



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



**Minutes of the November 9, 2013 General Meeting, AZ Chapter MOAA**

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, November 9, 2013 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale. President Rob Welch called the meeting to order at 1150 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by the invocation.

**Members Present:** Rob Welch welcomed all present and guests were recognized by their table captains with a brief personal introduction. A special introduction of our guest speaker Dr Alexander White, his son and daughter, was made by Rob. The total attendance was 58.

**President's Announcements:**

- Chapter members Ron Green & Gene Rafanelli were inducted into the AVHOF in October 2013. This brings the number of Chapter members to 22 honored by the state of Arizona
- The Chapter has received its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive Five Star Level of Excellence Award. The award will be presented to Chapter President Rob Welch at the MOAA National Meeting in Colorado Springs next week.
- Toys for Tots – please remember to bring your new, unwrapped toys to our December Holiday Meeting. Special requests have been made for children in the 9 – 12 year age group. No stuffed animals please!
- Members who volunteered at the AZ State Fair are asked to email Rob Welch at [president@azmoaa.org](mailto:president@azmoaa.org) if you have not already done so
- AZ Congressman Schweikert has presented a flag and letter to the Chapter in honor of Veterans Day

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Roscher reported the current grand total of \$23,904.24. The General Fund is \$9,954.65, the Scholarship Fund is \$13,849.59 and Petty Cash is \$100.00.

**Legislative Report:** Gary Fredricks that things are solid at the moment but in a great state of flux. He is keeping his eye on the DOD appropriation bill which is currently "missing in action". Gary requests that members sign up for MOAA.org to keep abreast of current information and to provide grass roots support in Washington. In depth information from Garry is available in the November *Sentinel*.

**2014 Board of Directors:** Rob Welch is stepping down as the Chapter President in January 2014; he has been elected Chairman of the Unified Arizona Veterans. The new slate of Officers has been approved by the BOD. A motion was made by John Ady and seconded by Frank Hoak to accept the nominations; it was passed by a membership (voice) vote. The incoming Officers are President – Jim Cullison; 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President



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- Dave Fleming; 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President - Frank Hoak; Treasurer - Bill Roscher; Secretary - Leonore Hoak; Directors - Nancy Burt, Beth Cullison, Jim Draper, Rance Farrell and Lee Lange. They will be sworn in at the January 2014 General Meeting.

**Introduction of Our Guest Speaker:** John Ady gave a brief intro of our illustrious speaker Dr Alexander White, MD. We are honored to have Dr White with us today to share a (small) portion of his life's exploits.

Dr White is a Polish Holocaust survivor, a member of the famous Schindler's List. He survived the war while 34 members of his family did not. After the war he attended medical school in Munich, moved to the U.S. and joined the U S Army Medical Corps. After leaving the Army he became an associate professor of medicine at the Chicago Medical School and practiced there for 40 years. He is now retired and living in Scottsdale. Dr White is a published author of his holocaust memoirs and shares his experiences, both good and bad, with a first hand glimpse into the true evil of a small portion of society. It should be mentioned that Dr White has long lived up to his father's admonition to "Be a Mensch"!

**50/50 Raffle:** \$115.00 was added to the Scholarship Fund and \$110.00 was awarded to 6 members with lucky raffle numbers.

**Monthly Luncheon Drawing:** This month's winner was Dan Germond; he will receive a free lunch at the December Holiday Meeting

**Closing:** Rob Welch asks members to contribute to the Chapter "Spare a Buck" program to help Ron Green purchase water for our local area homeless veterans.

Rob offers a heartfelt thank you to our guest speaker, Dr Alexander White, for joining us this afternoon.

Please join us for our December Holiday Meeting on December 14.

**Adjournment:** 1410 hours