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President's Perspective

by Jim Cullison



Time for Thanks

It's appropriate that two of our major holidays, Thanksgiving Day and Veterans Day, fall in November.

We have a lot to be thankful for living in this country. No small measure of that thanks goes to our veterans, who have made the commitment and sacrifice to protect and preserve the blessings our country offers.

At present, less than one percent of the U.S. population is serving in uniform, active and reserve. But, as has been the case ever since Americans first took up arms against a foe in 1775, much is asked of that proportionally small force.

No Shortage of Missions

Even as we are still fighting in Afghanistan, our service members are called on to help thwart the ISIS terrorists in the Middle East and to contain the spread of the Ebola virus in Africa and beyond.

There's no shortage of missions for our men and women in uniform.

So as families gather for their Thanksgiving meal, I hope they will remember our veterans in their prayers of thanks. After all, we live in the land of the free because of the brave.

Learn about the F-35

Arizona is a vital cog in America's military with an array of bases and training grounds around the state. We'll hear about the most recent addition to our military legacy at our November 15 luncheon. Major

Raymond Chester Jr. from Luke AFB will give us the lowdown on the F-35, the newest fighter aircraft in the Air Force arsenal, which will be based at Luke for pilot training. Don't miss this presentation.

Reminder #1

The memorial service for COL Rance Farrell, USA (Ret), a chapter director who died in July, will begin at 11 a.m. at the National Cemetery in North Phoenix. Try to attend to honor this great patriot.

Reminder #2: DUES

Don't miss the opportunity to save money on your 2015 dues renewal. Ten percent savings if you renew by December 31. See Page 3.

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:

- November 6
- December 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:

- November 15
- December 13

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Hall of Fame Members

Dan Conway, CAPT USCG (Ret), left, and Dr. Paul Schnur, Capt, USA (Frm), were inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame October 24, joining 23 others in the Class of 2014



Lightning Is Coming To Arizona



The Air Force's new F-35 Lightning is coming to Luke Air Force Base, and you can hear about it at the November chapter luncheon.

Major Raymond Chester Jr., 56th Communications Squadron Commander at Luke, will be our guest speaker to tell us about the newest fighter aircraft and Luke's role as the training base for F-35 pilots and crews.

Luke, with its year-round flying weather and ample reserved airspaces, was selected from among several bases as the primary training location.

Make your reservations now for the November 15 luncheon so you don't miss this informative update to the latest chapter in our state's military heritage.



Major Chester



Officer Election in November

November is the month for elections — national, state, local and chapter. The first three will be over on November 4. Be sure to vote and be thankful that the robocalls will end that day.

The latter, our chapter election, will take place at the November 15 luncheon, when we will elect officers for 2015. The slate of officer and director candidates is listed below. Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor.

The Nominees

- President, Jim Cullison, USAF
- 1st Vice President, Dave Fleming, USAF
- 2nd Vice President, Lee Lange, USMC
- Secretary, Leonore Hoak, Navy Spouse
- Treasurer, Charles Bitner, USAF
- Immediate Past President, Rob Welch, USA
- Directors: Frank Hoak, USN; Jim Draper, USN, Nancy Burt, USA; John Ady, USA; Beth Cullison, USAF Spouse.

December Meeting

Get Ready to Party

Our traditional holiday party will take place December 13 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. This festive event will feature a hearty meal followed by the popular Chinese Auction. Chapter officers and directors will provide wrapped gifts that can be won — or stolen — with raffle ticket drawings. More details next month.



Bring a Toy to Lunch

Remember to bring an unwrapped toy to the November or December luncheon for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program. There will be a collection box in the dining room. Help make a needy child's Christmas bright.



Arizona Chapter



Annual Membership Renewal

Membership Renewal for 2015 due by December 31, 2014

*Dues for Regular Members are \$20.00
Dues for Auxiliary Members are \$10.00*

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- Auxiliary Members pay \$9.00

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The OK Chorale

Tumbleweed Tony, Yodel'n Al, Jingle'n Jud



A Trip Back to Arizona Territorial Days

Good Friendship, good food and good entertainment. Those were the hallmarks of the chapter's October picnic at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park.

Several potential members attended as guests, and one, Bernie Hoenle, has already joined the chapter.

The barbecue food was sumptuous and plentiful. No one had to go away hungry.

The OK Chorale entertained with tales of Arizona lore and familiar songs of the Old West, including Ghost Riders in the Sky, Cool Water, Tumbling Tumbleweeds and, of course, The Legend of the OK Corral. They finished with a rendition of God Bless the U.S.A.



Above, Ron Perkins talks pilot talk with guest Robert Hinton. At right, Lee Lange chats with guests Ron and Donna Bright.



Jeannine Dahl gets her fill at the buffet line.

Veterans Day

Come to the Parade

The annual Phoenix Veterans Day Parade starts at 11 a.m. November 11 at Central and Bethany Home Road. It will move south on Central to Camelback Road, east to 7th Street, and south to Indian School Road, where it will end. This year's theme honors WW II veterans.

A Veterans Day Ceremony will begin at 3 p.m. at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale. The event will feature speakers and live entertainment

Wounded Warriors Benefit

Come to the Ball Game

A Wounded Warriors vs Celebrities softball game highlights an afternoon of events at Salt River Fields Saturday, November 8.

Activities start at 12:30 with an Arizona Fall League baseball game. The Warriors game starts at 3:45. All the Warriors are battlefield amputees. Admission is \$7, parking \$5.

Between games there will be parachuting, WW II veterans recognition ceremony, B-17 flyover and future warrior enlistment..



Personal Affairs

By Lee Lange
Personal Affairs Officer

Estate Planning

Last month's column focused on financial planning as a key to family readiness. This month I'd like to talk about estate planning as another important part of family preparedness. Estate planning is about making sure your survivors understand your final wishes so they can carry out what you intended if you pass away.

There are several important legal documents that serve to do this. Most of us know what they are and likely have them now, but let's review some important points.

Prepare a Will

The first and most important document is a will. If you do not leave a will, your property will be distributed in accordance with the laws of your state. This will almost certainly not be what you wanted.

Living Will & Power of Attorney

Two other documents are important along these same lines. All of us should have a living will to provide instructions on what should be done if you become terminally ill or medically incapacitated. The living will lays out your decisions in advance on the level of medical care and life sustaining measures you want. You also should have a durable power of attorney which allows your spouse, trusted relative or close friend to conduct your business affairs if you are ill or incapacitated for any reason. The durable power of attorney allows your agent to make financial decisions on your behalf. It also allows your agent to make medical decisions on new medical technologies where it may be unclear in the living will that there was informed consent.

Revocable Living Trust

Depending on the size of your estate, you may want to consider a revocable living trust. This document places your major assets into a trust you own. If you should pass away, the asset distribution is the responsibility of the trustee you name (most often your spouse). The biggest advantage is that assets placed in the

trust will avoid probate and minimize estate administration costs (but not state and federal inheritance taxes). Trusts also help if you own real property in more than one state and you value privacy in the transfer of your assets.

Every Estate Is Unique

The best approach is to sit down with an estate attorney experienced in these matters. There is no one size fits all – every estate will be unique and you need legal advice to make sure your desires are incorporated into legal documents that will do what you want.

MOAA offers a useful publication entitled *Estate Planning: Transferring Property to Your Heirs* that provides more detail on these issues. You can download it online from the MOAA website or call MOAA at (800) 234-6622 for a hard copy.

Please consider me as one more resource for your questions – I'm here to help you. My telephone number is (703) 232-3609.

5 Stars #8

Gen. John Tilelli Jr., MOAA board chairman (left), presented the 5 Star of Excellence banner to Jim Cullison, Arizona Chapter President, at the MOAA annual meeting October 26. It was the chapter's 8th consecutive 5 Star



Award, based on accomplishments under 2013 President Rob Welch. (Yes, there are 5 stars. The bottom star was cut off in the photo.)

Donations to Chapter Scholarship Fund

John and Sharon Ady \$100

Bill Roscher \$100

As a thank you to Marie Fredricks and Beth Cullison for filling in for him

Chet and Betty Baumer \$44

Bruce Kosaveach \$22

October 50/50 Raffle \$68



Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks
Legislative Chair

Be Ready to Answer MOAA's Call

In our report last month we noted that Congress would be in recess until after the November elections, and that is indeed the case. Therefore there is no current legislative activity to report. However, there is a lot of activity that is needed after the "lame duck" Congress does reconvene in November. MOAA is sure to be asking for our grassroots support on issues that arise during this session.

It is this grassroots support that gives MOAA its "One Powerful Voice". Without it our small staff in Washington would have little or no leverage in advocating for our military, our veterans, their families and their survivors. And, our chapters represent by far the largest group that MOAA can call upon to help in this grassroots support effort.

20% Carry the Load

MOAA reports that we annually send more than one million messages to our elected officials that MOAA can count. That included almost 300,000 emails sent just this past winter through the MOAA website in defeating the 1% reduction in retirement cost of living adjustments that had been contained in the FY2014/2015 bicameral budget agreement. But, on average, only about 20% of MOAA's 387,000 members actually send in all those emails. So, we have the potential of having an even more powerful voice.

Sign Up for Legislative Updates

If you are in the 20% who participate, we thank you very much. If you are in the 80%, we urge you to get on board and join the 20% who have been carrying the load. So, how do we do that? First of all you need to be getting the MOAA "Weekly Legislative Updates" that come via email. The Legislative Updates are the most comprehensive, succinct, relevant and current sources of information on what is going on in our nation's capitol on issues and actions that effect our military and retired communities.

To get them, go to the MOAA website at www.MOAA.org. Go to the "Take Action" tab

on the bar and click on "Weekly Legislative Update". Click on "subscribe to our weekly legislative updates". On the screen that then opens, enter your email address and click on "Search". This will take you to a screen where you can check boxes and update your profile by opting to receive a variety of MOAA communications including the "Weekly Legislative Updates". If you do nothing more you will at least be much better informed on what may be out there that could be a significant effect on your quality of life.

MOAA Makes It Easy

MOAA makes it pretty simple to go farther and help support our advocacy. Whenever a real time event happens in Congress that MOAA needs our support on, they will identify it in these updates. The updates will contain a link that you just need to click on that will take you to a pre-written email message addressed to your own personal legislators. All you have to do is fill in your personal information (a one-time event), click send and you have done your bit to help. What could be easier than that?

Be Sure to Vote

As a final word, I hope you have either already voted or plan to do so.



Mission Complete

Gary Fredricks attended his final MOAA Board of Directors meeting in October, completing a six-year term on the board, where he served as Council and Chapter Affairs Committee Chairman.

25 Years Ago

The Berlin Wall Came Down

On November 9, 1989, as Communist control over Eastern Europe was deteriorating, East Germany agreed to open travel from East to West Berlin. Shortly afterward, the Berlin Wall was torn down and East and West Germany were unified.

The demise of the wall, an iconic Cold War symbol, was a signature victory to those of us who "fought" the Cold War. It's a milestone worth celebrating.

Get a Free Haircut on Veterans Day

Great Clips is offering a free haircut to veterans on Veterans Day. Plus, all customers will receive a card to pass on to a veteran for a free haircut between November 11 and December 31.

November Meeting

WHEN: November 15, 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: Tossed salad, roast turkey breast with sage stuffing and whipped potatoes, fresh vegetable medley, fresh bread with butter, pumpkin pie.

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

PROGRAM: We will have a presentation on the new Air Force F-35 Lightning fighter aircraft that is coming to Luke Air Force Base.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, November 11. Use the reservation form below. Cancellations must be received the same day to receive your money back.

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