



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

Military Officers Association of America

Arizona's First Chapter



Minutes of the November 15, 2014 Arizona Chapter MOAA General Meeting

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

Members Present: President Cullison welcomed all members and guests present; total in attendance was 59

President's Chapter Announcements:

- ❖ The Council of Chapters had their semi-annual meeting in Flagstaff on November 13 & 14. Chapter members Jim Cullison, Gary Fredricks, Lee Lange and Ron Perkins were in attendance. Ron was sworn in as the new Council President and Lee as the new Treasurer
- ❖ Many of our regular Chapter members are "missing" from today's luncheon – they are playing golf at the Rance Farrell Memorial Golf Tournament at Luke AFB

Election of 2015 Officers:

- ❖ A call to vote for the 2015 Chapter Officer nominees; President - James Cullison USAF, 1st VP – Dave Fleming USAF, 2nd VP – Lee Lange USMC, Secretary – Leonore Hoak, Navy Spouse, Treasurer – Charles Bitner USAF, Immediate Past President – Rob Welch USA, Directors – John Ady USA, Nancy Burt USA, Beth Cullison, USAF Spouse, Jim Draper USN, Frank Hoak III USN. All present voted and passed the slate of nominees as presented

Spotlight Speaker: This month's spotlight speaker was Chapter member Dr Paul Schnur, USA and one of this year's inductees into the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame. Dr Schnur was sent to Germany after completing his basic medical field service school in San Antonio TX in 1964. He served U S service members and their families in their depot facility along the Rhine River. While selected to be the head medical officer in charge of the NATO War Games Mobile Medical/Surgical Unit, he became quite famous for his rendition of the Burl Ives song *The Ballad of Private Rodger Young!*

Introduction of Guest Speaker: President Jim Cullison gave a short bio of the day's speaker, Major Raymond Chester Jr, Commander, 56th Communication Squadron at Luke AFB. Luke is in charge of the education and training of the new F-35 fighter pilots, Intel specialists, crew staff and battle managers at Luke. The F35 is a fifth generation of aircraft; it has the most advanced electronics system and the highest level of stealth with entirely interior weapons. The F-35's will become the new "warfighter" for pilots in the Air Force, Navy and Marines who will "control the skies to support ground troops". There are 9 partner nations working with the U.S. and Lockheed on the F-35's and all but the British will have their pilots trained at Luke. Pilots will be trained in flight simulators which are currently being developed at Luke and they will eventually be sent to Hill AFB when fully operational. Major Chester was able to provide great info and insight on the newest fighter's based at Luke.

Scholarship Raffle: Total ticket sales \$141.00; \$68.00 was awarded in 3 drawings and \$73.00 went to the Scholarship Fund

Next Meeting: the annual Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 13, McCormick Ranch Golf Club. Please remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy for the annual Toys for Tots collection

Adjournment: 1400 hours