Call to Order: Chapter President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1030 hours, Thursday, January 8, 2015 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: John Ady, Charlie Bitner, Jim Cullison, Dave Fleming, Frank Hoak, Leonore Hoak, Lee Lange, Bill Roscher

President’s Announcements:
- The StandDown for Homeless Vets will be February 12-14, 2015, please sign up to assist.
- There will be a Wounded Warrior vs retired NFL players on Wednesday, January 28 and we have been offered complimentary tickets. Please let Jim Cullison know if you’re interested in attending.
- Outgoing Treasurer Bill Roscher will administer the Oath of Office to the 2015 Chapter Officers at the January 17th membership meeting.
- The January meeting will be uniform optional. Please consider wearing your uniform or medals as a show of support.
- Patriotic Gala – Saturday, March 21 at Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale, tickets are $55pp until February 16. Gala honors individuals and companies that support our veteran community; offers scholarships to students who have volunteered and worked with local veteran organizations.

OFFICER & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretary’s Report: The December 2014 meeting minutes have not been finalized.

Treasurer’s Report: Bill Roscher reports the General Fund has $8,450.41; the Scholarship Fund has $18,161.95; the Change Fund has $100.00 for a Grand Total of $26,713.36.

Membership: Dave Fleming reports that the total membership is at 197; 165 Regular/32 Auxiliary. Current renewal is at 50% as of January 6; Dave will be following up with more emails to our unpaid members with an eye to the March 2015 deadline for renewals.

Arrangements: Arlene Day has nothing to report; all upcoming meetings are set with McCormick Ranch.

Auxiliary & Wives: Nancy Burt has nothing to report this month.

Council of Chapters: Ron Perkins has nothing to report this month; COC dues of $173.50 to be paid.

ESGR: Chuck Schluter has nothing to report this month.

JROTC SCHOLARSHIP FUND: Rob Welch advises that he is preparing for the 2015 scholarship letters to be sent out in late January.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Please review Gary Fredricks informative article in The Sentinel for current info.

MSVA/MANA HOUSE LIASION: Ron Green will provide a year-end report on last year’s use of the monetary donation fund sent by the Chapter.

Newsletter: Jim Cullison reported due to the new computer program and new printer, The Sentinel was distributed two days late.
Personal Affairs: Lee Lange asks that you review his monthly article in The Sentinel; important info on security issues and the upcoming MOAA rewrite of survivor benefits

Programs: John Ady has Captain David Price from the ASU ROTC program set for the January meeting; Flora Jessop, escaped fundamentalist LDS member, confirmed for the February meeting; March is Dr Connie Mariano, Ret.Vice Admiral, USN and former White House Doctor; April is pending but he is working with Congressman Schweikert's office to try to fit in his schedule; May is the ROTC Awards luncheon currently without a speaker. John has Dr Randy Grogh, civilian aide to the Secretary of the Army, as a possible speaker for our September meeting and the October annual picnic has no speaker

Public Affairs: Mark Day has nothing to report

Spotlight Speakers: Frank Hoak reports that January will be Marie Fredricks, our first spouse in the spotlight; February will be Charlie Bitner; no speaker in March because of our guest speaker Dr Mariano; April will be Mark Day. As always, we are looking for new members to share a few moments of their military exploits

Transition Liaison: Jim Draper has no report this month

Webmaster: Rob Welch reports that our site is current

OLD BUSINESS

- Flag Disposal – John Ady is contacting Pat Dale for his input/advice
- 2015 Activities/Priorities – Dave Fleming suggests that the $500.00 from National MOAA be earmarked for education and sent to the Chapter’s scholarship fund; a motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Leonore Hoak and passed by all present to continue the Chapter’s $50.00 per month donation to the Veterans Home for Bingo prizes and refreshments
- Golf Tournament – schedule may change from Spring to Fall; Pat Dale to advise

NEW BUSINESS

- AZ MOAA Chapter Corporate Resolution – incoming Treasurer Charlie Bitner requests that a new resolution be signed by the Chapter Secretary and added to Chapter records; a motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Lee Lange and passed by all present to proceed
- AZ Veterans Hall of Fame – consider your choices, nominations are due no later than March 31
- MOAA Communication Awards – submissions are due by February 1. Jim is submitting three: The Sentinel, a legislative report and the chapter website
- BOD Meetings – a suggestion was made for the Chapter BOD to consider possibly meeting pre/post the general meeting, this would free up a day for the BOD. Jim Cullison will consider the feasibility of making the change and present at a future BOD meeting
- Change of Luncheon Meeting Dates – suggestion was made to look for alternate dates; Jim Cullison will research and report
- January Greeters – Beth Cullison and Leonore Hoak
- Bill Roscher turned in his 2014 year end Chapter financial report; a motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Dave Fleming and passed by all present to accept the report. Bill reports we have a balanced account and finances are in good shape; the BOD offers Bill a special thank you for a job well done
- Chuck Schluter has a friend who has offered the Chapter a private tour of his personal garage with many restored vintage cars and other auto memorabilia either pre or post the Chapter meeting on the 3rd Saturday of the month; we will talk to Chuck and see if this could possibly become a summer outing for the Chapter
Frank Hoak will call on the local Sea Cadet unit and see if the Chapter can offer any assistance.

Chapter flags, wreath and meeting décor – the Chapter is looking for a volunteer to assist with storage and set-up; John Ady will talk to local storage units for sizes and fees.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- A limited number of free tickets are available for the Barrett-Jackson Auto Show in Scottsdale; day restrictions apply.
- John Ady suggests that special attention be offered to members who are hesitant to attend meetings because of their rank.

Adjournment: 1145 hours