



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



Minutes of the AZ MOAA Chapter Membership April 15, 2023, held at the
McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, AZ

CALL TO ORDER: President Tom Sheets called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Tom led the group in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Lee Lange.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME:

Tom announced that he received an email from National MOAA communicating the 2022 Marvin Harris Communications Awards. There are two communication awards: Newsletter and Website. Of the 450 or more chapters/councils, 134 chapters of the 450 received 152 combined awards. 77 of these were 4 star awards only 57 chapters/council received a 5 star award for *both* their newsletter and website. Our chapter received both 5 Stars award.

NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS RECOGNITION:

Tom recognized new members, prospective members and guests with special emphasis for the ASU ROTC Instructors, their cadet nominees and their guests.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The General Fund has \$9,194.57 and the Scholarship Fund has \$14,252.05. Tom presented Charlie (Treasurer) a check from the SW Veterans Foundation for \$2,333. Charlie discussed that because of a commercial account Wells Fargo would not allow Venmo, however they were exploring other options for members to pay for membership lunches.

LUNCH SERVED

ANNUAL ROTC SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTATION:

Lee Lange presented Cadet Joshua Hitt (Army), Midshipman Joseph Prusack (Navy) and Cadet Kiana Inez (Air Force) each with a scholarship check for \$2,500 and a MOAA challenge coin. Their ASU ROTC service nominators introduced each recipient and then the cadets/midshipman briefly took the podium to tell their story. Tom wrapped up the presentation with a lesson from Admiral Stockdale's speech 'Taking Stock'. Stockdale in a 20 year career said you may have only 1 or maybe 2 opportunities at most for a 'Moment of Magnificence'. Tom challenged the ROTC students 'May you always be preparing yourself for the moment and may you never sell



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yourself short'. Tom followed up with examples of 'moments of magnificence' from Frank Lambert's and Chris Bain's presentations.

Tom introduced the scholarship board, informing the audience of Ron Bright's contribution and drive to make this Scholarship Program really work. Ron died last year and Tom introduced Donna Bright, his wife, who is continuing his legacy in steering the scholarship program.

SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE DRAWING:

Today the scholarship raffle had two \$30 award winners from the membership.

FINAL REMARKS:

GOOD OR THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Legislative Action Center Instructions:

Tom mentioned there were instructional flyers available for how to be an effective participant through the MOAA's Action Center.

Annual Scholarship Fundraising campaign:

Tom kicked off the new Annual Scholarship Fundraising campaign that now starts each year when the ROTC scholarships are awarded in April. Tom and Lisa kicked off the campaign with a donation of \$100 and Jack Farley matched the donation. The campaign will continue to run through to the end of May next year.

D-Backs Baseball Game:

There is a July 30th Diamondback game at Chase field at 1:30PM for the AZ MOAA chapter members. Ticket price is \$42/seat. Jim Cullison will have more details in the next months.

JROTC Awards:

There are 16 JROTC high school programs within the valley. Traditionally, MOAA members present metal MOAA to outstanding cadets and midshipmen who have been selected by their instructors. Jim was looking for additional volunteers to present the MOAA chapters to the deserving students. Jim passed out a spreadsheet where volunteers were needed.

Chapter E-mail Groups:

Steve briefly talked about the group email server and how to send a reply to the sender versus the whole group. Steve also informed the membership that the Sentinel would be coming out May 8th due to his travel schedule.

Membership:



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Bob talked about National MOAA membership and its benefits and asked the guests to consider joining AZ MOAA. He had applications available with him.

Academy Football Games:

Tom invited everyone, including the new ROTC personnel to joining us at the service academy football games later this fall.

NEXT MEETING:

May 20, 2023, at McCormick Ranch
May Duty officer: Carole Litten

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Carole Litten, Secretary

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