



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



Minutes of the April 12, 2014 General Meeting, AZ Chapter MOAA

A luncheon meeting of the general membership was held on Saturday, April 12, 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 in attendance was 53.

Treasurer's Report: Reading of the Treasurer's Report was waived for the month; Bill Roscher has just returned from his 60th Anniversary celebration cruise and will update the financials for next month's meeting. Bill donated \$100.00 to the Chapter scholarship fund to thank Marie Fredricks and Beth Cullison for their hard work in his absence.

President's Chapter Report:

- MOAA Communication Awards - our Chapter has won 2nd place for our website and monthly newsletter *The Sentinel*
- Please be aware that 100 tickets for the July 20th Diamondback Baseball Game will be on a first come/first serve basis and will go quickly; please get your ticket request in early
- Name Tags – you may order a new style name tag from Terry Tassin, please give him the proper spelling of your name and your rank, cost is \$5.00pp
- Chapter Golf Tournament, May 1, Rio Verde Golf Club – please come and support your Chapter's scholarship fund raiser. Pat Dale still has space for players, sponsors and guests for lunch. It is a really fun day; lots of laughs, prizes and comradery!
- Chapter member Doug Grey has put hand outs from the DAV and Korean War Veterans on the side table; please avail yourself of the information
- Chapter member Dan Germond has placed hand outs on each table for his Glendale Rotary Club luncheon on April 23, noon – 330pm. There will be a special tribute to WWII veterans, spouses and America's military
- Rob Welch has new Chapter shirts for sale at \$32.00 each (including tax & scholarship fund donation); color choice is either black or white. These are very high quality shirts that normally retail for \$60.00. Please see Rob to order yours
- A special thank you to Arlene Day for providing the beautiful Easter table decorations and treats

Spotlight Speaker: Col.Chuck Schluter gave this month's talk on his 28 year military career. Chuck started his service in the U S Navy aboard the amphibious ship USS COLONIAL/LSD 18 with the apt motto "large or small we haul all"! His transport duty included moving sailors, marines, equipment, small ships and even transferring ships to Acapulco for the Olympic trials! Chuck kindly supplied a visual aid to show how the ship transport was accomplished!! When Chuck ended his naval career as a 2nd Class Petty Officer (E5), he started his new career as an E3 in the CT National Guard.



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Leadership Award: Unbeknownst to Col Schluter, Col Rob Welch nominated him for a MOAA National Leadership Award for his many years of service. Rob reads the award letter from Admiral Ryan to Chuck.

ESGR Overview: A DOD Agency, the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve, is the backbone that allows the 15,000 guard and reserve members living or drilling in AZ to serve their country. Their motto is "We All Serve". There are over 144,000 employers in the State supporting our troops. Please go to ESGR.org for more info and to volunteer

Recognition of this year's ESGR Nominees: Lawrence 'Butch' Wise – Executive Director AZ ESGR announces this year's area patriots who have gone over and above the requirements by law to offer support to local guard and reserve members. Butch is assisted by Chuck Schluter – AZ ESGR Employer Outreach Director/Director of AZ ESGR Training and Steve Yamamouri - Central Area Chairman AZ ESGR

This year's employers & their nominators are:

95 and Sunny: Lindsay Anderson, nominator LT Matthew Harvey, USA Corps of Engineers.

Intel: Jason Saavedra & Mrs Saavedra, nominator Maj Robert Polston, Army National Guard

Walmart: Ms Laurie Darr , nominator is PFC Eugena Malvo, U S Army Reserve (currently deployed)

Maricopa County Sherriff: Sgt Joyce Miller, nominator ABH2 Jeremy Smith, U S Navy (Avn Boatswains Mate 2nd Class PO)

Butch also thanks the AZ Chapter MOAA for hosting the awards luncheon

Scholarship Raffle: Marie Fredricks reports a total of \$111.00 in ticket sales at today's luncheon; two members received \$27.00 each and the scholarship fund received \$57.00.

Next General Meeting: Saturday, May 17, 2014

Adjournment: 1355