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JANUARY – A GREAT MEETING!

What a superb start to the New Year! Turnout for the opening of 2012 was 70+, even though we had competition from NFL Play-off games. We welcomed two visitors: Mr. & Mrs. Joel Nelson, whose granddaughter was the first USMC woman Presidential Helicopter Pilot. She carried President George H. W. Bush on his numerous helicopter flights. And, we welcomed COL. & Mrs. Lee Cornelison, USA (Ret) as a new chapter members. Nicole and her staff did their usual World-Class job with a luncheon (including Prime Rib, which we will have again in March) enjoyed by all.



Thanks to COL. Peggy McGee and her hi-tech phone, we got periodic updates on the Ravens–Texans game. We did get home in time to see much of the Giants trounce the Packers. Sorry Cheese-Heads. See you next year. My continued thanks to our members whose work prior to, and during our meetings, make such wonderful events possible. And, as always, congratulations to our 50/50 winners. You need to attend to win.

MOAA's Mission

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and to preserving earned entitlements of members of the uniformed services, their families and their survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or NOAA and their surviving spouses.

We have had a number of interesting speakers over the years, and USMC Helicopter Pilot, Col. David Bloomer, USMC (Ret), was right up there at the top. Given his tour as a Presidential Helicopter Pilot, carrying the most powerful man in the world, our President, he provided unique insights to the workings of the unit that provided this valuable service. There were many striking and rather humorous incidents cited in his presentation. For us political junkies, his discussion of the unit's backing of the election of President Reagan in 1980. Why the support from the unit? Contrast staying in a trailer in a cornfield near Plains, Georgia when President Carter returned home with staying in California, near the ocean, with President Reagan.

As I listened to his presentation and tried to take notes at the same time, it struck me as to the dedication of all who served in that unit. From the Commander, to the Pilots, to the Crew Chiefs, to the enlisted personnel, all contributed to an important mission and at the same time were a showcase of American technology and the Marine Corps, as they also carried foreign dignitaries. It obviously took a great deal of dedication, hard work and a splash of public relations skills to be in such an elite unit. Yet the unit itself was not considered an elitist unit, but a normal tour of duty for personnel assigned to it.

Col. Bloomer covered a wide range of topics in his speech from day to day activities to maintenance to everyday living conditions. As to the last point, it seemed these were "austere" to say the least. An interesting factor was the age of the aircraft. They are not the "latest" technology, but represented flying 1960's aircraft. The secret of that capability was the periodic return of the aircraft to the manufacturer, Sikorsky Aviation for overhauls coupled with Col. Bloomer's remarks about the most important man on the team; the Crew Chief. Yet, as mentioned previously, this was not considered an elite unit. It was evident that members of the unit took their job very seriously.

It was a most interesting presentation and the chapter thanks Col. Bloomer for a great presentation. In closing COL McGee gave us the final score: Ravens 20, Texans 13.

WELL DONE to Bill Maratos for his great editorial in our January 14th local paper about how Arizona can get a speedy economic recovery by emulating North Dakota. By the way, Bill has an MBA from Thunderbird, a World-Class Arizona Graduate Business School, the home of our next month's speaker.

Congratulations to The Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) for garnering the VA Secretary's Robert W. Carey Performance Excellence Award. SAVAHCS will be hosting the Tucson Community 37th Annual "National Salute to Veterans" February 15th from 11 am to 3 pm and from 6 pm to 8pm. This is where you visit the veterans at the center. Reservations required. Call 629-1822. Go. Let them know they are not forgotten.

Congratulations to all of you, our members, for your Honorable Mention in National MOAA's *The Affiliate* Council and Chapters Newsletter, "Tip of the Hat" column, for your donated food. Keep up the good work, thank you, and WELL DONE!

Please take a good look at our 2012 schedule in this newsletter. Some updates. May will be our JROTC Awards dinner (details yet to be worked out). Bob Spackman will speak in September about Carrier operations of the F-8 Crusader. We will collect our Christmas toys in November (instead of December) with the goal this year to provide the toys to the families of our Troops currently serving. See you all on February 19th. We will have Tri-Tip and hear from Dr. John O'Connell, Ph. D., C.V. Starr Chair of International Risk Management, Thunderbird School of Global Management, Glendale, Arizona. Be there. Dick Newman, President.

OUR JANUARY MEETING



PIMA AIR MUSEUM EVENT

ROUND TRIP: ART FROM THE BONE YARD PROJECT Contemporary Artists use WWII Aircraft as Canvas January 28 -May 31 at the Pima Air and Space Museum in Tucson.

The Pima Air & Space Museum is pleased to announce the opening of "Round Trip: Art From The Bone Yard Project". Conceived in spring 2010 by Eric Firestone, and organized with curator Carlo McCormick, The Bone Yard Project resurrects disused airplanes from America's military history through the creative intervention of contemporary artists, taking entire airplanes and their elements out of aeronautic resting spots in the desert, known as "bone yards," and putting them into the hands of artists. Re-imagined by Brazilian graffiti artist Nunca, an abandoned DC3 comes to life with a striking picture of an eagle leading men through the skies, and the idealized dreams of flight are able to soar once again in our collective imagination. With a nod to the airplane graffiti and 'nose art' that became popular during WWII, the project offers a vision of the wonder by which humanity takes to the air through some of the most prominent and acclaimed artists working today.

The first part of the Bone Yard Project, Nose Job, made its debut in the summer of 2011 with an exhibition of nose cones taken from military airplanes and given to artists to use as eccentric-shaped "canvases" in East Hampton, Long Island. The second installment in this series: Round Trip: Selections from The Bone Yard Project, will include selections from the previous Nose Job exhibition along with more than a dozen cones interpreted by artists new to this project. It will feature five monumental works created on military planes by a dynamic selection of popular contemporary artists from around the world. The curatorial team includes Med Sobio, an independent curator and consultant on graffiti art, and Lesley Oliver of the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, a longstanding figure on the Arizona art scene. For Firestone and McCormick, the Pima show has a special relevance, for not only is it one of the largest aerospace museums in America, but it was in the desert surrounding Pima where they both first discovered the "bone yards" housing these once mighty metal giants of the United States Air Force.

More than 30 artists have participated in Round Trip. Contact Scott Marchand, Director of Collections & Aircraft Restoration Pima Air & Space Museum/Arizona Aerospace Foundation 6000 East Valencia Road, Tucson AZ 85756, phone 520-618-4811, fax 520-574-9238.

MORE MEETING PICTURES





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all that apply I cannot attend meetings due to health, but wish to be a member.

I wish to contribute, by separate check, to the Chapter's Scholarship & Military Assistance Fund. Check payable to Green Valley MOAA Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund.

Check payable to MOA of Green Valley. Send all correspondence to the above address.



John O'Connell, Ph.D. C.V. Starr Chair of International Risk Management



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For more about Dr. O'Connell, visit www.thunderbird.edu/knowledgenetwork.

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John O'Connell, Ph.D., chair of the Thunderbird Faculty Senate, has been a professor of global business and the C.V. Starr Chair of International Risk Management at Thunderbird School of Global Management since 1984. His professional and academic achievements have earned him international recognition as one of the foremost experts in international risk management, emergency planning and global insurance issues.

Dr. O'Connell has devoted a great deal of his time and efforts in the study of local, national and international security. He has met with representatives of 11 southeast Asian countries regarding the coordination of security efforts between countries, and he consulted with members of the city council of Kobe, Japan, on its efforts to solve security issues associated with container traffic coming from the port of Pusan, South Korea.

Following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, he did extensive research into the lessons learned from the World Trade Center and presented that information in Toronto Canada in 2002 at the 12th World Conference on Disaster Management. Since, he has presented the research in a number of business and educational settings. In 2006, he was selected by the Secretary of the Air Force to participate in the National Security Forum held at Air Force War College at Maxwell Air Force Base and in 2008 attended a similar program at Nellis Air Force Base. He also visited Kabul, Afghanistan, in 2009 to offer assistance in developing an Afghanistan Disaster Plan.

Dr. O'Connell is a co-editor and a major contributor to *The Blackwell Encyclopedia of Management* and *The Blackwell Encyclopedia Dictionary of International Management*. He has also authored nearly 40 articles related to risk management and insurance in a variety of academic journals and trade publications. He was appointed to the Executive Editorial Board of the *Journal of Transportation Security* in 2008.

He has been a member of the Insurance Council of the American Management Association since 1997 and is a member of the International Committee of the Risk and Insurance Management Society. He has served on different committees and commissions, including the Arizona Governor's Commission on Workers Compensation and as the chairman of the Arizona Commission on Liability Insurance.

Dr. O'Connell, who holds CPCU (Chartered Property & Casualty Underwriter) and ARM (Associate in Risk Management) certificates, received his Ph.D. in insurance and organizational behavior from Ohio State University in 1975, receiving his MBA from OSU that same year. He earned his MS in economics in 1970 from the University of Oregon and his BA in economics from Western Washington State College in 1968.

La Posada La Perla Building El Dorado Room Luncheon for Military Officers Association of Green Valley

Date: Sunday, February 19, 2012 **Meet --** 12:15; Lunch – 12:45

Salad with dressing.

Main course choice: *Tri-Tip, Roast Turkey with Gravy, or Catch of the Day.*

Cornbread Stuffing & Vegetable of the Day; Assorted rolls basket with Butter; and condiments; **Signature dessert** of the week, and Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea & Lemonade.

The price is \$20.00 Per Person, all inclusive. Beer, Non-Alcoholic Beer, White, Red and Rose Wine, and Champagne Mimosas. Still \$1 per serving (buy tickets at the door).

Bring non-perishable goods, COUPONS, and money for our Deployed Soldier Family Food Drive & VA Goodies, including clothes.

*Our sixth meeting of the 2011-2012 season. We will hear about the Economy from Dr. John O'Connell, Ph. D., C.V. Starr Chair of International Risk Management, Thunderbird School of Global Management, Glendale, Arizona. We will also have our 50/50 drawing, and enjoy great camaraderie. And, of course, our usual "World-Class" food, service, and ambiance from Nicole Zanon & her staff. What could be better? We continue to have great get-togethers. Friends, relatives, and potential members are always welcome. Let us gather them up & bring them all. We can get 100 in the room. Let's have another splendid afternoon enjoying the terrific food & service. **Let us fill the room. Be there!***

Directions: Continental Road to La Posada. Turn into complex on Park Centre, then right at first stop sign, onto Morningside. Straight to the main entrance of the La Perla Building. Second floor, right out of elevator and around the corner.



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Reservation Request For Luncheon Meeting-Sunday, February 19, 2012

Social time 12:15 PM Meeting & Lunch 12:45 PM

Please reserve _____ places for me for the luncheon at La Posada. I am sending a check in the amount of \$_____ (\$20.00 per meal), payable to MOA of Green Valley, P.O. Box 769, Green Valley, AZ 85622-0769. This request must be mailed to arrive **not later than Feb. 15, 2012.**

CHECK NUMBER _____

I am bringing a guest whose name(s) is/
are: _____

Rank and Name (please print): _____

Circle meal selection & indicate number of each type: ___ Beef ___ Poultry ___ Catch of the day

Note: If you cannot get your reservation and check mailed timely, please call Barbara Brown at 625-8066 to make your reservation, and please BRING A CHECK or EXACT AMOUNT to the meeting.

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If you know of a member or family member who is ill or hospitalized or who could just use our help with their benefits, please feel free to let me know.

Maj. Steven Abel

2012 SCHEDULE

Friday, January 13, ESGR awards ceremony, D/M O' Club.

Sunday, January 15, Meeting, La Posada, Col. David Bloomer, USMC (RET), USMC pilot.

Flying The President: Marine Helicopter Squadron One.

Saturday, January 28, Massing of the Colors, Rio Rico High School.

Sunday, January 29, Four Chaplains ceremony, Tucson.

Sunday, February 19, Meeting, La Posada, Dr. John O'Connell, Starr Chair of International Risk Management, Thunderbird School of Global Management, The Economy.

Sunday, March 18, Meeting, La Posada, Col. Joseph G. Smith, USMC, CO, UA NROTC.

Sunday, April 15, Meeting, La Posada, Bruce DeWald, Pima Air & Space Museum, USN & USAF recon shot down during Cold War.

TBD, April TBD, Nogales High JrROTC awards.

TBD, May TBD, Sahuarita and Rio Rico High JrROTC awards.

Saturday, May TBD, AZ Council of Chapters meeting, Phoenix.

Wednesday, May 23, JROTC Awards Dinner, Lavender Restaurant.

Wednesday, May 30, Memorial Day wreath laying.

Thursday, June 14, Flag Day celebration at Elks.

Saturday, June 16, Arizona Military & Veteran Women's Conference, Phoenix.

Wednesday, July 4, Various celebrations.

Day TBD, Summer month TBD, Summer Outing.

Saturday, September, TBD, AZ Council of Chapters meeting, Flagstaff.

Tuesday, September 11, Various celebrations.

Sunday, September 16, Meeting, La Posada, Speaker Bob Spackman, Pima Air & Space Museum, Carrier Ops: The F-8 Crusader

Sunday, October 21, Meeting, La Posada, Board nominations, Speaker TBD.

Saturday, October 27, March in White Elephant Parade.

Sunday, November 11, Veterans Day wreath laying.

Saturday, November TBD, Annual Tombstone X-Giving Parade.

Sunday, November 18, Annual Business Meeting, elections, La Posada, Toy Collection Speaker TBD.

TBD, November TBD, SHS Jr NROTC Pass-In-Review.

Sunday, December 8, USS ARIONA Memorial Ceremony, U of A.

Sunday, December 16, Annual Christmas Meeting, installation, La Posada.

BOARD MEETINGS

First Wednesday of the month,
Friends-In-Deed, Conference
Room, 8:30 am.
You are all always invited.
See you there.

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bring comfort items to our
functions which will then be
donated to the Tucson V.A.



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

(Those with birthdays this month who show up at our luncheon will get a free 50/50 raffle ticket.)

- COL Robert Dalrymple, USA
- LTC JohnDanner, USA
- Maj Gen John Dolny, USAF
- Lt Col Robert Little, Jr., USAF
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