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## Arizona's First Chapter



The Arizona Chapter

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### President's Perspective

by John Ady



#### Thoughts on the Year Ahead and the Year Past

Hello Everyone. In a few days at our January 19 luncheon, we will install our new group of officers and board members for the coming year. I know you share with me best wishes for their success and a grateful thank you for serving the chapter. Our President-elect Rob Welch and his new management team are not only ready but very able to

move the chapter forward and continue the success we have had since our founding in 1956.

#### We Continue to Excel

I believe I leave office with a feeling that the chapter is in excellent condition, not only financially but from all the other markers MOAA uses to evaluate its chapter system. We continue to have an excellent and stable

level of membership while we also continue to provide great programs and support services to our members and their families. Add to that our involvement within the community on a number of fronts and thus we not only keep "kicking the can down the road" but we continue to do more as a chapter whenever opportunities present themselves.

#### A Few Did So Much

I have often written about the great small cadre of volunteers that we have in place that makes the chapter function at such a high level. Space does not allow me to mention everyone of them, but in particular I wish to first mention Ron Perkins, our Immediate Past President, who assisted me in so many ways in the last two years. In addition I believe the current chapter officers as a whole deserve much of the credit for what we have been able to accomplish. Finally, we have been fortunate to have been able to attract some great new

#### 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:

- January 3
- February 7

**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.

#### Upcoming meetings:

- January 19
- February 16

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**Honored Guests:** Chapter Auxiliary members were invited to the December luncheon at no charge in recognition of their support for their spouses and the chapter, and to celebrate the fact that they now have full voting rights in MOAA. Those who attended joined Auxiliary Chair Nancy Burt, rear left, at a reserved table. The honored guests are, from front left, Elaine Kottler, Clare Gannon, Marie Kinally and Sue Gilbertson, and from left next to Nancy, Kathy Upchurch, Doris Iacobelli and Eleanor Pickett.

**President's Perspective...continued**

people to the aboard and into other key functions, such as Nancy Burt, Jim Draper, Rance Farrell, Frank Hoak and of course his wonderful wife and "aide de camp" Leonore, who accepted the position of chapter secretary this past year.

**There's still a Need for Your Talent**

I should mention that the need for additional members to step up to assist Rob Welch and his board is still a major priority, therefore I ask all of you in these parting comments to consider assisting in any way you can, as it is vitally important to the future success of this chapter.

Thanks again for allowing me to serve you these past two years. It has been an interesting and sometimes challenging experience, but worth the time invested. I look forward to seeing you on the 19th.

**Welcome Our Newest Member**

**Joey Strickland, COL USA (Ret)**

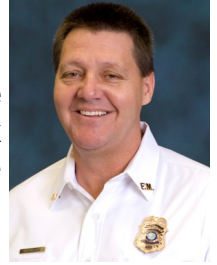
And his wife Leila, Scottsdale

COL Strickland is Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans Affairs

**January Program**

**Fire Marshall, PD 'Hit Man' to Speak**

Jack Ballentine is Fire Marshall for the Phoenix Fire Department. Prior to his current position, he served 30 years with the Phoenix Police Department. Jack will be our January luncheon speaker.



His police assignments included patrol, walking beat, undercover, organized crime and homicide. He was an expert in motorcycle and prison gangs, crime scene investigations, criminal syndicates and murder conspiracy investigations. He spent 15 years undercover operating as a hired hit man. His work led to indictment of 24 individuals who hired him to kill another person. Proceeds from a book he has written, *Murder for Hire*, go to the 100 Club of Arizona, which helps families of public safety members killed or injured in the line of duty.

Other assignments included serving on the team that protected dignitaries, including Presidents Bush, Clinton, Reagan and Carter, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and boxer Muhammad Ali.

Don't miss this informative program.

**Time for 2013 Chapter Membership Renewal**

Annual membership renewals are due by December 31 and can be submitted with the renewal form below. Dues for 2013 remain \$20 for regular members and \$10 for Auxiliary members. Fill out the form below and send it with your check to Bill Roscher at the address shown.

----- CUT HERE AND MAIL RENEWAL FORM WITH YOUR CHECK -----

**[Arizona Chapter 2013 Membership Renewal Form](#)**

Member Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Renewal: **\$20** Regular member \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Renewal: **\$10** Auxiliary member \_\_\_\_\_ (surviving spouse)

**Any Changes in your address, phone number, e-mail, etc:**

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**4337 E. Sands Drive**

**Phoenix, AZ 85050**





### Christmas Serenade

In keeping with the season, members at the December luncheon were treated to a concert of traditional and contemporary holiday tunes by the Carefree Christmas Chorus, directed by Kevin Glenn at left. The chorus is busy performing at many events this time of year..



### 'Tis the Holiday Season And it was a jolly time for members at McCormick Ranch Golf Club

In addition to being serenaded by the Carefree Christmas Chorus, chapter members at the December Holiday Luncheon bought tickets for a chance to open a gift provided by the Board of Directors, and maybe even steal one — all within the rules of course — from another member. It was all in good fun, with proceeds from ticket sales, more than \$300, going to the Scholarship Fund.

### Coming Attractions in 2013

Here's the lineup for Chapter meetings and events for the first half of 2013.

**January 19**, Phoenix Fire Marshall Jack Ballentine.

**February 16**, Member Paul Schnur will tell us about Cabeza de Vega, the first European to explore America.

**March 16**, Joey Strickland, Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans Affairs.

**April 18**, Chapter Fundraising Golf Tournament, Starfire Golf Club; complete details next month.

**April 20**, Congressman David Schweikert. This is being planned as a breakfast meeting.

**May 18**, JROTC Scholarship presentations.



### Christmas Comes Early

Marie Schluter, left, anticipates contents of the gift she chose. For Sheri Clark, right, it will be a Kahlua Christmas, while Sue Gilbertson has a sweet time ahead with cookies and candy.





## NOTICE OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO CHAPTER BYLAWS

An additional chapter membership class is proposed. The following are changes to be voted on at the January General membership meeting. Recommended changes are **in red**. Notice is hereby given that a motion will be made at the January general membership meeting to modify the Chapter bylaws as follows:

### ARTICLE IV- MEMBERSHIP

**Section 1.** The membership of the Chapter shall be composed of men and women who are serving or have served on active-duty or in one of the National Guard or reserve components as a commissioned or warrant officer in one of the seven U.S. uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service), as well as widows and widowers of any deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for membership .

**Section 2.** Subject to the provisions of Section 1 above, membership shall be of **four** classes:

a. Regular members - commissioned or warrant officers who are on the retired lists, active duty officers, and former officers who were separated under conditions acceptable to the board of directors.

b. Auxiliary members - widows and widowers of any deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for membership .

**c. Honorary Senior Life Member - For consideration, the member should request Free Senior Life membership in writing or be nominated by an officer or board member.**

**(1) Must be Life Member of National MOAA.**

**(2) Must have served as a chapter officer, board member or committee chair.**

**(3) Must have been a chapter member for a minimum of 10 years.**

**(4) Must have reached their 80th birthday.**

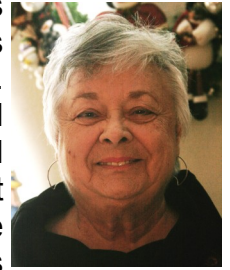
**(5) Must have board approval.**

d. Honorary members - certain individuals in recognition of their services to the nation, the military officer community, or the Chapter. Honorary membership shall not convey any voting rights and shall require no payment of dues.

## Exceptional Service

Marie Fredricks ends a 6-year tenure in charge of arrangements for chapter meetings and events this month.

The board approved a \$100 gift certificate which was



presented to Marie for exceptional service and dedication. Arlene Day now takes over that role.



## Meritorious Service

Ron Green, above left, was unable to attend the November luncheon, so he received his Meritorious Service Award in December. Jim Cullison presented the award to Ron, who purchased and delivered over 500 cases of bottled water for distribution to homeless veterans. Chapter members donated \$660 toward the cost of the water. Ron's efforts were highlighted in *The Affiliate*, a MOAA newsletter that goes to chapter officers nationwide.



## Remembering Pearl Harbor

Chapter officers Rob Welch and Frank Hoak represented the Arizona Chapter in laying a wreath at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance Ceremony December 7 at the State Capitol. Veterans organizations from throughout the area participated in the event, which included recognition of nine Pearl Harbor survivors in attendance, a World War II B-17 flyover, a tribute to all services and groundbreaking for a World War II Memorial, which will display guns from the battleships Arizona and Missouri.



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

### How to Avoid Probate

As an estate administrator or executor, you assume responsibility for the decedent's will. You also decide whether probate court administration of the decedent's assets is necessary.

*Probate* is a process that includes the following key steps. First, the decedent's will is proved valid or invalid. Then, the decedent's assets are administered in the probate estate with probate court supervision. To begin the probate process, you must file the will with the Probate Court. In Maricopa County, the Probate Court is a division of the Maricopa County Superior Court. If the decedent left a will but the estate doesn't have any assets subject to probate, the law still requires you to file the will. Just inform the Probate Court that, to your knowledge, no assets are subject to probate.

While Probate Court serves a useful purpose, it is slow and expensive. It is best to plan your estate so that there are no assets subject to probate. Steps which you can take in Arizona to accomplish this goal are as follows:

#### Set Up Payable-On-Death Accounts

This option applies to bank accounts, traditional IRA and 401K retirement accounts, stock and bond accounts and can be done with virtually no expense. It is only necessary to contact your bank or other financial institution and fill out the required forms naming payable-on-death beneficiaries.

#### Name a Beneficiary for Your Real Estate

This requires filing of a "Beneficiary Deed" with the County Recorder.

#### Transfer on Death Vehicle Registration

This requires an MVD "Beneficiary Designation" form which is on the Internet. It is filled out and kept with your vehicle title. No filing is required.

#### Create a Revocable Living Trust

This option is best for large and complicated estates. This option is more expensive and requires constant attention to ensure that all

assets are assigned to the trust. (According to the MOAA pamphlet "Estate Planning", studies show that 50% of RL's drafted go unfunded.) It is also important to know that IRAs cannot be assigned to a trust.

#### Die Penniless

You can accomplish this by simply running out of money or by intentionally spending all of your money, or through gifting. Gifting can have some tax advantages as well.

A good reference for estate planning is the MOAA pamphlet, "Estate Planning" which was cited previously.

#### 2 More Items

I have two additional items. First, due to a lack of response, we will not have a Personal Affairs Workshop in early 2013. We will try again in the fall. Second, if you would like to write a Personal Affairs article for *The Sentinel*, please contact me.

Please consider me as a resource and don't hesitate to call with your Personal Affairs questions and concerns at 480-368-1427.

**Daniel M. Conway**

### Meet Our Presidents

#### Irene Doto Holds a Unique Distinction

The Arizona Chapter has had 52 presidents since its inception in 1956, but only one was a female. Our 37th president was CAPT Irene Doto, who retired from the U.S. Public Health Service in 1984 and was our president in 1991.

Irene is a native of Wilmington, Delaware, and is a 1954 graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. She began her career as a statistician at the National Laboratory in Kansas City, working on lung fungus research. She transferred to Phoenix in 1973 and stayed here after retirement, where she joined our chapter.

While her service as president ended 20 years ago, Irene is still a member of the chapter and a supporter of the Scholarship Fund. She was presented the Meritorious Service Award, shown at right, by President Chuck Schluter in 2001.





## Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks, Legislative Chair

### Time Flies, Progress Is Slow

As *The Sentinel* goes to press this month the holiday season is upon us, and we wish you a Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year. We wonder yet again how 2012 managed to go by so quickly and how seemingly so little legislatively was actually accomplished.

This year, our printer for the hard copy version of *The Sentinel* will be taking the week beginning with Christmas off, so our editorial deadline is occurring about a week earlier than normal. Given our glacial rate of Washington legislative progress, there isn't likely to be that much more to report in another week anyway.

### Tough Work as Year-End Approaches

The lame duck legislative session in Washington has been in play since the national elections in early November, and it looks like the session may well extend through the holiday period. Jamming a year's worth of tough legislative work into the last few weeks of the year is proving harder than they thought, and it appears that most lame ducks just want it to be over with. It is still very much in doubt how much if anything they will be able to accomplish. Here is a snap shot of how things looked as we approached Christmas week:

- The best bet for something actually getting finished is the 2013 Defense Authorization Bill which was in the final stages of Senate/House negotiations. TRICARE pharmacy co-pay increases, retirement commission requirements and other important issues were still on the table. *(Update: As we go to press, the Senate/House conferees agreed to a bill that includes most everything MOAA was supporting.)*
- The 27% mandated cut in Medicare and TRICARE payments to doctors scheduled to begin on January 1 was still in limbo. MOAA reports that everyone in Congress agrees it must be stopped, but bickering was still going on over how to pay for it and whether the fix would be permanent or temporary. A short term fix could well be part of the "grand

bargain" to avoid the fiscal cliff, or it could be left for the new Congress to deal with in January.

- The "grand bargain" to avoid the fiscal cliff was getting a lot of press, but how much progress was occurring, if any, was anybody's guess. Probably the best hope would be for an interim solution that would kick the problem down the road to be dealt with by the new Congress.

### Next Up: State Legislature

At the Arizona state legislative level, the new state legislature will convene in early January. Typically, some potential bills usually begin surfacing in December, but nothing significant affecting veterans is apparent so far. We will monitor the activity and keep you informed as the state legislature begins their work in earnest next month.

### JROTC SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

by Rob Welch  
Scholarship Chairman

Thanks to all of you who graciously donated money this year, especially during our year-end "Tax Reduction" drive, our Scholarship Fund is richer by \$6,000+. The Scholarship Fund now stands at \$14,000+, meaning we can give up to \$7,000 in scholarships to deserving youths this year. Scholarships will be limited to JROTC cadets who are planning on joining the military after college.

### Donations to Scholarship Fund

Through December 16

Ed Balaban \$10  
Nancy Burt \$75  
Jim And Beth Cullison \$100  
Clare Gannon \$20  
George Hadley \$180  
Bob Lamparter \$50  
Joseph Manfreda \$25  
Jerry McNally \$10  
Dick Minor \$100  
Eleanor Pickett \$40  
Gene Rafanelli \$20  
Jean Riley \$100  
Ed and Sandy Waldmann \$100  
William White \$40  
Kathy Upchurch \$150  
Carolyn Yost \$20  
**Total for the Month: \$1,040**



## Important Notice about the Price of Member Luncheon Meetings

Because of an increase in the price McCormick Ranch Gold Club will charge the Chapter for lunches, the price of meals for the member luncheons will increase to \$22 per person beginning in January.

Please note this change and plan accordingly when you make reservations. This is the first increase in price since February 2011.

### January Luncheon Meeting

**WHEN:** January 19, 2013  
11:00 a.m. Social Hour  
Noon Lunch

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

**COST:** \$22 Per Person

**DRESS:** Business Casual

**MENU:** Roasted stuffed pork loin, whipped potatoes, vegetable, triple layer fudge cake.

**PROGRAM:** Jack Ballentine, Phoenix Fire Marshall and former undercover officer for the Phoenix Police Department, will recount episodes from his unique career.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, January 15. Use the reservation form below. Cancellations must be received the same day to receive your money back.

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### CHAPTER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

If you would like to make a donation to one or more of the AZ Chapter Funds, include your check identified with the appropriate fund and mail to: **Bill Roscher, 4337 E. Sands Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050.**

**General Fund: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Fund: \$** \_\_\_\_\_ **[a 501(c)(3) charitable fund]**

Name of Donor : \_\_\_\_\_ Identify me as a donor in the next newsletter. YES \_\_\_ NO \_\_\_

### MEAL / MEETING RESERVATION FORM

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

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (**\$22.00 per person**) for **January 19, 2013**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** Received No Later Than: **January 15 2013**

Send to: **Bill Roscher, 4337 E. Sands Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85050.** [wroscher@cox.net](mailto:wroscher@cox.net)

## Website Update

By Rob Welch, Webmaster

Our website has a new, shorter and easier to remember and type web address. It is [www.azmoaa.org](http://www.azmoaa.org). Our old web address will temporarily take you to the new address, but not for long. The forwarding will stop on February 10, so please put the new website address in your "Favorites" menu.

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