



**THE ARIZONA CHAPTER**  
**Military Officers Association of America**  
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**Minutes of the AZ MOAA Chapter Membership September 16, 2023,**

**11:00 at 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 Miriam Rosa-Cummo.

**PRESIDENT'S WELCOME:**

Tom welcomed all members to the luncheon meeting and welcomed all back from the summer break. Tom talked about the recent death of two valued members: Pat Dale and CAPT Archie Kelly.

AZ MOAA Chapter has received another Five Star Level of Excellence Award from national MOAA and Tom thanked all for the efforts to achieve this award. Tom also announced that in October AZ MOAA will have its 37th member inducted into the AZ Veterans Hall of Fame - CDR Jack Farley. The celebration will occur at the Talking Stick Resort. Attendance registration is available online.

**NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS RECOGNITION:**

Tom recognized new members, prospective members and guests.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

The General Fund has \$8,555.13 and the Scholarship Fund has \$16,818.08. Charlie announced that Carl has set up online AZ MOAA membership and lunch payments through our chapter website. He asked that payees please enter all requested data so that he can identify to whom to credit any payments to.

**LUNCH SERVED**

**INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER**

Steve MacDonald introduced our guest speaker Lt Colonel, USA, (ret) Dana Allmond. Arizona Governor Katie Hobbs tapped Dana Allmond, a retired Army lieutenant colonel, to head the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services. Allmond has over 23 years of active duty service in both the U.S and abroad. She earned a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point in 1994, a graduate degree from the Long Island University Charles William Post Campus in 2002, and a graduate degree from W. P, Carey School of Business, Arizona State University in 2019. As a strong veteran advocate, she is the Chair of the Southern Arizona Veterans Mental health Advocacy Council and member of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System and Family



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Advisory Council. Lt. Colonel Dana Allmond is a mother, wife, veteran, dynamic change agent, and champion for our communities with veteran voices top of her mind. She is focused on providing Class A services to protect the life, limb, health, and welfare of veterans and their families. Her presentation outlined the ADVS Initiatives, Updates, and Future Plan.

Tom thanked Dana and presented her with the AZ MOAA Challenge coin.

Tom reminded the audience of the upcoming Army Navy game: Second Saturday of December, the 9th at Famous 48.

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE DRAWING:**

Today the scholarship raffle had two award winners.

**GOOD OR THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Legislative Action Center Instructions: AZ MOAA members login instructions cheat sheet is available. National MOAA released the national Advocacy Center participation percentage figure of 4.5%. However, 35% of AZ MOAA members have registered and used the Advocacy Center. NDAA is the lead interest item this week. AZ State Council submitted our sign-on guide to National MOAA.

Annual Picnic: Bruce will be back to host the annual picnic and details are available in the Sentinel.

Patriots Ball: Registration number is up to 430 with a few seats still available. The online auction started today even though the Patriots Ball is next Saturday.

Navy Birthday Ball: October 14th at the Marriott Phoenix Chandler Hotel. Navy Birthday - 248 years young.

Pat Dale Celebration of Life: Jack Farley relayed that Pat Dale's Celebration of Life on Monday October 30. Place and time had not yet been established. Check with Jack Farley for updates.

**FINAL REMARKS:**

Dana Allmond added a few additional new initiatives for the ADVS and asked for inputs where additional offices may be needed.

**NEXT MEETING:**

October 14, 2023, McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park Ranch  
September Duty officer: Jim Cullison



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**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:47 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Carole Litten, Secretary

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