





THE ARIZONA CHAPTER, P.O. Box 7644, Cave Creek, AZ 85327

Arizona's First Chapter

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again our summer break is over and as of this writing we only have one month of summer

left. I must have blinked for the break to be over so soon but then Terry's message woke me up that an input for *The Sentinel* was due. Actually your Chapter Officers and Directors didn't go on break as we had a July business meeting and two breakfasts of special groups to discuss specific items.



As promised, copies of the "Our Flag" pamphlet have arrived. Plans for mailing them out with the September newsletter were changed when a copy was weighed and found to exceed the weight limit for one stamp. Instead we will have over 100 copies available for pickup at our September luncheon.

Due to a family situation the wife and I were reminded of vital information that a surviving spouse or an executor of a will should have if the need arises. Ignoring it will not prevent it from happening and in this case adopting the Boy Scout motto of "Be Prepared" is the thing to do. The Retiree Activities Office's (RAO) at Luke AFB and TROA have given us some information that we have put together in a package. Bob Rutherford, our Personal Affairs Officer, and I will split the packages so that hopefully one of us will always be available. If a death of a member or spouse does happen please have a surviving member or the executor give us a call so that we can get with them and hopefully help out.

Our last planning breakfast was one of several involved in preparing for the Council of Chapters meeting that we will host on October 25th. We had to identify the specifics so that the Council Secretary could publish his letters enlisting chapter participation. This reminded me to put in a plug here for you to circle October 25th on your calendar as the evening when we will have our Chapter dinner. It has been delayed so that Captain Bud Schneeweis, USCG (Ret) (Deputy Director, Benefits Information Department/TROA) can be our guest speaker. Our meeting has been scheduled so that he can address the Luke Chapter Thursday night, the Council Friday afternoon, our Chapter Friday night and then the Luke Retiree Appreciation Day on Saturday the 26th. I hope his voice holds out!

I want to inform you that if you are thinking of buying a computer and/or going on the Internet - to go ahead and do it. We plan to have the September issue of *The Sentinel* on the Internet as a test. Those that are on the email list will receive a message shortly that informs them of the procedure for accessing it. This should be just a procedure where you click on a link or a "go to" statement without having to download an attachment.

That reminds me that I need to inform you that our new Web Master and instigator (sic) of our Internet copy of *The Sentinel* is Tom Houser. Our past Web Master, Ron Drew, has declined to continue in this position. We were one of the first Chapters in Arizona to have a Web Page on the Internet because of his efforts. Our sincere thanks go out to both men, Ron for carrying the load for over three years and getting us started and Tom for stepping in when help was needed.

Currently we have chairmen for all Chapter committees. However, we need volunteers to help with committee matters. Evidence of this need was demonstrated when Bill Adams stepped up to be the Chapter Historian after Bill Toy had to step down. Frank and Velma Birtceil then said they would serve on the Historian committee. Please look at the list of committees on page 4 of The Sentinel and call the committee chairman or me if you would like to volunteer your time. I have already started to call some people, but I don't want to leave anybody out that desires to help. Call now! Although there are more items that need to be addressed I will save them for October. I hope to see many of you at our September luncheon.

Ronald R. Green

LtCol USAF (Ret) President, Arizona Chapter of TROA SEPTEMBER 2002

Arizona Chapter Calendar

Sep 5 Board of Directors Meeting

Sep 11 9/11 Remembrance

Sep 16 Yom Kippur

Sep 17 U.S. Constitution Approved—1787

> Sep 18 US Air Force Established— 1947

Sep 20 POW/MIA Recognition Day

Sep 21 Lunch Meeting

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Welcome to all new Chapter members since last May.
 Our Membership Chairman has been so busy that an
 insert is being included in this newsletter listing all
 new members in 2002. Keep it for your files.

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Thanks to a successful recruiting effort over the summer months we now have 144 regular and 43 auxiliary members, with more potential members to be heard from. You are the foundation of our new members program. Talk the chapter up and get the names of potential new members to our president or membership chairman and they will do the rest.

# Scholarship

I hadn't planned to say anything about Scholarship this month, but then I remembered that we have a few new members, and possibly some older members who have forgotten what the scholarship program is all about. So here we go:

We are concerned with two areas: The TROA JROTC Medal is awarded to an outstanding High School Junior for his or her academic performance during the current year. The Senior Military advisor selects the medal recipient, and we make the presentation at their awards night program.

Next is our Chapter Scholarship Award. This is a money award, and the amount can be as much as \$1000 per recipient. The total amount awarded depends on the amount chapter members have contributed during the preceding year. The more money we have in the "Kitty," the more we can award. The award is given based on the applicant's academic standing and a short written essay telling us what he/she has done so far and what he/she wants to do in life. While a career in the military is not a prerequisite it could be a tie breaker. The Scholarship is aimed at students who are headed for college. We should point out that while we solicit applications from the JROTC Units in our area, there is no reason why a son, daughter, grandson or granddaughter of one of our members couldn't enter and compete.

The whole point of this article is that the Scholarship Program is 100% financed by contributions from our members and the people or organizations our members can buttonhole into contributing to the fund. One hundred percent of the money brought in goes to the above two activities. There is a negligible amount spent to administer

# Chaplain's Corner

"Eternal Father, as thou hast led men and women of the past through darkness to light, through despair to hope through tragedy to triumph, we place our confidence in Thee, sure that as always Thou wilt keep that which we commit unto Thee. Into Thy hands daily we commit our lives. Make us feel the sustaining power of Thy everlasting help. Amen"

Robert Rutherford, Chaplain

the program. I think last year we spent \$2.55 on stamps.

To insure a continuing Scholarship program we need your participation. The 50/50 raffle at each of our meetings is a great moneymaker. The Christmas Silent Auction is another source of funds as is the twice yearly TROA Golf Tournament. Finally - you can just give money by filling out the "chit" found elsewhere in the "Sentinel." So, step up to the plate and give, give, give.

In case you wonder how our scholarships to JROTC cadets are put to use, please read the correspondence below from two of our recent scholarship recipients.

#### Dear Arizona Chapter TROA,

Thank you again for your generous financial contribution you gave me last year. I apologize for my delayed reply. I have recently begun a full time internship at Honeywell for the summer. My freshman year went great. I currently have a GPA of 3.72 in Aerospace Engineering at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Prescott. I am confident about the upcoming sophomore year starting in late August. The tuition cost and living expenses at Embry-Riddle are very high unfortunately, but your scholarship helped me pay the tuition bills, and I very much appreciated it. I have had a great year with Air Force ROTC. Thank you for what you do in encouraging young people to continue their education; it is very much appreciated. I wish this years recipients luck, Thank You, Daniel Fredberg Moon Valley High School NJROTC 2002

### Dear Col Deane and TROA,

I am writing to inform you and the rest of the association on my wellbeing and my use of the scholarship money. First of all, allow me to begin by telling you how life has been in the past couple of days. I moved to Tucson and found the weather quite delightful. It is much nicer than the one hundred fifty degree climate of Phoenix, but on the other hand it is a bit more humid. Also, I have been lucky to meet an abundance of nice people here, including my roommate. You will be happy to know that he too is joining the service. He is currently enrolled in AFROTC.

With the scholarship money that was granted to me, I paid off my dormitory rent. The room is really nice and spacious. The scholarship has helped a lot. Once again, I would like to extend my deepest gratitude to you and to the association for granting me such a wonderful opportunity. Please do not hesitate to write back or call me at 602-291-7348. With Regards, Adrian Garcia Sega, Thunderbird HS NJROTC 2002 Raymond Deane, Membership / Scholarship Legislative Update

····· TAPS くくくくくくくくく We regret to inform you of the passing of one of our former members: LtCol Ernst E. Jahnke USAF (Ret) February 15, 1922 - June 9, 2002 He is survived by his wife Mary Nelle, five children and nine grandchildren. Our heart felt condolences are extended to the family. If you know of any member or member's spouse who enters the hospital or passes away, please notify one of the Chapter Officers. **`^^^^^^** 

The key legislation of interest to the retired community is H.R. 4546, the FY2003 Defense Authorization Act, which in the House version provides for partial and in the Senate version for full Concurrent Receipt of military retired pay and VA disability compensation for disabled retirees with 20 or more years of service. Also important is H.R. 5010, the National Defense Appropriations Act for FY2003, which provides funding for initiatives approved in the Defense Authorization Act. Concurrent Receipt has to pass both hurdles. Action on both of these bills has been delayed, and is not expected to be complete until October at the earliest and after the elections in November at the latest. John McCain and Bob Stump are on the Authorization Act conference committee. Both are favorable. We will be getting emails to them once they get back to work to show our support.

#### Dan Conway, Legislative

#### Fall Golf Tournament

The AZ Chapter TROA Fall Weekday Golf Tournament will be held on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> at Falcon Dunes Golf Course, located just north of Luke AFB at 15100 W. Northern Avenue. First tee time is 9:30AM. Come early and use the range balls included in your registration fee.

Fee will be \$45.00, which includes green fees; carts, range balls, gratuities, lunch, and a few bucks left over for prizes. Carts are required because those dunes are real! Remember, the proceeds from Mulligan sales go directly into the Chapter's Scholarship Fund, so buy lots of Mulligans at the check-in table – you may need them!

Reservations and \$45.00 fees must be received by October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please mail fees to Bernie Conway, 5737 N. 79<sup>th</sup> Way, Scottsdale, AZ 85250. Changes, both additions and deletions, can be handled by telephone up to October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Phone 480-994-0440 or Email Bernie at <u>bcjc5737@cox.net</u>.

For those not familiar with our format, this is a very friendly, fun tournament. You do not have to be a good golfer to play with this group. We do have a couple of "good" golfers, but they just have to put up with the rest of

## September Luncheon Meeting

WHEN:	21 September 2002		
	11:30AM Social Hour — 12:00 Lunch		
WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club			
	7505 McCormick Parkway		
	Scottsdale, Arizona		
COST:	\$13.00 Per Person		
MENU:	Caesar Salad		
	Sliced Roast Beef		
	Vegetable		
	Baked Potato		
	Rolls		
	Chocolate Cream Pie		
	Coffee & Iced Tea		

PROGRAM: BGen R. Thomas Browning (AZ Chapter member) talking on current events.

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

us.

There have been many new chapter members signed on since the last tournament. Hope to see you at this outing!

Bernie Conway, Tournament Director

#### Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm

Awarded to members of the Armed Forces of the United States and its Allies for valorous achievement in combat during the Vietnam conflict, March 1, 1961 through March 28, 1973. Every American and every nation allied with the United States who served in Vietnam was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. The United States government and all federal agencies recognize the Cross of Gallantry.

Because the Cross of Gallantry does not automatically appear on every U.S. Vietnam veteran's DD-214 Vietnam veterans may receive government acknowledgement of this medal by requesting a DD-215 from the National

If you would like to make a donation to one or more of the AZ Chapter identified as the appropriate fund and mail to: Bill Johnson, 13410 Membership Renewal: \$20 Full Member: \$	N. 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. 10 Auxiliary Member:				
50th Anniversary Fund: \$, General Fund: \$					
* It is OK to identify me as a donor in the next newsletter.	YES NO				
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Records and Personnel Center in St. Louis, MO using standard form SF-180. To obtain an SF-180 please travel to URL on the Internet:

http://members.aol.com/forvets/htomr.htm

For more information about the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, go to URL:

http://www.amervets.com/replacement/vcog.htm#isr

The American War Library - www.americanwarlibrary.com

## **Newsletter Advertising**

The Board of Directors approved advertising in the newsletter last spring. If you or a business/organization known to you wishes to place an ad in *The Sentinel* please contact the Editor – Terry Tassin for details. Advertisements will be priced according to size in multiples that approximate standard business card dimensions. Proceeds from advertisements will help defray the costs of preparing the newsletter. Ad costs are:

<u>Size</u>	<u>Annual</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>	Impact Ad
Single Card	\$80	\$25	\$15
Double Card	\$160	\$50	\$30
Quadruple Card	\$320	\$100	\$60

An ad could look like the sample shown at the bottom of the next column.

#### The Arizona Chapter TROA - 2002 Officers and Committee Chairmen

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50th Anniversary, LtCol Chet Baumer, USAF	623-582-8595			
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Happy Anniversary to the Arizona Chapter of The Retired Officers Association Thank you for 50 Years of Dedicated Service to our Veterans, our Community, and our Nation. VFW Post #107, Phoenix, AZ

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