



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
Arizona's First Chapter



Minutes of February 21, 2015 Arizona Chapter MOAA General Membership Meeting

A luncheon meeting of the general membership was held on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, AZ. President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1150 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation

Members Present: President Cullison welcomed all members and guests present; guests were introduced by their table captains; total in attendance was 57

President's Chapter Announcements:

- This year's StandDown was very successful; many chapter members volunteered and gave of their time and talents to help area homeless veterans. This year they were able to assist 1700 men/200 women; the good news is that's a drop in the number of vets seeking assistance since last year's StandDown
- The chapter will again be doing a day at the ball park; we are trying for tickets on Saturday, August 8 for the Diamondback vs. Cincinnati game. It is also the day they will retire player Randy Johnson's #51. More info to follow
- Patriotic Gala, March 21 at Chaparral Suites – this is a great evening presented by the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame Society to honor those who serve Arizona's veteran community. We would like to book a Chapter table so please let us know if you'll be attending
- Our next chapter luncheon meeting will be on Saturday, March 14 - the second (not the third) Saturday – final reservations are due to Charlie Bitner no later than Tuesday, March 10

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Bitner reports there is \$8750.00 in the general fund, \$18,379.00 in the scholarship fund and \$100.00 in petty cash; today's raffle sales totaled \$120.00 so there will be three drawings of \$20.00 each

Member Announcements:

- John Ady reports that arrangements have been made for a flag disposal service for our members. You may bring your flags to any luncheon meeting and a local mortuary will burn the cotton ones and an east coast company will recycle the polyester ones

Introduction of Speaker: COL. John Ady introduces today's guest speaker. Flora Jessop was raised in Colorado City, AZ, in a polygamous family, in the FLDS (Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints). After years of abuse, both mental and physical, she was able to make her escape at the age of 16. Flora has become an advocate for abused children and women within the FLDS community and she helped to create the Child Protection Project. Flora has written a book, *Church of Lies*, which tells her personal story of growing up in the FLDS and her struggles to escape

Next Chapter Meeting: Saturday, March 14, 2015 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club; there is a great speaker – RADM Connie Mariano – so make your reservations early

Adjournment: 1400