



The Sentinel

Arizona's First Chapter



The Arizona Chapter, 14435 N. 66th Place, Scottsdale, Arizona 85254

JANUARY 2006 CHARTERED IN 1956 - OVER 49 YEARS OF SERVICE TO COUNTRY EDITOR: John Gerometta



President's Message

This is the time for New Year's Resolutions, and for planning for our 2006 Chapter activities.

Concerning Resolutions, please think of adding attendance at more of our Chapter meetings to your list. The rest of your list is up to you.

Concerning Chapter plans, the big event for the year is the 50th Anniversary celebration on Saturday October 21st. Please write this down on your calendar now. Admiral Ryan will attend and the event is being planned to celebrate our anniversary and to host Admiral Ryan in an appropriate manner. You should be a part of it.

We plan to continue our membership recruiting efforts which gives me an opportunity to refer you to the Help Wanted Ads in this issue. If you can help in this activity, your efforts will be much appreciated.

We plan to expand our Scholarship Program fund raising activities now that we have IRS approval of 501(c)(3) status for our Scholarship Fund. Again, please refer to the Help Wanted Ads to see if this is something that you are willing to help us with.

We plan to continue our monthly social meetings, our legislative program, our

personal affairs program, our scholarship program, our JROTC Medal program, our TOPS Liaison program, our web site, and *The Sentinel*. It is our goal to serve our members as well as the community. I hope that each of you will find an opportunity to contribute to one of these programs. I can assure you that the satisfaction from serving will much more than compensate for your efforts.

I wish you a Happy New Year and hope to see you and work with you during 2006.

Daniel M. Conway

NEWS YOU CAN USE

By *Terry Tassin*

Personal Vehicle Decals

Luke AFB has a new policy regarding vehicles and base decals. If you have an I.D. Card (DD Form 2) or the dependent card (DD Form 1173) or the yearly pass issued by your sponsor, then you DO NOT need any stickers on your vehicle. You can drive any vehicle, even a neighbor's, and get on base.

However, there are many of us who travel and visit other bases and those base policies have not changed. Soooo... if you need or want that vehicle sticker, you can still get one.

You have to go to the Visitors Center at the entrance to the

Lightning Street Gate. The hours there are 0730 to 1630 and there you can obtain the stickers you desire. If you have any questions, you can call vehicle registration at 623-856-4768.

THANK YOU

Thanks are due to the following members who each made a generous contribution to the ARNG Family Assistance Program in response to the request in the November Sentinel:

Terry Tassin, Dan Conway, Gary Fredricks, Mike Gannon, Theron "Jack" Taylor, Webb Ellis, and Doug Gray. There combined donation was \$570.00.

This is an ongoing program. If you missed this last opportunity and would like to participate, please send your donations to Bill Johnson and he will make sure that they get to the right place.

Membership

Currently the AZ Chapter has 187 members including, 42 auxiliary members and 22 new members for 2005.

New Members

There are no new Chapter members since the last newsletter

Arizona Chapter Calendar

Jan 05

- BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107

Jan 21

- General Luncheon Meeting
- Installation of Officers

Feb 2

- BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107

Feb 18

- General Luncheon Meeting

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SUPPORT OUR TROOPS — REMEMBER OUR FALLEN COMRADES — FLY YOUR FLAG

Chaplain's Corner

"Today I pray for strength. I need perseverance to do those things I have been putting off or neglecting. I need tenacity and energy to keep moving. I need fortitude to be pleasant and caring to others. Grant me Oh Lord, to be loving in your way, in your name. Amen "

—Robert Rutherford, Chaplain

**January Luncheon Meeting
Saturday, 21 January
McCormick Ranch Golf Club**

The next Chapter meeting is set for Saturday, 21 January at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. Bring a friend to our meeting and introduce them to a great group of people. The meeting will start with a social hour at 11:00 a.m., with lunch served at 12:00 Noon. The reservation form is located on page 7 of this newsletter. The deadline for reservations to reach Bill Johnson is 17 January. Come join us for good food and comradeship.

Scholarship Fund Raiser

On December 8th, our application to the IRS to establish a 501(c)(3) Scholarship Fund was approved. This means that all donations to the Scholarship Fund are now 100% tax deductible. With this approval, it is hoped that it will be easier to solicit donations from corporations and individual donors. Our goal is to raise \$4,000 to \$5,000 annually to allow us to continue our Scholarship program at its present level.

The Chapter needs someone to set up a fund raising program to realize these expectations. At the present time, the possibilities are wide open as to how to conduct such fund raising programs. If you have any fund raising experience or inclination, and have a few hours a month to dedicate to this cause, it is requested that you consider this assignment. All direct expenses will be reimbursed by the Chapter. Please send resume and salary requirements (\$0.00) to the Chapter president.



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks

The fifth and final meeting of the Arizona Governor's Veteran's Task Force was held as scheduled on December 15. Task Force recommendations, totaling about \$12M, have been approved and added to the governor's budget request that is in process for 2006. Included in those recommendations was an appropriation of \$10M to provide the state's 35% contribution toward a state veteran's home in Tucson. This general fund appropriation would need to be a one-time appropriation, non-lapsing through June 30, 2008.

Also included were an appropriation of \$1.1M to establish 40 full-time veteran's benefit counselors (VBC) (to be phased in over four quarters), an appropriation of \$675K to establish 15 full-time equivalent positions to support the additional VBCs, an appropriation of \$138K to replenish the state veteran's cemetery fund used to provide for pre-construction costs of up to three veteran's cemeteries (expenditures from this fund are reimbursed from the federal government), an appropriation of \$125K to provide for maintenance and operation of the southern Arizona Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Sierra Vista, and an appropriation of \$50K (with further funding expected from veteran's organizations and local governments) to provide up to 5 one-stop veteran's centers per year held in various cities throughout the state where veteran's can receive the complete array of

Fund Donations

One person's generous gift will help strengthen America's future through supporting the education of our youth. Since the last newsletter the members below have made generous donations to the:

General Fund:

George & Anita Woodward \$25

50th Anniversary Fund:

Doug Gray \$2, Mike Gannon \$6, George & Anita Woodward \$50, Bill & Joanne Roscher \$16

Scholarship Fund:

George & Anita Woodward \$25, Dominic Varricchio \$50, June Bryan \$25, Theron "Jack" Taylor \$50

services and benefits to which they are entitled.

Recommendations were also made to extend a tuition waiver scholarship to active personnel and reservists similar to the scholarship given to the National Guard who are Purple Heart recipients, to provide in the General Appropriations Bill language that will fund the Veteran's Contingency Fund for specific renovations and/or repairs at the Arizona State Veteran's Home in Phoenix, and to change the language to give all veteran's 10 extra points when qualifying for certain law enforcement and correctional positions instead of the current practice of separating able and disabled veteran points.

A further recommendation to extend the work of the Task Force to accomplish unfinished business over the next 12 to 18 months in the form of a "Veteran's Research Council" was also made. The following areas of unfinished busi-

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Newsletter Advertising

If you or a business/organization known to you wishes to place an ad in *The Sentinel* please contact the Editor for details. Advertisements will be priced according to size in multiples that approximate standard business card dimensions. Proceeds from advertisements help defray cost of preparing the newsletter. Advertising costs are:

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

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ness were identified: study the viability of moving certain veteran's related employment programs from the Arizona Department of Economic Security to the Arizona Department of Veteran's Services, study the viability of creating a state home loan program for veteran's in Arizona, request that the Arizona Legislature send a concurrent memorial to Congress requesting members of the National Guard and Reserves receive the same VA benefits as active duty personnel, study certain educational benefits for veterans, study specific homeless and indigent veteran issues, study specific initiatives for veterans with disabilities, place emphasis on resolving several unique issues relative to rural areas (areas other than Maricopa and Pima counties), address several issues raised with respect to the National Guard and Reserve and investigate creating incentives (including further income tax relief) for veterans to relocate to or remain in Arizona.

The final report dealing with the above items will be finished and delivered in early January . The Chairman and Task Force representatives will verbally present the findings to the Governor and are working out arrangements to meet with the leaders of the House and the Senate. When specific items of interest come up in the appropriations process, Veteran's groups will be invited to attend open meetings to show grass roots support.

Editor's Notebook

Just a reminder to please keep the Chapter Secretary and the newsletter Editor updated on your current mailing address, e-mail address, and telephone number.

Chapter JROTC Awards

Terry Tassin, JROTC Awards Chairman

The purpose of the MOAA JROTC medal is to recognize an outstanding cadet who is in his or her junior year in the JROTC program and who has demonstrated exceptional potential for military leadership. The presentation of the MOAA JROTC medal is one way the Arizona Chapter fosters a positive military image among the youth of the community. By supporting JROTC units, chapter members are providing access to the educational and leadership skills for cadets to become successful members of the military and society in general. There is no obligation for these students to serve in the military. However, promoting good citizenship, responsibility and leadership in these young people as they venture into their future lives can only pay high dividends for all of us.

The sixteen high schools supported by the Arizona Chapter of MOAA have a population of approximately 30,000 students and cover Central, South, North, Northwest and Northeast areas of the Valley of the Sun. The presence on campus of JROTC members provides a visible and highly respected group noted for their dedication to leadership, community service and overall excellence as students.

Our supported JROTC members include every socioeconomic category and fosters cultural diversity. But the thread binding it all together is "I am an American" to which they all subscribe. Each year at each school, the Arizona Chapter awards an MOAA medal, ribbon and certificate to a cadet who displays outstanding potential for military leadership. These awards are highly cherished by the recipients. The selection of those to receive the award is done by the student's JROTC instructor. The presentation of the MOAA Medal takes place in either April or May at the school's award ceremony. This article is the first call for Arizona Chapter members to volunteer to be a presenter at a school awards ceremony. It's fun and you will feel better for doing it!

Contact **Terry Tassin** at either 623-931-1546 or email: terrytassin@cox.net and volunteer to present medals at one of our supported schools. Below are our schools and their award night dates.

SCHOOL LOCATION	ADDRESS	DAY	DATE	TIME
Alhambra HS Auditorium	3839 W. Camelback Rd	Thursday	04-May-06	6:00 PM
Apollo HS Auditorium	8045 N. 47th Avenue	Tuesday	02-May-06	7:00 PM
Cactus HS Cafeteria	6330 W. Greenway Rd	Thursday	04-May-06	7:00 PM
Camelback HS TBD	4612 N. 28th Street	Wednesday	10-May-06	6:00 PM
Carl Hayden HS Auditorium	3333 W. Roosevelt St	Wednesday	03-May-06	6:30 PM
Central HS TBD	4525 N. Central Ave	Saturday	06-May-06	7:00 PM
Cortez HS Auditorium	8828 N. 31st Ave	Monday	01-May-06	6:00PM
Deer Valley HS Auditorium	18424 N. 51st Ave	Friday	05-May-06	7:00 PM
Glendale HS Auditorium	6216 W. Glendale Ave	Tuesday	09-May-06	7:00 PM
Greenway HS Cafeteria	3930 W. Greenway Rd	Tuesday	09-May-06	7:00 PM
Moon Valley HS Auditorium	3625 W. Cactus Rd	Thursday	04-May-06	7:00 PM
North HS Cafeteria	1101 E. Thomas Rd	Wednesday	03-May-06	6:00 PM
Shadow Mountain HS Auditorium	2902 E. Shea Blvd	Tuesday	09-May-06	6:00 PM
South Mountain HS POD 68	5607 S. 7th St	Tuesday	09-May-06	6:00 PM
Sunnyslope HS Cafeteria	35 W. Dunlap Ave	Thursday	20-Apr-06	6:00 PM
Thunderbird HS Auditorium	1750 W. Thunderbird Rd	Wednesday	10-May-06	7:00 PM

AZ Chapter MOAA Membership Renewal Notice

For most members, this serves as your notice that AZ Chapter dues for 2006 are due on January 1, 2006, and are delinquent 60 days thereafter. Our records show that the following have already paid their 2006 dues in the past month:

W. Adams	S. Clark	R. Kruse	J. Randall
R. Anderson	A. Curo	J. Lawson	J. Seidl
T. Aranda	G. Drake	J. Lovett	F. Serpico
B. Bartyzel	J. Fels	W. Matthias	J. Thompson
J. Bryan	P. Fein	R. Minor	E. Tichenor
B. Budzowski	R. Green	J. Nicodemus	J. Weber
R. Carpenter	R. Inderrieden	J. Poulson	R. Worthington

If you disagree, please let us know. For those of you who are not listed above, we sincerely hope that we have earned your support for another year and that you will renew your membership with us at this time. **If you are unsure about your need to renew and you get this newsletter by U.S. Mail, check your mailing label— next to your last name is a number that indicates the year the dues are current, If it is "05" then your dues are paid through 2005.**

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL RENEWAL FORM WITH YOUR CHECK -----

Arizona Chapter 2006 Membership Renewal Form

*Member Full Name: _____

*Membership Renewal: \$20 Full member _____

*Membership Renewal: \$10 Auxiliary member _____

*I wish to receive the Chapter Newsletter (*The Sentinel*) by {select one}:

_____ E-mail (in full color) or _____ U.S. Mail (hard copy b&w) or _____ Both

*E-Mail Address: _____

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA**

Mail renewal application and check to:

AZ CHAPTER MOAA
C/O John Gerometta
8555 E Camelback Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85251-1801

Note: If you wish to pay in advance, you may do so at the above rates per calendar year. Please annotate your check accordingly.

DECEMBER LUNCHEON AND CHRISTMAS PARTY



Pictures from the December 2005 Luncheon/Christmas Party/Silent Auction from left to right. Luncheon crowd, Silent Auction Items, Trevor Brown High School Choir, Choir Director Nick Halouen.

Pictures courtesy Frank Birtciel

HELP WANTED **Membership Committee Chairman**

The duties of the Membership Committee essentially consist of sending Chapter recruiting letters and brochures to National MOAA members who live in the area, and sending out dues reminders.

We presently have a list of approximately 1,500 such National members in our area and we receive updates from time to time. The names and addresses come in on Excel which makes it easy to individually address recruiting letters in Word. We have a recently designed color recruiting brochure and letter. We have been sending out two dues reminders to those members who don't make a timely response to the dues notices in the Sentinel. Membership records and reports are maintained by the Chapter Secretary.

All postage and supplies expenses are reimbursed. The Chapter will also pay for replacement printer cartridges used to print the recruiting brochures. If you have Excel and Word, a color printer and a few hours a month to help the Chapter, please consider this position. If two or three could get together to stuff envelopes, the whole project could be fun as well.

Please send resume and salary requirements (\$0.00) to the Chapter president.

Past Presidents Place

.Col Gary W. Fredricks USAF (RET) (President 2004)

Col Gary Fredricks was born and raised in Ottawa, Kansas. After attending the University of Kansas for two years, majoring in Aeronautical Engineering, he entered the U.S. Air Force in 1958 as an Aviation Cadet. He was an honor graduate, received a regular commission and chose to become a fighter pilot. He flew primarily the F-100 and F-4 aircraft.

His Air Force career brought broad assignments and experience in leadership, management, and staff functions in aerospace operations, training, logistics, command and control, operations analysis, and weapon system development, acquisition and test. He was a distinguished graduate of the Air Force Institute of Technology, receiving a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, and of the Air Force Command and Staff College, simultaneously earning a Masters in Business Administration from the University of Auburn. He attended the NATO Defense College and had a subsequent tour on the staff of the Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE).

He concluded his Air Force career with his dream assignment, command of an award winning F-4 tactical fighter wing with over 2000 personnel and nearly 100 assigned aircraft. The unit had a diverse mission with a worldwide operations commitment that took it as far as Greece and Korea, as well as a training mission for U.S. and Germany fighter aircrews. During his Air Force career, he flew over 200 combat missions in Southeast Asia and received 32 awards and decorations including the Legion of Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star, 3 Meritorious Service Medals and 11 Air Medals.

Col Fredricks retired from the Air Force in 1984 and started a second career in the defense electronics industry with General Dynamics, Hughes Aircraft and Raytheon. His final 10 years in industry were spent leading, managing and directing a wide ranging industry team in production of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile to meet the U.S. Navy and Royal Navy war fighter requirements. He was responsible for a \$300 million a year business unit with 500 Raytheon employees and a large number of both large and small suppliers stretching across the country, and into Canada and the U.K.

After retiring from Raytheon in 2003, he continued to do consulting work on the Tomahawk Program for the U.S. Navy and moved to the Phoenix area. He became active in the Arizona Chapter of MOAA, holding the offices of Chapter 1st Vice President and Chapter President. In 2005 he became President of the Arizona Council of MOAA Chapters.

He is married to the former Marie Keelin, also of Ottawa, Kansas. They have three children; Scott, Craig and Suzanne.



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- How Living Trusts prepared in another state are treated under Arizona law
- How a Living Trust can protect your heirs from creditors, divorce and lawsuits

Reservations required **CALL NOW** 24-hr reservation line

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 9-11 am
Hilton Scottsdale Resort
6333 North Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale

Tuesday, Jan. 17, 7-9 pm
Arrowhead Country Club
19888 North 73rd Avenue
Glendale

Wednesday, Jan. 18, 7-9 pm
Camelback Inn
5402 East Lincoln Drive
Scottsdale

Thursday, Jan. 19, 7-9 pm
Hampton Inn at Anthem
42415 North 41st Drive
Anthem

Saturday, Jan. 21, 9-11 am
El Pedregal at The Boulders
34505 North Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale

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7677 North 16th Street
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January Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: 21 January 2006
11:00 a.m. Social Period
12:00 Noon Lunch

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
7505 McCormick Parkway
Scottsdale, Arizona

COST: \$17.00 - Per Person


DRESS: Casual

MENU: Chef's Choice


Program: Installation of 2006 officers. LtCol Kevin Osterman USAF (Ret) Scottsdale City councilman will give an update on the City of Scottsdale.

Please make your reservations early and send your check to Bill Johnson using the Meal / Meeting Reservation Form.

-- Jim Seidl, Programs



TAPS



If you know of a member or spouse who enters the hospital or passes away, please notify one of the Chapter Officers.

CHAPTER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

If you would like to make a donation to one or more of the AZ Chapter Funds, include your check identified as the appropriate fund and mail to: **Bill Johnson, 13410 N. 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944.**

50th Anniversary Fund: \$ _____

Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

General Fund: \$ _____,

Name of Donor : _____ Identify me as a donor in the next newsletter. YES ___ NO ___

MEAL / MEETING RESERVATION FORM

Please reserve _____ meals for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$17.00 per person) for **21 January 2006.**

Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA

No Later Than: 17 January 2006

Send to: Bill Johnson, 13410 North 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944. Phone 602-690-1012

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