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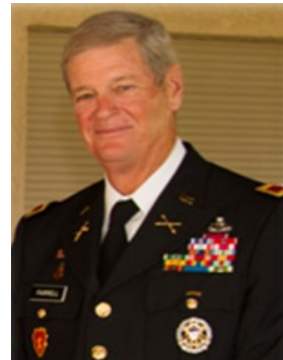
by Jim Cullison



from around the state in July at a D ' b a c k s game.

community. I never saw Rance when he didn't have a big smile, a friendly greeting and a firm handshake, often followed by a question reflecting his affection for books, "What are you reading nowadays?" That's how I'll remember Rance.

A memorial service for Rance will begin at 11 a.m. Nov. 14 at the National Cemetery in North Phoenix.



COL Rance Farrell, USA (Ret)

*West Point Class of '66
Vietnam Veteran
Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, 2011
Arizona Chapter Board of Directors, 2012-14
Past President, Arizona Territorial Chapter, AUSA
7th Region President, AUSA*

We extend heartfelt condolences to Rance's wife Susan and family.

Arizona Chapter Calendar

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

Location: National Guard Regional Training Institute, 5636 E. McDowell Rd. Show ID for entry. Members welcome.

Upcoming meetings:
• September 4
• October 2

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:
• September 20
• October 18

Welcome Back

The temperatures are still in the 100s, but summer is over for our chapter as we resume our monthly luncheon meetings on September 20.

I hope you were able to relax, refresh and maybe even escape the heat for a bit, as Beth and I did.

It Was a Busy Summer

Even though we haven't met as a chapter since May, chapter members were active over the summer.

We continued our tradition of participating in the Memorial Day tribute to fallen warriors at the National Cemetery by laying a commemorative wreath and providing a color guard at the ceremony.

Many members and spouses enjoyed an evening of food, friends and music at Organ Stop Pizza in Mesa in June, an event coordinated by our Arrangements Chair, Arlene Day.

And more than 20 of us joined MOAA members

There Was Good News

We learned over the summer that the Arizona Chapter has again earned MOAA's 5 Star of Excellence award. In fact all nine MOAA chapters in the state received the award this year. Quite an accomplishment.

More good news: two of our members, Dan Conway and Dr. Paul Schnur, have been selected for induction into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Join me in congratulating Dan and Paul on this prestigious honor.

A Sad Loss

It's a sad loss for the chapter whenever a member dies, but some deaths hit home harder because of their untimely and tragic nature.

Most of you now know of the death of Rance Farrell following an accident over the July 4 holiday while vacationing with his family.

Rance was a credit to the Army uniform he wore, to his family, and to the entire veteran

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September Speaker

MOAA Update from Gary



Col Gary Fredricks, USAF (Ret), past chapter president and current MOAA national board member, will discuss MOAA's position on such topics as sequestration, the DOD budget and the impact on our military forces, their families and retirees.

MOAA is recognized as a leading and effective advocate on veterans' issues. Gary has in-depth insight on those issues and MOAA's approach. This promises to be a valuable session.

Important Note on Reservations

Don't make September luncheon reservations with Treasurer Bill Roscher, as he won't be available this month. Make reservations with: Marie Fredricks
15403 E. Sunburst Dr.
Fountain Hills, AZ 85268
480-836-8419, e-mail garymarie@cox.net

Coming Soon, the Great Outdoors

Mark October 18 on your calendars for our annual picnic barbecue at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park. Good food and toe-tapping entertainment. Look for full details next month.



2 for the Hall



Dan Conway, CAPT USCG (Ret), at left above, and Dr. Paul Schnur, Capt USA (Frm), have been selected for induction into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2014. They will become the 26th and 27th chapter members and former members to be so honored since the Hall was established in 2001.

The induction luncheon is being planned for Friday, October 24, at the Phoenix Marriott at the Buttes resort in Tempe. See more details and registration information, on page 5. Plan to attend to honor these deserving veterans.

Serving the Homeless

Chapter Member Ron Green's tireless efforts to serve homeless veterans didn't slow down during the summer. He collected and delivered more than 340 cases of bottled water from June through August as well as van loads of towels, collected from the Phoenix Suns and area hotels, to the Veterans Outreach Center in central Phoenix for distribution to needy vets.

Ron's latest project, in conjunction with the Desert Foothills Lutheran Church which he attends, was to purchase backpacks and fill them with toiletries — shaving cream, shampoo, soap, etc. — for the vets. Church members donated the funds for the backpacks and contents. Ron and fellow church member Jack Chase delivered the goods to the Outreach Center in August.



Ron Green, Jack Chase and the Outreach Center staff gather around the 19 backpacks filled with essentials for homeless veterans. Those shown, all veterans themselves, represent the spectrum of services. From left are Jack (Navy), Ron (Air Force), Regina Fahnstock (Army), Madison Street Veterans Association Director Terry Araman (Army), Outreach Center Manager Andria Hicks (Army), Pete Fleckenstein (Marines) and Bobby Johnston (Navy).

Summer Action — Patriotism, Pizza, Pitching

Even though we had no formal meetings during the summer, chapter members were involved in a number of activities during the hot months. Shown here are some highlights.

Memorial Day Tribute



Jim Cullison, Ron Perkins, Bill Roscher and Jon Shawl formed the color guard, and Jim and Dan Conway laid our wreath at the annual ceremony.



An Afternoon at Chase Field



It was MOAA Day at Chase Field on July 20 when MOAA members from around the state attended a Diamondbacks game as a group. Lee Lange, at right in the photo at left, carried our chapter flag as MOAA members made up the pre-game color guard.

It was also Star Wars Day at the ball park, and John Ady and Rob Welch, below, tried to sign up some stormtroopers at the MOAA information table. Alas, the troopers were already members of the Inter-Galaxy Chapter



Lee and Janet Lange and Ron Perkins were among the group of chapter members who enjoyed the food, music and conversation at Organ Stop Pizza.



2014 Scholars Honored in May

Two outstanding high school seniors, Emily Molina and Megan Villandre, were presented \$2,500 college scholarship checks at our May luncheon.

Emily plans to enroll in Army ROTC and study criminology. She had a 4.3 GPA and ranked 28th in a class of 506 at North High School. She is a member of the National Honor Society, served in several JROTC activities and participated in a variety of volunteer activities. Her scholarship check was presented by Bill Roscher.

Megan had a 3.96 GPA on a 4.0 scale at Anthem Preparatory Academy and will attend Notre Dame University and its Navy ROTC program. She plans to pursue a Navy career as a nuclear surface warfare officer. She had leadership positions at school, played several sports and volunteered in the community. Her check was presented by Terry Tassin



Scholarship Winners. The 2014 winners of chapter scholarships and their presenters are, from left, Bill Roscher, Emily Molina, Chapter President Jim Cullison, Megan Villandre and Terry Tassin. Each winner received a \$2,500 scholarship and will enroll in ROTC programs at their chosen universities.

Megan sent a letter to Rob Welch, scholarship program chairman, thanking the chapter for the honor. You can read her letter below.

June 12, 2014

Colonel Robert Welch
Scholarship Chair, AZ Chapter Board of Directors
42420 N. Anthem Creek Drive
Anthem, AZ 85086-3022

Dear Colonel Welch,

I am writing to express my gratitude to you for the Arizona Chapter MOAA scholarship. I was honored to learn that I have been selected for this scholarship and am very appreciative for this opportunity.

This fall I will be attending the University of Notre Dame as a midshipman in the Navy ROTC program and I will be majoring in Mechanical Engineering. Upon Graduation I will be commissioned as an active duty Naval Officer.

The Arizona Chapter MOAA scholarship will significantly lighten the financial burden of attending a private university for me. It will allow me to focus on my academic studies and military training rather than worrying about paying college expenses. When I graduate, I hope to serve the citizens of this country as the Military Officers Association of America serves veterans, their families, and their communities each day.

Sincerely,

Megan Villandre



Personal Affairs

By Lee Lange
Personal Affairs Officer

Help with Benefits Questions

I hope everyone had a great summer. I look forward to seeing you again at September's meeting. This month I'd like to share some information with you on resources that are available to help you find information on your military benefits.

Resources at Luke AFB

First of all, there is a Retired Activities Office at Luke Air Force Base. This group of volunteers is there for you and can answer questions you may have on base services, your benefits and where to go to find out more about the base's facilities. Their office is located at 7383 N. Litchfield Road, (use north gate to Luke AFB), on the first floor of Bldg 1150. You will see "56th Mission Support Group" in large letters over the entrance to let you know you are in the right spot. Their phone number is (623) 856-3923 and email is 56fw.rao@us.af.mil. The current Director is W.D. Moore, and his team is ready to help you.

Burial and SBP Assistance

Another person locally who can provide benefits information is the Luke AFB casualty assistance officer. She is Glinda Moore, an Air Force civilian, who works at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, Bldg 1113. She can be reached at [\(623\) 856-7834](tel:623-856-7834). She is the person to go to with questions on burial arrangements for military members including requesting military honors. Glinda is also the Survivor Benefits Plan (SBP) coordinator for the base.

Assistance from MOAA National

At the national level, MOAA's headquarters in Alexandria, Virginia, has for years included military benefits experts on the staff. Two of the best are CDR Katherine O'Neill Tracy, USNR (Ret) and Lt Col Shane Ostrom, USAF (Ret) with 19 years on the MOAA staff between them. If you have a question on military benefits you haven't been able to get answered, contact them. They can be reached by calling MOAA

toll free at (800) 234-6622 or by e-mail at beninfo@moaa.org. In addition to answering questions from members, they are the lead on a significant number of MOAA's outstanding publications on member benefits. I plan to have a limited number of copies of several of these publications at the September chapter meeting to give you an idea what is available to MOAA members. See you then.

Upcoming Events of Interest

Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Induction

Friday, October 24, Phoenix Marriott at the Buttes, Tempe. Social hour 10:30 a.m., lunch and ceremony 11:30-2:00. Cost \$55 per person through September 30, \$60 per person after that. Register online at www.azuav.org.

Military Order of the World Wars Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance

Honoring those who served our nation in peace and war and those who gave their lives fighting for our freedom. Sunday, September 14, Carl Hayden High School, 3333 W. Roosevelt St., Phoenix. Music by the 108th Army Band, Arizona Army National Guard, at 2:00 p.m., ceremony begins at 2:30. Free.

Groundbreaking for the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery at Camp Navajo

Saturday, September 6, 10:00 a.m. at Camp Navajo, Bellemont, Arizona.

U.S. Navy 239th Birthday Ball

This year honoring Navy Seabees, past and present. Saturday, October 11, Scottsdale Plaza Resort, 7200 N. Scottsdale Rd. Price based on military grade, reduced price through September 20. Register online at www.navyballonline.com.

Happy Birthday, Air Force

Designated as a separate service on September 18, 1947.

Donations to Scholarship Fund

Terry and FranTassin \$100

Gary Fredricks \$50

May Luncheon 50/50 Raffle \$46



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks
Legislative Chair

Picking Up Where We Left Off

Our summer chapter activities break is coming to an end. I hope you had as enjoyable and interesting a summer as we had. The current state of play for national legislative activity is pretty much what we have seen in the last couple of years.

Congress is currently enjoying their extended August break, expected to reconvene after Labor Day. The House completed work on their version of the FY2015 Defense Authorization Bill in May. The Senate Armed Services Committee also completed its draft, but it still has not been heard by the Senate as a whole. Of course, the House Bill and the Senate Armed Services Committee versions are very different, and will require consolidation after the Senate has completed its work.

The House version pretty much included all the issues we “Stormed the Hill” for back in April. You can review this discussion in our May edition of *The Sentinel*. The House bill included rejecting DOD proposals to cap military pay, significantly reduce the commissary subsidy, reduce housing allowances and overhaul TRICARE, all at the detriment to our active duty. They also rejected DOD proposals to significantly increase health care and pharmacy costs across the board. Unfortunately, the current Senate version still retains DOD proposals to cap military pay increases at 1%, cut the active duty housing allowance and significantly increase pharmacy costs across the board among other things.

It’s also important to recognize this is an election year. When Congress returns, much of the rest of the year will be consumed with the coming elections. So, it’s very likely that we will once again have to be content with a continuing resolution to fund the government into the coming fiscal year with the lame duck Congress left to sort out the final FY2015 spending bills. MOAA will be asking for our help in advocating for our military, our veterans, their families and their survivors as things develop during the next

few weeks. Please watch for them and support them if you can.

In an effort to help coordinate our national legislative grassroots support, MOAA has established an aspirational goal to have a chapter liaison identified for each of our 435 Congressional Districts. The Arizona Council of MOAA Chapters fully supports this goal and has the agreement of its individual chapters on which district that chapter will be responsible for. Our Chapter, the Arizona Chapter, has District 6 (Congressman David Schweikert) and District 7 (Congressman Ed Pastor).

John Ady and I met with Congressman Schweikert recently in order to reinforce our agenda from Storming the Hill. I should say that our day of “Storming the Hill” each year is very tight and their offices are scattered all over the hill, allowing us only to schedule 15 to 20 minutes with each of our 11 Congressmen and women. Then required committee meetings and voting interrupts their schedule such that if we are lucky we will get to meet personally with them, in addition to their key staff members, about half of the time. So, it’s important to get on their schedule locally when they are here almost every weekend, so they get our message directly from us rather than just through their staff.

Without going into great detail, I can say that John and I had an excellent meeting with the Congressman. We spent the better part of an hour and a half with him and his key local staff. He was attentive, engaged, engaging, asked pertinent questions, and we were able to fully present our position with respect to the personnel portion of the defense budget, how it differs from that proposed by DOD and why our version is correct.

Unfortunately, our liaison with District 7 (Congressman Pastor) is no longer available to help us with this important grassroots effort. Given that Congressman Pastor is not standing for re-election and that district office is sure to change significantly with a new incumbent, we have not yet actively petitioned our chapter members for a volunteer replacement. We would prefer someone who actually lives in District 7, but it is not an absolute requirement.

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American Victory Ends War of 1812

September 11 is the 200th anniversary of the Battle of Plattsburgh, where American ground and naval forces defeated the British in the War of 1812. The victory prompted negotiations by the British that led to the end of the war.

September Meeting

WHEN: September 20, 2014
11:00 a.m., Meet & Greet Social
Hour; 11:45, Lunch

WHERE: McCormick Ranch Golf Club
Scottsdale

COST: \$22 Per Person

DRESS: Business Casual

MENU: Tomato basil bisque soup, bread and butter, traditional Cobb Salad — chopped grilled chicken, bacon, egg, tomato, avocado and cheddar cheese, dessert.

Anyone with dietary restrictions or allergies are asked to contact Arlene Day (arlenebday@gmail.com preferred) one week prior so alternate food selections can be arranged.

PROGRAM: Update on MOAA's position of issues affecting the veteran community by Gary Fredricks, MOAA National Board Member.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, September 16. Use the reservation form below. Cancellations must be received the same day to receive your money back.

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Legislative Update...Continued

As a reminder, this is not a political activity in any fashion. It is exclusively to help provide grassroots support to the issues that MOAA identifies effecting our military and retired communities. If you have interest in helping us with this activity, please contact either me or Ron Perkins. and we will help explain what is involved. Our contact information is found below.





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