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Arizona's First Chapter



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

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50th Anniversary Celebration—October 21, 2006



President's Message

There are three October activities worthy of your consideration.

The first is the Council of Chapters meeting which we are hosting. It will be held on Saturday, October 21st in the El Teatro room at the Scottsdale Plaza Resort located at 7200 North Scottsdale Road in Scottsdale starting at 11:30 AM. This is the same facility where we will be celebrating our 50th Anniversary that evening. VADM Norb Ryan, USN (Ret), National MOAA president, and MOAA Chapter Presidents and Vice Presidents from around the state will be attending. We will be receiving our 2005 National 5 star banner at this meeting. All members are invited. This meeting will give you insight into MOAA operations on a national and statewide basis. No lunch will be served, so be sure that you have an early lunch (or late breakfast) prior to the meeting.

The next is our Chapter 50th Anniversary Celebration starting at 5:30 PM that evening. The deadline for reservations has passed. However, if you find that you are now able to attend but don't have reservations, please call Chet Baumer at 623 582 8595 immediately and he will let you know if there is still room.

The third is the Veterans' Hall of Fame Induction on Friday, October 27th. Two of our members; Jim Seidl and Park Shaw will be inducted. This is a wonderful patriotic event. A registration form is included on page 5 of this issue. If you wish, please write in on the form that you would like to sit at the Arizona Chapter MOAA Table. We should be able to fill a table or two including our new inductees.

Please do your best to participate in these activities.

Golf Tournament

By Pat Dale

The Arizona Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America has held their annual Fun Fall Golf Tournament on September 29th. This is a really fun event and we wanted to have as many Chapter members and other guests as possible participate. This is one of a limited number of methods we use to raise funds for our Chapter Scholarship Fund which helps graduating high school JROTC seniors attend college. So come on out and have some fun and help us send these outstanding students to college.

The AZ Chapter Fall golf tournament was held September 29 at El Caro Golf Club, 2222

W. Royal Palm Road, Phoenix, AZ (Northern Ave & 23rd Ave). Golf was played in Flights with a 7 a.m. Shotgun start. Each Flight will be based on level of player skill with prizes for golfers in each Flight. There is no driving range available, however, there is a practice putting green and area for practice chipping.

All are welcome to bring guests. The fee is \$42 which includes golf, cart, prizes, and a delicious buffet brunch following the round. EVERYBODY WINS!!! All Mulligan proceeds go to the scholarship fund. Come and enjoy a fun event. Planning is already underway for next Spring's tournament. Pictures on this page, 2 & 6 courtesy Terry Tassin.



Arizona Chapter Calendar

Oct 5

- BOD Meeting 1:30, American Legion 107

Oct 21

- 50th Anniversary Celebration

Nov 2

- BOD Meeting 1:30 American Legion 107

Nov 18

- General Luncheon Meeting, McCormick Ranch Golf Club

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

Chaplain's Corner

"May the Lord bless us all and despite our divisions cause us to constantly love one another. All of us have our beliefs in the bible and God, but there are bound to be differences in the way we take life and the churches we go to, but we all believe in the good of God" Amen
 —*Robert Rutherford, Chaplain*

Editor's Notebook

Please let the Editor (& Chapter Secretary) know when you change your address, phone number and/or e-mail address. Use the phone number listed on page 10.



**Golf Tournament
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Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks

I hope that you all were able to digest the rather lengthy report on legislative funding for 2006 at the state level that was included in last month's Sentinel. This was truly one of the better years for funding veteran's services in Arizona that we have seen for some time. As mentioned in the report, the funding was a result of a lot of hard work in implementing recommendations from a Veteran's Task Force created by our Governor in 2005. It now looks like several additional recommendations that were tabled by the original Task Force due to lack of time will be picked up for follow-on analysis and consideration soon. Among those issues are a comprehensive education plan for veterans and their eligible dependents, obstacles faced by rural veterans, incentives for veterans to relocate to or remain in Arizona, tax relief and other benefits for disabled veterans, a state home loan program for veterans, a plan for homeless and indigent veterans and action to ensure Reserve Component veterans receive benefits equitable to active duty personnel. I will keep you informed as this continues to develop at the state level.

Also at the state level is a new auto licensing opportunity available due to legislative action this year. Through the Sentinel your Chapter has advocated that you order and display the Arizona "Veteran Plate" on your vehicle. The additional fee for this plate is only \$25 and \$17 of it goes directly to an Arizona veteran's fund. Beginning in November of this year a new "Freedom Plate" will also be available. Unlike the "Veteran Plate" for which you must show that you are a veteran, the "Freedom Plate" will be available to anyone, not just veterans. The "Freedom Plate" is attractive, showing a U.S. flag across the plate in the background. The really good news

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:

No donations this month

50th Anniversary Fund:

Mike Gannon \$11, Sheila George \$50, Marie Loos \$25, Joe Manfreda \$25, Charles & Audrey Retz \$50, Bob Rutherford \$50, Everet & Regina Rollins \$ 30, Toni Seidl 20

is that \$17 of the \$25 additional fee for the "Freedom Plate" will also go to the same veteran's fund, significantly increasing its assets. I hope you will encourage your friends and neighbors to consider the "Freedom Plate."

As we go to press this month, the pertinent national legislative bills, the FY2006 Defense Authorization Bill (provides the program specific language including personnel and compensation changes) and the FY2006 Defense Appropriations Bill (provides the money) are still unresolved. Both Houses of Congress have passed their respective versions, but the process of reconciling the two is still a work in progress. Congress is looking to adjourn on Friday, September 29, to let the legislators get home and campaign for elections. Whether or not they are able to conclude the reconciliation and pass jointly agreed upon bills by then is still unknown. We are looking forward particularly to seeing the Authorization Bill, which will include or not include language on key items such as TRICARE fees, military pay, survivor benefits concurrent receipt and other pending issues. Keep your fingers crossed and stay tuned.

Newsletter Advertising

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<u>Size</u>	<u>Annual (10 issues)</u>	<u>Quarterly</u>	<u>Impact Ad</u>
Single Card	\$80	\$25	\$15
Double Card	\$160	\$50	\$30
Quadruple Card	\$320	\$100	\$60

**ARIZONA VETERANS HALL OF FAME
Induction Ceremony October 27, 2006**

The sixth annual induction ceremony of the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame will take place on Friday, October 27th, from 11:30 AM until 2:00 PM at the El Zaribah Shrine Auditorium, 552 N. 40th Street, in Phoenix. The Hall of Fame is sponsored by Unified Arizona Veterans, Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, and the Office of the Governor. It recognizes Arizona veterans who have honorably served their country through military service and who have continued to serve and inspire their fellow man with deeds and accomplishments throughout their lifetime.

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2006 will honor the following:

Constantine G. Ambrose	Kingman	Walter H. Schmidt, Jr.	Benson
James E. Bockman	Apache Junction	James C. Seidl	Phoenix
Richard A. Colson	Phoenix	Douglas Shannon	Mesa
George E. Cushing	Surprise	Albert Park Shaw	Carefree
Donnell H. Gentry	Peoria	Robert H. Sigholtz	Deceased
James L. Grone	Tempe	Billie L. Stephens	Tempe
George R. Kirmse	Sierra Vista	John Suardini	Scottsdale
Richard J. Kosisky	Deceased	George B. Timmons	Huachuca City
Mary Ellen Piotrowski	Deceased	Ralph J. Untz	Prescott
William Renquist	Deceased		

The ceremony is open to the public by reservation only. The cost is \$25 per person, \$200 for tables of eight. Doors open at 10:30 AM. Lunch is included. Since the Hall of Fame is entirely non-profit, donations are most welcome. Reservations or donations may be made to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in care of Unified Arizona Veterans, ATTN: Donna Adams, 4141 N. 3rd Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85012. Make checks payable to AVHOF. Reservations must be received not later than Monday, October 16, 2006. For more information call (602) 265-0591 or 1 (877) 527-0764. See reservation form on page 5 of this newsletter

New Members

Welcome to new Chapter members since the last newsletter:

**Michael D Flanagan
CAPT USPHS(RET)
And his wife Beth
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Scottsdale, AZ 85254-6436
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bigmick60@aol.com**

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and his wife Carole
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Scottsdale, AZ 85562
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**Jane E Combs
Auxiliary
8350 E Keim Drive
Scottsdale, AZ 85250**

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**P.D. (Pete) Finton
Capt USMC (RET)
4023 W Grovers Ave
Glendale, AZ 85308
602-978-4858**

Please take the opportunity to meet our new members

Membership

Currently the AZ Chapter has 190 members including, 47 auxiliary members and 28 new members for 2006.

Personal Affairs

by Bernie Conway

I have some more information to assist you in your estate planning. The first is a reissued MOAA publication "TAPS – A Guide to Military Oriented Burials". The second is a one page sheet "MY LETTER OF INSTRUCTIONS TO MY SPOUSE, NEXT OF KIN, OR PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE" and the last is a one page check list of important documents needed to complete your next of kin instructions.

If you would like a copy of these items, please contact me at 480-994-0440

DON'T LOSE YOUR HEAD
TO GAIN A MINUTE
YOU NEED YOUR HEAD
YOUR BRAINS ARE IN IT
Burma Shave

50th Anniversary October, 21 2006!!!

50th Anniversary Celebration Update 30 September 2006

This is the last issue of the Sentinel before our 50th Celebration on 21 October 2006. I'd like to thank our loyal members who have made reservations already to attend our "once in a lifetime" affair at the beautiful Scottsdale Plaza Resort and those who have made generous contributions to fund the program. However, we still need about 25 more reservations to meet our minimum contract requirements. Please rush your requests with a check to our Treasurer, Bill Johnson, as soon as possible. We have reset our deadline until 5 October 2006. After that date our program will be at the printer and names cannot be included to show donations. Please remember that our national President of MOAA, Vice Admiral Ryan and his wife from Washington, DC and attendees from other Chapters and Groups will honor our Chapter with their attendance. Arizona Chapter members who have received Chapter Meritorious Service Awards are requested to wear their medals during the Celebration. **We also need a volunteer for Chaplain. You may call me at 623-582-8595 if you will do the honor. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS CELEBRATION--YOU WILL BE PROUD!**

CHET BAUMER

. This gala event will get underway October 21, 2006 with no host cocktails at 5:30 P.M. followed by the call to Dinner at 6:30 P.M.

Presentation of Colors by Cortez High School NJROTC Color Guard will be followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the National Anthem. After the Invocation, honored guests will be introduced and the Memorial Table will be honored.

Champagne Toasts will be given to the Commander-in-Chief, the seven services and MOAA. Menu for this event has been previously published. **Note: If you have any food allergies please contact Mrs. Velma Birtciel at 480-945-2824**

Following the Benediction you may dance or listen to the music of the "Rags Allen Trio".

All MOAA members and their guests are invited to attend. Make your reservations early and send check to Mr. William Johnson, 13410 N. 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ 85022-4944 made out to Arizona Chapter 50th Anniversary Fund. Price \$75.00 per person. Use the form on page 7 of this newsletter.

50th Anniversary Celebration Transportation Planning

Your Board of Directors wants to ensure that Chapter members who need transportation to the 50th Anniversary Celebration receive due consideration. Your attendance is very important to us and we want to ensure you are present when we raise our glasses to salute the occasion, and pay tribute to those who established the fine legacy we have. So if you need a ride, or can provide a ride – we need to know. Please call Marie Schluter at 480 563-8480, or send an email to oldlymer@aol.com. Please provide name (s), address and phone number

50th Anniversary Dinner

Bill Adams—2 tickets
Aino Baudu—3 tickets
Chet Baumer—2 tickets
Frank Birtciel—8 tickets
Sharon Clark—1 ticket
Muryl Cole—2 tickets
Dan Conway—2 tickets
Donald Costello—1 ticket
Pat Dale—2 tickets
Irene Doto—1 ticket
Gary Fredricks—2 tickets
Mike Gannon—2 tickets
Sheila George—1 ticket
John Gerometta—2 tickets
Doug Gray—2 tickets
Ron Green—2 tickets
Tom Houser—1 ticket
Fred Iacobelli—2 tickets
Bill Johnson—2 tickets
Roger Longenbach—2 tickets
Marie Loos—1 ticket
Jerry Lovitt—2 tickets
Dee Norton—2 tickets
Bill Roscher—2 tickets
Chuck Schluter—2 tickets
Jim Seidl—2 tickets
Zena Singer—1 ticket
Terry Tassin—2 tickets
JoAnn Thompson—1 ticket
Bill Toy—8 tickets
Rosanne Trujillo—1 ticket
Kathy Upchurch—1 ticket
Ed Waldmann—1 ticket
Ron Worthington—2 tickets
Jeff Young—2 tickets
Margaret Ziernicki—2 tickets
Green Valley Chapter—4 tickets
William Maratos
Lynda Geschke
Luke Chapter—6 tickets
James Lay
Anthony Saputo
Jerry Wojtas
Northern AZ Chapter—2 tickets
William Black
Superstition Chapter—16 tickets
Ralph Jackson
Tucson Chapter—8 tickets
John Meyers
Yuma Chapter—2 tickets
Bryson Hougard
Rags Allen Trio—6 tickets
NW Valley Veterans Association—2 tickets

Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame

**INDUCTION CEREMONY – October 27, 2006
EL ZARIBAH SHRINE AUDITORIUM**

552 N 40TH St.
Phoenix, AZ 85006

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE – OCTOBER 16, 2006
SEATING BY RESERVATION ONLY – NO WALK-INS
Luncheon Price \$25 per person or \$200 for a table of 8**

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: AVHOF
MAIL TO: UNIFIED Arizona Veterans
ATTN: Donna Adams
4141 N 3rd St.
Phoenix, AZ 85012
INFO: (602) 265 0591
1 (877) 527-0764 Toll Free

WHEN: Friday, October 27, 2006
TIME: Doors Open 10:30 AM
Call to Order 11:45 AM
Lunch Served at Noon
Ceremony to follow
LOCATION 552 N 40th St
¼ mile South of Loop 202

PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE AREA(S) BELOW

Amount Paid _____

_____ Yes, I will attend @ \$25.00

_____ Yes, I will Bring _____ guests @ \$25.00 each (names) _____

_____ Yes, my organization/company will reserve _____ tables of eight @ \$200.00 each

_____ I can not attend, but I would like to make a donation to the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame

Menu: Roast Pork loin, potatoes, garden salad, vegetable, rolls, dessert, iced tea, coffee. Cash Bar

Special Needs or requests (e.g. Wheelchair Accessible, special diet) _____

Alternate : Grilled Chicken Breast _____

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I am attending in honor of _____

Point of Contact (please print or type)

Name _____ Organization/ Company _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

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September 29, 2006



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Tuesday, Oct 17th
9-11 AM
El Pedregal at the Boulders
34505 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Scottsdale

Tuesday, Oct 17th
9-11 AM
Arrowhead Country Club
19888 N. 73rd Ave.
Glendale

Tuesday, Oct 17th
7-9 PM
Foothills Golf Club
2201 E. Clubhouse Dr.
Ahwatukee

Wednesday, Oct 18th
7-9 PM
Ancala Country Club
11700 E. Via Linda St.
Scottsdale

Thursday, Oct 19th
9-11 AM
Hilton Scottsdale Resort
6333 N. Scottsdale Rd.
Scottsdale

Thursday, Oct 19th
7-9 PM
Anthem Country Club
41551 N. Anthem Hills Dr.
Anthem

Saturday, Oct 21
9-11 AM
Pointe Tapatio Cliffs
11111 N. 7th St.
Phoenix

November Luncheon Meeting

WHEN: 18 November 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: TBD

Program: TBD

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

-- *Jim Seidl, Programs*

TAPS

We regret to inform you of the passing of one of our
members:

COL Cornelius (Mike) J. Molloy, Jr. USA (RET)
August 26, 1922—September 1, 2006

Our heartfelt condolences are extended to the Molloy
family.

*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: \$ _____ **General Fund: \$ _____,**

Scholarship Fund: \$ _____ **(now a 501 (c)(3) charitable fund)**

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

50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Please reserve _____ meals for (name) _____.

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (\$75.00 each or \$600.00 per table) made out to
Arizona Chapter MOAA. Mail to Bill Johnson, 13410 N 12th Place, Phoenix, AZ85022-4944

Please list my name _____ and/or a memorial for
(name) _____. Enclosed is my check for \$ _____.

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