



The Sentinel



Arizona's First Chapter

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again the month has gone by and it is time to get this message written by the deadline. Either I'm having too much fun or the time really is going by faster! Maybe it went fast because during this period we had an outstanding attendance at our May luncheon with an exceptional speaker and then I went to Prescott for an excellent Arizona Council of Chapters meeting.



It was great to see such a fine attendance at our last luncheon (62). This isn't the most that have ever attended a luncheon, but it is the largest number in the last several years. Hope to see you all at our June dinner plus a few more. Be sure to send in your reservations as you can always cancel by phone for a full refund or credit for the next luncheon/dinner

Along with the terrific turnout we were able to listen to a marvelous presentation by John Barnabus. He covered possibilities that we could expect in the future in the fields of TV, CDs and MDs, VCRs, DVDs, Digital Cameras, and current R&D in the field of sensor diapers. Plus, he was great in his answering of questions from the attendees.

The weather was cooler in Prescott for the Arizona Council of Chapters meeting (high 40s at night) and we had an excellent dinner at Murphy's. The dinner was attended by eleven of us and had been set up in a private dining room. This was not only nice as we didn't have noise from the restaurant, but was nice because we didn't disturb the other diners with our sometimes-lively discussions. Topics discussed related to chapter membership, the stand our political representatives have and how to best contact them for personal sessions/interviews. There were also many other topics discussed and was a very good informal exchange of information. The next day we had an excellent council meeting where the chapters formally exchanged information and conducted formal business as related to all the

chapters in Arizona.

It is hoped that we will have an outstanding turnout for June when we present the scholarship awards to the two JROTC Cadets that won them. They will also give short presentations to meeting attendees. I'm sure that you will want to listen to them.

I have to go to California again and then a short trip to Minnesota, but I will return for our June dinner. I do want to remind you that we will then take our summer break and not meet again after the June dinner till September.

The Sentinel will be taking a break in July and August with publication beginning again with the September issue. Hope to see you at the June Dinner!

Ronald R. Green

LtCol (Ret) USAF

President, Arizona Chapter TROA

Membership

Since the first of the year we have added seventeen new members bringing our total membership to 155 members consisting of 120 Regular members and 35 Auxiliary members.

We are working from a list of approximately 1500 individuals who live in our area of concern who are members of TROA but not members of a local chapter. 1500 solicitation letters, or 1500 phone contacts is beyond our capabilities. We are therefore concentrating on individuals who have most recently joined TROA National. We have corresponded with about 75 individuals so far and have received a positive response from 12 individuals. We intend to follow up with telephone contacts where the phone number is known.

It should be pointed out that personal contact by our members is the best source of new members. If you know someone or meet someone who meets the membership requirements of TROA, make the pitch. Get a name and address and we will send an application form. Better yet, keep a few applications on hand and present them to the potential new member on the spot.

Arizona Chapter Calendar

June 6

Board of Directors Meeting

June 14

US Army Founded 1775
Flag Day

June 16

Fathers Day

June 20

Dinner Meeting

June 22

GI Bill Signed Into Law— 1944
Pledge of Allegiance Recognized by Congress—1942
Korean War Began 1950

July 4

Independence Day

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Scholarship

I am sure most of you are aware that our scholarship program is directed to two areas of recognition. We work with 15 local area high school JROTC units to provide recognition to 3rd year students who have shown exceptional leadership qualities. When Bill Johnson made the final award to a student at Shadow Mountain High School on 21 May, we completed that phase of our scholarship program. I would point out here that our chapter supports twice the number of schools of either of the other two chapters in the valley. That support would not be possible without the strong backing of our membership.

The second portion of our scholarship program offers cash awards to graduating seniors who are planning to go on to a venue of higher education. Last year we awarded four \$500.00 scholarships to students from three high schools (Navy JROTC). Because we had senior military instructors at some of our high schools suggest that it just wasn't worthwhile to apply for a \$500.00 scholarship, the Board of Directors this year upped the cash award to \$1000.00, the thought being that the larger award would generate more applicants next year. You will all have the chance to meet with this year's winners at the 20 June Dinner Meeting.

In case you wonder how our scholarships to JROTC cadets are utilized, please read the below correspondence from the second of last year's recipients from the Apollo High School NJROTC program.

Dear LtCol Deane,

I want to start by thanking you all so very much for the scholarship which was very helpful in jump starting my college studies. I am almost finished with my first year in college, and I even joined a fraternity called Phi Theta Kappa (PTK). This fraternity is similar to the National Honor Society. I have to maintain a 3.0 grade point average to remain in PTK and I am accomplishing this requirement I am about to start my final exams week and am pretty confident that I will do well. I'm still planning on becoming a Geriatric Nurse so you may see me working in local hospitals in a few years. In one of my classes, I have a teacher who is a Geriatric nurse and I am learning first hand about how things really are in my chosen career field—at least for her. I can't wait to experience it on my own. Again, I appreciate all that you have done, and would love to update you all on how my career progresses in the future.

I'm very thankful that many high school students can apply for scholarships and get them because of generous organizations such as TROA. You are all wonderful individuals to be so giving. I hope my brothers and sisters can have the opportunity to achieve such a great honor in their futures. Thank you all so very much.

Sincerely, Erin Shanahan

Raymond Deane, Scholarship

Chaplain's Corner

"Lord, we rejoice in the personal perseverance of the soul beyond the grave. Help us not to use immortality as an escape from the present life or responsibility. May we rather employ it to put wider horizons around our earthly days. In the Name of the Risen Lord, we pray. Amen"

Robert Rutherford, Chaplain

AZ CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



C/LCDR Jared Roberts, AHS

C/LCDR Adrian Sega, THS

The recipients of this years \$1000 scholarships were Company Commanders of their respective Company of Cadets—the highest ranking cadet positions in their units.

Jared Lee Roberts is a graduate of Apollo High School. During his senior year he was active in; Student Rotarian, Hawk Town Diversity Program, Academic Decathlon, Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD), National Honors Society, Community Builders, Community Service at St. Mary's and Westside Food Banks, Boys State and Arizona Youth Leadership Conference.

Jared is graduating with a 3.91 cumulative grade point average. He will attend the University of Arizona majoring in Computer Engineering. Without being to specific, he wants to make a difference.

Adrian Garcia Sega is a graduate of Thunderbird High School. During his senior year he was active in; the Thunderbird High School Navy Junior ROTC Staff, the Air Rifle Team, Religious Education, National Honor Society, Community Action Service Team, Orienteering Team, Drill Team with Arms and the Academic Team.

Adrian is graduating with a 3.61 cumulative grade point average. He will attend the University of Arizona majoring in Chemistry. He hopes to become a Marine Corps Officer.

Legislative Update

* The Department of Defense has proposed new rules to establish a "uniform formulary" (UF) for military pharmacy benefits. Pharmaceuticals would be considered to be on the uniform formulary list unless recommended for removal by a special DOD committee. The committee could recommend removal for drugs determined to be less clinically effective or less cost-effective than other drugs in the same therapeutic class. Under the proposed uniform formulary system, beneficiary co-payments would not change except for non-formulary drugs that would be \$22 or 20% of the cost.

The proposed new system is subject to public comment until June 11, and would not be implemented before Summer 2003 at the earliest. Lt Gen Nelson wrote to the TRICARE Management Activity on behalf of the membership expressing TROA's significant concerns over the proposed rule. He expressed concern that making the

new formulary excessively restrictive will set back retirees' trust in a program Defense and congressional leaders have touted as an earned and well-deserved benefit. He also expressed concern that the increase from \$9 to \$22 for non-formulary drugs is excessively high.

I have read the proposed rules, but can't determine the merits in that I don't know which drugs are non-formulary.

If you are interested, you can find a sample letter at the TROA web site <http://www.troa.org/UFLetter.htm>.

We are still on hold waiting for direction from TROA in terms of writing to support Concurrent Receipt.

Long Term Care Insurance Program (LTC)

Several of our members have expressed interest in the new Federal Long Term Care Insurance Program. To learn more, go to <http://www.opm.gov/insure/ltc/index.htm>

Dan Conway, Legislative

Council of Chapters

The Arizona Council of Chapters met on May 20th in Prescott. All except one Chapter was represented. One item of interest was the swearing-in of Chuck Schluter as Vice President. Typical of Chuck's performance, he presented to the Council a proposal to hold a State TROA Convention in 2003. His idea is that it would promote camaraderie and fellowship among all TROA Chapters. It could complement recruiting and retention efforts, while providing a platform to both recognize the value and contributions of members.

The initial response of the Council members was very positive, so Chuck has moved on to the next step in putting a committee together. If you can help, please volunteer your services to Chuck. Also, please be supportive when asked to participate in the planning process.

Among ideas expressed by members for recruiting was the suggestion to distribute old copies of the Retired Officer magazine to hospital or clinic waiting rooms. I hope that we can pick up on that suggestion.

Business items included a report on the 2002 Storming

of the Hill in Washington, DC with the Arizona Council represented by Don Costello, and some minor changes to the bylaws

The Council participated in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the National Cemetery with Chuck Schluter presenting a wreath on behalf of TROA.

The next Council meeting will be hosted by the Arizona Council and will be held on Friday afternoon, October 25th.

Dan Conway, President AZ Council of Chapters

June Dinner Meeting

WHEN: 6:30PM – 20 June 2002

WHERE: Best Western Executive Park Hotel
1100 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

COST: \$19.00 Per Person

MENU: Caesar Salad
Prime Rib
Green Bean Amandine
Baked Potato
Rolls
Apple Pie A'La Mode
Coffee & Iced Tea

PROGRAM: Honoring JROTC Scholarship Recipients

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

Jim Seidl, Programs

Members Play Key Role in Name Change

There is a historic proposal to change the name of the association that members will be asked to vote on this August. The new name? Military Officers Association of America (MOAA).

How did that name get picked? How will it affect chapters? What do you need to know to help you vote? You should know that this change won't affect TROA's focus or mission - but it will beckon a new generation of officers to join the cause. If you would like more information to assist you in your decision making process,

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 N. 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944.

Membership Renewal: \$ 20 Full Member _____ \$10 Auxiliary Member _____ 50th Anniversary Fund: \$ _____
General Fund : \$ _____ Scholarship Fund : \$ _____

* It is OK to identify me as a donor in the next newsletter. YES _____ NO _____

Name Full Member: _____ Auxiliary Member: _____

MEAL/MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ spaces for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ \$19.00 per person for **20 June 2002**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter TROA** No Later Than: **15 June 2002**

Send to Bill Johnson, 13410 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. Phone 602-689-5379 (Office)
Phone 602-942-4549 (Home)

you can visit www.troa.org/namechange on the internet to learn more about the upcoming vote. Should you have any questions or need more detailed information, please call TROA at (800) 245-8762, ext. 120. *May TROAGRAM*

Take the Next Step in Protecting DD 214 Forms

The pot continues to smolder on the subject of who can gain access to one of our most cherished (and supposedly private) legal documents, our DD 214 Forms. Yes, it's true that for years we were encouraged to file these documents in the local courthouse or city hall so that when we died our survivors could have immediate access to them. What they didn't tell us was that almost anyone could have access.

They also didn't tell us how hard it would be to remove these documents from the public domain once we filed them. In fact, as we have come to find out, it is very difficult - so difficult that many state councils have suggested that TROA undertake a legislative initiative for the passage of a federal law that would both regulate how these documents are handled (i.e., who can access the information contained in them) and give the owner of the DD 214 Form the right to remove the document. Federal law fixes won't help on DD 214 Form protections, because the control of public documents stored in local jurisdictions is a matter governed by state and local municipal laws. Consequently, a number of TROA chapters and state councils have taken on this issue as a state-level legislative goal. *May TROAGRAM*

Sale on TROA Gear

Looking to save on TROA merchandise? Now's your

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chance to take advantage of some great deals on seasonal items with prices slashed by 50 percent - or more! Check out the sale selection by going to TROA's Web Base, www.troa.org/giftstore/, which will take you to the on-line catalog. You also can call toll-free, (800) 245-8762, to place an over-the-phone credit card order. *May TROAGRAM*

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Arizona 'Veteran Plate'
On Your Vehicle.
Show How Veterans
Help Veterans.