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President's Perspective

by Jim Cullison



so come out and give them a big chapter welcome.

Make Reservations

I want to stress again the importance of making reservations in advance if you plan to attend so we can plan for the proper amount of food. This goes for all our meetings, especially at McCormick Ranch, where the staff not only has to plan ahead for food but also table setups.

One more reminder

Marie Fredricks is taking reservations again this month, so let her know you're coming, not Bill Roscher. Bill will be back next month. Marie's contact information is on page 3. The reservation deadline is Tuesday, October 14.

Time for Dues

This also is the time of year when we should think about renewing our

chapter membership for 2015. And if you want to save some money, the chapter again is offering the "early bird special." Renew your dues by December 31, and you get a 10% discount — \$18 instead of \$20 for regular members and \$9 instead of \$10 for our Auxiliary members. Don't wait. Be thrifty. Renew early. Details on page 4.

Think Golf

It's still a few months off, but Golf Chairman Pat Dale wants us to know that our annual scholarship fundraiser golf tournament is set for April 23, 2015, at Stone Creek Golf Club in Phoenix with an 8 a.m. shotgun start. Keep that in mind and hit the driving range to get your swing in shape.

That's it for this month. I hope to see a bunch of you at our picnic. I can taste that tender barbecue already.

Hall of Fame Honors 2 from Chapter

Arizona Chapter members Dan Conway, CAPT USCG (Ret), and Dr. Paul Schnur, Capt USA (Frm), were selected for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2014. They will be inducted at a luncheon October 24. Show your support for them by attending. Go to www.azuav.org to register.

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:
• October 2
• November 4

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:
• October 18, McCormick – Stillman Railroad Park
• November 15

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Ahh, October

October is a special month. The heat of summer and 100 degree days are behind us, mornings and evenings are cool enough to sit outside, the big 4 — baseball, football, basketball and hockey — are all in play, kids are trying to decide which Halloween costume to wear, and our annual chapter picnic barbecue is just ahead.

Be a Cowpoke for a Day

Our picnic is again set for Saturday, October 18, at McCormick Stillman Railroad Park in Scottsdale. There will be mouth-watering barbecue food and entertainment by a singing trio called The OK Chorale, who will take us back to Arizona of the 1880s. So get in the mood and dress like a cowboy or cowgirl. All the details are on Page 3.

Welcome Guests, too

Like last year, we expect to have some guests at the picnic who might become chapter members,

MOAA's 'One Powerful Voice' Gets Results

"No other association raises a more compassionate voice in support of veterans and their families."

That's how Gary Fredricks, our September luncheon speaker, described MOAA. Gary should know, as he is our longtime chapter legislative chair and is completing a 6-year term on the MOAA National Board of Directors.

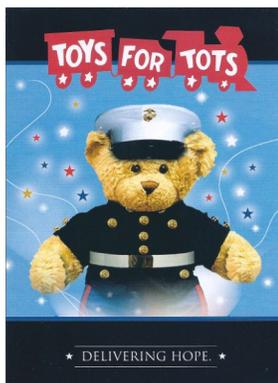
MOAA's "one powerful voice" gets results, too. That's because the association's lobbyists don't just approach Congress with issues. They also offer solutions to such issues as improving the Veterans Administration and protecting military pay and benefits, including TriCare For Life. The annual "Storming of the Hill" effort by state Councils of Chapters also contributes to the association's effectiveness.

"Chapters are the heart and soul of MOAA," Gary said, and that is another impact factor. He stressed the importance of members responding to MOAA's call for grassroots action on issues outlined in *Military Officer* magazine and e-mails to members.

He encouraged us to sign up for the weekly MOAA legislative update by going to the MOAA

Start Getting That Christmas Spirit

Christmas in October? Well, no, but it's not too early to think about helping the Arizona Chapter and the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve put a smile on the face of a less fortunate child this holiday season.



We will again be collecting new, unwrapped toys from members for delivery to the USMC Reserve Center for their **Toys For Tots** program at [Christmas](#). All members are encouraged to bring at least one toy for donation to this worthy program. Usually, the 9-12 year-old age group is the most difficult to accommodate. No stuffed animals, please.

You don't have to bring your donations until the November or December luncheon meeting, but start thinking about it now.

web page, www.moaa.org. Then just click on the Take Action tab and follow the instructions.



MOAA By The Numbers

387,000 Members

413 Chapters

Largest association of military officers

4th largest veterans organization, after American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans

20% of members are Active and Reserve

Named top advocate for the military
7 consecutive years by *The Hill* newspaper

2015 Officer Nominations

There are two important elections in November. You know about the local, state and Congressional election on November 4. Be sure to vote.

We also will elect chapter officers for 2015 at the November 15 luncheon.

The chapter board has approved the slate of officers recommended by the nominating committee of Frank Hoak, chairman, Lee Lange and John Ady.

The recommended slate for 2015 is:

- Jim Cullison, Lt Col USAF (Ret), President
- Dave Fleming, Col USAF (Ret), 1st Vice President
- Lee Lange, Col USMC (Ret), 2nd Vice President
- Charles Bitner, Col USAF (Ret), Treasurer
- Leonore Hoak, Spouse, Secretary
- Rob Welch, COL USA (Ret), Immediate Past President
- Directors: Nancy Burt, COL USA (Ret), Frank Hoak III, CAPT USN (Ret), Jim Draper, CDR USN (Ret), John Ady, COL USA (Ret), and Beth Cullison, Spouse.

Nominations for any of these offices will be accepted from the floor at the luncheon.

Travel back to the Arizona of the 1880's at the MOAA ANNUAL PICNIC

Featuring



\$22.00
per person

The OK Chorus

Tickets:

Mary Fredricks

15403 E Sunburst Dr.

Fountain Hills 85268

garymarie@cox.net

480 836 8419

\$22 per person

OCT. 18TH

HAPPY HOUR 11AM

LUNCH 12PM

OK CHORALE

**WEAR YOUR COWBOY
DUDS AND NO SPITTING
ON THE FLOOR**

McCormick Railroad Park - (Stillman Ramada)

Scottsdale Road at Indian Bend Road





Arizona Chapter Annual Membership Renewal



Membership Renewal for 2015 due by December 31, 2014

Dues for Regular Members are \$20.00

But Wait!!

EARLY BIRD SPECIAL !!

**Pay your dues before January 1, 2015
and receive 10% off**

**Regular Members pay \$18.00
Auxiliary Members pay \$9.00**

SAVE TIME. SAVE MONEY.

Make out your check to:
AZ Chapter MOAA

Mail to:
**Bill Roscher, Treasurer
4337 E Sands Dr.
Phoenix, AZ 85050**



Personal Affairs

By Lee Lange
Personal Affairs Officer

The Importance of Planning Ahead

Our chapter membership includes members from six of the seven uniformed services, with a number of them serving on active duty or in the National Guard and Reserve components. Many are former or retired officers. More than a few of our members are still working in the private sector. All of us remember working toward personal and family readiness while serving. For those of us out of uniform, we may call it something else, but we are still working toward that goal. Financial planning is a key part of that part of that equation. MOAA understands that and has two excellent publications that help members focus on the essentials of financial planning and investments.

Develop a Financial Plan with MOAA's Help

The first publication is the *Financial Planning Guide: Advice and Insight for Life's Critical Decisions*. It was written based on feedback from members to MOAA's benefit and financial counselors to address the most common issues members encounter in trying to develop their own successful financial plan. These include do-it-yourself investment strategies, how to shop for an advisor, home buying tips, college planning and shopping for annuities.

Investment Guidelines also Available

For those of us who have a financial plan we are executing now, there is *The MOAA Investors Manual: Essential Investment Rules of Engagement*. This is a short publication that gives MOAA's perspective on important principles of investment. Again this publication was written based on feedback from the many members who call or write the benefit and financial counselors at MOAA. Topics include taking the long view, dollar cost averaging, allocation, rebalancing and achieving positive results in a negative environment.

Think of MOAA as an important source of information and a place to go for a second opinion on what you are doing with your own

finances and investments. MOAA's certified financial planners are there to serve you. They aren't selling anything – they only exist to give solid advice to members. If you are wrestling with a tough financial or investment issue and want to talk to someone, call them at (800) 234-6622 and ask to speak to a financial counselor.

Contact MOAA to Get Your Copies

The publications mentioned in this column are available electronically to members through the MOAA web site at www.moaa.org. If you would like a hard copy, call MOAA at (800) 234-6622. Have your membership number available, and the publication will soon be on the way. And remember, please consider me as one more asset and don't hesitate to call if I can be of assistance in any Personal Affairs matter. My phone number is (703) 232-3609.

Welcome Our New Members

Bernie Hoenle, COL USAF (Ret)
And his wife Marcia of Fountain Hills

Wes Burns, LCDR USCGR (Act)
And his wife Gillian of Mesa

John W. Moore, CAPT USN (Act)
And his wife Lusi of Tempe

Please meet and greet out new members.

Donations to Scholarship Fund

Bob Stimming \$200

Janet & Lee Lange \$100

Nancy Burt \$50

Charlie Black \$40

Gene Rafanelli \$25

Anonymous \$10

Chapter Logo Shirt Sales \$250

Chapter September Luncheon Raffle \$65

Transfer from Chapter General Fund \$50
In Memory of Rance Farrell



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks
Legislative Chair

Election Year's Affect

It seems the world continues in turmoil with the international scene highly active and capturing much of the news. However, significant legislative activity is not the case in Congress, so this will be a comparatively short monthly legislative report.

After taking the month of August off for vacation, Congress came back into session for about a week or so in September as anticipated. With this being an election year the next few weeks, until the elections in early November, will be mainly devoted to campaigning with little to no legislative action taking place.

Government Shutdown Avoided

During the short session in September Congress did manage to pass an interim spending bill, a continuing resolution, which continues to fund government operations at essentially last year's levels until December 11. So, we won't face a government shutdown when the new fiscal year, FY2105, begins on October 1.

Absent some significantly unexpected event, Congress will then re-convene shortly after the elections in a lame duck session. That session begins with the elections and ends with the seating of the new legislature in early January. However, it is effectively and significantly shortened by the Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's holidays normally taken by Congress.

Defense Bill Still Needs Action

Last month's status with respect to the FY2015 Defense Authorization Bill remains the same with significant differences between the House and Senate that need to be resolved, and there are no FY2015 Appropriations Bills yet approved. And so, the lame duck Congress will still have much to do just to finish up their job on FY2015 funding, to say nothing of any other actions you might be anticipating. Whether they do it or put it off for the newly elected Congress in January remains to be seen.

Work Needs to Begin

Work on the FY2016 bills really needs to begin soon after the new Congress is seated if we are to have any hope of having a reasonably thought out legislative session next year. As a reminder, current relief from the disastrous effects of sequestration on the defense budget (including related effects on veterans and retirees) does not carry forward to FY2016 without further action from Congress. Also, the report of the Military Compensation and Retirement Modernization Commission, required by the FY2013 Defense Authorization Bill, is due to be released in February of next year.

Although it is quiet at the moment, there is nevertheless a lot that needs to happen over the coming weeks. Stay tuned, and by all means exercise your right to vote.

Massing of the Colors

Carl Hayden JROTC Cadet Vanessa Mejia carried the Arizona Chapter flag at the 50th Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance sponsored by the Military Order of the World Wars in September. Our chapter was among 29 groups represented at the ceremony honoring America's veterans past and present.



Keep Us Informed

Please let Chapter Secretary Leonore Hoak know when you change your address, phone number and/or e-mail address.

If you know of a member or spouse who enters the hospital or passes away, please notify one of the Chapter Officers.

Arizona Was Vital to WW II Success

Arizona's favorable weather and wide open spaces were military assets in World War II. The Army Air Force utilized 14 airfields around the state for aircrew training, General Patton trained troops for desert warfare in western Arizona, and the Navajo Code Talkers' native language stumped the Japanese.

October Meeting

WHEN: October 18, 2014
11:00 a.m., Meet & Greet Social Hour; 12:00, Lunch

WHERE: McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park
Scottsdale

COST: \$22 Per Person

DRESS: Cowboy/Western Casual

MENU: Full barbecue spread with all the fixings catered by Famous Dave's BBQ.
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: The OK Chorale Trio take us back to Arizona of the 1880s with songs and stories.
Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 14. Use the reservation form below. Cancellations must be received the same day to receive your money back.

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General Fund: \$ _____

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

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

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Please reserve _____ meals for (Name) _____

Enclosed is my check for \$ _____ (**\$22.00 per person**) for **October 18, 2014**

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** **Received No Later Than October 14, 2014**

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**Happy
Halloween!**

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