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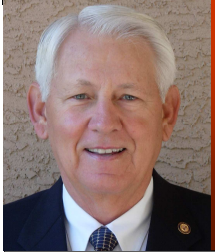
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President's Perspective

by Ron Perkins

Happy Easter.

We had an excellent turnout for the March luncheon with guest Marshall Trimble.

Unfortunately, Betty and I missed it because we were out of town. However, from all the reports I have received, we missed an excellent presentation.

Our spring JROTC scholarship fundraiser golf tournament is coming on April 9. It is

one of two annual golf outings that are our most important fundraisers. Pat Dale plans, organizes and executes a fun-filled tournament where just about everybody wins a prize. If you see Pat, please thank him for what he does for the chapter in running the tournament. I hope to see many of you there.

Also this month, Gary Fredricks and Bob Delker from the Superstition Chapter will travel to

Washington to participate in "Storming the Hill," an annual event which is an important opportunity for MOAA representatives to contact Congressmen and Senators face-to-face, letting them know our concerns for active duty members as well as veterans.

You won't want to miss this month's luncheon when we have one of our own members, Dr. Paul Schnur, as speaker. His topic is "The Mayo Clinic Mystique — The Secret of the Mayo Clinic Success".

He states that the world-renowned Mayo Clinic was started over 100 years ago in a small town in southern Minnesota by a father and his two sons. The town remained small, but the Clinic has grown and flourished to become the best known medical institution in the world. The "Why" of that will be discussed by Paul. Please make plans to attend; bring a friend and use the sign-up form in *The Sentinel* to make reservations.

Ronald J Perkins



Arizona Chapter Calendar

April 1

- . BOD, AZ Veterans Home, 1030 Hours

April 9

- . Spring Golf Tournament, Painted Mountain Golf Club, Mesa.

April 17

- . General Meeting/Luncheon; "The Mayo Clinic Mystique," McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Social Hour 1100, Lunch 1200

May 6

- . BOD, AZ Veterans Home, 1030 Hours

May 15

- . General Meeting Luncheon, JROTC Scholarship Presentations

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Chapter Legislative Chair Gary Fredricks, third from right, was among the honorees who broke ground for the new Veterans Home in Tucson in March. Read his report on Page 6.

April Luncheon

Mayo Clinic: How it Became Great

One of our own members, Dr. Paul Schnur, will be the guest speaker for the April 17 luncheon, describing the “why” of the Mayo Clinic’s greatness since its founding in Minnesota over 100 years ago.



Paul Schnur

Dr. Schnur, CPT USA (Frm), trained in general surgery and plastic surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., and later was chairman of the Division of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery at the Mayo Clinic Arizona.

In the Army, he was commanding officer of a medical dispensary attached to the 98th General Hospital in Germany. In addition to his medical background, he is a private pilot, master gardener, amateur archaeologist and has a vineyard and winery at his summer home in Sedona.

Need a Ride?

Don’t miss a chapter luncheon for lack of transportation. If you need a ride, just call Ron Perkins, 480-961-8632.

He will arrange for a chapter member to give you a ride to and from the meeting. All he asks is that you give him advance notice so he has time to make arrangements with another member.



Saturday, July 17

**That’s the date for our outing to
The Arizona Broadway Theatre!
Dinner and a Play**



Playing: Footloose

Based on the 1984 hit movie that captured the heart of America, Footloose bursts on stage with youthful spirits, dazzling dance scenes and electrifying music. Ren, a teen from Chicago is forced to move with his mother to a puritanical small town after his father abandons the family. To his shock, dancing and rock and roll are forbidden! He and his classmates want a senior prom.

It doesn’t take Ren long to shake up the status quo, and soon the whole class is on their feet sending the town into a frenzy. Footloose has the heart and music to get everyone on their feet. Hit songs in the play include:

Let’s Hear it for the Boy, Holding Out for a Hero,
Almost Paradise, and Footloose.

Theater location: 7701 W. Paradise Lane, Peoria

Price: \$50.50 per person and includes dinner, show, coffee, tea, sales tax and ticket gratuity. Other beverages, dessert and gratuity for those selections are not included.

Make checks payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA**

Mail along with the form below to:

Marie Fredricks, 15403 E. Sunburst Dr., Fountain Hills, AZ 85268

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Name (Please Print): _____

Number of Tickets: _____

Amount Enclosed (# tickets x \$50.50): _____



Arizona History Comes to Life at March Meeting



State Historian Marshall Trimble entertained with delightful tales of Arizona and finished up with a lively song.



Ever wonder why the Arizona community of Why is named Why? Sixty-seven chapter members and guests found out why from Marshall Trimble, guest speaker at the March luncheon. Answer: because travelers passing through the remote community wondered why anyone would want to live there.

Trimble, Arizona's official state historian, delighted the audience with witty tales of Arizona lore, including stories of his life growing up in the Grand Canyon State.

Place names and their origins were popular subjects of his talk, and the audience learned a number of obscure facts. For instance, the town of Snowflake's name has nothing to do with winter snow (the town founders' last names were Snow and Flake), and the community of Pinetop was named after a local bartender nicknamed Pinetop and not for the extensive Ponderosa Pine forest that surrounds it. Route 66, which traversed northern Arizona in its heyday, was another source of stories, including an account of Rimmy Jim Giddings and his disdain for salesmen and snooty tourists who stopped at his wayside shop along Route 66 east of Flagstaff.

Trimble generated many laughs with his humorous stories, and ended his presentation with a whimsical song about military life. It's safe to say that for this meeting a good time was had by all.



Marshall Trimble received a gift set of MOAA tumblers from First VP Gregg Maxon, at left, while Paul Schnur, at right, shared some laughs with Marshall after his presentation.



Western wear was the uniform of the day at the luncheon. Ron Worthington and Chuck Schluter, above, and Chuck and Paula Knight, below, were right in style.





Personal Affairs
by Dan Conway
Personal Affairs Officer

Estate Planning

Among the many MOAA publications, one which could be very valuable is the "Financial Planning Guide". I know that several of you haven't filled out your "Help Your Survivors Now" workbook, and I suspect that some of you haven't recently reviewed your Estate Planning. Both are very important. This is the second month in a row that I have referred to the "Financial Planning Guide" following

additional recent publicity about the woman who had her fortune depleted by her guardians. I hope that my nagging will prod at least one of you to action.

On the following page is a summary of estate planning techniques discussed in the publication.

To obtain these publications, just call MOAA at 1-800-234-6622. Have your Membership Number available, and the publications will be on the way.

Please consider me as a resource and don't hesitate to call with your questions and concerns. My phone is 480-368-1427.

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Welcome New Member

Lawrence DeSanto, Col. USAF (Ret)
And Wife Lova
Scottsdale, Arizona

Please meet and welcome our new member.

Military Birthdays in April

GEN Colin Powell, USA, Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman, National Security Advisor, Secretary of State, Vietnam Vet; April 5, 1937.

GEN Lucius Clay, USA, military governor of Germany after World War II, initiated the Berlin Airlift; April 23, 1897.

GEN Ulysses S. Grant, USA, commander of Union forces in the Civil War, President of the U.S. 1869-77; April 27, 1822.

Gen Holland "Howlin' Mad" Smith, USMC, task force commander at Iwo Jima, the father of U.S. amphibious warfare; April 20, 1882.

Lt Col Virgil "Gus" Grissom, USAF, one of the original Project Mercury astronauts; second American to fly in space; April 3, 1926.

Donald James Yarmy, Guadalcanal Marine, better known as Don Adams (Maxwell Smart on the TV series "Get Smart"); April 13, 1923.

Honorable Mention: Wilbur Wright, co-inventor of the airplane; April 16, 1867.

Bits of Military Wit and Wisdom

"It is generally inadvisable to eject directly over the area you just bombed."

USAF Guidelines

"Try to look unimportant. They might be low on ammo."

Infantry Journal

"Never tell the platoon sergeant you have nothing to do."

Marine recruit

"Any ship can be a minesweeper — once."

Anonymous

"Don't draw fire. It irritates the people around you."

Army buddies

"If your attack is going too well, you're walking into an ambush."

Infantry Journal

"If you see a bomb technician running, try to keep up with him."

USAF Ammo

"Aim towards the enemy."

Instructions printed on a U.S. rocket launcher

TAPS

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

Lt. Col. Gerald Schwartz, USAF (Ret)
August 23, 1929—August 29, 2009

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family.

Estate Planning

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TECHNIQUE	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Bypass Trust	Insures that property is maintained to provide income to surviving spouse; gives property to surviving children after death of second spouse; may minimize estate tax for married couples.	Assets must be individually owned by the spouses; may be expensive to establish and maintain; assets in the trust are not under the direct control of the surviving spouse.
Charitable Remainder Trust	Insures receipt of gift by charity; provides immediate gift tax deduction; provides income to non-charitable beneficiaries during their lifetime.	Some taxpayers may not be able to use the gift tax deduction.
Durable Power of Attorney	Allows expected descendent to exercise financial management during a period of disability without court appointed guardianship; inexpensive to implement.	Potential of abuse of authority by appointed individual.
Gifts	Allows expected descendent to transfer during their lifetime to an intended beneficiary; can avoid taxes if amount is under the annual exclusion limit.	From a tax perspective it may not be suitable to make gifts of high value, non-divisible assets.
Living Trust	Avoids probate and protects privacy while providing financial management of personal affairs during periods of disability.	Can be expensive to establish and maintain.
Living Will	Allows an individual to specify medical treatment in the event they become terminally ill.	No major disadvantages.
Property Ownership Through Joint Tenancy	Inexpensive to implement; transfers property at death without probate.	Joint Tenant has legal rights over property during the expected descendant's lifetime, surviving tenant may pay capital gains tax.
Qualified Terminable Interest Property Trust (Q-TIP)	Provides trust income to the surviving spouse while allowing the originator of the trust to control the final distribution of the trust assets.	No major disadvantages.



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks, Legislative Chair

New Veterans Home Breaks Ground

On March 19 I had the privilege of participating in the ground breaking ceremony for the Arizona Veterans' Home – Tucson. Whereas this is not technically a legislative event, it required a lot of work by various veterans associations to get and to keep the state and federal funding through the legislatures to make this a reality. Governor Brewer was the keynote speaker at the ground breaking ceremony, and several state legislators were in attendance.

In 2004 following the recommendations of the Arizona Veterans Task Force to the governor and to the legislature, the State of Arizona proposed the construction of a second Arizona State Veterans Home to be located adjacent to the campus of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson. The nearly \$27 million project is a joint venture between the Arizona Department of Veterans Services and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, with the U.S. covering 65% of the cost for the project from economic recovery funding and the state legislature providing 35% of the total funding.

Intended to serve the southern tier Arizona counties of Cochise, Graham, Greenlee, Pima, Pinal and Santa Cruz, the 137,000 square foot home will consist of four 30-bed long-term care units and a community/administration building. Residents will enjoy private rooms with full bath in a homelike environment with the best of skilled health care and services. The schedule provides for completion in September 2011, and the facility will ultimately employ 150 people and create an annual payroll of more than \$10 million. The ultimate goal toward which we are working will eventually include three more veterans homes and four more veterans cemeteries in Arizona.

State Legislature Moves Past Budget

With the completion of the FY2011 state budget in mid-March, the Arizona legislature was able to turn its attention to the various other bills that had been pretty much held in committees. We understand that the legislature has resumed committee hearings and that the

plan is for the House and Senate to work on bills during the next few weeks in order to adjourn about the first or second week of May. There are still about 30 bills that have implications for the military/veteran community in work at various stages in the legislature. It should also be noted that the FY2011 budget, as passed, will provide continuity in state veterans services but is dependent on voter passage of a temporary sales tax increase in a May election.

Medicare/TRICARE Saga Continues

At the federal level, it gives me no pleasure to say that the Medicare/TRICARE payment to doctors saga goes on and on. We did get another temporary reprieve with a deadline extension approved from March 1 to April 1. As I write this, the Senate has passed a bill to extend the deadline again to October 1. However, the House is still struggling with its companion bill which is currently tied to the jobs bill. That complication and the fact that Congress will shortly be taking a couple of weeks off is not encouraging. Let's keep our fingers crossed once again. *(Editor's note: The issue was still unresolved as The Sentinel went to press. Members can check the latest status on the MOAA website, www.MOAA.org.)*

On the good news side, Rep. Walter Jones has introduced a "discharge petition" to repeal the deduction of VA benefits from military widows' SBP annuities. This has been one of MOAA's key issues for several years now, and this new strategy is certainly welcome. It's a bit complex, but suffice it to say that it is a way around the congressional rules requirement to specify a specific funding offset. MOAA is asking us to send e-mails to our congressmen in support of this bill, which is H.R. 775. Again, you can do this easily through our website at www.MOAA.org.

MOAA—Looking Out for Members' Interests

The Hill, a newspaper based in Washington, D.C., that covers Congress, has named the Military Officers Association of America the top advocacy association for three straight years, 2007-2009.

Donations to Chapter Funds

General Fund

Anonymous \$15

Scholarship Fund

Ron & Mary Lou Worthington \$25

Clare Gannon \$25

Contributions to our Funds help keep the Chapter financially strong and provide support for our community service programs.

Please consider a donation, using the form below.

April Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: April 17, 2010
11:00 a.m. Social Hour, 12:00 Lunch

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
Scottsdale, Arizona

COST: \$19 Per Person

DRESS: Business Casual

MENU Chef's Choice

PROGRAM: Dr. Paul Schnur, an Arizona Chapter member, will discuss the Mayo Clinic and its development into a world class health institution .

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 15. Cancellations need to be received the same day in order to receive your money back. Use the reservation form below.

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