

Minutes of the February 2009 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on February 21, 2009 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President Ron Perkins called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM. Ron Perkins led the pledge followed by the invocation.

Members Present: Total people present: **55**; Several new members and guests were introduced which included Jean Hilding, Gary & Kathryn Provost, guests Lyman Root and Betty Calvert and our guest speaker Vicki Mullens and her husband Jack.

Treasurers Report: Ron Perkins reported that the General Fund had a total of \$8,798.52 and the Scholarship Fund had a total of \$10,814.30 and Petty Cash Fund \$50.00 for a combined total of \$19,662.91

Presidents Report:

JROTC Medals: Ron Perkins thanked all those members who volunteered to present JROTC medals to the 17 schools we support. There are several members who also volunteered to be backups in case someone could not make their original commitment.

Membership Renewal Drive for 2009: Approximately 79% of 201 members have renewed their dues to date.

Arrangements: Ron Perkins briefed about the July 12th outing to the Arizona Broadway Theater to see **Bye, Bye Birdie**. Reservation forms can be found in the Feb Sentinel and will also be in the March and later Sentinels. Tickets will be \$55 per person. Make your reservations early to Fran Tassin.

April 18th Luncheon: We have scheduled Congressman Harry Mitchell, Fifth District representative, to be our guest speaker. We have also invited the Superstition Chapter to join us. There will be a small change in the start time. We will start the social hour a half later at 11:30 and serve lunch at 12:30 and the speaker around 1:30

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway reminded every one that the Luke AFB clinic had an ample supply of the Shingles Vaccine. He also reported that there will be Personal Affairs Workshop schedule sometime in late April. There will be more information coming later as to the date, time and place.

Legislative: Gary Fredricks reemphasized the top three priorities for MOAA would be: 1. Retaining the DOD Budget level; 2. Prevent the increase of Tri-Care fees; 3. Reduce the inequities of survivor benefits. Doug Gray reported on State House Bill HR 2172 titled "charity games ticket games". He noted that the American Legion, DAV, VFW and other Veteran and Fraternal Organization funds for charity programs have declined significantly in the past few years. Charity Game Ticket sales would provide an additional source of revenue desperately needed for their charity programs. The House Bill would permit sale of 'lottery-like' tickets, by these organizations that possess permits for conducting Bingo on their premises, to raise money for their charity programs that benefit Veterans and others in their communities.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all

Induction of 2009 Officer: Ron Perkins swore in John Ady who was absent from last month.

Guest Speaker: Vicki Mullens gave an outstanding presentation on her series of books titled "**I Want You To Know Me**". She emphasized the importance of establishing a lasting legacy for your children and grand children. She also donated two of her books for our scholarship raffle. After speaking she was presented with an MOAA Tumbler Set in appreciation of her presentation to the members of the Chapter.

Chapter 50/50 raffle was held with \$60 being paid out and \$67 entered into the Scholarship account. Winners were: \$20 prize won by Jim Draper, \$20 prize won by Bob Lamparter, \$10 prize won by John Ady, \$5 prize won by Velma Birtciel, \$5 prize won by Richard Peay, book prize won by Bernie Conway, and a book prize won by Betty Baumer.

March 21st Luncheon Program: The guest speaker will be Alan Rodbell who is the Scottsdale Chief of Police.

Greeters for March: Ron and Mary Kay Worthington

Benediction: Ron Perkins gave the benediction.

Adjournment: 1:50 PM

Submitted:

Ron Perkins, President/Secretary