

Minutes of the JANUARY 2008 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A Luncheon Meeting of the General Membership was held on January 19, 2008, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President **Terry Tassin** called the Meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Bob Rutherford gave the Invocation. **Terry Tassin** led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Total people present: **43**. New member, Colonel Robert Welch and guests were recognized.

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

Report on BOD Meeting:

The Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$5858.23; Scholarship Fund \$7976.76; Total \$13,834.99
Relief for Chapter positions-Historian & Newsletter Editor: Volunteers are needed to fill the two positions, if interested contact Terry Tassin at 623-931-1546

JROTC Medals: Volunteers are wanted for presentations in the spring JROTC Awards Banquet. A list of schools will be in the February Sentinel. If interested in helping out, contact Terry Tassin at 623-931-1546 with the school you would like to present to.

Membership: Terry Tassin reported that 108 out of 213 members had renewed their membership for 2008. Dan Conway will send out reminder letters for those who have not responded as of 19 January 2008.

Arrangements: The idea of holding a couple of evening events was discarded due to the high cost. Information for the July outing to the Arizona Broadway Theater will be in the February Sentinel.

Chapter Name Tags: Anyone needing a new name tag should contact Dee Norton or Bill Johnson when signing in for the luncheon.

Meeting Transportation: Anyone needing transportation to the luncheon should contact Ron Drew at 602-493-8806

Legislative Report: Federal: Gary Fredrick's reported that President Bush had OK'd a \$3.7 billion emergency supplemental bill which would go toward VA health care and other needs. He also said that the House had passed the Defense Appropriations Bill again and the Senate was expected to do the same very soon and it was hoped the President would sign the bill. There is talk of a possible federal tax rebate to help stimulate the economy. **State:** The state budget for 2008 is projected to have a \$1 billion shortfall. Thus, every state agency probably will be expected to take some level of a cut.

Lunch: was served and enjoyed by all

10 -Minute Break.

President: Terry Tassin introduced our guest speaker 1st Lt. Frank Helton, Arizona Rangers. Lt Helton gave an outstanding overview on the history of the rangers and their current status. There were many questions from the audience and all were very well answered by Lt Helton or Captain Mike Braton.

New Business:

President: Dan Conway administered the oath of office to the new 2008 board members:

President:	Terry Tassin
1 st Vice President:	Ron Worthington (Absent)
2 nd Vice President:	Ron Perkins
Secretary:	Ron Perkins
Treasurer:	Bill Johnson (Absent)
Directors:	Charles Schluter, Chet Baumer, Ron Green, Gary Fredricks, Ron Drew (Absent)

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$63 being paid out and \$62 entered into the Scholarship account.

Winners were:

\$21 prize won by **Toni Seidl**

\$21 prize won by **Gary Fredricks**

\$21 prize won by **Velma Bertciel**

Bob Rutherford gave the Benediction.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

Submitted:

Ron Perkins
Secretary