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### President's Perspective

by John Ady



**Hello, everyone.** Well, Spring is here and I know you are all enjoying the great weather and all the activities we have to look forward to, both in the Valley of the Sun and throughout the State of Arizona.

At the beginning of the year, I appointed a select committee consisting of Beth Cullison, Marie Fredricks, Rance Farrell and Frank Hoak to review all aspects of our chapter operations in hopes that they could develop a list of recommendations and proposals to improve the chapter. I have briefly commented on the committee and their tasks previously.

#### Impressive Work

At the March board meeting they prepared an outstanding presentation based upon their many hours of work, which frankly was very impressive and provided the entire board with many things to think about as we attempt to continue to make this chapter better now and in the years ahead.

At the meeting, it was decided to table their observations and recommendations until the April board meeting, at which time we will begin deliberating in earnest. I am confident that in both the short and long term we will begin

to utilize them, and in turn the chapter members will begin to see both slight and in some cases major differences in our operations.

#### Your Thoughts?

I would be remiss if I did not allow each of you to provide comments to me if you wish, which would then also be addressed by your board. Thus, if you have any suggestions for improvements to chapter operations, by all means contact me either at my e-mail address, john.ady80@gmail.com, or by telephone, 480-363-8080.

In the meantime, I hope you can join us for the last two chapter luncheons, April 21 and May 19, before our Summer break.

#### Arizona Chapter Calendar

**Board of Directors** meets at 1030 hours the first Thursday of the month.

**Location:** National Guard Distance Learning Center, 5636 E. McDowell Rd. Show ID for entry.

Members are invited to attend.

#### Upcoming meetings:

- April 5
- May 3

#### Member Meetings/ Luncheons

are held on the third Saturday of the month, Social Hour at 1100, Luncheon at 1200, at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, unless noted otherwise.

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- April 21
- May 19

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### April Program

## Learn How Hospice of the Valley Sets the Standard

Hospice of the Valley is the largest not-for-profit hospice in the country, serving more than 4,000 patients and families each day.

Tom Fenner, Community and Military Liaison for Hospice of the Valley, will be the April luncheon guest speaker.

Hospice of the Valley is recognized nationally as a leader in hospice care

and strives to set the standard for end-of-life care.

The agency has a special program for patients who are veterans to recognize and thank them for their service. More than 350 patients have been honored since November 2010.

Fenner is a Navy veteran and served on a hospital ship off Vietnam.

## March Speaker

# Homeless & Returning Veterans Get ADVS Attention

Bob Barnes, Deputy Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services, described the department's efforts to aid homeless veterans and help returning veterans transition back into meaningful civilian life.

He said the department has started many programs for homeless veterans that have gained nationwide recognition.

These programs have three primary goals:

- End chronic homelessness among veterans
- Increase the capacity of temporary homes
- Prevent homelessness

Three transitional sites have been opened to help homeless veterans get off the streets.

The way to prevent homelessness is jobs, Barnes said.

The need for jobs is especially intense among veterans returning from the Mid-east wars, as their jobless rate is higher than the national average.



*Bob Barnes, ADVS Deputy Director, described the department's efforts to aid homeless veterans, and also told of his experience as part of the Air Force One crew.*

### **Serving on AF 1, 'Honor & Pleasure'**

Bob Barnes is a Phoenix native and Air Force veteran whose service included assignment to the 89th Military Airlift Wing. That's the outfit that maintains and flies Air Force One.

"It was an unbelievable honor and pleasure," he said. "You never knew who would be on a flight. It was exciting to get politicians outside of D.C."

He recalls former House Speaker Tip O'Neil was always looking for poker players, and remembers former Supreme Court Chief Justice Warren Burger as "quite a character and a fine gentleman.

"I've been to every country you can think of. It makes you appreciate what we have here," he said.

"Hiring a veteran is nothing but good business," he said, noting that veterans bring leadership and project management skills, are resourceful, function well in teams and are early adopters of new technology.

Many are coming back to jobs that no longer exist because of the weak economy, others who joined the military just out of high school don't have long job histories, but they have dignity and integrity, Barnes said.

He encouraged MOAA members who have businesses to consider hiring veterans "to help us end homelessness."

## Member's Spotlight

### **A Very Special Marine Corps Class**

The war in the Pacific was taking a heavy toll on Marine lieutenants, so the Corps took action.

The Special Officer Candidate School (SOCS) was created at Camp Lejeune, North Carolina, in 1944, consisting of 373 candidates, all destined to be infantry platoon leaders.

Chapter member Dick Weiss told the story of the SOCS at the March luncheon. It's a story he knows well. He was one of the 373.

Upon commissioning, the new lieutenants were off to the Pacific, seeing action at Iwo Jima and Okinawa. On those remote islands they were awarded 61 battle citations, including six



*Dick Weiss*

Navy Crosses — and received over 265 Purple Hearts. They suffered a 52% casualty rate from February to June 1945.

LtGen Victor Krulak, who was Marine Assistant Chief of Staff for Operations at the time, declared of them, "It was the finest class of second lieutenants that the Marine Corps ever produced."

"I'm very proud to be a member of the SOCS," said Dick. "It was unique and different from every Marine Corps class."

**April's Spotlight:** COL Nancy Burt, USA (Ret), will recount her experience as an Army helicopter pilot.

## MOAA Cites Outgoing Secretary

Immediate Past Chapter Secretary Beth Cullison was presented a Certificate of Merit from MOAA at the March luncheon.

Chapter President John Ady, who submitted Beth for the award, made the presentation in recognition of her volunteering to take the secretary duties in April 2009 when no one else stepped forward. She also maintained the membership roster, helped plan the Auxiliary-



Spouse initiative at the Arizona Veterans Home, volunteered at the home, and served on the committee that recently gave the board recommendations on ways for improving chapter operations.

## A Day for the Irish

There was plenty wearing of the green at our March 17 luncheon, St. Patrick's Day. Leonore Hoak, chapter secretary, went all out with a feather boa the color of Ireland's green, white and orange flag. Erin Go Bragh!



## JROTC Medal Presentations Begin

Terry Tassin, JROTC medal chairman, has lined up members to represent the chapter in presenting medals to outstanding JROTC cadets at the 17 area high schools we support.

Medal presentations will take place throughout April and May at each school's annual awards ceremony.

## Scholarship Fundraiser

### There's Still Time to Sign Up; Join Us for Golf, Fun

The Chapter's major scholarship fundraiser will hit the links on April 19 at the scenic Starfire Golf Club, 11500 N. Hayden Road, Scottsdale.

No matter what your golf skill, you can have fun and win prizes at this event, and support a worthy endeavor to provide college scholarships to outstanding JROTC cadets from area high schools.

Chapter members, your friends and guests are invited to play. You can support the tournament even if you aren't a player.

**Cost:** \$69, includes green fees, cart and lunch.

**Tee Time:** Shotgun start at 8:00 a.m., check-in from 6:30 to 7:30.

**Dress:** collared shirts, soft spikes on golf shoes, sneakers are allowed.

**Skill prizes** on every hole, \$1,000 hole-in-one prize, Mulligans can be purchased.

**Deadline:** Registration & fee must be received by Pat Dale (see below) **no later than April 12.** You also can support the event by being a hole sponsor (below) or join for lunch only for \$12.

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### AZ Chapter Golf Tournament Registration

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### AZ Chapter Golf Sponsor/Donor Form

**For donations of \$25 or more**, your name, rank and service will be posted on a golf hole.

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E-mail: [patrickdale1@cox.net](mailto:patrickdale1@cox.net) Phone: 480-661-5204

Check enclosed for: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Arizona Centennial, 1912-2012**

**1912 Was a Big Year in Many Ways**

Achieving statehood was a big story in Arizona in 1912. A number of other momentous events also took place that year. Following are a few that shared the headlines with Arizona in 1912:

**New Mexico** beat Arizona to statehood by a month and a few days, being admitted to the Union on January 6, 1912.

**Alaska** took a step toward statehood, being designated a territory of the U.S. in August. Prior to that, the area had been divided into three judicial districts.

Halfway around the world, the **Republic of China** was founded, ending the dynasties that had ruled the country for centuries.

The **Girls Scouts** organization was formed, and the **Camp Fire Girls of America** was incorporated as a national group. Happy birthday, girls.

There was another big birthday in 1912, this one fictional. **Tarzan of the Apes**, written by Edgar Rice Burroughs, first appeared in *All Story* magazine. Happy birthday, Tarzan. How's Jane?



Discovery of the **South Pole** by a team led by Norwegian explorer Roald Amundsen was announced in March. The pole was actually reached in December 1911, but there was no way to get the word out any sooner.

**Fenway Park**, home of the Boston Red Sox., opened on April 20. The Red Sox beat the New York Highlanders (now the Yankees) 7-6 in 11 innings in the first game.

The unsinkable **RMS Titanic** sank on April 15 after colliding with an iceberg on its maiden voyage.

Not quite as momentous, but not to be overlooked, the **Oreo Cookie** was introduced in 1912, adding new pleasure to a glass of milk.



It was quite a year.

**Arizona Centennial Trivia**

*From AAA Arizona High Roads Magazine*

What is the tallest point within the city limits of Phoenix? (Answer on page 8)

**Leave a Lasting Legacy; Remember the Scholarship Fund in Your Will**

*By Bill Roscher, Treasurer*

Hi to all. A couple of weeks ago I received a phone call from one our members who gave me a great surprise. She is making a donation to our Scholarship Fund in her will. She did not wish to be identified.

It came to me that if a number of us did this same thing we could go a long way to making our Scholarship Fund into a Foundation. That would mean that we could award scholarships out of the earnings of the foundation rather than having to work hard (i.e. Pat Dale on the Golf Tournament plus our donations) to provide a number of scholarships in the future.

Please give me a call if you want to find out how to do that. We will not identify ones who want to do this unless they so desire. It might be good to have a list published in *The Sentinel* each time to show others that it is working. Regardless of whether names are included, I would suggest that we at least publish the number of members who had done so. Here's to good giving.

**Donations to Chapter Funds**

**Scholarship Fund**

- \$10 Cy Vaughn
- \$20 Gene Rafanelli
- \$50 Dan Germond

The Chapter transfers \$50 from the General Fund to the Scholarship Fund as a memorial when a member passes away. Such memorials were made for recently deceased members Rocco Iacobelli and Jack Taylor.

The Scottsdale Newcomers Club designated our Scholarship Fund as recipient of its 50/50 raffle in February. The resulting donation was \$203.

The four spring baseball tickets donated by Jeff Young were auctioned at the February meeting, and the winning bid was \$125 for the Scholarship Fund.



**Personal Affairs**  
by Dan Conway  
Personal Affairs Officer

**Guest Column**

Last month, I mentioned the Durable Power of Attorney. I have asked CAPT Norm Miller, JAGC, USNR (Ret), an estate planning attorney, a past president of the Chapter and one of the presenters at our last Personal Affairs workshop, to describe this document. Here is his guest column:

**Durable Power-of-Attorney**

The "durable power-of-attorney" is one of the most powerful, important and yet dangerous planning tools that an attorney can recommend to a client.

When a person (*the principal*) signs a power-of-attorney, he gives another person (*the agent*) the power to act in his place and on his behalf in managing his assets and affairs. The agent's powers may be broad and sweeping so as to include almost any act which the principal might have performed. Or alternatively, at the principal's direction, the document could limit the agent's authority to specific items the principal wants the agent to do...and no more...for example, to sign real estate closing papers on behalf of the principal.

**Let's distinguish** between the "durable" power-of-attorney and the ordinary power-of-attorney. The main distinction is that the ordinary power becomes inoperative upon the incapacity of the principal. The durable power-of-attorney provides that those powers granted to the agent shall **not** be affected by the subsequent disability or incapacity of the principal or by the lapse of time. But, remember that all powers of attorney are invalid after the death of the principal.

**Most powers-of-attorney** become effective immediately upon execution by the principal. Many principals, however, are justifiably wary about giving a currently exercisable power-of-attorney to the agent. Accordingly, Arizona and most states allow a durable power-of-attorney to be drafted in such a way that it becomes effective only upon the principal's disability. Such a legal instrument is signed when the principal has capacity and only becomes effective upon the occurrence of a triggering event such as the

onset of disability of the principal. The primary disadvantage of the use of this type of durable power of attorney is that, because its operation is triggered by the disability of the principal, the occurrence of the event may have to be conclusively established to the third persons in order to induce such person to accept the authority of the agent. The document, therefore, should contain a clear definition of the term "disability". That definition should also state who is to determine "disability", for example, the principal's primary care physician.

**The greatest advantage** of the durable power-of-attorney is that it remains effective **after** the principal's incapacity. The agent, therefore, can act immediately, upon the principal's incapacity, to manage his assets in a falling stock market or to take various emergency measures without initiating costly and time-consuming court conservatorship proceedings to attain court authorization for such transactions.

**In Arizona**, certain legal formalities must be followed to create a valid power of attorney, including signing, witnessing and notarization.

In addition to terminating on the death of the principal, a durable power-of-attorney ceases to have effect upon the revocation by the principal, assuming the principal has the requisite capacity to do so, or upon a court order.

**The agent appointed** to act for the principal faces extreme penalties for abusing the power of attorney, including financial penalties, loss of inheritance, etc.

**No short article** such as this can cover all of the matters that need to be considered when creating a power of attorney. If you are interested, consult an estate planning attorney. An estate planning attorney, after discussions with the principal, will tailor-make a power of attorney that meets the needs of the principal, no more, no less. The attorney will also provide guidance to the agent on how to avoid the financial penalties for abuse or mistakes using the power granted...and it is very easy for an agent to make a mistake.

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## Legislative Update *by Gary Fredricks, Legislative Chair*

### Mixed Results on State Bills

At the state level this week, of the 54 initial bills, resolutions and memorials proposed in the legislature this year that affected the military or veteran communities, 33 remained active.

Ten have completed all action in the legislature, including SB 1058 which continues the Arizona Department of Veterans Services and its related Commission for another 10 years, SB 1126 which authorized a public funded WW II memorial, and HB2602 which strengthens previously enacted Arizona administration of veteran supportive campuses throughout Arizona's colleges and universities.

Several others failed to meet required committee gates and essentially died. They included SB 1313 which would have subtracted income received by a disabled American veteran from state income taxes and HB 2843 which would have exempted all military retired pay from state income taxes.

### Bad News, Good News

The bad news is that basically any bill with a significant cost impact was not moved forward. The good news is that the bills were introduced at all, giving us a leg up on future initiatives. With most committee action now completed, there remain 24 of the bills still under active consideration in the legislature. Most of these remaining bills are either with the House Rules Committee or are pending final floor action by either the House or the Senate.

### MOAA Is Active on National Issues

At the federal level, action is now with the House and Senate Budget Committees with action to follow this summer in the House and Senate Armed Services Committees. As was the case last year, the House passed their budget resolution, the Senate announced it would be dead on arrival, and the Senate Budget Committee appears to be taking little or no action to create a budget of its own.

MOAA staff is active on the Hill with these committees and has obtained letters from the leaders of the respective Armed Services

Committees to their corresponding Budget Committee leaders. Basically, the House leaders took exception to many of the items proposed in the President's budget, while the Senate letter focused on the additional \$500 billion or so in budget impacts that will be triggered in January 2013 without further congressional action.

MOAA national staff, representing both MOAA and The Military Coalition, has also been active on the Hill, testifying before the House and the Senate Armed Service subcommittees and staffs and providing commentary to key newspapers and other commercial publications on MOAA's issues. MOAA has also provided testimony before the House and Senate Veterans Affairs Committees. In the absence of a national budget resolution, the focus has been on mitigating the potential effects of some of the most onerous proposals for the military and veteran communities contained in the February President's Budget Request for FY2013.

### Planning for the Storm

Planning for the annual MOAA Storming the Hill session in mid-April is on track. Storming the Hill is an annual MOAA initiative where MOAA visits literally all senators and representatives from all 50 states and Puerto Rico in one day. Ken Yamanouchi, Arizona MOAA Council of Chapters President, CDR Darin Burns, USPHS, and I are teamed to visit our Arizona congressional offices in Washington. We will be focusing on:

- Rejecting disproportional cost-shifting to military beneficiaries
- Resisting premature force reductions
- And, resisting "Fast-Tracking" (think BRAC-style initiative) military retirement changes

Don't forget to send in the tear-out post cards from the last MOAA magazine to your legislators and watch for requests for e-mail support. They all help.

## Welcome Our Newest Member

**Cy Vaughn, LCDR, USPHS (Ret)**  
And His Wife Kaye, Scottsdale

**Please meet and greet our new member.**

**Reminder:** Don't forget. **Reservations are required** for our monthly luncheons. That gives the restaurant staff adequate time to plan for the proper number of meals and helps keep our price steady. Reservations are required no later than the Tuesday before a luncheon. See more details in the box and reservation form below.

**April Luncheon Meeting**

**WHEN:** April 21, 2012  
11:00 a.m. Social Hour  
12:00 Lunch

**WHERE:** McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
Scottsdale, Arizona

**COST:** \$20 Per Person

**DRESS:** Casual

**MENU** Tossed Salad  
Vegetable  
Old English Fish & Chips  
Fresh Breads & Creamery Butter  
Dessert  
Coffee, Regular & Decaf, Tea

**PROGRAM:** Tom Fenner, Navy veteran and Community and Military Liaison for *Hospice of the Valley*, which offers specialized end-of-life care for veterans, will be guest speaker.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17. Use the reservation form below. Cancellations must be received the same day to receive your money back.

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Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ meals for (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (**\$20.00 per person**) for **April 21, 2012**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** **Received No Later Than: April 17, 2012**

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