

March 23, 2006

Minutes of the March 2006 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on March 18, 2006, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Daniel Conway** called the Meeting to order at 12:02 PM. Chaplain **Bob Rutherford** gave the Invocation. **Dan Conway** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Total people present: **41**. There were no new members present

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

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was accepted and approved as distributed.

Board of Directors Reports:

President: Dan Conway reported that while the area Chevrolet Dealer's Association can not participate in our scholarship program, Courtesy Chevrolet will sponsor two \$1000 scholarships. We have ordered 5,000 sheets of stationary with the MOAA logo. The membership committee will use about 1,500 sheets in the new "Give Me Ten" recruiting program. We have also ordered 2,500 recruiting brochures of which 1,500 will be used in the same program. We have also written ten letters to major military suppliers requesting financial support for our 50th Anniversary Dinner.

50th Anniversary Committee: Chet Baumer asked members to look for updates on the dinner in the April edition of *The Sentinel*. He also urged members to invite guests and reserve a full table.

Legislative: Gary Fredricks. Read the March issue of the *Military Officer* about the proposed increases in TRICARE co-payments for those not under MEDICARE. Tear out the enclosed post cards and mail them ASAP to your congressional representatives. In a related matter, a number of members of the House have sponsored HB 4949 "Military Retiree's Health Care Protection Act" which will prevent DOD from raising co-pay rates by freezing the rates in effect on December 31, 2005. He also noted that MOAA's "Storming the Hill" is coming up later this month.

Personal Affairs: Bernie Conway brought copies of the new "Helping Your Survivors Now" brochure for everyone's use.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

10 -Minute Break.

Guest Speaker: Dan Conway introduced CAPT Michael G. Basford USN(RET) author of "America First" "SS America Affair", "The Phoenix Affair" and "Desperate Land". He began his talk with the history of Naval Aviation and the development of aircraft carriers from 1919 to the present time. He then began a slide show on aircraft and carriers and took questions.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$4 being paid out and \$4 entered into the Scholarship account. There were three \$15 prizes that were won by **Elizabeth Rast, Betty Baumer** and **Bill Roscher**.

Chaplain Bob Rutherford gave the Benediction.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded. The Meeting adjourned at 1:49 PM.

John Gerometta,
Secretary