

October 26, 2005

**Minutes of the October 2005 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA**

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on October 15, 2005, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Daniel Conway** called the Meeting to order at 11:55 AM. Chaplin **Bob Rutherford** gave the Invocation. **Dan Conway** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **48**. New Members **Dee Norton, Vince Johnson** and **Bill and Barbara Peters** were introduced. Also introduced were **Jerry Wojtas**, President Luke Chapter and his wife **Pam**; **Travis Wilson**, President, Superstition Mountain Chapter, and his wife **Laura**; **Bob Delker**, Council Vice President and his wife **Shirley**, **Steve Frasier** and **Herb Fischer**, Northern Arizona Chapter; and **Sally Truesdale** who has returned to the Chapter.

**Lunch** was served and enjoyed by all.

**Minutes:** The last General Meeting Minutes were approved and accepted as distributed.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's Report as listed in the distributed October BOD Meeting was accepted and approved.

**Board of Directors Reports:**

**Legislative:** **Gary Fredricks** reported that the inflation adjustment for social security and military retirement recipients will be 4.2% beginning in January 2006. The House of Representatives is considering a 2% across the board cut in DOD and DHS spending to pay for Hurricanes Katrina & Rita relief. FY 2006 Defense Authorization Bill has passed the House but is stalled in the Senate. Go to MOAA's web site and click on the "Don't Cut Defense for Katrina" link at <http://capwiz.com/moaa/home/>. On the Senate Defense Bill click on the "Pass Defense Authorization Bill Now" link. Governor Napolitano created an Arizona Veterans Task Force in June of this year. Recommendations and a final report are due to the Governor, Senate President and Speaker of the House by the first week in January 2006. Three more open hearings are scheduled. They are scheduled at 1300 hours on Nov 2, Nov 30 and Dec 15 in the Governor's Conference Room, Executive Towers, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, 1700 W. Washington. The MOAA Arizona Council of Chapters Vice President and I plan to attend the remaining hearings.

**Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame:** **Chuck Schluter** stated that there is still time to make a reservation to attend the ceremony

**Council Meeting 2005:** MOAA has awarded the Chapter FIVE STARS in our category. The certificate was awarded to **Dan Conway** by **Gary Fredericks** at the Council Meeting.

**Personal Affairs:** **Bernie Conway** reminded everyone to fill out the information beginning on page 45 of MOAA's *Help Your Survivors – Now*. Contact him if you need a copy.

**New Business:**

**ARNG Family Assistance Fund:** Bob Delker, Past President of the Superstition Mountain Chapter announced that his chapter is soliciting donations from all chapters to support the Fund. The fund provides assistance to the families of National Guardsmen on active duty. So far more than 3,000 guardsmen from Arizona have been called to active duty and the fund has provided more than \$750,000 in assistance.

**10 -Minute Break**

**Guest Speaker:**

President **Dan Conway** introduced **Eddie Sissons**, Manager for Community Services Program, Arizona Attorney General's Office. She said that they are setting up satellite offices around the state for community access to deal with Identity Theft. They recommend that everyone obtain a free annual credit report from each of the three credit companies about four months apart. Some other tips: don't put your check payments out for the mailmen to pick up; don't respond to unsolicited phone calls selling merchandise; when buying on-line use a credit card and not a debit card (credit cards have more protections); and make sure the companies that you do business with protect your personal information especially your social security number.

**Current Events:** **Dan Conway** reminded every one of the Veteran's Recognition Day at the Arizona State Fair in October 30<sup>th</sup>, and a Military Ball recognizing the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, CA on November 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$60 being paid out and \$60 entered into the Scholarship account. There were three \$20 prizes which were won by **Fran Tassin, Doug Gray and Clare Gannon**. **Fran** donated her prize money to the ARNG Family Assistance Fund.

**Chaplin Bob Rutherford** gave the Benediction.

**Motion to Adjourn** was made and seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 1:58 PM.

John Gerometta,  
Secretary