

Minutes of the MARCH 2008 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on March 15, 2008, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President Terry Tassin called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. BGen Wayne Hoffman, National MOAA Chaplain gave the Invocation. Terry Tassin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Total people present: 44 Terry Tassin recognized the following guests: BGen Wayne Hoffman and his wife Nancy; Bob and Betty Koelin, Ron Marusiak and Sue Gilbertson.

Report on BOD Meeting:

The Treasurer's Report: General Fund \$7070.23; Scholarship Fund \$8483.99; Total \$15,554.22

Membership: Terry Tassin reported that 169 out of 209 members had renewed their membership for 2008. The remaining 40 members will be contacted by either Dan Conway; Terry Tassin or Sheila George. The 31st of March is the last date to renew for 2008.

New Sentinel Editor: Jim Cullison

Scholarship Program: Ron Worthington reported that he had confirmation of at least eight scholarship applications and he was hoping for more. The scholarship committee will meet on the 9th of April to review the applications.

Arrangements: Terry Tassin briefed about having entertainment provided by Don Ford at our October and December luncheons. He also mentioned that it had been proposed that the chapter have a silent auction during our October luncheon and a Chinese auction for the December luncheon. The proceeds from both events would go to the scholarship fund. Information for the July outing to the Arizona Broadway Theater has been in the latest Sentinel and will be in upcoming issues as well.

Comments on February's Guest Speaker to Chuck Schluter: Terry Tassin reported that our previous speaker had asked for feedback on her presentation of "Bullies in the Work Place". Anyone with inputs should send them by e-mail to Chuck Schluter who will consolidate the inputs for Jean McFarland.

Golf Tournament Update: Pat Dale gave an update on the upcoming golf tournament scheduled for the 25th of April at the Rolling Hills Golf Course. Applications can be found in the February Sentinel and again in the March Sentinel. Deadline for signing up is 16 April.

Legislative Report: Federal: Gary Fredrick asked everyone to use the prepared letters to congressional leaders found in the February and March issues of the Military Officer. These letters ask congressional support to avoid a Defense budget decline and resist pressures to impose disproportional TRICARE fee increases for military retirees. The FY 2009 budget plan is likely to include a DOD task force's recommendations to raise retiree TRICARE fees by \$1000 to \$2000 a year, depending on retired pay level.

Lunch: was served and enjoyed by all

10 -Minute Break.

President: Terry Tassin introduced our guest speaker BGen Wayne Hoffman, National MOAA Chaplain. The Chaplain gave an outstanding presentation titled, "Facing the Future without Fret or Fear."

New Business:

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$60 being paid out and \$63 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were:

\$20 prize won by **Judy Draper**

\$20 prize won by **Gary Fredricks**

\$20 prize won by **Frank Bertciel**

Auction of Phoenix Sun's Tickets: Fran Tassin bought the first tickets for the April 6th game for \$170. Gary Fredricks bought the second tickets for the April 16th game for \$100. All proceeds will go to the scholarship fund

BGen Wayne Hoffman gave the Benediction.

Motion to Adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 2:15 PM

Submitted:

Ron Perkins
Secretary