



# Joey Strickland

## Director

Arizona Department of Veterans'  
Services

**16 March Guest Speaker**

Director Joey Strickland was appointed to head the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services in July 2008 after serving more than 10 years as the Deputy Secretary and Executive Director of the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, responsible for overseeing five veterans' nursing homes, one state veterans' cemetery and the Department's administrative and claims divisions.

Director Strickland, who is American Indian of Choctaw-Hispanic descent, also served as Louisiana Director of Indian Affairs from 1996 to 2004, and served on several state commissions including the Governor's Military Advisory Board. In May 1995, he was selected from 80 candidates to serve as Louisiana State Director of Troops to Teachers as a member of the Louisiana Governor's personal staff.

At the national level, Director Strickland has served as chairman of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Advisory Committee for Minority Veterans and is a past president of the National Association of State Directors of Veterans Affairs (NASDVA). In 2007, Director Strickland was presented with the "Iron Mike" award by NASDVA in Washington D.C. The "Iron Mike" award is presented to men and women who have demonstrated great leadership in service to our nation's veterans. In March of 2012, Director Strickland, was appointed by VA Secretary Shinseki; to the National Committee for Homeless Veterans. In May of 2012, Director Strickland was one of eleven veterans nationwide selected by the White House as a, "Champion of Change", for his work with the veterans community. For more detailed information see; [azdvs.gov](http://azdvs.gov)

**Arizona MOAA Chapter's  
16 March Luncheon  
McCormick Ranch Club House  
Social Hour 11:00 AM  
Lunch 12:00 AM**

**Please RSVP with the Meal/Meeting Form in the March Sentinel  
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