



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



Minutes of March 14, 2015 Arizona Chapter MOAA General Membership Meeting  
McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, Arizona

A luncheon meeting of the general membership was held on Saturday, March 14, 2015 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

**President's Chapter Announcements:**

- RUSCONI's American Kitchen – Brunch, Sunday, April 26, 10AM – 2PM – this is a fund raiser for our scholarship fund. Come join us for a great meal while supporting our scholarship fund! Rusconi's will donate 20% of your bill (less tip/tax); you can order off the menu so you'll get exactly what you want; advance reservations required and you need to tell them it's for AZ MOAA Chapter Brunch. Flyers are on your table with additional info. Save the date!!!
- AUSA Awards Luncheon – Sunday, March 29 – come and help them honor the military, ROTC cadets and their corporate sponsors
- Our next chapter luncheon meeting will be on Saturday, April 18 – final reservations are due to Charlie Bitner no later than Tuesday, April 14

**Members Present:** President Cullison welcomed all members and guests present; guests were introduced by their table captains; total in attendance was 58

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Bitner reports there is \$8900.00 in the general fund, \$18,694.84 in the scholarship fund and \$100.00 in petty cash; today's raffle sales totaled \$140.00 so there will be two drawings of \$35.00 each

**Member Announcements:**

- Pat Dale is working hard on arrangements for this year's golf outing and scholarship fund raiser – flyers are on each table and in *The Sentinel* – Thursday, April 23 at Stonecreek Golf Club. Mark your calendars and come for a day of fun, food, prizes and camaraderie. Hole sponsorship is \$25.00 – consider being a sponsor or finding a sponsor!

**Introduction of Speaker:** CAPT Carol Culbertson introduces her friend and today's guest speaker, Dr Connie Mariano, RADM, USN (Ret). Dr Connie was born in the Philippines, raised in Hawaii while her father served in the U S Navy, attended the Uniformed Services University School of Medicine and served 24 years in the U S Navy. She is the first military woman to become a White House Doctor and to serve three Presidents; the first woman Director of the White House Medical Unit; the first Filipino-American in history to become a Rear Admiral in the U S Navy. As Dr Connie likes to say "it's the journey that defines us, because it's not where you start, it's where you end up that truly matters" and she's gone from "underdog to top dog"!

**Adjournment:** 1355