

September 23, 2005

Minutes of the September 2005 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on September 17, 2005, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Daniel Conway** called the meeting to order at 11:56 AM. Chaplin **Bob Rutherford** gave the Invocation. **Dan Conway** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Officers, General Members, and Guests. Total people present: **40**. All present introduced themselves including new member **Raymond Nunez**.

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 September BOD Meeting was accepted and approved.

Board of Directors Reports:

Legislative: **Gary Fredricks** reported that the FY 2006 Defense Authorization Bill has passed the House but is stalled in the Senate. The Senate is forecasted to address the bill next month. The President has forwarded the BRAC recommendations to the congress without comment. Gary is Chairman of the Nominating Committee for Chapter Officers, volunteers are welcome.

Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame: **Chuck Schluter** reported on the history of the organization. First started in 2001, Past President **Bill Thompson** was our first nominee and was selected in 2001. In 2002 we nominated Past Presidents **Bill Toy and Terry Tassin**, both were selected. This year we nominated **Mike Gannon and Richard Minor** and again both were selected. The induction ceremony will be held at the Shrine Auditorium, 552 N 40th St., Phoenix on Friday, October 28th beginning at 11:45 AM. A reception for the honorees will be held on the preceding evening beginning at 6:00 PM.

50th Anniversary: **Chuck Schluter** said that we need to focus on the event that will be held on October 21, 2006. We will be hosting many guests including MOAA President VADM Norm Ryan and his wife and will need additional funds. He suggested that each member pledge \$50 to cover not only guests but wine for toasting and commemorative wine glasses. **Chet Baumer**, Chairman of the Committee said the event will be held at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort; for those wishing to stay overnight, the room rate is \$189. See the September 2005 BOD minutes for details, any questions please call him at 623-582-8595.

Council Meeting 2005: **Chuck Schluter** reported that the Council Meeting will be held on Friday October 14th beginning at 11:00 AM. The meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn located in Old Town Scottsdale. MOAA has awarded the Chapter FIVE STARS in our category. The certificate will be awarded to **Dan Conway** by **Gary Fredericks** at the Council Meeting.

Golf Tournament: **Terry Tassin**, reporting for **Pat Dale**, said that the deadline for signing up has been extended to September 20th with the tournament set for September 30th. See the form in this month's *The Sentinel*.

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.

5-Minute Break

Guest Speaker:

President **Dan Conway** introduced **Donna Adams**, Community Relations Resources Coordinator for the Arizona Department of Veterans Services (AZDVS). The agency runs the Arizona State Veterans Home, which is a 200 bed skilled care facility. The Veterans Museum is located at the Home and is currently being upgraded. The agency acts as a fiduciary, providing conservative guardianship for disabled and need veterans. They provide Veteran Benefit counselors to represent veterans in dealing with the Veterans Administration. A new Veterans Cemetery is available in Sierra Vista on 126 acres donated by the Department of the Army. They are working on establishing a new cemetery in the north on land to be donated by Navajo Army Depot. Veteran License plates are being advertised on KOOL-FM. The cost is \$25 with \$17 going to the Arizona State Veterans Home. Motorcycle plates are now available and veteran's family members may now purchase plates. The Agency has a web site at <http://www.azdvs.gov>. After speaking she was presented with an MOAA Tumbler Set in appreciation of her presentation to the members of the Chapter.

Current Events: **Dan Conway** reminded every one of the Council Meeting on October 14th, the Veteran's Recognition Day at the Arizona State Fair in October 30th, and a Military Ball recognizing the Marine Corps at Camp Pendleton, CA on November 5th.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$45 being paid out and \$47 entered into the Scholarship account. There were three \$15 prizes which were won by **Toni Seidl, John Gerometta** and **Nancy Ann Horn**. All prizes were donated to the 50th Anniversary account.

Chaplin Bob Rutherford gave the Benediction.

Motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 PM.

John Gerometta,
Secretary