



# The Sentinel

## Arizona's First Chapter



The Arizona Chapter

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### President's Perspective

by Jim Cullison



#### Come to the Party

This is the time of year for parties, and the Arizona Chapter has one coming up. Our annual holiday party is set for Saturday, December 13, at McCormick Ranch Golf Club.

Join us for good food, seasonal music and our popular Chinese Auction, where your raffle tickets give you a chance to choose a festively wrapped gift provided by our board of directors. All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund.

Don't wait to make your reservations because the deadline will be here in no time.

#### MSAs and 5 Stars

Two special events are planned for the program. Our Meritorious Service Awards will be presented to members who provided exceptional service to the chapter or community during the year. Come and see who this year's deserving recipients are. And we will affix our latest

5 Stars of Excellence banner to our chapter flag.

#### Thank You

Thanksgiving Day has passed, but as the year comes to a close it's still a good time to offer thanks. I'm thankful for our members who serve the chapter so well, often behind the scenes or in quiet anonymity. They are the reason we keep winning 5 Star banners from MOAA.

So at the risk of leaving someone out, which I'll regret later, I want to say thanks to:

**Bill Roscher**, for his diligent service as Chapter Treasurer, not only this year but for the last six years. Bill is retiring as treasurer, but I'm guessing we'll still be seeing him and JoAnn at our meetings.

**John Ady** for lining up outstanding programs for our meetings, and **Arlene Day** for her efficiency in taking care of all the meeting

arrangements so that all the rest of us have to do is show up.

**Terry Tassin** for handling all the many details for JROTC medal presentations at awards programs at the 17 high schools we support, and for heading up the *Toys for Tots* collections from our members.

**Dave Fleming** for keeping our membership roster up-to-date and making sure MOAA has the information it needs on membership.

**Leonore Hoak** for maintaining our official chapter record as our loyal Secretary.

**Ron Green** for his tireless efforts to assist homeless veterans.

**Pat Dale** for directing the golf tournament that is so vital to our Scholarship Fund.

#### Dues Are Due

This is the last month to save 10% on your membership renewal for 2015. After December 31, the standard renewal fees go into effect. See Page 4 for details on how to save.

Merry Christmas to all.

#### 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:

- December 4
- January 8

**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:

- December 13
- January 17

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## Guest Speaker

### Luke Is Home to Air Force's Newest High Tech Fighter Jet

The fleet of aircraft at Luke Air Force Base will grow by 134 next year as the planned total of new F-35 Lightning fighter jets reaches 144. Ten of the jets are in place now.



Those numbers were related by Major Raymond "Cheeto" Chester, commander of the 56th Communications Squadron at Luke, as our November guest speaker.

Luke will be the training base for Air Force F-35 pilots and ground crews beginning in May 2015. The trained pilots will go to Hill AFB, Utah, which will have the first operational squadron of F-35s.

The Navy and Marines will use their versions of the advanced technology stealth aircraft. It was developed in joint collaboration with the three services, the manufacturer Lockheed Martin and partner nations Australia, Turkey, Italy, Canada, Norway, Denmark, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. In addition to Air Force pilots, Luke will train pilots from all the partner nations except the UK.

F-35s are expensive, but Major Chester quoted General Mark Welsh III, USAF Chief of Staff, who said, "Out there where people fight and die for real, if a 4th generation aircraft meets a 5th generation aircraft, the 4th generation aircraft may be more (cost) effective...it's also dead."

Major Chester also spoke of the quality of the enlisted personnel at Luke, telling of a young airman who administered CPR to a choking baby, saving its life, and a senior airman who

discovered a thin crack in an F-16 structure, resulting in grounding of the entire fleet for repairs, but surely saving pilots' lives

## Spotlight Speaker

### Burl Ives Helps Paul Win Points

The singer Burl Ives and graduates of West Point wouldn't seem to have much in common, but Dr. Paul Schnur found a connection while on assignment in Germany.



Paul, a Captain in the Army Medical Corps, was stationed at a military depot near the Rhine River in the mid-60s, where he was in charge of a hospital dispensary serving the needs of the troops at the depot.

He was dispatched to set up a surgical hospital at a NATO war games exercise in western Germany, where the participants included a group of West Point graduates.

One evening, to his surprise, Paul was invited to dine at the generals' mess. After a few rounds of "martinis and wine," the West Point grads began singing their company song, "Private Rodger Young." The song was a tribute to a World War II posthumous Medal of Honor recipient.



Paul at his post in Germany.

As the troops sang, Paul joined in, which was a big surprise to the West Point group. How did he know the words to that obscure song, they wondered. They also were impressed at his knowledge.

Turns out he learned it as a kid, a result of his mother being a fan of Burl Ives' singing. She played his songs on the old 45 rpm records of the day, and the ballad of the war hero was on the flip side of a bigger Burl Ives hit, "Foggy Foggy Dew." Paul learned the words from the repetitious playing of the ballad by his mother. And he still remembers the words today.

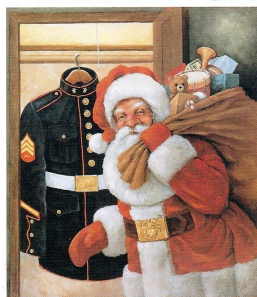


## Don't Forget

Bring an unwrapped toy to the December luncheon for the Marine Corps Reserve's Toys for Tots program.

No stuffed animals, please. Keep in mind that the 9-12 year-old kids are especially in need.

## TOYS FOR TOTS



U.S. MARINE CORPS RESERVE

**Date: 12/13/2014**

**Time: 11:00 AM**

*“Get your Jingle on”*

**MOAA's Annual**

**Christmas Luncheon**

***Annual Chinese Auction\****  
***(gifts arranged by***  
***The Board of Directors)***

***\*Raffle Ticket numbers used to***  
***select gift recipients***

***All proceeds from the sale of Raffle***  
***Tickets will go to the Scholarship Fund***

***McCormick Ranch GC - PAVILION***  
***7505 McCormick Parkway***  
***Scottsdale, AZ 85258***

***Happy Hour: 11am***  
***Lunch: 12pm***

***Reservations & Checks to:***  
***Bill Roscher***  
***4337 E Sands Dr.***  
***Phoenix, 85050***  
***480-948-3609***  
***No Later Than December 9***

***Cost: \$22/person***



# Arizona Chapter

## Annual Membership Renewal



Happy  
Holidays!

Membership Renewal for 2015 due by December 31, 2014

# CHRISTMAS SPECIAL !!

## Only 30 days left

Pay your dues before January 1, 2015 get 10% off

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

## SAVE TIME. SAVE MONEY. RENEW YOUR DUES TODAY

Make out your check to:  
**AZ Chapter MOAA**

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**Bill Roscher, Treasurer**  
4337 E Sands Dr.  
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## Personal Affairs

By Lee Lange  
Personal Affairs Officer

### MOAA Launches Caregiver Guide

Earlier this year MOAA launched a significant new effort to help caregivers of wounded and injured warriors and veterans. It's a caregiver guide called *Tips for Lifelong Caregiving* and is the result of a partnership with the Elizabeth Dole Foundation. The goal of this effort is to raise awareness and support for the estimated 5.5 million military caregivers across America. Additional collaboration with the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Public Counsel Law Center helps address unmet legal and financial education needs of military caregivers.

#### 2 Websites to Assist

This collaborative effort will operate two websites to assist caregivers. First is *Tips for Lifelong Caregiving* at [www.MOAA.org/Caregiver](http://www.MOAA.org/Caregiver). Edited and hosted by MOAA, this website provides information and resources on a range of issues, including health care, credit and bankruptcy, powers of attorney, wills and trusts, family law, guardianship, and the VA Fiduciary Program.

The second website is called *Lawyers for Heroes* at [www.lawyersforheroes.org](http://www.lawyersforheroes.org) and will provide access to pro bono legal resources for users requiring more personalized help than what is offered on the *Tips for Lifelong Caregiving* site. Also hosted by MOAA, the site will include links to the ABA's military-and veteran-focused pro bono programs, including the ABA Military Pro Bono Project, the ABA Veterans' Claims Assistance Network, and Public Counsel's Center for Veterans Advancement.

#### One-Stop Shopping

Through this first ever collaboration, MOAA, the ABA and the Center for Veterans Advancement will create one-stop legal shopping for military caregivers. Examples of those who can be helped by legal assistance include a parent of a wounded veteran seeking education benefits for his or her child, a spouse of a veteran who lost his or her job and the family of a service member experiencing

homelessness who is seeking help with housing benefits.

Some of you may know military caregivers and I hope you will share this information with them. In addition, many of the issues experienced by military caregivers are common to all caregivers. Some of our chapter members are in caregiving situations now and MOAA's new effort provides an information resource for them, too.

Please consider me as one more resource and don't hesitate to call if I can be of assistance in any Personal Affairs matter. My phone number is (703) 232-3609 and my e-mail is [lflange48@gmail.com](mailto:lflange48@gmail.com).

### Pearl Harbor Day Remembrance

Arizona Chapter members Frank Hoak III and Jim Draper, both Navy veterans, will present the chapter's wreath at the annual Pearl Harbor Commemoration Sunday, December 7, at Wesley Bolin Plaza at the State Capitol.

The ceremony begins at 10:40 a.m. and will include a flyover by the "Sentimental Journey," the Commemorative Air Force's World War II B-17 based at Mesa Falcon Field.

State Historian Marshall Trimble will be Master of Ceremonies, and RADM James Symonds, USN (Ret), will be the keynote speaker.

This patriotic event is free to all and well worth attending.

### January Program

#### Inside Look at NROTC at ASU

CAPT David Price, commanding officer of Naval ROTC at Arizona State University and an Arizona Chapter member, will be guest speaker at our January 17 luncheon.

CAPT Price is a U.S. Naval Academy graduate and Naval Aviator and has participated in combat operations in the Middle East.

More information in next month's *Sentinel*.

### Happy Birthday, National Guard

December 13 marks the 678th birthday of the National Guard. The Guard was established in 1636 by a declaration of the Massachusetts General Court. It required men between ages 16 and 60 to join the militia so that trained citizen-soldiers would be ready to fight when needed.



## Legislative Update

by Gary Fredricks  
Legislative Chair

### The Work That Lies Ahead

As *The Sentinel* goes to press the elections are over, the lame duck legislative session has begun and Congress is on their annual Thanksgiving break. Little movement on the FY2015 Defense Authorization of Appropriations Bills has been reported, and Congress needs to take action to either approve FY2015 Appropriations Bills or extend the continuing resolution that is scheduled to expire on December 11 in order to avoid shutting down the government.

### Make Your Voice Be Heard

All that and more needs to happen just to complete actions for this year with Christmas and New Year's breaks still ahead. MOAA has been tracking these actions and has asked our support through MOAA's Weekly Legislative Updates in urging Congress to adopt several amendments to the Authorization Bill. I hope you have added your voice and will watch closely for additional MOAA requests for support as this year rolls to a conclusion.

Then in January, work on the FY 2016 budget is supposed to begin with the seating of the new Congress. There is sure to be a lot of activity around trying to get relief on the defense budget constraints from the onerous effects of sequestration, which without further actions returns in full force with FY2016. Please watch for that also.

### See Where Arizona Stands

If you are interested in how Arizona stacks up against other states in state level benefits to the military/retired communities, there is an excellent article in the November issue of the *Military Officer* magazine. The "State Report Card" contained therein shows Arizona rated red with no/minimal benefits for retirement/SBP exemption and property taxes for veterans and disabled veterans. The Arizona Council of MOAA Chapters recently adopted a motion to support an initiative by our Green Valley MOAA Chapter to once again seek some increase in our current \$2,500 military retired pay exclusion from state income tax. We have had limited success with this in the past due to the inability

to find the necessary funding, but we still need to keep trying.

Another excellent reference on comparison of state level military/veteran community benefits is the DOD State Liaison Quality of Life Issues listing. This can be found at:

[www.usa4militaryfamilies.dod.mil](http://www.usa4militaryfamilies.dod.mil).

Through this listing DOD seeks to engage and educate state policy makers, not for profit associations, concerned business interests and other state leaders about the needs of military members and their families. Just last year our Green Valley Chapter worked with the regional DOD Liaison and their local state legislators and got an Arizona bill passed that facilitates service members receiving licensure and academic credits for military education, training and experience, one of the issues on the DOD list. If you have some ideas on state level military/retired issues our state level MOAA chapters should be addressing, please don't hesitate to address them with one of the chapter officers listed at the end of *The Sentinel*.

### Donations to Chapter Scholarship Fund

Jim and Beth Cullison \$100

Dan Germond \$29

CAPT and Mrs. Joseph Manfreda \$25

Anonymous \$50

November 50/50 Raffle \$71

### Welcome Our New Members

**Donna Bright, LTG USN (Frm)**  
and her husband Ronald of Scottsdale

**Wes Burns, LTCDR, USCGR (Act)**  
and his wife Gillian of Mesa

**Ken Haycroft, 1LT USA, (Frm)**  
of Scottsdale

**Bob Hinton, LT USN (Frm)**  
and his wife Norma of Paradise Valley

**Bernie Hoenle, Col USAF (Ret)**  
and his wife Marcia of Fountain Hills

**Debbie Lehker, Lt Col USAFR (Act)**  
and her husband William of Phoenix

**John Moore, CAPT USN (Act)**  
and his wife Lusi of Tempe

**Beverly Stevens, Auxiliary**  
of Phoenix

**Janet Stultz, Maj USA (Ret)**  
of Scottsdale

Please meet and greet out new members.

## Consider This Tax Deductible Donation

As you prepare your year-end charitable giving, consider a donation to the Arizona Chapter's Scholarship Fund for a tax deductible donation. You can use the form below.

**December Meeting**

**WHEN:** December 13, 2014  
11:00 a.m., Meet & Greet Social  
Hour; 11:45, Lunch

**WHERE:** McCormick Ranch Golf Club Pavillion  
Scottsdale

**COST:** \$22 Per Person

**DRESS:** Holiday Casual

**MENU:** Tossed salad, pan-seared salmon filet with herb butter, steamed new potatoes, fresh asparagus, bread and butter, and triple layer fudge cake.  
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:** Our annual Chinese Auction, preceded by presentation of Meritorious Service Awards. Seasonal music in the background.

Reservations must be received by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, December 9. Use the reservation form below. Cancellations must be received the same day to receive your money back.

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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, wroscher@cox.net.**

**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 **December 13, 2014**

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