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**Military Officers Association of America**  
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**Minutes of January 19, 2013 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA**

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 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.

**Members Present:** President John Ady welcomed all present and invited guests and new members to give a brief personal introduction. Total people present: 55.

**Final Items:** Outgoing President John Ady reminds all members to renew their dues for 2013.

The Waste Management Phoenix Open Golf Tournament (January 28 – February 3, 2013) is generously offering veterans 2 free daily admissions with proper ID and free food and beverages at the Patriot's Outpost facility. A wonderful offer to honor those who have served.

**April 18, 2013 Golf Tournament:** Pat Dale asks for support for this year's outing at Starfire. A day's outing with golf and lunch is \$70.00; non golfers can attend for lunch only. Tee Box Sponsors are needed – a great, inexpensive way to advertise! \$30.00 for a name sign to be posted at each tee.

**Cell Phones for Soldiers:** We continue to ask for your old cell phones; to date 122 have been collected – each offers 45 minutes of phone time to our soldiers overseas to keep in touch with friends and family.

**Joke of the Month:** Outgoing President John Ady ended his term with the old adage to “leave them laughing”!

**Swearing in of Board of Directors:** Colonel Gary Fredricks conducted the induction of the 2013 Chapter Officers:

President – COL Rob Welch

First Vice President – Lt Col Jim Cullison

Second Vice President – CAPT Frank Hoak III

Treasurer – COL Bill Roscher

Secretary – Leonore Hoak

Directors – Lt Col Ron Green, COL Nancy Burt, CDR Jim Draper

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Roscher reported \$8,991.62 in the General Fund, \$14,504.53 in the Scholarship Fund and \$50.00 in Petty Cash for a total of \$23,546.15.

**President's Report:** New President Rob Welch presented key updates and Chapter Reports.

**Legislative Report:** Gary Fredricks reports that the current session of the Arizona legislature began on Jan 14. So far, the Arizona Department of Veterans Services is not reporting any significant veteran related activity. However, it has been reported that military veterans who are now serving in the Arizona Legislature are forming a new caucus that will focus on issues affecting veterans across the state.



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- **Nationally** the status is as follows:
  - FY2013 Defense Authorization Bill finally completed and signed into law in early January along with legislation temporarily delaying the "fiscal cliff"
    - 1.7% pay raise for the troops,
    - TRICARE retail pharmacy copayments limited by requiring a one year trial of mail order pharmacy use required for TRICARE for life,
    - Medicare/TRICARE for Life payments to doctors mandated 27% cut delayed
  - **What's left**
    - Mid February, President's FY2014 budget submission due -- will serve to focus MOAA legislative initiatives for the year
    - Late February, country is expected to hit the statutory ceiling on the size of the national debt -- if no resolution would begin shutting down the government
    - March 1, Sequestration (a \$1billion, 10-year across the board budget cut will go into effect without further legislative action
    - March 27, the continuing resolution under which the FY2013 federal government is now operating expires, either requiring extension or passing the various FY2013 Appropriations Bill to avoid shutting down the government.

**Membership:** Ron Perkins reports that the current Chapter Membership total is 226 with 185 Regular Members and 41 Auxiliary Members. With the various recruitment programs utilized in 2012, the Chapter was able to add 39 new members. One of our members died recently. CW4 Robert Jones passed away on the 11<sup>th</sup> of December. His widow, Dorothy, has given \$50 to our Scholarship Fund in his memory. Our Chapter has matched that donation by transferring \$50 from our general fund to the Scholarship Fund. Our Personal Affairs Officer, Dan Conway, has been in touch with Dorothy.

**MOAA National Communications Awards:** We have mailed our entries in. We have again submitted our excellent newsletter, The Sentinel, our website [www.azmoaa.org](http://www.azmoaa.org), and an updated & redesigned chapter Recruiting Brochure. A copy is on each table for you to peruse. If you would like a few copies, please see Ron Perkins.

**AZ Homeless Vets Stand Down:** The date has been moved from February to March 8-9, 2013. Sign up is now available on their website [www.arizonastanddown.org](http://www.arizonastanddown.org) I encourage you all to volunteer on one of these days, and if you do, please indicate "az-moaa" on your application and let me know the days & hours you worked ([president@azmoaa.org](mailto:president@azmoaa.org)) so we can get credit for it at National. If you have a problem signing up, please either email me, or call me at 623-533-3704 & I will sign you up. Ronnie & I are volunteering at the Stand Down on Friday, the 8<sup>th</sup>, from 11 to 3.

**AZ Veterans Hall of Fame Society Copper Shield/Copper Sword:** Held on Feb. 13 at Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Tempe. Tickets are \$61.60 for HOF awardees/spouses, and \$76.75 for all others. This is a rather short fuse, but if you would like to attend, or are attending, please let me know (soonest) & I will arrange for an AZ Chapter MOAA table. Ronnie & I will be going. It would be nice to fill a table for 10 with chapter members.

**Member's Spotlight:** Lt Col Ron Green, USAF, shared his once in a lifetime adventure while serving at Udon Royal Thai Air Force Base. Ron was returning to base flying his F4, while on



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final approach he managed to kill a kite. After examining his plane and verifying no damage, Ron continued with his day. Later, Ron received a call to return immediately to his plane. Fearing the worst, Ron returned to see a 3 x 3 black kite painted on the plane, replacing all the red stars! Another legend is born!!!

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** John Ady introduces the day's speaker, Jack Ballentine, current Fire Marshall for the city of Phoenix.

**Speaker:** Jack Ballentine started his life of public service on a whim – he and several friends decided to take the Police Department entrance exam; they flunked, he passed and so his life of adventure began. Jack served 30 years with the Phoenix Police Department; 15 of those years as an undercover hired hit man. He became recognized as an expert in motorcycle and prison gangs, crime scene investigations, criminal syndicate investigations and murder conspiracy investigations. During his undercover career he's played the role of 7 different characters, becoming known as the chameleon for his ability to adapt and change into other characters.

Jack's current job is Fire Marshall, City of Phoenix. He has instituted a highly trained organization of 14 fire investigators serving the city. Help also arrives from Sadie, canine accelerant specialist, with a 100% success rate.

**"Murder for Hire"** is Jack's written account of his years undercover; HBO has picked up the rights to develop his story for TV. All proceeds from his book sales and TV/Movie rights are donated to the 100 Club of Arizona, the organization that helps families of Public Safety members who are killed or injured in the line of duty.

Should you wish to purchase a copy of Jack's book, the cost is \$25.00. You can make your check to **THE 100 CLUB** and mail to President Rob Welch, 42420 N. Anthem Creek Drive, Anthem, AZ 85086; Rob will have the book taken to Jack for his signature and returned to you.

**Presentation:** President Rob Welch presented Jack with a gift of appreciation for his time and awe inspiring program.

**Monthly Luncheon Drawing:** John Nicodemus was the winner and recipient of a complimentary luncheon at the February General Meeting.

**50/50 Raffle:** \$80.00 was awarded by Bill Roscher. \$85.00 was added to the Scholarship Fund.

**Reminders:** Next Board of Director Meeting is Thursday, February 7, 2013  
Next Chapter Meeting is Saturday, February 16, 2013 – Chapter Member  
Dr Paul Schnur will be the Guest Speaker

**Adjournment:** 215

Respectfully submitted,  
Leonore K. Hoak  
Secretary