



**THE ARIZONA CHAPTER**  
**Military Officers Association of America**  
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Minutes of January 17, 2015 Arizona Chapter MOAA General Membership Meeting

A luncheon meeting of the general membership was held on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale AZ. President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1145 hours and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation

**Members Present:** President Cullison welcomed all members and guests present; guests were introduced by their table captains; total in attendance was 65

**Member announcements:**

- ❖ Pat Dale announced this year's scholarship fund golf tournament will be at Stonecreek Golf Club in Phoenix on Thursday, April 23. Hold the date, consider being a \$25 hole sponsor and/or getting a friend/business to do so, play golf or join us for lunch. More info will follow
- ❖ Gene Rafanelli has brought flyers for the Arizona Hall of Fame Patriotic Gala honoring local companies and individuals that have supported the local veteran community. Consider joining the worthwhile festivities on Saturday evening, March 21 at Chaparral Suites, Scottsdale & Chaparral Roads, 5:30p – 9:00p; tickets are \$55.00pp until Feb 16

**President's Chapter Announcements:**

- ❖ AZ Hall of Fame – nominations for this year's nominees are due by March 31; consider a person(s) worthy of consideration and advise President Jim Cullison
- ❖ AZ Veteran StandDown – February 12-14, you may go online to [arizonastanddown.org](http://arizonastanddown.org) for info and to register. Please consider volunteering for this worthy event; anyone who registers to assist should also advise President Jim Cullison
- ❖ Wounded Warrior Amputees vs Arizona's NFL Alumni – Event sponsor Humana is offering free tickets to MOAA members and their guests. The Game of Honor is on Wednesday evening, January 28 from 6 – 9pm at Shadow Mountain High School, 2902 E. Shea Blvd, Phoenix. All proceeds benefit the WWAFT and other veterans programs in the state of Arizona. Let Jim Cullison know if you are interested in attending
- ❖ TPC Phoenix Open Golf Tournament – free tickets are available to all military members; this includes food and drink at the special *Birdies for the Brave* tent; sign up is free online; you may bring a guest/spouse

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Bitner reports the general fund has \$8,377.00, the scholarship fund has \$18, 281.95 and petty cash has \$100.00. This meeting's raffle ticket sales totaled \$152.00, half will be put in the scholarship fund and half raffled to members later in program

**Spotlight Speaker:** Marie Fredricks shared 25 years of memories of her life as an Air Force spouse. Through good times and through sad, children's births, friends deaths, 18 moves in 25 years, the Vietnam War, separations, overseas assignments and her active social life with other AF wives - Marie has managed to survive it all with humor and with grace. She has also managed to succeed in a 55 year marriage to Gary! Let's hear it for all the spouses who also served!!!



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**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Captain Frank Hoak introduced the day's guest speaker Captain David Price; 1985 United States Naval Academy graduate, P-3 pilot, Iraq War veteran and commander of one of the Navy's largest NROTC units here at ASU. David heads the 4 ½ year old program at ASU and has great admiration for this current generation of men and women training to serve their country. His mission is to assist NROTC students to develop morally, mentally and physically and he feels that his cadets are up to the task. Last year there were seven Navy and Marine Officers commissioned from his program; this year there will be 26! Captain Price believes "we are creating and training amazing Naval Officers here in the Sonoran Desert; they are usually inspired by a family member who served in the military and they are every bit as good as my generation".

**Next Chapter Meeting:** the next meeting will be on February 21, 2015 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club; please remember the deadline for reservations is the Tuesday prior to date (2/17)

Adjournment: 1400 hours