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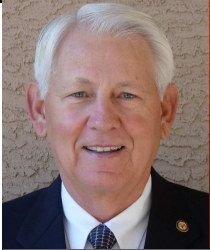
The Arizona Chapter

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NOVEMBER 2010 CHARTERED 1956 - 54 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COUNTRY EDITOR: JIM CULLISON



President's Perspective by Ron Perkins

October Picnic

The picnic was an outstanding success with excellent food provided by Famous Dave's Barbeque and a great program of recognizing several of our valley employers with awards from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) agency.

It has become very apparent that our National Guard and Reserve forces once considered "reserve forces" have become "operational forces". Without them, the active forces would not be able to accomplish all that they are asked to do, whether the mission is military, humanitarian or otherwise. Without the support of the employers, the Guard and Reserve cannot exist. Without the Guard and Reserve forces, our Active Forces cannot fight and win.

Arizona Council of Chapters

The Arizona Council of Chapters meeting was held October 19 in Green Valley. A representative

from each of the state's eight MOAA chapters attended as a voting member of the council. The council meets twice a year during the spring and fall. John Ady and I represented our chapter and Gary Fredricks represented National MOAA. The Council swore-in new officers for 2011 at the meeting. Elected officers were: President, COL Ken Yamanouchi, USA (Ret), Luke Chapter; Vice President, LTC Allen Rossow, USA (Ret), Coronado Chapter, and continuing to serve as Secretary/Treasurer, Maj Steven Abel, USAF (Ret), Green Valley Chapter.

Meritorious Service Awards (MSA)

We will honor 13 individuals at the November meeting who have provided exceptional support to the chapter during this year and past years. This year's recipients are: COL John Ady,

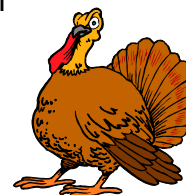
CAPT Dan Conway, Lt Col Jim Cullison, Mrs. Beth Cullison, Col Pat Dale, Mrs. Patricia Dale, Col Gary Fredricks, Mrs. Marie Fredricks, Col Ron Perkins, COL Bill Roscher, LCDR Terry Tassin, COL Rob Welch and Col Ron Worthington. These members were primarily responsible for the success of the chapter being awarded the Five Star of Excellence Award from National MOAA.

At the November luncheon, we will also vote to elect the chapter officers for 2011 and we will vote on proposed changes to the chapter By-Laws posted in this edition of *The Sentinel*. This is a very important meeting and I hope to see you there.

I wish all of you a very Happy Thanksgiving.

I am sure you are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season as much as I am.

Ron Perkins



Veterans Day observances and free meals. See pages 2, 8.

Arizona Chapter Calendar

Board of Directors meets at 1030 hours, Rm. A107, in the Arizona Veterans Home, 3rd Street and Indian School Road. Members are invited to attend.

Upcoming meetings:
• Nov. 4, Rm. B-205
• December 2

Member Meetings/Luncheons are normally held on the third Saturday of the month, Social Hour at 1100, Luncheon at 1200, at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, unless noted otherwise.

Upcoming meetings:
• November 20
• December 18

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2011 Officers

Vote in November

Chapter officers for 2011 will be elected by the membership at the November luncheon meeting. Candidates are:

President: **COL John Ady**

First Vice President: **BG Gregg Maxon**

Second Vice President: **Lt Col Jim Cullison**

Treasurer: **COL Bill Roscher**

Secretary: **Beth Cullison**

Past President: **Col Ron Perkins**

Directors: **CAPT Dan Conway, Maj Ron Green, COL Rance Farrell, COL Rob Welch, Col Ron Worthington.**

Nominations also will be accepted from the floor at the meeting.

Cell Phones for Soldiers

Bring your old cell phones to the meeting, and the Chapter will donate them to the non-profit Cell Phones for Soldiers organization.

For each donated phone, a 100-minute calling card will be provided to a service member deployed overseas, allowing him or her to stay in touch with family back home.

Auxiliary Corner

*by Kathy Upchurch
Auxiliary Liaison*

MOAA spouses and Auxiliary Members: thank you for the wonderful and enthusiastic response to get involved and to choose a community service activity.

Nineteen attended the planning session after the chapter picnic and were excited to get going. The most popular response from several ideas offered was assisting with a game, such as Bingo, at the State Veterans Home in November. As the Auxiliary Chair, I sent out a notice with an RSVP response and directions for those who would like to observe/participate at the State Veterans Home Thursday, November 4, for Bingo. Arrive at 1:45 p.m. Bingo begins at 2:15 upstairs in Room D-2.

Thank you again for taking the time out of your busy schedules to meet and serve our veterans who are in the State Veterans Home.

Looking Ahead

December Luncheon Program

Get ready for another fun chapter tradition at our December meeting. We'll be entertained during lunch by the always delightful Dickens Carolers, followed by a lively Chinese auction. December 18 is the date. More information next month.

Toys For Tots

Again this year we will be collecting new, unwrapped toys from members for delivery to the USMC Reserve Center for their Toys For Tots program at Christmas.

All members are encouraged to bring at least one toy for donation to this worthy program. Usually, the 9-12 year-old age group is the most difficult to accommodate. Bring your donations to the December Christmas meeting; there will be a collection box set up in the corner. No stuffed animals please.

In Honor of Those Who Served

Tempe **Veterans Day** parade begins at 10 a.m. November 11 from Gammage Auditorium, north on Mill Avenue to Tempe Beach Park.

Phoenix parade begins at 11 a.m. November 11 at 7th Street and Indian School Road, north to Camelback Road, west to Central Avenue, north to Bethany Home Road. Over 100 entries.

Scottsdale's veterans commemoration and entertainment begins at 3 p.m. November 11 at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale and Indian Bend Roads.

Dedication of the Vietnam Room and Khe Sanh Diorama commemorating Vietnam veterans is set for 11 a.m. November 13 at Papago Park Military Reservation, 5600 E. McDowell Road. The Military Museum there will be open admission free. Vietnam vets are now the largest living group of wartime veterans.

Heads-up on Dues

Reminder: your Chapter membership renewal for 2011 will be due by December 31. The December *Sentinel* will have more information and the renewal form.

AZ Chapter Hosts ESGR Award Winning Employers



Jonathan Flatt, senior material technician (left), and Greg Rodzenko, assistant city engineer, accepted the Above and Beyond Award and Patriotic Employer Award for the City of Glendale and Glendale Engineering Department, nominated by SFC Brian Low, USAR.

In what has become an Arizona Chapter tradition, the chapter hosted the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) to honor local employers who have provided exceptional support for their employees called to active duty.

Butch Wise, ESGR executive director and a chapter member, said the awards are given to employers who go above and beyond the legal requirements to support their Guard and Reserve employees in pay, benefits, family support, communication with deployed employees and other activities. Those honored were nominated by an employee. Awards were presented by Chapter President Ron Perkins and Chuck Schluter, chapter member and Arizona ESGR Outreach Coordinator.



Dondi Kratzenstein, Honeywell director of defense and space programs, accepted the Seven Seals Award, accompanied by LTCDR Jeffrey Miller, USNR, who nominated Honeywell.



Chapter member Dan Conway, accepted the Seven Seals Award for USAA, which was nominated by PO1C Nicholas Curry, USNR.

Butch noted that the Arizona Chapter was the first MOAA chapter in the state to collaborate with ESGR to recognize employers, and now the Green Valley, Luke and Sierra Vista chapters have joined the effort.



Brandi Haskins, Westview High School Principal, accepted the school's Above and Beyond Award. SSG Benjamin Geiger, USAR, nominated the school.



SMSgt David Cross, USAFR, nominated the Maricopa County Department of Transportation, and accepted the department's Above and Beyond Award.



Jason Schrott, senior executive director of university development and military outreach, accepted Grand Canyon University's Above and Beyond Award, nominated by MSgt Alan Munro, ANG.

New Member Initiative

Hat's off to everyone who is making our 2010 recruiting drive a success. We have a number of attractive options to gain new chapter members whether they are members of our national organization or not. Thus, if you have prospects, please contact John Ady, membership chair, for details: (h) 480 596-0780, (cell) 480 363-8080, (e-mail) JRAdy1@aol.com.

Welcome Our Chapter's Newest Members

Dr. Richard Dolinar, M.D., Col, USAF (Ret)
Phoenix

Len Dyer, Lt Col, ARNG (Act)
Litchfield Park

Benjamin Kang, 1 LT, ARNG (Act)
Phoenix

Rachel Yanovsky, LT CDR, USN (Ret)
And husband Allen, Scottsdale

Theron Sims, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)
And wife Bonita, Anthem

Albert J. Coots, CWO, USAR (Act)
And Spouse Mildred, Mesa

Corey R. Harris, 1 LT, ARNG (Act)
Tempe

Lela Colson, Auxiliary
Phoenix

Joyce Katz, Auxiliary
Scottsdale

Norma Stone, Auxiliary
Scottsdale

Marjorie McCoy, Auxiliary
Scottsdale

Hanna Schwartz, Auxiliary
Scottsdale

Martha Bay, Auxiliary
Scottsdale

**Please meet and greet
our new members.**



Class of 2010

AZ Veterans Hall of Fame Inductees

Two Arizona Chapter members were among 20 honorees inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in ceremonies October 29.

Col Gary Fredricks, USAF (Ret), above left, and **COL Webb Ellis, USA (Ret)**, are the newest AZVHOF members. Those selected are veterans who served the country in the military and continued to serve with deeds and accomplishments beyond their military service.

Gary retired from active service in 1984, then followed a civilian career in the defense electronics industry, retiring in 2003 from Raytheon as production program manager for Tomahawk missiles. He is a life member of MOAA and the Air Force Association and is a past president of the Arizona Council of MOAA Chapters and United Arizona Veterans. He is currently our chapter's legislative chairman and is a member of the Arizona Veterans' Advisory Commission and the national MOAA board.

Webb retired from military service in 1992. He was chairman of the bicentennial project to restore the Pioneer/Military Cemetery Historical Site and served on the Arizona Veterans' Service Advisory Commission from 2002-08, including chairman 2004-07. He was chairman and vice chairman of the United Arizona Veterans and led UAV's implementation of the Arizona Veterans' Hall of Fame in 2001.



Personal Affairs
by Dan Conway
Personal Affairs Officer

Burial Benefits

While you may qualify as a veteran for certain burial benefits, they do not come automatically. Some of the benefits and some of the limitations are described below:

U.S. Department Of Veterans Affairs (VA) Benefits Do Not Cover All the Funeral Or Cremation Arrangements Of Honorably Discharged Veterans.

There is a common belief that the VA pays for all the funeral or cremation arrangements of an honorably discharged veteran. However, reimbursement for funeral or cremation service expenses is limited, and usually only applies to veterans who retire from the Armed Services, or were disabled due to a service-related injury, or died in a VA hospital or while in a nursing home under VA contract. Only the VA can rule on your exact benefits.

You Will Need Documentation To Verify Military Service.

A "Report of Separation From the Armed Forces of the United States" (discharge papers) is normally required to verify military service. In most cases, this report is the "DD 214." If this report or its equivalent is not available, a "Request Pertaining To Military Records, Standard Form 180" can be sent to the Military National Personnel Record Center.

A Veteran's Family Must Request A United States Flag.

A flag is provided at no cost to drape the casket or accompany the urn of a deceased veteran. Generally, the flag is given to the next of kin.

Military Funeral Honors Ceremonies Must Be Scheduled In Advance.

Upon the family's request, the law requires that every eligible veteran receive a military funeral honors ceremony, which includes the folding and presentation of the United States flag and the playing of "Taps." The ceremony is performed by a military funeral honors detail consisting of two or more uniformed military persons and at least one person who is a

member of the veteran's branch of the Armed Forces.

Veterans' Caskets Are Not Free.

As a standard policy, neither the VA nor the various branches of service provide a free casket for a deceased veteran, unless death occurs while on active duty.

If You Choose Not To Be Buried In a VA National Cemetery, Monetary Burial Benefits Are Limited.

Veterans buried in a private cemetery may be eligible to receive a partial reimbursement for their burial costs. For non-service-related deaths, a burial expense allowance (up to \$300) and a plot allowance (up to \$300) may be given. If a death is service-related, benefits up to \$2,000 may be paid for burial expenses. Any deceased veteran discharged under conditions other than dishonorable is eligible for a standard government headstone or marker.

These benefits are the principal benefits listed in the Veterans Planning Guide published by Dignity Memorial Network, Inc. You can obtain additional information at 1-866-508-5834.

Daniel M. Conway

Luke AFB Retiree Appreciation Day

Luke's annual Retiree Appreciation Day is scheduled for 8 a.m. to noon November 20 at the base. Activities include help with pay issues, ID card renewal, flu shots, static displays, food, drinks and door prizes.



TAPS



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

Sue (Grace) Jenkins, Auxiliary
September 20, 1930—June 16, 2010

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the family.

Donations to Chapter Funds

Scholarship Fund

\$100, Anonymous



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks, Legislative Chair

As *The Sentinel* goes to press this month, nothing has changed significantly on the legislative front from last month's report. We await the results of the election, and we hope you exercised your right to vote. No matter the outcome, the new legislatures at both the state and federal levels will face daunting tasks. Currently, MOAA is requesting our help in alerting our national legislators to the importance of enacting the FY2010 Defense Authorization Bill without delay. You can do this easily by sending a pre-prepared e-mail through our newly designed MOAA website at www.moaa.org.

Our Members Make a Difference

With the absence of significant news, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank two of our chapter members for the good work they do, which you may not be aware of.

First, it was just announced in late October that the Phoenix School of Law, Veterans' Legal Clinic, is now open and ready to take inquiries from veterans on general civil and consumer legal issues. The clinic is a free service to veterans and is staffed by students from the school. The school plans on expanding assistance to criminal and domestic law matters in the future. They can be contacted at vetsclinic@phoenixlaw.edu.

Additionally, the State Bar has implemented a standing committee for military personnel, veterans and their families. Several attorneys and other experts have been assigned to subcommittees, including legislation, programs and services, family law, veterans' courts, education and training and minorities. This is still a work in progress that we will see more from in the not too distant future. Also, there is planning in place that we hope will eventually lead to the establishment of Veteran Treatment Courts as a part of our court system. The purpose of this would be to enable veterans to receive fair treatment and the services they earned through carefully monitored court ordered rehabilitation and counseling in order to help overcome the ill

effects of service-related problems in lieu of strictly disciplinary actions.

Our own chapter 1st vice president, **Gregg Maxon**, has been one of the key leaders and driving forces in these initiatives. Thank you, Gregg, for all you do.

Second, we tend to concentrate on the annual Defense Authorization Bill as a legislative vehicle for military/veteran benefits. There is a companion authorization bill that funds the Veterans Administration. While there is still much to be done, over the last few years we have seen significant improvements enacted through this bill as well. There has been about a 60% increase in VA discretionary funding, adding significantly to veterans' health care and services. Equally important, Congress authorized advance appropriations for the VA, providing a stable and uninterrupted source of funding for medical care to veterans one year in advance.

Many of these VA initiatives can be traced back to the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs. The day job of another one of our chapter members, **Corey Harris**, is serving on the local staff of one of our representatives who has been serving on that committee during his term in Washington. If you attended our chapter picnic, you could see Corey wearing his Arizona Army National Guard uniform, as he is a lieutenant there who just received at least a temporary reprieve from an imminent assignment back to Afghanistan. Additionally, I see Corey frequently at meetings of the Unified Arizona Veterans and the Arizona Veterans' Advisory Service Commission in his quest to stay current on issues affecting Arizona veterans. Finally, Corey left the picnic with a handfull of MOAA membership applications, which he intends to use in persuading other Arizona National Guard members on the value of MOAA membership. So, thank you very much, Corey, for all you do as well.

Happy Birthday, Marines

Celebrate the Marine Corps birthday on November 10, marking the official founding of the Continental Marines in 1775. Semper Fi!



Chowing Down, Living Easy

Sixty-six members and guests enjoyed a beautiful Arizona fall day and a mouth-watering catered barbecue lunch at the Chapter's October picnic.

November Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: November 20, 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: Meritorious Service Awards, vote on bylaws changes, election of Chapter officers for 2011.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Thursday, November 18. Cancellations need to be received the same day to receive your money back. Use the reservation form below.

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General Fund: \$ _____

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MEAL / MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ meals for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (**\$19.00** per person) for **20 November 2010**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** Received No Later Than: **18 November 2010**

Send to: **Bill Roscher, 4337 E. Sands Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050** Phone: 480-948-3609 E-mail: wroscher@cox.net

Bon Appetit! Free Meals for Veterans

Veterans and active duty members can have a free meal at the following restaurants in observance of Veterans Day. Take your ID card or other proof of service.

McCormick and Schmick's Seafood Restaurants on **November 7**. Make reservations.

Applebee's Restaurants on **November 11**.
 Sassi Restaurant, 10455 E. Pinnacle Peak Parkway, Scottsdale; three-course meal from 5:30 to 9 on **November 11**. Make reservations.

Golden Corral Buffet Restaurants, buffet dinner from 5 to 9 on **November 15**.

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NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO AZ CHAPTER MOAA BYLAWS SUBMITTED 11/1/2010

The following are changes to be voted on at the November General membership meeting. Recommended changes are in red with proposed deletions underlined in blue. Notice is hereby given that a motion will be made at the November general membership meeting to modify the Chapter bylaws as follows.

Article XI – Amendments, provides for Chapter bylaws to be amended as follows.

Section 1. The bylaws may be amended, repealed, or altered in whole or in part by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at any duly organized meeting of the Chapter, providing that a copy of any amendment proposed for consideration has been mailed to each member qualified to vote at least 15 days before the meeting.

ARTICLE II - PURPOSES

Section 1. The purposes of the Chapter shall be to promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA); stimulate love of our country and the flag; defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our National Government and the Constitution of the United States; advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country; foster fraternal relations among retired, active, and former officers of the uniformed Services and their National Guard or reserve components; protect the rights and interests of active duty, retired, reserve, and National Guard personnel of the uniformed Services and their dependents and survivors; provide useful services for members and their dependents and survivors; and serve the community and the nation.

ARTICLE III - STATUS

Section 1. The Chapter shall be a nonprofit organization, operated exclusively for the purposes specified in Article II above.

ARTICLE V – DUES

Section 5. A new member recruited anytime between 1 January and 30 June will not be charged dues for that calendar year. Anyone recruited between 1 July and 31 December will not be charged dues for that calendar year or the following year.

Section 6. No member shall be assessed by the Chapter for any purpose other than annual dues.

ARTICLE IX – OFFICERS

Section 7. The secretary shall provide timely written notification of all meetings of the Chapter and of the board of directors and will maintain a record of all proceedings. The secretary shall also carry out these duties: maintain the membership records; prepare such correspondence as might be required; maintain the Chapter's correspondence files; and safeguard all important records, documents, and valuable equipment belonging to the Chapter. Further, the secretary shall perform such other duties as are commensurate with the office or as might be assigned by the board of directors or by the president.

Section 8. The treasurer shall maintain a record of all sums received and expended by the Chapter, collect the members' annual dues, make such disbursements as authorized by the Chapter or the board of directors, deposit all sums received in the financial institutions approved by the board of directors, and make a financial report at the annual meeting or when called upon by the president. Funds may be drawn from the account in the financial institution upon the signature of the treasurer, **president or another designated board member**. The funds, books, and vouchers in the custody of the treasurer shall at all times be subject to inspection and verification by the board of directors.

ARTICLE X – COMMITTEES

Section 2. The standing committees of the Chapter shall include membership, programs, scholarship, ROTC Awards, arrangements, legislative, and personal affairs. The membership committee shall secure new members to strengthen the organization. The program committee shall be responsible for suitable programs for all meetings. The scholarship committee shall be responsible for the Chapter's Scholarship Program. The ROTC Awards committee shall be responsible for the ROTC Medals program. The arrangements committee shall be responsible for making proper arrangements for all meetings. The legislative committee shall protect the rights and privileges of members by maintaining close contact with current and proposed legislative actions, will advise members accordingly, and will recommend action. The personal affairs committee will advise members and families of deceased members when in need as to their rights and privileges, and will assist members in securing veterans' and other benefits. Special committee assignments shall consist of a chaplain, a historian, a photographer, **web master**, and a newsletter editor in addition to other assignments which might be advisable.

Section 3. During At least 60 days before the May annual meeting, the board of directors shall appoint a nominating committee consisting of five three regular members to nominate develop a slate of candidates for the elective offices. **The sitting second Vice President shall serve as the Chairman of the nominating committee. One sitting regular board member and one non-elected regular member shall be appointed to serve as the other members of this committee.** The committee shall notify the secretary in writing, no later than the October September board of directors meeting, of its proposed slate of officers and directors for the next calendar year. The secretary shall list in the chapter's **October and November** newsletters the nominated candidates for the elected offices.

Section 4. The entire slate recommended by the nominating committee will be verbally presented to those attending the annual meeting **in November**. In addition, further nominations from the floor will be accepted at that time. Closure of the nominations shall be followed by voting on the slate in accordance with Article V.