



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
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Minutes of the May 18, 2013 General Meeting & Scholarship Awards
Arizona Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale. President Rob Welch called the meeting to order at 1155 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation.

Members Present: President Rob Welch welcomed all present. The four recipients of the Chapter's 2013 JROTC Scholarship were in attendance and gave a brief personal introduction. The total in attendance was 46.

CHAPTER PRESENTATIONS & REPORTS

Spotlight Speaker: LCDR Arlene Day, U S Navy Retired, entertained with stories and pictures of her year's stay in Keflavik Iceland. From her fur parka issued uniform to her 2 cylinder Trabant car, Arlene's stay was a northern adventure. The highlight of her Iceland career was working on the Reagan – Gorbachev Summit; the beginning of the end of the Cold War era.

Presentations:

1st LT Corey Harris was presented with a \$250.00 Chapter donation to assist with expenses at the Madison Street Veterans Association.

Col. Pat Dale and his wife Patricia were honored for their outstanding efforts in raising money for the Chapter Scholarship Fund. Through their tireless efforts, the Dale's and their family have raised more money for the Scholarship Fund than any other member of our Chapter. A token of the Chapter's appreciation was presented.

JROTC Scholarship Award Presentations:

Col Pat Dale, USAF presented a Scholarship Award to **Luis Garcia**, Sandra Day O'Connor High School Air Force JROTC. In addition to his involvement in over 20 community activities, Luis was a member of the Drill Team, Color Guard, Sabre Team, PT Club and the Summer Leadership School. He will be attending ASU; majoring in Aerospace Engineering; and plans on joining the Air Force ROTC program.

COL Gene Rafanelli, USA presented a Scholarship Award to **Vu Nguyen**, Central High School Army JROTC. Vu has a current GPA of 3.9 and is ranked 22 out of his class of 447. He will be attending ASU; majoring in Computer Science; and plans on joining the Air Force ROTC program.

COL Bill Roscher, USA presented a Scholarship Award to **Alexis Farnsworth**, Sandra Day O'Connor High School Air Force JROTC. Alexis has a current GPA of 4.49 and is



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ranked 22 out of her class of 582. She was a JROTC Group Commander, a Drum Major with the Marching Band and the lead mellophone/saxophone player in both the Marching Band and the Drum & Bugle Corps. Alexis received and accepted an appointment to the U S Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point New York.

COL Park Shaw, USA presented a Scholarship Award to **Shelby Gallagher**, North High School Army JROTC. Shelby has a current GPA of 4.58 and is ranked 12 out of her class of 576. She is the President of the Drama Club; Co-Captain of the Varsity Golf Team; Editor of the JROTC Newsletter; Captain of the JROTC Academic Bowl Team; winner of the Joe Foss Institute Leadership Award and an inductee into the 2012 International Thespian Society. Shelby received and accepted an appointment to the U S Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs.

We congratulate all of our outstanding Scholarship recipients and offer our best wishes for their continued success. We hope all of you will consider making the military a career and serve as our country's leaders of tomorrow.

Treasurer's Report: Bill Roscher reported the current figures to be: General Fund \$11,023.08; Scholarship Fund \$12,807.20; Cash Exchange \$100.00 for a Grand Total of \$23,930.28.

Diamondbacks Baseball Game, July 5th: Last call for members wanting to attend the Chapter outing, Friday, July 5th at the Veteran Appreciation Day - Diamondback Baseball Game. Let Jim know if you wish to join in the fun – he will be purchasing the tickets this week.

Organ Stop Pizza: Arlene Day has arranged for group seating on Saturday, July 27th. Our sojourn last year was a rousing success – please consider attending this year's.

AZ Veteran's Magazine: Frank Hoak has brought a supply of the new quarterly magazine. Please help yourself to a copy – it is full of interesting articles and information for our veteran community.

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

50/50 Raffle: \$60.00 was awarded by Treasurer Bill Roscher and \$60.00 was added to the Scholarship Fund.

Water for Homeless Vets: Please remember to "give a buck" on your way out to help provide water for our homeless veterans. The donation box is on the check-in desk.



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Next Meeting: The next Chapter meeting will be on Saturday, September 21. The social Hour is at 1100, luncheon at 1200. USAF Col. Dave Fleming will be the Spotlight Speaker and the keynote speaker will be Brigadier General Mike Burke, USA Retired. General Burke is the Director of Attack Helicopter Business Development at Boeing Aircraft in Mesa. He is a dynamic, engaging speaker, so mark your calendars.

Enjoy your summer!!

Adjournment: 1410

Respectfully submitted,

Leonore Kenefic Hoak