

Revised January 26, 2006

Minutes of the January 2006 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on January 21, 2006, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Daniel Conway** called the Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Chaplain **Bob Rutherford** gave the Invocation. **Dan Conway** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Total people present: **49**. New member **Sheila George** was introduced.

Minutes: The last General Meeting Minutes were approved and accepted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was accepted and approved as distributed.

Board of Directors Reports:

Legislative: **Gary Fredricks** stated that the Arizona Governors Veteran's Task Force report has been forwarded to the Governor and the leaders of the Senate and House. In a press release, the Governor has asked for **\$10.7 million** to construct a new Veterans Home in Tucson and for **\$1.7 million** to hire additional Benefits Counselors. On the national scene, MOAA sees the glass half full. For a detailed report, read the recent issue of the *Military Officer* and go to MOAA's web page. FY 2007 budget calls for increases in TRICARE co-payments for those not under MEDICARE. Go to MOAA.org to send an e-mail to your congressional representatives objecting to these increases. Also the February issue of the *Military Officer* will contain tear out post cards that should be mailed to your congressional representatives.

50th Anniversary Committee: **Chet Baumer** reminded the group that the Dinner will be held on October 21, 2006 at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort. There will be live music and dancing, champagne for toasting, and the guest speaker will be VADM Ryan, President of MOAA.

JROTC Awards Committee: **Terry Tassin** reported that the awards schedule was posted in the January newsletter and that volunteers are needed to present the awards. If you feel comfortable in being a presenter, please call him at the phone number listed on the back of the newsletter.

Scholarship Fund: **Dan Conway** reported that the IRS approved our application for a 501(c)3 status and we can start fund raising under that designation. **Ron Worthington** reported to Dan that when he approached the owner of a local Chevrolet dealership about sponsoring one scholarship, the owner responded that he would approach other Chevy dealerships about sponsoring all of the scholarships for this year.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

10 -Minute Break.

Installation of Officers and Directors: **Gary Fredricks** installed the following officers and Directors: President Dan Conway, 1st Vice President Terry Tassin, Secretary John Gerometta, Treasurer Bill Johnson, and Directors Chet Baumer, Ron Green, Chuck Schluter, Jim Seidl, and Jo Ann Thompson. 2nd Vice President Ron Worthington was absent and will be installed at the next meeting.

Presentation of Meritorious Service Awards (MSA): **Dan Conway** presented a MSA to the following: John Gerometta, Jo Ann Thompson, Bill Johnson (First Oak Leaf Cluster), Velma Birtciel (First Oak Leaf Cluster) and Terry Tassin (Second Oak Leaf Cluster). The President's special MSA was awarded to **Gary Fredricks** by **Terry Tassin**.

Guest Speaker: Dan Conway introduced Scottsdale City Councilman Kevin Osterman. Kevin is a retired LtCol in the Arizona Air National Guard. He reviewed recent successful projects in Scottsdale including SkySong, SF Giants training facility, Senior Center at the old Smitty's site on McDowell Road, and a new City Fire Department. Future projects include increasing the size of the City Police Department, upgrading the Vista del Camino community center, Scottsdale Road streetscape, and a Transportation Master Plan Study. After his talk, he was presented with a gift set of MOAA glasses and application forms to join MOAA and the Chapter.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$60 being paid out and \$63 entered into the Scholarship account. The \$15 prize was won by **Elizabeth Poulson**, the \$20 prize was won by **Barbara Aydelotte** and the \$25 prize was won by **Pat Dale**. Pat donated his prize to the 50th Anniversary fund.

Chaplain Bob Rutherford gave the Benediction.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 2:26 PM.

John Gerometta,
Secretary