



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



MINUTES OF DECEMBER 14, 2013 GENERAL MEETING, ARIZONA CHAPTER MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, AZ. President Rob Welch called the meeting to order at 1145 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. A special military toast was offered to honor the President of the United States, Members of the Armed Forces, Our Fallen Warriors and Spouses.

**Members Present:** President Rob Welch welcomed all present; members, invited guests, new members and auxiliary members. Total present: 75

**Annual Meritorious Service Awards (MSA):** Jim Cullison, 1VP & MSA Committee Chair, announced the recipients of our 2013 MSA awards. Rob Welch presented the awards to John Ady, Nancy Burt, Arlene Day, Leonore Hoak and JoAnn Roscher for their clearly outstanding service to our chapter.

**5 Star Level of Excellence Award (LOE):** Rob Welch received our chapter's 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive 5 Star LOE at MOAA's annual meeting. The award streamer was attached to our chapter's flag by immediate past President John Ady.

**President's Announcements:** The Chapter's new name tags are available for order @ \$5.00 per person; the new tags are lightweight with large print, allowing for much easier reading, and have a stronger magnet.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Bill Roscher reported a grand total of \$23,922.31; General Fund \$9,692.15; Scholarship Fund \$14,130.16 and Petty Cash \$100.00

**Membership:** Dave Fleming reported a total Chapter membership of 232. The 4<sup>th</sup> quarter of 2013 has shown a growth of 39 new members. Dave reminds members that the early dues payment discount will expire at the end of December; he urges those who have not paid their membership dues to take advantage of the discount. Our Chapter is ranked #2 in its category nationwide with National MOAA.

**Holiday Festivities:** The Dickens Carolers provided some wonderful holiday music and a special holiday luncheon was served. The annual "grand finale" was the Chapter's much anticipated Chinese Auction. Gifts were donated by the Board of Directors; a total of \$295.00 auction raffle tickets were sold with 100% donated to the Scholarship Fund. Special thanks to Arlene Day for all her hard work in helping to make this event so enjoyable.

**Reminder:** The next Board of Director's Meeting is Thursday, January 2, 2014 and the next Chapter Meeting is Saturday, January 18, 2014.

**Closing Remarks:** President Rob Welch reported that Doug Gray donated 2 ASU men's basketball tickets; they were raffled off for \$25.00 and the money added to the Scholarship Fund. The day's water collection for homeless veterans was \$72.00.

Rob and the Board of Directors wish you all a happy holiday season and a healthy and safe New Year.

**Adjournment:** 1400 hours

Respectfully submitted,

Leonore K. Hoak  
Secretary