



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



**Minutes of the AZ MOAA Chapter Membership January 21, 2023, held at the
McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, AZ**

CALL TO ORDER: President Tom Sheets called the meeting to order at 11:45 A. M.

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by David Boyd.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME: Tom welcomed all members to the Chapter's first meeting of 2023.

NEW MEMBERS AND GUESTS RECOGNITION:

Tom recognized all new members and guests.

TRESURERS REPORT:

The General Fund has \$ 8,533.77 and the Scholarship Fund has \$21,389.10.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Membership Update: Our Chapter now has 170 active members.

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS:

MOAA Leadership Awards were presented to Pete Berger, Tom Sheets and Bruce Kosaveach for their outstanding contributions to the chapter and MOAA.

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:

Bruce Kosaveach, Director of Programs, introduced Decker Debus, an accredited VA attorney, Derek is also admitted to practice before the Court of Appeals for Veterans Claims, the Arizona District Court, and before all state courts in New Mexico and Arizona. Prior to joining Stone Rose Law, Derek worked as a prosecutor for one of the largest prosecutorial agencies in the country. Derek attended law school at the Sandra Day O'Connor College of Law, graduating with distinction and recognition as a Trial Advocacy Fellow of the law college.

Derek discussed a variety of VA Benefits we are entitled to including what service disabilities are covered and how to apply

FINAL REMARKS:

Tom Sheets thanked Derek and presented him with a MOAA pen and Challenge Coin.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March Happy Hour – Bruce Kosavech talked about the recruitment Happy Hour at Famous 48 on March 2nd to increase our member engagement and to attract



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new members. Additionally, MOAA National sent out an email blast of this event all Arizona active members on their roster.

March Auction – Tom Sheets reminded everyone to participate in obtaining restaurant gift cards for the March Auction in support of the scholarship Fund.

Cub Spring Training Game ticket auction – John Ady said he would start the bid for a couple of tickets to the March 16th Chicago Cubs Spring Training Game. More details for bidding will be released soon.

Scottsdale Civil War Roundtable: A representative spoke about this group and invited all MOAA members to join a meeting held on the Third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held each month except June-August at the Scottsdale Civic Center Library Auditorium at 1700.

NEXT MEETING:

February 18, 2023

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Carole Litten, Secretary

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