

### **Minutes of the September 2008 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA**

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on September 20, 2008, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President Terry Tassin called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM and gave the Invocation; followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Members Present:** Total people present: **48:** 32 members and their spouses and 16 guests. Terry Tassin introduced the recipients of the ESGR Employer Recognition Award and their nominees. He then recognized Scott Essex, ESGR Arizona Chair and Butch Wise, ESGR Executive Director.

#### **Presidents Report:**

**5 Star Levels of Excellence:** Terry Tassin announced that the chapter had received the **Five Star Level of Excellence Award** for outstanding performance.

**Sentinel:** Congratulations were passed along to Jim Cullison for his first outstanding issue of the Sentinel as its editor.

**2009 Staff Nominations:** Terry Tassin reported that nominees have been made for all staff positions except for the secretary. If anyone is interested in helping out as secretary, please call Ron Perkins at 480-961-8632,

**Golf Tournament Update:** Terry Tassin reported that the chapter made a total of \$1120 toward the scholarship fund.

**US Air Force Birthday:** Terry Tassin congratulated the Air Force on their 61<sup>st</sup> birthday

**Lunch:** was served and enjoyed by all

#### **10 -Minute Break.**

**ESGR Employer “Above and Beyond Awards”:** Scott Essex, ESGR Arizona Chair gave a short presentation on the importance of supportive employers and how critical they are to help maintaining the strength and readiness of the nation’s National Guard and Reserve Units. Many employers provide “Above and Beyond” support with pay differential to offset the loss of wages, and extension of health care benefits which complement coverage provided by the military when their employees are mobilized. The Above and Beyond Award was created by ESGR to publically recognize American Employers who provide outstanding patriotic support and cooperation to their employees. President Terry Tassin and Scott Essex, ESGR Arizona Chair presented the awards to Mr. Tim Monaghan (Economic Security Human Resource Administration), Captain Tracy Haggard (Maricopa County Sheriffs Office), Mr. Rudy Resendez (Intel Corporation), Ms Carlane Stephane (AZ Dept of Water Resources), Mr. Gabriel Melendez (Cox Communications), Mr. Mike Rengstorf (Southwest Airlines), Ms Gladys Howg (Bank of America). Mr. Essex presented the AZ Chapter with the ESGR Seven Seals award for the chapter’s support of ESGR.

**Chapter 50/50 raffle** was held with \$41 being paid out and \$41 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were:

\$20 prize won by **Marie Fredricks for Ron Drew**

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

**Terry Tassin** gave the Benediction.

**Motion to Adjourn** was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 1335 hours.

Submitted:

Ron Perkins Secretary