



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



MINUTES FEBRUARY 18, 2012 GENERAL MEETING, ARIZONA CHAPTER MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, February 18, 2012 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation. John started business off by sharing a funny joke.

**Members Present:** John Ady welcomed all and began with the introduction of guests and new members. Total people present: 50 members, spouses, guests and new members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Roscher reported: General Fund \$9,751.46, Petty Cash \$50.00, Scholarship Fund \$13,847.83 – total of \$23,649.29. Bill received another \$170.00 for the Scholarship Fund at today's meeting from the 50/50 raffle (\$70.00) and from donations (\$100.00) bringing the Scholarship total to \$14,017.83.

**Legislative Affairs:** Gary Fredricks provided current highlights and updates. The looming cuts to Tricare/Medicare providers have been rolled to January 2013. In February President Obama published his budget and addressed the deficits that continue to plague the nation. MOAA continues to monitor all ongoing legislative actions. In this election year it is more important than ever for members to support them by sending the pre-printed postcards (found in the MOAA magazine) or clicking the "Take Action" tab on the MOAA website and submitting them to Congress. Gary attended the January 24 State Legislature meeting and advised that there were 56 bills currently impacting either the military or Veteran's Affairs. The encouraging news for the day: House Bill 2843 that would exempt military retirement pay from income tax passed the House and Services Committee.

**Membership:** Ron Perkins reported that our membership is currently 226; this is 197 current members and 29 new recruits. At this time 128 members have paid their dues – 69 members need to send their membership renewal and dues. Kindly contact Bill Roscher prior to the end of March renewal deadline.

**MOAA – TROA Birthday** – February 23, 1929 – acknowledged by John Ady for all their (continuing) hard work.

**JROTC Awards:** Terry Tassin announced that he is looking for several volunteers to present this year's awards. It is a great way to meet some of today's highly motivated young people and share their honor!

**MOAA Leadership Award:** Presented to Dan Conway by John Ady. Dan received a lapel pin and commendation letter for his outstanding contributions from Admiral Ryan, President of MOAA.

**Lunch** was served and enjoyed by all.

**TALES OF MEMBERS:** Rance Farrell was this month's volunteer to share a few of his military memories. Rance offered a witty presentation of his life as a cadet at West Point – and how to this day he can instantly recall "pertinent" word definitions he was forced to memorize!

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Chuck Schluter introduced the month's speaker, Col. Joseph E. Abodeely, USA (Ret) – Director of the Arizona Military Museum, Phoenix, AZ. Also with Col. Abodeely was Brig. Gen. Tom Correlli, USA (Ret) – Vice President of the Museum.

**Speaker:** Col. Joe Abodeely, Vietnam combat veteran, JAG Corp, Tucson native, was a founding member of the Arizona Military Museum in Phoenix. The Museum, labeled one of the "best kept secrets in the country", is located within the confines of the Phoenix National Guard Base, housed in a National Historic Registry building built by the WPA in 1936/37. The Museum was built with the basic understanding that all military veterans want is that "his/her military service is recognized". A presentation with slides detailing Arizona's armies from the conquistadores to the returning Iraqi/Afghanistan veterans was both interesting and informative.

**Reminder:** The next BOD meeting is Thursday, March 1, 2012 and the next Chapter meeting is Saturday, March 17, 2012

**Chapter 50/50 Raffle:** Total of \$70.00 awarded by Bill Roscher

**Adjournment:** 1345 hours

Respectfully submitted  
Leonore Kenefic Hoak, Secretary