



**THE ARIZONA CHAPTER**  
**Military Officers Association of America**  
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**Minutes of the February 20, 2016 Arizona Chapter of MOAA General Meeting**

**McCormick Ranch Golf Club Scottsdale Arizona.**

The February 2016 meeting and luncheon of the general membership of the Arizona Chapter of MOAA was held on Saturday, February 20 2016 at McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale Arizona.

Dave Fleming opened the meeting at 11:50 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance followed by an invocation.

**Members present:** 56 people attended the luncheon today, and all guests were recognized. Ron Perkins stood and proposed a toast to our surviving spouse members in attendance.

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all.

**Treasurer's report:** Charlie Bitner, Treasurer, reported the Scholarship Fund is currently at \$19,499.94, General Fund at \$6,792.74 plus \$200 in petty cash for making change for raffle tickets & lunch, for a total of \$26,492.68. We took in \$141 for the raffle today and two \$35 winners will be drawn leaving \$71 for the Scholarship Fund.

**President's Announcements and Special Presentation:**

John Ady donated two tickets to an upcoming Cubs spring training game which was being auctioned off to Chapter members. Lee Lange had the winning bid and bought the tickets for \$100, which will go into our chapter's general fund.

Susan Farrell, Surviving Spouses Liaison, attended with six Surviving Spouses.

Golf Chairman Pat Dale gave a brief overview of our upcoming golf tournament to raise funds for the Scholarship Fund. The golf tournament is set for Thursday, April 21, at *Stone Creek Golf Club*. Even if you don't golf you can participate by sponsoring a hole or coming for a fabulous Italian buffet lunch. Specific details are available in the flyer recently distributed via email, on our chapter website, and on Facebook. This is our chapter's main fundraiser for the scholarship fund, so please bring your friends and participate to make it the best tournament ever.

The Naval Order of the United States is sponsoring a free history program featuring MOAA member Frank Hoak, to be held on February 23rd at the *Old Spaghetti Factory*, 1418 N. Central Avenue, Phoenix. Frank's talk is titled "Ten Days in North Korea: August 2015". RSVP or for more information contact Carol Culbertson, [carolculbertson@earthlink.net](mailto:carolculbertson@earthlink.net) or call Carol on [602-799-9480](tel:602-799-9480).



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Bruce Kosaveach introduced our guest speaker, Joan Fudala a Scottsdale historian and author and a former Air Force Public Affairs Officer with nine years active duty. She was named Scottsdale Woman of the Year and has earned numerous awards. Her presentation, "Hollywood Comes to Arizona", provided so many interesting facts and information explaining how Hollywood and the military influenced the evolution of the Valley of the Sun. Her talk covered the Civilian Pilot Training program launched in 1938 and Southwest Airways (not to be confused with Southwest Airlines) and how they impacted many areas around the Valley, including Thunderbird Field, Falcon Field, Scottsdale Airport and Sky Harbor Airport, as well as many other historical facts about Scottsdale and the Valley.

Charlie Bitner awarded \$70 from the 50/50 raffle; two winning tickets were selected for \$35 each.

**President's Closing Remarks:** Dave Fleming reminded all that the March luncheon will be held one week earlier on March 12 so reservations are due no later than March 8th. Paul Schnur will be our featured speaker in March sharing a new movie focused on Mayo Clinic's involvement with the military.

Ron Perkins asked that everyone consider attending the 10th annual Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society Patriotic Gala April 9th. You can sign up on line at [AVHOF.org](http://AVHOF.org).

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM.

Respectively submitted:

Beth Cullison, Past Secretary

Paul Schnur, Secretary