



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



Minutes of the November 14, 2015 Arizona Chapter MOAA General Meeting  
McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, Arizona

A luncheon meeting of the general membership was held on Saturday, November 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

**Members Present:** President Cullison welcomed all members and guests present; total in attendance 57

**President's Announcements:**

- Our Chapter just finished hosting the AZ Council of Chapters at the Chaparral Suites in Scottsdale for their semi-annual meeting; attendees and many of their spouses were able to enjoy our local hospitality
- The Chapter has received our 5 Star Banner of Excellence award from national MOAA
- Our collection of items for local veterans is ongoing; we are actively soliciting for new or gently used sleeping bags, blankets, sheets, towels. Personal hygiene items are also in demand – soap, toothpaste/brushes, combs, shampoo, razors, etc. The collection box is on the sign in table for your monetary donations that allows the Chapter to purchase water for our homeless veterans

**Treasurer's Report:** Charlie Bitner reports the general fund has \$7174.00, the scholarship fund has \$18597.00 and petty cash has \$200.00. Today's scholarship fund raffle will be for two \$50.00 drawings

**Candidates for AZ Chapter MOAA Officers 2016:** Dave Fleming/President; Lee Lange/1<sup>st</sup> vice President; Ron Bright/2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; Paul Schnur/Secretary, Charlie Bitner/Treasurer; Jim Cullison/Immediate Past President; Directors – Donna Bright, Beth Cullison, Jim Draper, Bruce Kosaveach and Janet Stultz. A motion was made by John Ady, seconded by Bruce Kosaveach and passed by all present to accept the new slate of Officers

**Meritorious Service Awards:** President Cullison presents this year's awards to Chapter members Dave Fleming, Charlie Bitner, Lee Lange, Frank Hoak and Leonore Hoak

**Introduction of Guest Speaker:** Jim Cullison gives a warm welcome to COL Barry Wright, MOAA National Director of Council and Chapter Affairs. Barry has warm praise and thanks for Arizona MOAA Chapters and their accomplishments for the organization; this is the second year that every AZ Chapter has won Level of Excellence Awards. He was able to recap an active year at MOAA – from Storming the Hill to military benefits/cuts to Tricare fees – Barry touched on MOAA's many goals and ongoing programs to support veterans. He closed his presentation by awarding three challenge coins to Chapter members Jim Cullison, Gary Fredricks and Ron Perkins

**Next Meeting:** Our Holiday Party and Chinese Auction will be on Saturday, December 12.  
PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR UNWRAPPED GIFTS FOR OUR TOYS FOR TOTS ANNUAL COLLECTION

**Adjournment:** 1345 hours