

Minutes of the APRIL General Meeting Arizona Chapter MOAA

3 April 2003

A Dinner Meeting of the General Membership was held on 3 April 2003 at the Best Western Executive Park Hotel. President RON GREEN called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Robert Rutherford gave the Invocation and Jim Seidl led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **74**.

- New members and guests were introduced.

Past President and National Board Member Charles Schluter presented flag pins and MOAA officer pins to: General Ronald Fogleman, Gary Fredricks, Dan Conway, and Ron Green

Minutes of the last General meeting were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report was made by **Bill Johnson**:

- Checking account = \$ 5188.68
- Anniversary account = \$ 766.02
- Scholarship account = \$10620.67
- ACCOUNTS TOTAL = \$16575.37

Dinner was served.

Old Business included reports from various committee chairmen:

Golf Update (Bernie Conway) – noted that the Spring Golf Tournament would be held on 3 May at Luke AFB Falcon Dunes Golf Course.

Legislative (Dan Conway) – noted that the “Storming of the Hill” effort took place on 27 March in Washington DC. Dan Conway and Chuck Schluter were in attendance. Our representatives attended a one-day **SBP briefing** at National HQ. Of note at the **State level**, State Senator Jim Waring’s “Bill” to allow the handicap emblem on Purple Heart auto license plates to be a No Extra Cost item has been moved to another bill - “Transplant” legislation. Dan noted that a new fund is being opened to handle donations for the **Sierra Vista Veterans Cemetery**. As of today, the AZ Chapter has donated \$125 to the **Bob Hope** Memorial fund. A major effort for the National MOAA 75th Anniversary will be to solicit \$75 donations from at least 100,000 members to be used for a **scholarship fund** for children of Killed In Action service members.

Guest Speaker - The president introduced the honored speaker, retired General Ronald Fogleman, former USAF Chief of Staff (1994-1997). He is currently on the DoD Policy Committee and The Counsel of Foreign Relations. His very informative presentation topic was the "Military Transformation in Transition." The topic covered the “big picture” of how the Iraq Battle Plan evolved. President RON GREEN presented a MOAA flag desk set to the General as a memento of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

New Business included:

TAPS (Ron Green) - Chapter sympathies were expressed at the loss of Ray Hitezl last week and it was noted that the Chapter's TAPS donation of \$50 would be sent to the AZ Veteran's Donation Fund in his name.

Programs Report by **Jim Seidl** in which he told members the next general meeting, on 17 May, would be a Teriyaki Chicken Breast menu luncheon meeting where we will honor the five recipients of this year's \$1000 Educational Scholarships.

The **Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$80 being paid out and \$78 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: Pete Magadan, Gary Fredricks, Davis Rohr and Tom Houser.

BOB RUTHERFORD gave the Benediction.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary