



**THE ARIZONA CHAPTER**  
**Military Officers Association of America**  
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**Minutes of the January 18, 2014 General Meeting, AZ Chapter MOAA**

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale. President Rob Welch called the meeting to order at 1145 hours opening with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation.

**Members Present:** President Rob Welch welcomed all members and guests present; total attendance was 53.

**President Rob Welch's Announcements:**

- Rob introduced Chapter member Carol Culbertson who kindly brought collector copies of a lithograph of famous Navy Torpedo Squadron 8 from the Battle of Midway; Carol offered the copies free to all in attendance
- Dan Conway will be the guest speaker at the January 28 meeting of the AUSN
- Please keep the Chapter's past president Jim Siedel in your thoughts and prayers; Jim is currently suffering through some tough times
- A special welcome to guest speaker Admiral James A. Symonds and his wife Ann
- As Rob prepares to turn the gavel over to new Chapter President Jim Cullison, he thanks everyone for their continued support

**Induction of 2014 Chapter Officer's:** Jim Cullison, President; John Ady, Past President; Frank Hoak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Bill Roscher, Treasurer; Leonore Hoak, Secretary; Arlene Day, Arrangement Chair and members of the Board of Directors Beth Cullison, Jim Draper and Lee Lange.

**New President's Greeting:** Jim Cullison thanks immediate Past President Rob Welch for all his efforts on behalf of the Chapter. Jim states he is honored to follow in some great people's wake and asks for the continued assistance of the Board and Chapter members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bill Roscher reports that the Chapter has a current grand total of \$25,160.94; general fund is \$10,158.16, scholarship fund is \$14,902.78, petty cash is \$100.00

**2014 Golf Tournament Update:** Pat Dale urges all members – both golfers and non-golfers – to mark the May 1, 2014 date on their calendars to support this major fund raiser for the Chapter scholarship fund. Golfers will have a 0800 shotgun start at the Rio Verde Golf Course in Fountain Hills; it will be a standard handicap tournament. Non-golfers can show their support by attending the noon luncheon. This is an opportunity to support the Chapter, add to the scholarship fund coffers, have fun and win prizes! We need sponsors, players, day of event helpers, etc. If you would like to get involved, please contact Pat at [patrickdale1@cox.net](mailto:patrickdale1@cox.net) or call 480-661-5204. Cost of golf tournament is \$70.00pp including a hamburger lunch; \$15.00pp for those attending the luncheon only.

**Spotlight Speaker:** Jim Cullison introduces Past President COL. John Ady, this month's Spotlight Speaker. With a video presentation by the production team of Schnur & Ady, John takes us on a sentimental journey with him through his entry into Army life at Ft Leonard Wood, Missouri in their World War II wood barracks. He had his doubts while traveling to the base



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listening to the constant screaming of his drill instructors (“is this really what he signed up for???”), but Private Ady managed to make it through boot camp as well as the next 30 years of Army life.

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Frank Hoak gave a brief intro of the day’s speaker, Rear Admiral James A. Symonds. As only 1% of career Naval Officer’s make Admiral, Rear Adm. Symonds is a member of a hallowed group. Among his career achievements: he was a naval aviator, served in operation Desert Shield, was Executive Officer of USS Dwight D. Eisenhower, Commanding Officer of USS Nashville and the USS Ronald Reagan. He led the Reagan’s change of homeport from Norfolk to San Diego, he and his wife Ann were present when Mrs Nancy Reagan christened the ship and he presented the ship’s ceremonial flag to Mrs Reagan at President Reagan’s final resting place in Simi Valley, CA. Admiral Symonds retired in 2010 after 35 years of service in the United States Navy.

A new interest of the Admiral’s is his golf program for combat veterans “Golf for Warriors”. The program offers free golf clubs and lessons for vets, a form of palliative therapy.

**50/50 Raffle:** A total of \$145.00 in raffle tickets were sold, \$70.00 was raffled to the members, \$40.00 was offered back to the coffers so the scholarship fund has an additional \$115.00

**President’s Closing Remarks:**

- Please remember to “spare a buck” for the water for veterans
- The new style name tags may be ordered for \$5.00 per person – please see Bill Roscher to order
- Remember to take your litho copy provided by Carol Culbertson
- Again, our thanks to Rob Welch for his years of service to the Chapter. Rob will continue as the Chapter Webmaster and head the Scholarship Committee
- The next General Meeting will be on Saturday, February 15, 2014. The Guest Speaker will be Captain George Burk USAF (Ret), Vietnam veteran, sole plane crash survivor and motivational speaker

**Adjournment:** 1420

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