

Minutes of the April 18, 2015 Arizona Chapter MOAA General Membership Meeting
McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, AZ

A luncheon meeting of the general membership was held on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale Az. President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1150 hours; the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation

President's Chapter Announcements:

- Please remember that John Ady has set up a program to provide proper disposal of flags; you may bring your flags to any general meeting for collection
- Ron Green has set his Water Fund box at the check in desk; please consider donating to this worthy cause. Ron continues to bring water and supplies to the veteran homeless shelter in downtown Phoenix
- Our annual Chapter golf tournament will be held on Thursday, April 23 at Stonecreek Golf Club, Scottsdale. This is the major fund raiser for the Chapter's scholarship fund, please help make it a success
- Happy 100th Birthday to the U S Naval Reserve (March 3, 2015)

Member's Present: President Cullison welcomed all members and guests present; total in attendance 43

Member Announcements:

- Ron Perkins, just back from this year's Storming of the Hill in DC, reports that he and approx. 150 of his fellow MOAA members, were able to meet with all 100 senators and almost 435 congressional members to discuss veterans affairs. Ron considers it a very productive trip

Treasurer's Report: Charlie Bitner reports there is currently \$13,158.00 in the general fund; \$18,894.00 in the scholarship fund and \$100.00 in petty cash. Today's raffle sales were \$103.00 and will be added to the scholarship fund

Spotlight Speaker: Chapter member Mark Day earned his Surface Warfare Officer credentials while aboard a Naval destroyer in Vietnam and went on to serve as a Public Affairs Officer. Mark was PAO at Balboa Naval Hospital in San Diego, dealing with returning Vietnam POW's and the critical news media; had three major crises in the fall of 1983 – the war in Grenada, the shoot down of Korean Air Flight 007 and the bombing in Lebanon that killed 280 U S service members – to keep him occupied; and his most sensitive assignment – keeping HRH Prince Charles from entering the Hotel Del Coronado! Mark thanks these events for preparing him for his next career in the U S defense industry

Introduction of Speaker: John Ady introduces today's guest speaker, Dr Randy Groh.

Dr Groh is the Arizona senior civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, working to meet the current needs and challenges of today's U S Army. From the Secretary's 56 "hot topics" to women entering Ranger training, Dr Groh is engaged in addressing the serious problems facing the Army in the current world environment

Next Chapter Meeting: Our last meeting before summer hiatus will be on Saturday, May 16.

There will be two scholarships awarded to this year's recipients. Please consider wearing your uniform to this event

Adjournment: 1400