



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
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Minutes of March 15, 2014 General Meeting, AZ Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the General Membership was held on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club in Scottsdale. President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1150 hours opening with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation.

Members Present: President Cullison welcomed all members and their guests present; total attendance was 48.

Financial Report: Jim Cullison reports this month for Treasurer Bill Roscher. Current grand total is \$28,949.68; general fund has \$13,336.66; scholarship fund has \$15,613.02; petty cash has \$100.00.

President's Chapter Report:

- Our Chapter will join with the MOAA Superstition Chapter for the July 20, 2014, Diamondbacks vs Chicago Cubs baseball game. More info to follow from the Superstition Chapter. We had a great time last year at the game so mark your calendars!
- Ron Green continues to collect water donations for MANA House, 65 cases so far this year. He is also accepting donations of much needed towels, blankets, pillows, sheets, soaps and toiletry items.
- Ron Perkins has a request from President Rob Welch of the UAV; Rob would like to change the name from the (Unified) to the (United) Arizona Veterans (UAV). A motion was made by Arlene Day and seconded by Frank Hoak for a show of hands "vote" by members present.

Introduction of Spotlight Speaker: President Jim Cullison introduced this month's member in the spotlight Lee Lange, Col USMC (Ret). Lee gave us a look at his time with the 2nd Marine Division during Desert Storm where he served as their Weapons Employment Officer. He also worked with the U S Army 2nd Div. (20,00 Marines and Soldiers) on the "highway of death" between Iraq and Kuwait. Simply put, Lee stated "we were there to do a job, which was to drive Iraq out of Kuwait, so that's what we did!!!"

Introduction of Guest Speaker: COL Rance Farrell introduced the day's speaker, BG USA (Ret) Pete Palmer. Pete is the Director of the EDGE Innovation Network at General Dynamics in Mesa. The EDGE program brings together government, industry, education and business members to develop new and improve current C-4 (command, control, computer and communications) systems. This program allows for the rapid development and prompt delivery of new, cutting edge technologies to first responders and military commanders in the field. Pete certainly earned his rate of "Jedi Knight"!



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50/50 Scholarship Fund Raffle: Beth Cullison reports a total of \$173.00 raffle tickets sold at today's meeting; \$88.00 for the scholarship fund and \$85.00 (\$40 & \$45) member raffle.

Model Raffle: Mark Day generously donated four deluxe plane model kits (USAF & Navy) from his personal collection as additional raffle items. Four members were most appreciative of their unexpected winnings!

Scholarship Fund Annual Golf Tournament: Please mark your calendars for our May 1 golf tournament at the Rio Verde Golf Course in Fountain Hills. This is the major fund raising event for our scholarship fund; we need the support of all members to make it a rousing success. All information and sign up forms are in *The Sentinel*. For additional info please contact Pat Dale at 480-661-5204.

Renewal of Membership Dues: We are fast approaching the March 31, 2014 deadline for Chapter dues renewal. Please contact Dave Fleming at 480-248-6012 if you need any additional information.

James Bond Night, Wednesday, May 14th: Sign up flyers are on each table for the upcoming AFIO AZ Chapter Scholarship Fund Raiser. The scholarship helps to support students at ASU in their defense and security studies. It's a fun night of Bond Girls, Aston Martin's, Live Entertainment, Dancing, Dinner and Shaken Not Stirred Martini's!! If interested, please RSVP to 0072014@AFIOAZ.ORG.

Next General Meeting: Saturday, April 12. This is a date change to the second Saturday rather than the third due to the Easter and Passover Holidays. Please make your reservations this month to Beth Cullison at cullison30@q.net or call 602-482-3838 no later than April 8th.

Adjournment: 1350 hours