enjoyed our trip, but also understand that we missed a very entertaining speaker. By all reports Captain (Ret) Tom Mont, the guest speaker, must have been one of the most humorous and enjoyable that we have had in some time. Thanks also to Dan Conway who presented our proposed bylaws changes and to the members present whose vote resulted in their acceptance.

The new bylaws provide for a slightly different and more flexible Chapter Board of Directors (BOD) composition than we have had in the past. The new structure, also aligned with MOAA National guidelines, provides for a Chapter president, a first and a second vice president, a secretary, a treasurer, an immediate past-president, and five directors. Candidates for these new BOD positions for the 2005 calendar year will be introduced and an election will be held at the November general membership meeting. Whereas nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the meeting, a committee chaired by Chuck Schluter has been appointed to identify a potential slate of candidates for these offices. Contrary to what some of you may think, participation on the BOD is actually a lot of fun and offers the opportunity to interact regularly with some really exceptional people. If you are at all interested in participating, please give Chuck a call. Otherwise I'm sure that some of you can expect a call from him.

Once every four years National hosts a Western Region "Chapter President's Symposium". The event will be held at South Lake Tahoe, Nevada, on Sept 30 - Oct 2. I will attend, representing the Chapter, as will Bernie Conway, the new Chapter Personal Affairs Officer. Dan Conway and Chuck Schluter will also attend, representing the State Council of Chapters. We hope to be able to gain some new ideas through the extensive number of seminars scheduled for the symposium.

In other Chapter business, I would like to recognize and thank Paul Alix for his effort in conducting a Chapter internal financial audit. Whereas no surprises were uncovered, it was a task that was long overdue from an administrative perspective.

Other MOAA chapters have had success in offering a "theme" general membership meeting during the year. Your recent chapter survey responses also indicated an interest in having some amount of entertainment in addition to speakers at our general membership meetings. Therefore, our next general membership meeting on Thursday, October 21, at the Sunshine Hotel will be an Oktoberfest theme. We have arranged for the 10-piece Arizona Button Accordion Band to play for your listening and dancing pleasure. There will be an authentic Bavarian menu. Dress will be casual or "Bavarian" if you choose. Please plan on attending and bring some friends. This would be an excellent opportunity for potential new Chapter members to get acquainted or for current chapter members who haven't attended meetings for a while to get reacquainted. I look forward to seeing you there.

— Gary Fredricks

### Oktoberfest Alert

by Ron Green

The Arizona Chapter wishes to remind you that it is hosting an Oktoberfest at the Sunshine Hotel at 3600 N. 2nd Ave., Phoenix at 6:30 PM on 21 October. The Oktoberfest will be complete with an authentic Bavarian menu and entertainment for your listening and dancing pleasure.



The entertainment will be provided by the "Arizona Button Accordion Band" consisting of 8 on the Button Accordions plus Bass Guitar and Drummer. Dress will be casual or "Bavarian" if you choose. MOAA members who are not Chapter members are particularly invited to come and get acquainted. The cost is \$17 per person. Contact Bill Johnson at (602) 690-1012 for reservations or Gary Fredricks at (480) 836-8419 for information. This is a first for our Chapter, so "Come On Out."

### Membership Renewal Delay

by Ron Green

The Membership Renewal Campaign is being delayed till the November timeframe as I forgot to bring some points up at the September Board of Directors meeting that must be discussed before I start the campaign. It is planned that a renewal program will be included in the November Sentinel. Remember, dues need to be renewed by 31 December.

### Arizona Chapter Calendar

- Oct 7**
  - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- Oct 21**
  - Oktoberfest Dinner Meeting
- Oct 23**
  - Veterans Rally
- Oct 30**
  - Golf Tournament Rolling Hills GC
- Nov 4**
  - BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107
- Nov 20**
  - Annual General Luncheon Meeting

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**Chaplain's Corner**

"Almighty God, Bless the leaders of our land that we may be a people at peace to us and those people around us and to nations of this earth. Fill our hearts with thankfulness and give us your guidance in these trying days. Amen"  
—*Robert Rutherford, Chaplain*

**Fall Golf Tournament**

*by Bernie Conway*

The MOAA Fall golf tournament will be held on Saturday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at Rolling Hills Golf Course. For any newcomers, this course is a Par 62 located at 1415 N. Mill Avenue in Tempe AZ. There are a few hills and valleys at this course so we will be using carts. Cart fee, green fees, and prize money are included in the entry fee of \$30.00.

First Tee Time is 8:00 a.m., so we ask everyone show up by 7:30 a.m. A driving range is available, as is a good restaurant with breakfast specials every day.

We will follow the same format as the spring tournament, with a special effort to wrest away the coveted championship trophy from Roy Anderson.

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 to me not later than Oct 25th. Send them now

**New Members**

Welcome to new Chapter members since the last newsletter

**CW4 William L. Terry USA (Ret) and wife Catherine**

15757 N. 90<sup>th</sup> Place #1148  
Scottsdale, AZ 85260  
Tele: (480) 563-1096  
Email: dfcpilot@earthlink.net

Please take the opportunity to meet our new members at the next meeting.

**Membership**

Currently the AZ Chapter has 182 members including, 44 auxiliary members and 12 new members for 2004.

so you don't forget. Make checks payable to **Bernie Conway**, and mail to **5737 N. 79<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85250**. See you there!

**Raffle Winners**

Congratulations to the following members who were winners in the "50/50" raffle held at the September meeting: Barbara Aydelotte, Betty Green, Doug Gray and Meta Seltzer.

**October Dinner Meeting  
Thursday, 21 October -  
Sunshine Hotel**

The next Chapter meeting is set for Thursday, 21 October at the Sunshine Hotel. Bring a friend to our meeting and introduce them to a great group of people. The meeting will start with a 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. The deadline for reservations to reach Bill Johnson is 15 October. Come join us for fun, 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!

- BOD Meeting* - 4 Nov - Post 107
- Lunch Meeting* - 20 Nov-McCormick Ranch
- BOD Meeting* - 2 Dec - Post 107
- Dinner/Silent Auction* - 16 Dec - Sunshine Hotel

**Chapter 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

*By Chet Baumer*

The projected date for the 50th Anniversary celebration is Saturday, October 21, 2006 at the Luke AFB Officers Club. More information will be disseminated when available. Get everyone prepared for a first class affair.



**Legislative Spotlight**

[Source: The Affiliate October 04]

**MOAA Members Can Save 25 Percent On Legal Fees - INFO**

Do you know about MOAA's Lawyer Listing Service? It is a list of attorneys who are members of MOAA or spouses of MOAA members who have agreed to give

**ALL VETERANS 'SUPPORT OUR TROOPS' RALLY**

Saturday, October 23, 2004  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

Wesley Bolin Plaza, 17<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Jefferson, Phoenix, AZ

Numerous veterans' organization representatives and dignitaries will address veterans in appreciation for their service to our country. Opening ceremonies will include a Parade of Colors. There will be a mass Posting of the Colors and the laying of wreaths at each Memorial with a special tribute to the Vietnam Veterans, speakers, music and a "fly-over".

The keynote speaker will be Lt. General Ricardo Sanchez, former commander of American troops in Iraq, and the highest ranking Hispanic officer in the Army. Representing Anthony Principi, Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Washington, DC, will be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs, Gordon Macy. Dignitaries and representatives from Arizona will include Governor Janet Napolitano, Pat Chorpensing, Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services, and Peter Van Haren, Chairman of the Phoenix Military Veterans Commission.

For further information, call (602) 973-5004 or go to [WWW.LULACVETERANS.COM](http://WWW.LULACVETERANS.COM)

MOAA members a 25 percent discount on their regular and customary charges. The information on the list is validated annually.

To find a lawyer in your area, go to MOAA's Web Base, [www.moaa.org/products/awyerlisting.asp](http://www.moaa.org/products/awyerlisting.asp) or call our Member Service Center at (800) 234-6622.

If you are an MOAA member or the spouse of a member and a lawyer, please consider joining MOAA's Lawyer Listing Service. Go to [www.moaa.org/products/lawyerlistingjoin.asp](http://www.moaa.org/products/lawyerlistingjoin.asp) for more information.

**Military Homeowners, Remarried Survivors Face Benefit Deadlines- DIS**

Special benefit application periods affecting some military homeowners and certain remarried survivors of members who died of service-connected causes are due to expire shortly. Please help spread

**Newsletter Advertising**

If you or a business/organization known to you wishes to place an ad in *The Sentinel* please contact the Editor for details. Advertisements will be priced according to size in multiples that approximate standard business card dimensions. Proceeds from advertisements help defray cost of preparing the newsletter. Advertising costs are:

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|----------------|---------------|------------------|------------------|
| Single Card    | \$80          | \$25             | \$15             |
| Double Card    | \$160         | \$50             | \$30             |
| Quadruple Card | \$320         | \$100            | \$60             |

**Army National Guard  
Saint Barbara's Military Ball**  
It's party time! Open to all ranks, all service branches, phone Doug Gray at 480-941-2510 if you are interested in this annual fun event.  
**Field Artillery Military Ball  
Friday December 10th  
Chaparral Suites  
5001 N. Scottsdale Road  
Scottsdale, Arizona  
RSVP no later than 1 December**

the word to others who might be affected and need to take advantage of these soon-to-expire opportunities.

**Military Homeowners.** One of MOAA's most significant legislative victories in 2003 was the Military Family Tax Relief Act, signed by President George W. Bush Nov. 11, 2003. Among other things, the new law restored capital gains tax equity for military homeowners. Specifically, it exempted up to 10 years spent away from home on military orders from counting against the requirement to have lived in a primary residence for at least two of the five years preceding sale of the home. This victory ended six years of frustration.

A key feature of last year's law made the exemption provision retroactive for home sales after May 6, 1997 - the date of the law removing the old exemption. This special rule allows those previously disadvantaged military homeowners to file amended federal tax returns for one year after the date the new change became law, meaning the deadline is Nov. 10, 2004. Find out more by going to [www.irs.gov/individuals/index.html](http://www.irs.gov/individuals/index.html) and clicking on "Tax Information for Members of the U.S Armed Forces."

**Remarried Survivors.** The Veterans Benefits Act of 2003 included a provision that restores Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for surviving spouses of members who die of service-connected causes, and who remarry after age 57. Bush signed the bill Dec. 16, 2003. Qualifying spouses who remarried after age 57, but before enactment of the bill, can have their DIC benefit restored, but only if they apply for reinstatement within one year after enactment - by Dec. 15, 2004.

Eligible spouses can apply by submitting a written request for restoration of DIC along with a statement of dependence (VA form 21-686c). The form is available online at [www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/21-686c.pdf](http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/21-686c.pdf). Applications should be mailed to the nearest regional VA office. To find the nearest regional office, go to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and click on "Facility Locator." The one-

year application period limit does not apply to eligible surviving spouses age 57 and older who remarry after Dec. 16, 2003.

**TRICARE Reimburses OHI CoPays-DIS**

Since Express Scripts Inc. (ESI) took over the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy program in June, some have experienced problems with reimbursement of copayments for other health insurance (OHI). TRICARE beneficiaries with OHI are eligible to have TRICARE reimburse their OHI pharmacy copayments.

In addition to filing a paper TRICARE claim (DD Form 2642), you must enclose either a copy of the pharmacy receipt on the pharmacy's letterhead or a billing form showing:

- name of the drug;
- strength;
- quantity;
- cost paid by your OHI;
- amount you paid;
- prescription number and date of fill;
- prescriber's name or DEA number;
- pharmacy's name;
- pharmacist's signature if the claim is not printed on an "acceptable format" (pharmacy stamp, letterhead, etcetera); and
- the beneficiary's name imprinted on the receipt.

(The days supplied (e.g., 30, 90 days) is not explicitly required. However, if it can't be determined based on the information

**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:  
**Doug Gray \$10,  
Mike Gannon \$10,  
Irene Doto \$50**  
50th Anniversary Fund:  
**Frank and Velma Birtciel \$25  
Doug Gray \$10,  
Mike Gannon \$10,  
Irene Doto \$50**  
Scholarship Fund:  
**Doug Gray \$10,  
Mike Gannon \$10,  
Irene Doto \$60**  
Our thanks to all contributors on behalf of all future beneficiaries of the Chapter Funds.

provided, calling the pharmacy, etcetera, the claim is rejected.)

Send forms to:

ESI  
P.O. Box 66518  
St. Louis, MO 63166-6518

**ARIZONA VETERANS HALL OF FAME**  
*Induction Ceremony November 4, 2004*

The fourth annual induction ceremony of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame will take place on Thursday, November 4, from 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM at the El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, 552 N. 40<sup>th</sup> Street, in Phoenix.

The Hall of Fame is sponsored by Unified Arizona Veterans on behalf of the Office of the Governor and the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. It recognizes Arizona veterans who have honorably served their country through military service and who have continued to serve and inspire their fellow man with deeds and accomplishments throughout their lifetime.

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2004 will honor the following:

|                     |               |                          |                    |
|---------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Alexander Brodie    | Deceased      | Arden A. Rowley          | Mesa               |
| Julius W. Brown     | Peoria        | William E. Sandvig       | Peoria             |
| Dominic Di Giovanni | Sun Lakes     | Frank C. Schmuck         | Tempe              |
| Rex J. Farley       | Phoenix       | Thomas W. Stephens       | Hereford           |
| Jesse J. Gersten    | Sun Lakes     | Marshall Trimble         | Scottsdale         |
| Philip J. Hanson    | Peoria        | Marcelina U. Varona, Sr. | Nogales (Dec'd)    |
| Carl T. Hayden      | Deceased      | Robert W. Williams       | Sun City W (Dec'd) |
| Lloyd W. Kilmer     | Sun City West | Susan Edith Wudy         | Phoenix            |
| Florencio L. Othon  | Sun City      | Arthur J. Hubbard-Ganado | Tucson             |
| Harry Wineinger     | Tucson        |                          |                    |

They will join the 89 members of the Hall of Fame which recognizes such veterans as Barry Goldwater, John Rhodes, Bob Stump, Madeline Ullom, and Ira Hayes.

The ceremony is open to the public by reservation only. The cost is \$25 per person, \$200 for tables of eight. Lunch is included. Since the Hall of Fame is entirely non-profit, donations are most welcome. Reservations or donations may be made in writing to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in care of Unified Arizona Veterans, ATTN: Donna Adams, 3839 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Suite 100, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Make checks payable to AVHOF.

Reservations must be received not later than Wednesday, October 27. Doors open at 10:30 AM.

# AZ CHAPTER MOAA FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**INTERESTED IN A SUPER DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP?**

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 30th. First Tee Time: 8:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Rolling Hills Golf Course, 1415 N. Mill Ave, Tempe, located just north of Hwy 202

**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 your clothes on. 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 25 October. Please mail fees and the below form to: **Bernie Conway, 5737 N. 79<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85250**. Changes, both additions and deletions, can be handled by phone up to 25 October. Phone 480-994-0440 or email Bernie at [conwaybcjc@cox.net](mailto:conwaybcjc@cox.net).

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 or Longest Drive holes. Additional rules and prize information will be available at the check-in table.

**CUT HERE AND MAIL OR CONTACT BERNIE WITH THE REQUIRED INFO AND SEND CHECK**

## AZ CHAPTER MOAA FALL 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. 79<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

\* Make checks to: **Bernie Conway**

## MOAA Benefits Info Update September 2004

### Item 1..TRICARE Transition Tips

Some beneficiaries may experience transition challenges such as long wait times when calling their new regional contractors. Some tips for accessing TRICARE information include conducting business online when ever possible, calling during non-peak hours and visiting TRICARE Service Centers for face-to-face assistance.

#### TRICARE Region Contractor web sites & telephone numbers:

- TRICARE North -  
www.healthnetfederalservices.com  
1-877-TRICARE (1-877-874-2273)
- TRICARE South - www.humana-military.com 1-800-444-5445
- TRICARE West - www.triwest.com  
1-888-TRIWEST (1-888-874-9378)

Beneficiaries can enroll/change enrollment information online, search for providers in their local area, find health plan information, and links to claims and online appointments. Beneficiaries are welcome to call, recognizing that they might experience longer wait times due to high call volume during transition. Consider calling on Thursday/Friday, the days with the least calls which makes them the best for gaining quick access to information. Typically, Mondays have the largest volume of calls.

For additional TRICARE information visit the TRICARE web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil) or the TRICARE Online web site at [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com)

### Item 2..Medicare Part B Special Enrollment Mailings - Certain Uniformed Services Beneficiaries Entitled To Medicare To Receive Important Mailings

The Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) has a provision that directly impacts certain Medicare-TRICARE dual-eligible beneficiaries. It eliminates the Medicare Part B surcharge for uniformed services beneficiaries who were subject to a higher premium (currently paying more than \$66.60 a month) for enrolling in Part B during the years 2001 to 2004. Under the MMA, Medicare Part B premiums will be reduced for these beneficiaries to the regular monthly premium rate and beneficiaries will be reimbursed for any surcharges paid in 2004. These refunds will be provided in Social Security retirement checks. In mid-September, the Social Security Administration (SSA) will send a statement that clearly explains these changes.

The legislation also provides the opportunity for uniformed services

## Book Store

In this section of our newsletter Chapter members are advised of new books now available which were written by our members. Authors should contact the AZ Chapter Editor with information concerning their work.

This month two new books, written by Phil Johnson, are listed.

#### **"I Think Sadi Arabia Suks"**

by Col Phil Johnson, USAF (Ret)

A humorous, serious, compassionate look at the Gulf War from the eyes of L.A. school kids.

#### **"Shock and Awe News Reporters"**

by Col Phil Johnson, USAF (Ret)

Your 30-minute guide on how to talk with news reporters successfully!

For a complete description of these books and how to procure a copy, contact Phil Johnson at 1-800-592-0304 or Email: [pjohnson65@hotmail.com](mailto:pjohnson65@hotmail.com).

beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A but are not enrolled in Medicare Part B to enroll in Part B without a premium surcharge. These beneficiaries will be offered the opportunity to enroll in Part B during a Special Enrollment Period.

#### **SSA Special Enrollment Period Notice**

The SSA will mail a Special Enrollment Period notice in mid-September 2004 to uniformed services beneficiaries who are entitled to Medicare Part A but are not enrolled in Medicare Part B. The notice will explain that the SSA enrolled the beneficiary in Part B effective Sept. 1, 2004. The Part B monthly premium (\$66.60) will automatically be deducted from Social Security retirement checks starting Sept. 1, or if beneficiaries do not receive a Social Security check, they will be billed the appropriate amount. The SSA notice includes a form that gives beneficiaries the option to change their Medicare Part B effective date or decline enrollment. Anyone who refuses Part B will be ineligible for TRICARE benefits.

Beneficiaries will have 60 days after the date of the notice to complete and return the form if they choose to change the effective date or decline Part B enrollment. If beneficiaries notify SSA that they are selecting an earlier month in 2004 as the start date for their Part B enrollment and would find it hard to pay the past months' premium amount in a lump sum, they should take the completed form and the SSA letter to a local Social Security office (if they live in the United States, Canada or Mexico) or United States Foreign Service Post for processing and ask about alternative payment options.

#### **Department of Defense (DoD) Letter**

Affected beneficiaries will also receive a letter from the Department of Defense (DoD) regarding these changes in the law. The DoD letter will give beneficiaries a heads-up that they will soon be receiving a Special Enrollment Period notice from the SSA. Dual-eligible active duty family members are not required to purchase Medicare Part B until their active duty sponsor retires.

#### **DEERS Registration**

Uniformed services beneficiaries also must be registered in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS) to remain eligible for TRICARE benefits. Beneficiaries may update their information in DEERS by visiting an identification card issuing facility or by contacting the Defense Manpower Data Center Support Office (DSO) Telephone Center at (800) 538-9552.

#### **General Information**

For general information about TRICARE benefits, beneficiaries may call Wisconsin Physicians Service (WPS) TRICARE For Life at 1-866-773-0404 or visit the TRICARE Web site at [www.tricare.osd.mil](http://www.tricare.osd.mil). Additional information regarding the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-173) is available at [www.socialsecurity.gov/legislation/tricare.html](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/legislation/tricare.html). If beneficiaries have questions about enrolling in Medicare Part B, they may call SSA toll free, at **1-800-772-1213** or visit any Social Security office.

### This Month in History - October -

#### **1780 British spy executed in Arnold affair**

During the American War for Independence, British Major John Andry is hanged as a spy by U.S. military forces in Tappan, New York.

#### **1932 Iraq wins independence**

With the admission of Iraq into the League of Nations, Britain terminates its mandate over the Arab nation, making Iraq independent after 17 years of British rule and centuries of Ottoman rule.

#### **1952 Britain successfully tests A-bomb**

Britain successfully tests its first atomic bomb at the Monte Bello Islands, off the northwest coast of Australia.

#### **Sputnik Launched: October 4, 1957**

The Soviet Union inaugurates the "Space Age" with its launch of *Sputnik*, the world's first artificial satellite.



**FULFILL YOUR WILDEST FANTASY!**

**Fly in the B-17G Flying Fortress**

***“SENTIMENTAL JOURNEY”***

**Of the Arizona Wing, Commemorative Air Force**

Support the Phoenix Midtown Lion’s **“Sentimental Journey”** raffle with proceeds benefiting sight and hearing impaired programs. **Raffle tickets are \$30.00.** Help Us Help Humanity!

The raffle winner, along with five guests, will climb aboard the legendary bomber that became known as **WWII’s Flying Fortress** for an approximate one hour ground and air experience over the Valley of the Sun. This flight will truly take you back in time. The **“Sentimental Journey”** can be scheduled anytime between January 17 and April 15, 2005 and the **flight for six is valued at \$2,400.00.** The winning ticket will be drawn on January 11, 2005 and you do not have to be present to win.

**Get On Board Now For This Once In A Life Time Experience!**

Contact the Phoenix Midtown Lions to get your raffle tickets. Just make your check payable to the **“Phoenix Midtown Lions”** in the amount of \$30.00 per ticket and mail to:

Terry Tassin  
4333 W. Echo Lane  
Glendale, AZ 85302  
Telephone: 623-931-1546  
Email: terrytassin@cox.net

**Cut Off Slip And Return With Payment - Your Raffle Tickets Will Be Mailed To You**

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**Sentimental Journey Tickets**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_


ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_


PHONE NUMBER (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

NO. TICKETS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$30 ea. = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (amount enclosed)

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## TAPS



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

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### Oktoberfest Dinner Meeting

**WHEN:** 21 October 2004  
6:30 p.m. Social Period  
7:00 p.m. Dinner

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

**COST:** \$17.00 - Per Person

**DRESS:** Casual

**MENU:** Cucumber Salad  
Bratwurst & Sauerkraut  
German Mashed Potato  
Fresh Vegetable  
Fresh Breads & Butter  
Strudel Cake  
Coffee and Iced Tea

**PROGRAM:** Dance to the music of the "Arizona Button Accordion Band."

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

*-- Jim Seidl, Programs*



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Call Jeff C. Young (LTC, USAR, Ret.)

480-778-2041 ♦ Scottsdale, AZ

Member SPIC, NASD

### 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 North 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944.**

**Membership Renewal:** \$ 20 Full Member: \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 Auxiliary Member: \_\_\_\_\_

**50th Anniversary Fund:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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