



# THE ARIZONA CHAPTER

## Military Officers Association of America

### Arizona's First Chapter



Minutes of the September 19, 2015 Arizona Chapter MOAA General Membership Meeting  
McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, Arizona

A luncheon meeting of the general membership was held on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale AZ. President Jim Cullison called the meeting to order at 1140 hours; Posting of the Colors was done by the Veterans Pride Chapter U. S. Naval Sea Cadets; the meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and invocation

#### President's Chapter Announcements:

- Two Chapter members are being inducted into the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame this year – COL. John Ady (USA) and COL. William Roscher (USA). Please join in their celebration at the October 23, 2015 luncheon ceremony. See *The Sentinel* for details
- September 18, 2015 was the 68<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the U S Air Force

#### Member Announcements:

- Ron Green continues to pick up and deliver water to the local homeless veterans; he is also working with his Church and several local sponsors to provide sleeping bags, clothes and back packs filled with essentials
- Sandra Waldmann was in attendance and gave an update on the medical condition of her husband; Dr Edward Waldmann, Captain USN (Retired), is in Hospice Care for his 2nd time
- Dean Tomlinson, Commanding Officer of the Veterans Pride Chapter, U. S. Naval Sea Cadets, gave a brief intro of his cadets and an update on his plans to take members of his group to the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Ceremonies at Pearl Harbor on December 7, 2016. Our MOAA Chapter presented Dean with a donation check for \$500.00 as a thank you for their years of service to the local veteran community
- Gary Fredricks brings greetings from Marie and an update on her condition; she is starting another round of chemo and though incredibly difficult, her spirits are up and she is very optimistic; she thanks all of us for our cards, letters and prayers (let's keep up the good work!!)
- Chapter member Carol Culbertson invites ALL service members to join in celebrating the Navy's 240<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the Navy Ball on Saturday, October 10

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Bitner reports the general fund has \$7,037.00, the scholarship fund has \$17,741.00 and Petty Cash has \$200.00. Today's scholarship raffle will be for \$45.00

**Members Present:** President Cullison welcomed all members and guests present; guests were introduced by their table captains; total in attendance was 48

**Spotlight Speaker:** MAJ Janet Stultz, USA (Retired) gave good insight into her varied career; and how through perseverance and determination she became a pioneer in Army aviation. Told she was too short to reach her goal of being a helicopter pilot, Janet applied and was accepted into OTS. As Army rules evolved, she was eventually able to reapply and attain her goal of flying helos. A good lesson in "if at first you don't succeed ....."

**Introduction of Speaker:** President Jim Cullison gives a brief intro of today's speaker, LT Gennaro Buonocore, USN, whose wide and varied career speaks for itself. Born and raised in Italy, LT Buonocore served with the Italian Armed Forces in Iraq and Afghanistan prior to his U. S. Naval service. In his civilian life he is a senior capital markets specialist with 24 years of international investment banking and wealth management; he speaks Italian, French, Spanish, English and "conversational" Persian Tajik and is currently assigned to SEAL Team Seventeen in CA as their Public Affairs Officer. He is a lecturer in Threat Finance, ISIS and has written several books



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on the Islamist phenomenon in Europe and the U.S. LT Buonocore provided an entertaining and informative talk

**Next Chapter Meeting:** Our annual Chapter picnic at Stillman Railroad Park will be on Saturday, October 17. This is an informal, fun event with great food, entertainment and comradery. Invite a friend; it's a great opportunity to entice new members!

**Adjournment: 1405**