



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



**Minutes of the May 21, 2022 Arizona Chapter of MOAA General Meeting**

**Held at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, AZ**

**SOCIAL TIME: 11:00**

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** At 11:45, President Tom Sheets called the meeting to order, and led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**INVOCATION:** Dave Boyd gave the Invocation.

**PRESIDENT'S WELCOME:** Tom Sheets welcomed all in attendance. Tom announced the following: Our Chapter won 5-Star awards for our Newsletter and the website. Relative to the Newsletter award, Tom said he had a certificate with Janet Lange's name on it; she was asked to step forward and accept it. Tom said he has a similar certificate for Carl Ulbrich, our webmaster.

**NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS RECOGNITION:** All new members and guests were recognized.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Charlie stated that the balance in the General Fund is \$9,933.57; the balance in the Scholarship Fund is \$14,523.86.

**LUNCH SERVED:** Lunch was served at 11:50.

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:** Bruce Kosaveach introduced "Colonel" Tony Pistilli with the following remarks: He said Tony had worked for American West Airlines as Senior Director of Maintenance. In 1999, Tony joined United Airlines as Director of Maintenance Operations. He retired in 2007, and has remained busy: He is the current President of the Rotary Club in Fountain Hills, and worked in the Junior Achievement program at the local High School, and is a Docent at Air Base Arizona.

**GUEST SPEAKER:** Tony Pistilli said he is a Docent at Air Base Arizona, for the Commemorative Air Force, located in Mesa. He gives tours at the Air Base; they often have 200 visitors on any given Saturday. The facility is open Wed-Sat in the Summer; the hours are 10AM-3PM. The Commemorative Air Force has 85 units (bases) with 173 Aircraft. Tony told the group his father was crew chief in the Pacific Theater in WWII. Following the end of WWII, a group of investors began the Confederate Air Force, to save many WWII airplanes from being lost (for scrap metal). The name was later changed to Commemorative Air Force; its mission is to acquire, restore, display, and preserve aircraft. He said they have 5 aircraft which still fly; rides can be purchased. In 1951, the group bought a P-40 Skyhawk, and a P-51 fighter plane. Air Base Arizona is one of the larger bases in the system. Air Base Arizona has 400 volunteers. Tony said their fleet leaves for the Summer, for bases where the weather is cooler. Tony said the volunteers actually teach history. Tony said on June 11, there will be a presentation on the WWII Battle of Midway. Tony gave a fascinating and educational program.

**RAFFLE DRAWING:** This event was performed by Charlie Bitner.



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**NEXT MEETING:** As this is the last Chapter Members meeting before the Summer break, the next Chapter meeting will be held on September 17, at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Jack announced a "Happy hour Fantasy Golf" event on June 30; it will be held at the "Famous 48" in Scottsdale. He said cash prizes will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place; there will be a "booby prize" for the worst score. Bruce made two announcements: 1) he said our chapter was awarded \$5,000.00, from the MOAA Foundation. 2) There will be a joint activity in which 3 organizations will participate. "Freedom Isn't Free" will be held on July 21, in Anthem; participants will put together move-in baskets, etc. 3) Jim Cullison has reserved seats for the Diamondback vs. Washington on July 24.

**ADJOURNMENT:** This meeting was adjourned at 2:04 P. M.

Respectfully submitted:

David Boyd, Secretary



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