



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



**Minutes of the January 6, 2016 Arizona Chapter of MOAA General Meeting**

**McCormick Ranch Golf Club Scottsdale Arizona.**

The January 2016 meeting and luncheon of the general membership of the Arizona Chapter of MOAA was held on Saturday, January 16 2016 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale Arizona. President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1150 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and the invocation.

**Members present:** President Cullison welcomed all members and guests present for a total of 56 attendees.

**Treasurer's report:** Charlie Bitner reports a balance of \$6,973.31 in the general fund, \$19,309.45 in the scholarship fund and \$200 in petty cash fund. Today's raffle collection will add \$105 to the scholarship fund.

**President's Announcements and Special Presentation:**

The next golf tournament will be held at Skunk Creek Golf Club and the proceeds will go to the club.

There will be a box present at the meeting for donations that will go to support homeless veterans.

**Introduction of new members and guests:** Captain, USN, Steve Ferrara was introduced as a new member. He is a medical officer in the Navy who will soon retire and move to the Scottsdale area.

John Ady introduced Jarrod Latshaw assistant to Rep. David Schweikert as a guest.

**Board of Directors and Officers introduction for 2016.** Following lunch the new Board of Directors and Officers were installed by Gary Fredricks. The new officers for 2016 are Dave Fleming - President, Lee Lange-1<sup>st</sup> VP, Ron Bright-2<sup>nd</sup> VP, Charlie Bitner-Treasurer, Paul Schnur- Secretary, Jim Cullison – Past President, Jim Draper, Bruce Kosaveach, Beth Cullison, Donna Bright and Janet Stultz.

Following the induction of the new Board and Officers Dave Fleming and Lee Lange presented the MOAA leadership award to immediate past President Jim Cullison.

**Spotlight speaker:** Gene Rafanelli presented the spotlight speech and told the story of receiving his two purple hearts.

**Guest speaker:** The guest speaker was introduced by Ron Perkins. Col Wanda Wright, Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans Services presented a thorough and complete discussion of the current operation of her office and what it is doing for Arizona veterans.

**President's Closing Remarks:** President Dave Fleming expressed his excitement to be the new President of the Arizona Chapter of MOAA. He reminded the members to make reservations for the next meeting and send the fee to Charlie Bitner prior to the next meeting.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 13:55 pm. The next meeting being held on February 20 2016.