



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
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Minutes of the April 20, 2013 General Meeting, Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, April 20, 2013 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale. President Rob Welch called the meeting to order at 0830 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

Members Present: President Rob Welch welcomed all present and all guests were recognized with a brief personal introduction. The total in attendance was 57.

CHAPTER REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported the current figures to be: General Fund \$10,960.12; Scholarship Fund \$16,284.53; Cash Exchange \$100.00 for a Grand Total of \$27,344.65.

JROTC Scholarships: There will be four recipients of the Chapter's 2013 JROTC Scholarships. All plan to make the military their chosen career. Two recipients are Army, two Air Force; two have received acceptance to a U S service academy.

Introduction of Guest Speaker: John Ady introduced today's speaker, Congressman David Schweikert who currently represents Arizona's 5th District.

Speaker: Congressman David Schweikert is a lifelong Arizona resident, with a strong background in finance and real estate. He was elected Treasurer of Maricopa County, one of the largest counties in the US, in 2004 and elected to the 112th Congress of the United States in 2010. Congressman Schweikert is a leading proponent in the House of curbing the massive national debt, reigning in government spending, reforming the tax code and reducing the size of government. He is a strong veterans' advocate; supports the Tricare initiative; has a former marine on his staff working on the backlog of veteran issues and encourages anyone needing special assistance to contact his office directly. Despite the fact that the national debt is driving all policy, the Congressman feels there are some positives looming on the horizon; immigration reform, a new commonality between the Senate and House budgets; and a tax code revamp for growth. As a member of the House Financial Services Committee, the Domestic Monetary Subcommittee and the Capital Markets and Government Sponsored Enterprises Subcommittee (Vice Chairman), the Congressman is a fulltime advocate for the financial future of his Arizona constituents.



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Diamondbacks Baseball Game, July 5th: Jim Cullison placed sign- up sheets on each table for those wishing to attend the Chapter outing, Friday, July 5th at the Veteran Appreciation Day - Diamondback Baseball Game. Please consider joining your fellow Chapter members for an enjoyable evening out. Please read the attachment for information on signing up.

MOAA National Communications Awards: The Chapter has been notified that for the second year in a row we will receive the MNCA for our Chapter newsletter *The Sentinel*, our Chapter website (www.azmoaa.org) and the Chapter's new recruiting brochure. Please join in a heartfelt thank you to all those hardworking individuals who have made it possible!

Spotlight Speaker: LCDR Terry Tassin gave an oral and pictorial "partial" history of his 23 years in the U S Navy. Terry was a proud mustang, having served six years enlisted as a Demolition Ordinance Technician prior to his commissioning. During his career he served aboard the USS HORNET and USS HALSEY diving on unexploded ordinance, diffusing WWII underground ammo dumps in Yokosuka Japan, aiding in the search and rescue of U S Special Forces in North Vietnamese waters. We're awaiting the next installment of Terry's naval career!

Monthly Luncheon Drawing: This month's winner of a complimentary lunch at the May Chapter meeting was Jacob Burke.

50/50 Raffle: \$90.00 was awarded by our fill-in Treasurer Beth Cullison and \$96.00 was added to the Scholarship Fund.

Water for Homeless Vets: Please remember the box on the check in desk; your donation will assist Ron Green in his quest to keep our local veterans hydrated.

Next Meeting: The next Chapter meeting will be on Saturday, May 18. Social Hour at 1100, luncheon at 1200. LCDR Arlene Day will be the Spotlight Speaker. There will be no featured speaker at the May meeting; we will be presenting college scholarships to the four outstanding High School JROTC cadets and each cadet will give a five minute presentation.

Adjournment: 1000

Respectfully submitted,

Leonore Kenefic Hoak