



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
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Minutes of the September 20, 2014 General Meeting Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1150 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation. Jim lead members in a toast in memory of Chapter member Rance Farrell and gave a brief bio tribute to "The Colonel".

Members Present: President Cullison welcomed all members and their guests present; total in attendance was 36.

Treasurer's Report: Reading of the Treasurer's Report was waived for the month in Bill Roscher's absence.

President's Chapter Report:

- Veterans' Hall of Fame – Our Chapter has 2 members being inducted this year – Dan Conway and Dr Paul Schnur. Please consider signing up to attend the October 24 luncheon and induction ceremony
- 5 Star Level of Excellence – the Chapter has again been recognized by National MOAA and has received the 5 Star Level of Excellence Award; President Jim Cullison will accept the award during the yearly MOAA meeting in Arlington VA in October

Introduction of Guest Speaker: President Jim Cullison introduced the day's speaker; current Chapter member and legislative chairman, former Chapter President and member of the MOAA National Board of Directors – Gary Fredricks, Col USAF (ret).

As Gary completes his six year term on the MOAA National BOD, he shared some of his insights on MOAA and its members. MOAA is a passionate and credible voice for military officers with over 387,000 members nationwide; it is one of the top 50 advocacy groups on Capitol Hill and local Chapters are at the heart and soul of the organization. While Gary has worked with national MOAA on some of the biggest issues currently facing the military and its veterans - TriCare for Life, addressing and working to improve the Veterans Administration, protecting military pay and benefits, making sure Congress is aware and working on military issues during the annual "Storming of the Hill" – he stressed the importance of each Chapter member and the impact they have on the overall effectiveness of MOAA. He urges all of us to sign up for the weekly MOAA legislative updates and to follow the action instructions; grassroots action on pending issues get results and make MOAA "one powerful voice".

2015 Scholarship Golf Tournament: Pat Dale has set the date for our 2015 fundraiser on April 23rd at Stone Creek Golf Course, Scottsdale. Please mark your 2015 calendars for this important Chapter event.

October General Meeting: Our next meeting will be our annual picnic at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, Scottsdale Road at Indian Bend, Scottsdale – Saturday, OCTOBER 18 - Happy Hour Begins @ 11am, Lunch @ Noon – Music will be provided by The OK Chorale. Marie Fredricks will be accepting your reservations – tickets are \$22.00 per person – you can contact her at 480-836-8419 or garymarie@cox.net. The cut off for reservations is Tuesday, October 14. Please join us for this informal fun event!



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50/50 Scholarship Fund Raffle: Beth Cullison reports members purchased a total of \$130.00 in tickets; two drawings of \$25.00 and \$40.00 were awarded to members and \$65.00 was given to the scholarship fund. Thank you for your participation!

In Memory of Rance Farrell: the Chapter has given \$50.00 to the Scholarship Fund in Rance's honor. Rance was a member of the scholarship selection committee for many years and his insight, commitment, dedication and humor will be greatly missed.

Adjournment: 1355 hours