



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America
Arizona's First Chapter



Minutes September 15, 2012 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation and moment of silence to honor all patriotic Americans who serve and sacrifice for this great nation.

Members Present: John Ady welcomed all present and invited new members and guests to give a brief personal introduction. The services were well represented with 2 Marines, 2 Air Force, 1 Army and 1 Navy in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported \$11,548 in the General Fund, \$12,000 in the Scholarship Fund and \$50 in Petty Cash. Additional donations to the Scholarship Fund have recently been received in the amount of \$1000.

Legislative Affairs: Gary Fredricks reported that things are gearing up after a quiet summer. With only 52 days left until the November elections, these remain very interesting and challenging times. MOAA has posed 5 questions to both Obama and Romney, please take a hard look at the candidates and check the MOAA website for weekly legislative updates as well as the October MOAA magazine. Please read this month's *Sentinel* for Gary's in depth summary.

Personal Affairs: Dan Conway brought several publications from his past Personal Affairs Workshop and has offered to hold another Fall Workshop on critical senior issues (scams, estate planning, end of life, personal directives, etc). Please check the *Sentinel* for his questionnaire to those planning attendance.

Member Announcements: "Col. H2O", Ron Green was commended for his tireless service providing water for homeless Vets. Ron personally picks up and delivers cases of water to keep our Arizona Vets hydrated!

Arrangements: Marie Fredricks reported the October 20 Luncheon will be a great social event at McCormick RR Park with food from Famous Dave's BBQ and entertainment by Dick Jonas.

Auxiliary Member Update: Nancy Burt reported that several new initiatives will be taken to acknowledge and support our Chapter Auxiliary members. There will be a once/twice a year personal phone call to just "check in" with all Aux. members; a holiday card mailing from the Chapter will be sent out between Thanksgiving & Christmas to send personal regards and best holiday wishes; perhaps a special acknowledgement at a Monthly Luncheon to honor all our Aux. members.

Member's Spotlight: While ready to present, Jim Draper was kind enough to reschedule due to time restraints at this meeting. We look forward to Jim's presentation in the near future!

Special Guest: Rose Mary Ware, National Memorial Ladies Organization
Rose Mary and her sister have been in charge of the local NML since 2004 – she has set up a roster of volunteers to assure that our local veterans' will always have a person present during their final memorial ceremony at the Cave Creek Veteran's Cemetery. Should you be interested in volunteering with this most honorable cause, you may contact Rose Mary at waremoose@cox.net for more info and scheduling.

Presidents Report: John Ady announced several current and upcoming Chapter items

AZ Chapter MOAA has been awarded our 8th consecutive Excellence Award by MOAA headquarters. Special thanks to all the hardworking people in the Chapter that helped make the award possible.

The 2nd Annual Dinner Honoring Vietnam Era Vets will take place October 20 at Wild Horse Pass Hotel & Casino. Tickets are \$40pp, please see John Ady or Ron Perkins if interested in attending.

The MOAA Western States Symposium will take place next weekend in Las Vegas. Several of your Officer's will be attending to discuss a variety of National and Chapter initiatives.

The AZ Council of Chapters will hold their meeting on October 6 at Verde Valley. Attendees will be John Ady, Rob Welch, Dan Conway and Ron Perkins. Flagstaff has just been awarded Arizona's 9th stand alone Chapter.

Jim Cullison was appointed Chairman of our committee to select the 2013 Chapter Officer's and Board of Director members. The selections will be announced at the October picnic and voting will take place at the November regular meeting.

Ron Perkins has been selected to be inducted into the AZ Veteran's Hall of Fame. If you would like to honor Ron and attend his induction ceremony at the Oct 26 luncheon please see John Ady for details.

November Luncheon will be a uniform optional event. This will be the annual ESGR Awards luncheon (moved from the normal October luncheon).

Happy Birthday to the United States Air Force – September 17, 1947!!!!!!!!!!!!

The Air Force Big Band will perform October 24 in Glendale and October 25 in Tempe. Tickets are complimentary on a first come/first serve basis.

Introduction of Speaker: John Ady introduced this month's speaker, Debra Boehlke, Education Specialist in the Crime, Fraud and Victim Resource Center for Arizona State's Attorney General.

Speaker: Debra specializes in elder issues and works hard to make Arizonians aware of elder abuse and the current consumer scams and financial frauds taking place. She currently work's with the Governor's Council on Aging, the Governor's Alzheimer's Task Force, the Maricopa Elder Abuse Prevention Alliance, the Attorney General's Task Force Against Senior Abuse and the Arizona crime Prevention Association. Debra has also worked with school children to make them aware of cyber scams, Facebook and web security as well as internet bullying. Her sound advice "that if it sounds too good to be true – it is" and her common sense approach to seeing the "red flags" and using caution before proceeding made for an interesting, helpful presentation.

Monthly Luncheon Drawing: Winner was Ben Budzowski

50/50 Raffle: Total of \$110 was collected. \$55 was awarded by Bill Roscher

Reminder: Next BOD meeting is Thursday, October 4, next Chapter meeting is Saturday, October 20 at McCormick RR Park

Adjournment: 1415

Respectfully submitted by Leonore K. Hoak, Secretary