



# THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

## Military Officers Association of America

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MINUTES OF THE AZ CHAPTER MOAA LUNCHEON - MAY 19, 2012 BY JOHN R ADY, PRESIDENT

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, May 19, 2012 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club. President John Ady called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and opened the meeting with the playing of the National Anthem followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

**Members Present** - A total of 70 members and guests were on hand. President Ady first asked the JROTC scholarship winners to introduce themselves, their families and their JROTC instructors.

In turn, all other new members and guests were introduced.

President Ady informed everyone that today was **Armed Forces Day**.

**MOAA Communications Awards** - Gary Fredricks, a member of MOAA's National Board of Directors, was called upon to award 3 first place communications awards won by the Chapter for Chapters with membership of 200 - 250. It is the first time in the history of MOAA that a chapter of any size has accomplished this feat. Terry Tassin and Dan Conway received the award for the best chapter recruiting brochure. Rob Welch received the best website award and Jim Cullison received the award for the best newsletter. Last year in these categories, we also received first place awards for the recruiting brochure and website and received a runner-up award for the newsletter for Chapters in size between 140 - 199.

**Treasurer's Report** - The General Fund as of today has \$11,901.93; the scholarship fund \$17,449.97 of which \$7,000 will be expended on scholarships today; the Petty Cash fund equals \$50.00 for a grand total of \$29,401.90.

### **President's Report -**

1. Marie Fredrick's announced the summer event at Organ Stop Pizza, Mesa, on June 16.
2. We have submitted to MOAA Headquarters our application to be considered for a **4 or 5 Star Excellence Award**. We have received 7 consecutive 5 Star awards. The results will be announced in the Fall.
3. Our **Cell Phone Program** to provide telephone cards for the troops has thus far collected 120 cell phones. Please keep them coming.
4. The **April Golf Tourney** to support our scholarship fund raised an additional \$2100.00. At the request of tournament director Pat Dale we will switch from a semi-annual event to an annual event with a spring date.
5. **Scholarship Fund** - The President has appointed a committee chaired by Rob Welch to look for more funding sources and they will report back to the board of directors in September.
6. The committee to recommend the **Officers and Board of Directors** for 2013 was appointed by the President; they will report to the board at the September BOD Meeting. 2nd VP Jim Cullison will chair the committee along with Rob Welch and Ron Perkins. Anyone interested in any of the vacancies can contact Jim Cullison.
7. President Ady will attend the semi-annual **AZ MOAA Council Meeting** Monday, May 21 in Tempe.



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8. Two members of the chapter have had their nomination packages submitted to the **AZ Veterans' Hall of Fame** Selection Committee for consideration to be admitted in the 2012 class.

9. Marie Fredrick's will be leaving the **Facilities Chair** after 7 outstanding years and a replacement is needed by this fall to learn the position. (After the announcement and during lunch, member Arlene Day, LCDR USN Ret. of Fountain Hills volunteered!)

10. The **Member Spotlight** portion of the luncheon needs a volunteer for November. Please contact Frank Hoak for details.

11. The **US Army Birthday is June 14, 1775** (237 years) and our local AUSA Chapter will celebrate the event at a lunch at McCormick Ranch Golf Club on Sunday, June 10. See Gene Raffenelli or Rance Farrell for details.

**MEMBER'S SPOTLIGHT** - Bill Roscher recalled his days in the U S Merchant Marine, enlisting at age 15 and becoming a communications officer. All prior to his eventually becoming as U S Army Officer later in life. Bill brought along a number of items which enhanced his presentation.

**Special Presentation** - On behalf of his wife Barbara and himself, Dr. Paul Schnur presented a check to the scholarship fund in the amount of \$100 to commemorate the fact that their son in law CDR USN Dr. Chip Rees, a Navy Pediatric Surgeon stationed in Portsmouth, VA at the Naval Hospital is being promoted to CPT. Dr. Rees just returned from a tour of duty in Afghanistan.

**Annual Chapter JROTC Scholarship Fund Presentations** - Rob Welch took over the meeting to bestow the scholarships with the assistance of chapter members.

Destiny Cervantez, North High School Army JROTC, received the newly named COL Ron Worthington Scholarship in the amount of \$2000. Ron Worthington's wife and daughter were in attendance for the ceremony.

Kristian Dane Jones, Moon Valley High School Navy JROTC, received a \$1500 scholarship.

Jeffery Alcantara, Deer Valley High School AFJROTC and Sean Brock, Sandra Day O'Connor High School AFJROTC, each received \$1000.00 scholarships.

Analy Benetiz, Central High School Army JROTC, Maria Andrade, Cortez High School Navy JROTC and Sherry Palma, Shadow Mountain High School AF JROTC each received \$500.00 scholarships.

This portion of the event was very well organized and thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

**SPECIAL MONTHLY DRAWING** - 2 free luncheons for the September meeting was won by Auxiliary member Trula Halpern. Trula will be contacted in August.

**50/50 RAFFLE** - A total of \$190 was collected with half being awarded in prizes by Bill Roscher.

**MEMORIAL DAY** - President Ady reminded everyone to attend the Memorial Day Observance at the National Cemetery commencing at 8:00 AM. Our color guard will participate. It is recommended you arrive N.L.T. 7:15 to get good parking and seating in front of the review stand.

**Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, Sept. 2, 2012 at the AZNG Distance Learning Center.

**Next Luncheon:** Saturday, September 18, 2012 at McCormick Ranch.

**Adjourned:** 1430