

Minutes of the June General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

Revised: 9/20/2003

A Dinner Meeting of the General Membership was held on **26 June 2003** at Treulich's Restaurant. The President called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. **Robert Rutherford** gave the Invocation and **Mike Gannon** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **55**.
New members and guests were introduced

Minutes of the last General meeting were read and approved.

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

Checking account = \$ 3809.67
Anniversary account = \$ 1021.02
Scholarship account = \$ 5724.67
ACCOUNTS TOTAL = \$10555.36

Dinner was served and enjoyed by all.

Old Business included reports from various committee chairmen:

Legislative (Dan Conway) – reported that no improvements in the Survivor Benefits Program were included in the House or Senate versions of the FY2004 Defense Authorization Bill.

Although the prospects for action this year look slim, it's important to pile up cosponsors for these bills to create pressure for further action. To send a message to your legislators, use the Action Alert on MOAA's Web site at <http://capwiz.com/moaa/home/> .

At the State level, the Purple Heart license plate issue has been resolved and in the future those eligible for Purple Heart, Medal of Honor, etc plates will not be required to pay the additional \$25 fee for handicap plates.

Mr. Conway noted that over \$2500 was donated by the state MOAA chapters toward the Bob Hope Memorial fund.

Efforts are underway to get high school JROTC programs accredited as a Vocational Education Credit toward graduation rather than just an Elective Credit. A new Vocational Education credit called "Homeland Security" may also be established as a possible JROTC credit.

Mr. Conway noted that he and Past President Chuck Schluter represented the AZ Chapter and the Council of Chapters at Congressman Bob Stump's funeral on 25 June.

10-Minute Break

Guest Speaker - The president introduced the honored speaker, Mr. Russell H. Helwig – author of "*Leadership Below the Surface*" - who spoke on the topic "Lead From The Heart". During his presentation Mr. Helwig addressed the poor state of corporate leadership in today's economy. He noted that the underlying thread when leadership is spoken of today is 'inspirational leadership' and how it is lacking. He also noted that the subject of "Second Generation Take-Over" of businesses is the next most serious area of concern. President Ron Green presented an MOAA flag desk set to the speaker as a memento of his presentation to the members of the Chapter.

New Business included a **Programs Report** by **Jim Seidl** in which he told members the next general meeting, at 1200 Noon on 20 September, would be a Steak Sandwich luncheon and would be held at McCormick Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale, AZ. A vote was taken and the use of Treulich's Restaurant for future alternating month's dinner meetings was approved. The exception to this will be the Christmas Silent Auction meeting, which will be held in a larger location – the Sunrise Hotel at 2nd Ave and Osborn in Phoenix.

New Chapter Flag (Ron Green) – told the members of plans to procure a new Chapter flag that will reflect the name change to MOAA.

The **Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$70 being paid out and \$70 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: Raymond Deane, Liz Paulson, and Richard Albrecht.

Robert Rutherford gave the Benediction.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM.

Submitted: Terry Tassin, Chapter Secretary