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The Military Officer's Association of America
The Arizona Chapter Scottsdale, AZ 85250



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President's Perspective by Bruce Kosaveach



For our last meeting before the summer break (May), we had a very heart-warming and moving presentation given to us by Vanesa Kohnen of the Rancho Milagro Foundation. Vanessa is a Certified Life Coach and Equine Specialist helping veterans, first responders, and victims of child sex trafficking who are suffering from PTSD, moral injury, and/or unresolved grief. Details of her inspiring presentation are on page 9. We were also proud to present her deserving Foundation with \$500 from our chapter as part of our quarterly gift goal to a non-profit organization. Picture on page 9.

For the twentieth consecutive year, the Arizona Chapter of MOAA has received the Five Star (highest achievable) Level of Excellence (LOE) Award, which is based on the chapter's overall performance during the previous year. I presented Tom Sheets with two such LOE awards – 2022 and 2023 – when he was chapter President.

Additionally, the Arizona Chapter was the recipient of two five-star COL Marvin J. Harris Communication Awards:

- For Chapter Website due to the work of Carl Ulbrich, Jireh Communications who is our chapter webmaster.

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FEBRUARY 23,
1929

US ARMY
JUNE 14, 1775

US NAVY
OCT 13, 1775

US MARINE
CORPS
NOV 10, 1775

US COAST
GUARD
AUG 14, 1790

US PUBLIC
HEALTH
SERVICE
JAN 4, 1889

US AIR FORCE
SEP 18, 1947

NATIONAL
OCEANIC AND
ATMOSPHERIC
ADMINISTRATION
OCT 3, 1970

US SPACE
FORCE
DEC 20, 2019

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Chapter Membership

by Bob Fiegl, Chapter 1st VP
and Membership Chair
Fieglr369@gmail.com


Here we are, reaching July already. Summer in Phoenix never passes fast enough for my liking. Hopefully when you read this edition of the Sentinel, you're doing it from the balcony of a cruise ship on a trip to Alaska!

For the first time in some years, our total membership enrollment is dropping below 150. Our chapter has experienced several losses due to deaths and moving to new places. However, the largest number of member losses is about to occur, as over 30 members have yet to pay their 2024-chapter dues. Quick math – that's roughly 20% of our membership! MOAA HQ has been working for months to change to a new Membership Management System. They're slightly behind schedule with this major change. Whenever they come online again, I'll have to submit inputs to remove members who are in arrears on chapter dues. This is a difficult thing for me to do, because so many members work to recruit new members, and those members then become friends. There's no denying our chapter is a socially active organization, and we want to keep our membership

numbers high. The more the merrier, right? Unfortunately, we're headed in the wrong direction. If you have questions regarding your dues status, please write to me about it.

If you're undecided about leaving or remaining in our chapter or in MOAA, I invite you - I urge you - to just take a bit of time to read the latest [Military Officer magazine](#) published by MOAA and refresh your memory about the many great things they've done for all of us over the years. We need MOAA, and MOAA needs us.

Wishing you a great summer with some monsoon rain and cool breezes.

Bob 

Useful Web Links:

[Chapter Home Page](#)

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[Chapter Events](#)

[Chapter News Blog](#)

[National MOAA Website](#)

[MOAA Store](#)

[MOAA Legislative Action Center](#)



ARIZONA CHAPTER MOAA MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL FORM

2024 DUES are payable on JANUARY 1. Dues become DELINQUENT on March 1, 2024.

If you become delinquent, you can still pay your Past Dues by completing your information below and send it with your check — **\$20/year for a Regular Member** or **\$10/year for a Surviving Spouse Member** payable to "AZ Chapter MOAA" and mail to: **Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020.**

Dues for **2023** \$ _____ Dues for **2024** \$ _____

Member OR Surviving Spouse Member _____

Spouse Name _____

Please make any CHANGES to your Contact Information below:

Address: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

[To Renew Online - Click Here!](#)

President's Perspective

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• For Chapter Newsletter, The Sentinel, due to the work of Steve MacDonald, newsletter editor. Pictures are on page 10. All AZ Chapter MOAA and individual awards can be seen on our website: [Chapter Awards - AZMOAA](#).

We also had two chapter members attain the second to highest National MOAA Award - **National MOAA President's Award**. This award is presented to individuals who have made exceptional and continuing outstanding supportive contributions to their chapter, council, or to MOAA. Lee Lange presented these well-deserved awards along with their accolades to:

- Peter Berger, Maj, USAF, Retired.
- Jack Farley, CDR, USN, Retired.

BZ to both Pete and Jack!! Pictures are on page 10.

During our three months of summer break, the Arizona Chapter has three events planned to keep in touch:

- **July 11th** – Happy Hour at Maggiano's (Scottsdale).

- **July 18th** - "Still Serving: Military, Veterans, and Families" event in Anthem.

- **August 11th** – Diamondbacks vs Philadelphia Phillies baseball game.

Starting back up in the fall, our first luncheon will be on September 21st. In the meantime, safe travels on any vacations, stay cool, and enjoy the summer!

Best to all you fine people,

Bruce Kosaveach

President, AZ Chapter MOAA 

Announcements!

In Remembrance

Don Butler, CDR, USCG, (Ret)

Let's keep his family
in our thoughts and prayers.

April 2024 Donations

Scholarship Fund:

Charlie Bitner	\$100
Donna Bright	\$100
SW Veterans Foundation	\$250
Paul Knouse	\$500
Carol Culbertson	\$250
Kathy Upchurch	\$10
General Fund	\$50
(IMO: Don Butler)	
Stephen MacDonald	\$300

Welcome New Member!

Lisa Rutherford
MAJ, USA (Fmr)

**Renew Your Chapter
membership now!**

[CLICK HERE](#)

Vacation Photos, Anyone?

If you have a good photo from your vacation this summer, email it to Steve MacDonald at zoo19@mac.com, and he'll try to get it into the September edition of the Sentinel! Safe travels to all!

**Check Out Our
Facebook Page!:**

[Facebook](#)

Don't forget to "Like" and "Follow" us!

Legislative Affairs

by Lee Lange, Legislative Chair



NDA Update: Where the Bill Stands, and What It Means to Your Benefits

Both the House and Senate reached milestones in the creation of must-pass defense legislation in recent days, with the House passing its version of the FY 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDA) on June 14th by a 217-199 margin and the Senate Armed Services Committee advancing its version to the full chamber by a 22-3 vote on June 13th.

Despite the progress in both bodies, the NDA is far from its final form – the full Senate will offer amendments before voting on its version, and both chambers will form a conference to turn the vastly different pieces of legislation into a single bill.

Here's a look at where some of MOAA's provisions of interest stand:

Pay and Benefits

- **Pay Raise:** Both versions of the NDA support a 4.5% pay raise, which keeps pace with the Employment Cost Index.
- **Junior Enlisted Pay:** The House NDA called for servicemembers E-1 to E-4 to receive a 15% pay raise beyond the 4.5% earmarked for all in uniform. The proposal is opposed by the White House, DoD, and congressional appropriators, and is not matched on the Senate side. The Senate version calls for an additional 1% increase for servicemembers E-1 to E-3 (beyond the 4.5% raise).
- **Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH):** The House version would restore BAH to 100% for FY 2025 – a move toward MOAA's goal of full repeal of the BAH reduction, but not a permanent fix. The Senate version does not address the issue.
- **Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS):** The House NDA would require DoD to evaluate BAS rates to determine whether they are sufficient, and whether other factors should be used to determine rates and provide recommendations for improving the allowance.

Health Care

- **Reserve Component Dental Coverage:** The House NDA includes language from the MOAA-supported Dental Care for Our Troops Act that would provide TRICARE Dental Program coverage to Guard and Reserve members with zero premiums and cost sharing.
- **TRICARE Young Adult:** Neither version of the NDA includes language that would fix the parity gap for TRICARE families with young adult dependents to align TRICARE with requirements for private sector plans that must cover young adult dependents up to age 26. This remains a MOAA priority.

Spouse and Family

- **Enhancements for DoD Child Care Providers:** Last year, DoD required the services to implement a policy designed to incentivize more people to become child care providers (a nationwide challenge). This policy offered child care providers a 50% discount on child care for their first child. The Air Force went above and beyond, offering a 100% discount for the first child and subsequent discounts for additional children of child care providers. This year's House NDA would ensure parity across the services, with providers all receiving the 100% discount.
- **In-Home Child Care Pilot Expansion:** The House NDA would expand [the pilot](#) to four more installations: Fort Drum, N.Y.; Holloman Air Force Base, N.M.; Naval Air Station Lemoore and Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center Twentynine Palms in California.
- **Military Spouse Employment in the Federal Government:** The House NDA seeks to improve military spouse employment conditions in the federal government by expanding benefits and opportunities upon receipt of PCS orders.

Other MOAA Priorities

- **Military Housing and Barracks:** Both the House and Senate NDA include provisions to

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Personal Affairs

by Lee Lange, Personal Affairs Officer



Surviving Spouse Corner: Engaging Surviving Spouses for Membership Growth

This article is adapted from a piece by Dr. Vivianne Wersel, a Marine surviving spouse and former member of the Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee.

Unfortunately, MOAA chapters lose members due to death. It is essential to recognize that for Life members of MOAA, their membership transfers to their spouse upon their death. But surviving spouses of military officers can also join MOAA on their own. The advantages of surviving spouses joining MOAA include:

- A MOAA surviving spouse membership unlocks unique benefits. These include a robust support network in the chapter, tailored to their needs, dedicated advocacy on issues directly impacting surviving spouses, and a wealth of resources designed to guide them through life's challenges after loss. Encouraging a surviving

spouse to stay with or join MOAA in their own right is an excellent source for maintaining and growing chapter membership.

- As MOAA members, surviving spouses are welcomed into a community of peers who understand their unique journey. They receive updates on benefits and programs, participate in interpersonal and group activities, and find support and commitment. Joining MOAA bridges the knowledge gap that often follows the loss of a military spouse, ensuring all aspects are addressed. It is important to note that many surviving spouses might not know they can join MOAA, even if their military spouses were not members.

- MOAA surviving spouses gain access to various communication and support channels tailored to their membership level. These include telephone, email, magazines, websites, social media, virtual meetings, and webinars. This comprehensive range of options ensures they can always contact MOAA for assistance regardless of location or specific needs. *(Cont. on pg. 6.)*

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- Research published in [Jeffrey Saltzman's blog](#) indicates age does not influence why one should join an organization. People join because they seek similarity, regardless of generation gaps. The [MOAA Surviving Spouses and Friends Facebook group](#) is an example. The group includes military survivors from different war eras, all joined for a common goal. As a MOAA member, surviving spouses can relate to like members with similar backgrounds and be associated with the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. The [MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter](#) caters to surviving spouses with monthly Zoom meetings and, every other month, a guest presenter.
- Email MSSVC02@gmail.com to request membership or for more information.

- Surviving spouses can also join their local geographic chapter of MOAA, connecting them with other MOAA members and their spouses.

MOAA has over 360,000 members, with surviving spouses comprising 13% of MOAA's total membership. Membership is open to active duty, former, retired, and National Guard and Reserve commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed services and their surviving spouses. Membership benefits vary depending on the level of membership. Learn more [at this link](#).

Joining MOAA provides surviving spouses with advocacy, community, resources, and practical support, helping them navigate the complexities of life after loss. Speak with a surviving spouse in your network about [joining MOAA today](#), then encourage them to join the MOAA Surviving Spouses Virtual Chapter.



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Member in the Spotlight Sharon A. Clark Surviving Spouse



Dr. Sharon (Sherry) A. Clark, surviving spouse of LTJG Richard K. Clark, U. S. Coast Guard, was married to her college sweetheart in their hometown of Godfrey, Illinois, on June 29, 1968. After completion of flight school in Pensacola, Florida, on July 1, 1969, they headed to Rick's first duty station as a Coast Guard aviator—St. Petersburg Coast Guard Air Station in Florida—where he flew both an HH-52 and HH-3. On a search and rescue mission the night before Thanksgiving, November 26, 1969, Rick and two others were killed as a result of mechanical failure. It was a tragic and painful loss, not only to Sherry, but to all of his fellow flyers as well.

After Rick's untimely death, Sherry resigned her teaching position in St. Petersburg and returned to her hometown in Illinois. She taught there for 3 1/2 years before returning to the University of Illinois to pursue a doctorate in educational administration. With her sheepskin in hand, she moved to the Washington, DC, area where she served as Director of Development for two national non-profit organizations acting as point person for grant strategies with significant corporate donor contacts.

Sherry continued her career as Chief of Training and Development for the National Guard

Bureau at the Pentagon where she designed and conducted national training sessions supervising budgets, teachers, curriculum, and preparation of course materials. Five years later she became Chief of Strategic Planning for the Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), transporters and logisticians for the Department of Defense. Her role helped to provide vision for future military transportation requirements.

After over 24 years in DC, Sherry retired in 2000 and now resides in Scottsdale, Arizona, where her retirement is full and rewarding. Although they didn't have the children she and Rick had planned, she enjoys a great relationship with her niece and her husband and their eleven year old twins who live in Ballwin, Missouri. They, along with Sherry's sister, Jane, who lives with her, took a Disney cruise out of Port Canaveral to ports in the Caribbean. Sherry has always had the "travel bug" and over the years has taken over 20 cruises with Jane to ports worldwide, including Scandinavia, the Mediterranean, Asia, the South Pacific, Australia/New Zealand, South America, Great Britain, Alaska, Hawaii, Canada, Central America, and the Caribbean. It is hard to do it all, and there is so much world left to see.

But home is where the heart is. Sherry enjoys the great Southwest and often welcomes guests to take in the sights. Her day is full with trips to the gym, book club, and the theater. She also participates in the Military Officers' Association, volunteers at the Heard Museum and her church, North Scottsdale United Methodist Church, and takes a daily dip in the pool. She also completed a 3-year tenure on the USAA Advisory Panel at corporate headquarters in San Antonio representing military members and their families.

There are lots of memories yet to make and Sherry looks forward to the challenge. 🌈



Legislative Affairs


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invest in deteriorating barracks. Both also include a provision allowing junior enlisted sailors on sea duty to be authorized BAH in response to extended ship maintenance periods.

- **Major Richard Star Act:** Neither NDAA draft includes the Major Richard Star Act, a bill which would end an unjust financial offset faced by tens of thousands of combat-injured veterans who lose a dollar of earned DoD retirement pay for every dollar of VA disability compensation. A House amendment to the NDAA including the text of the bill was not found "in order" by the House Rules Committee. Learn more about the next steps in the Senate, including how you can make your voice heard to your legislators, [at this link](#).

- **Arlington National Cemetery (ANC):** The Expanding America's National Cemetery Act of 2023, H.R. 1413, is not included in either version of the NDAA. The proposed eligibility reduction for ANC remains on hold in the federal rule-making process.

MOAA has worked with legislators and staff members in both chambers, from both parties, as the bills have moved forward, and that work will continue – MOAA's legislative team will advocate for provisions already in one or both pieces of legislation to assure their survival through the conference process, and they will look for opportunities in the Senate next month to move forward with proposals not included in the NDAA that will benefit the uniformed services community.


You can help by calling your elected officials via MOAA's toll-free line to the U.S. Capitol switchboard – 866-272-MOAA (6622). Ask to speak with the military legislative assistant and encourage them to support the quality of life for our servicemembers through BAH restoration, a targeted enlisted pay raise, and a Senate floor vote on the Major Richard Star Act. You can read more on MOAA's advocacy efforts at our [Advocacy News page](#). 

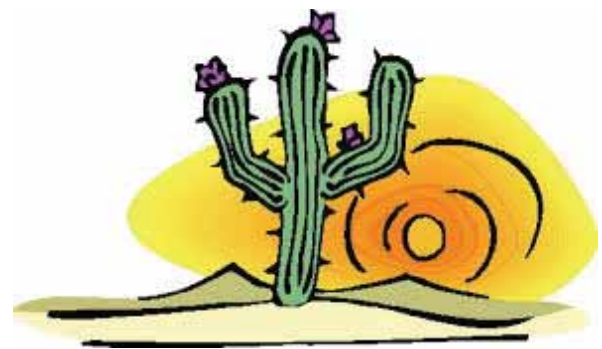
Still Serving: Military, Veterans, and Families

Our Chapter will again sponsor a “packing party” in collaboration with Youth for Troops, US Vets, and Veterans First to support deployed troops from our area, homeless Veterans transitioning to permanent housing, and children of Veterans in need. It will be held Thursday, July 18th, from 5:00 to 6:30 pm at the Anthem Civic Center, 3701 W. Anthem Way in Anthem, AZ.

Formerly known as “Freedom isn’t Free,” the new title more accurately describes the event. It reinforces the MOAA creed of “Never Stop Serving” and highlights who we are supporting.

Initial funding of \$3,250 for this year’s event came from a MOAA Community Grant. Our Chapter added an additional \$1,750 so we could fund additional quantities of all items.

This event provides another opportunity for us to stay in touch during the summer months in which we do not have a luncheon. See the flyer on page 13. 



Recent Chapter Events May Member Luncheon


Vanessa Kohnen - Rancho Milagro

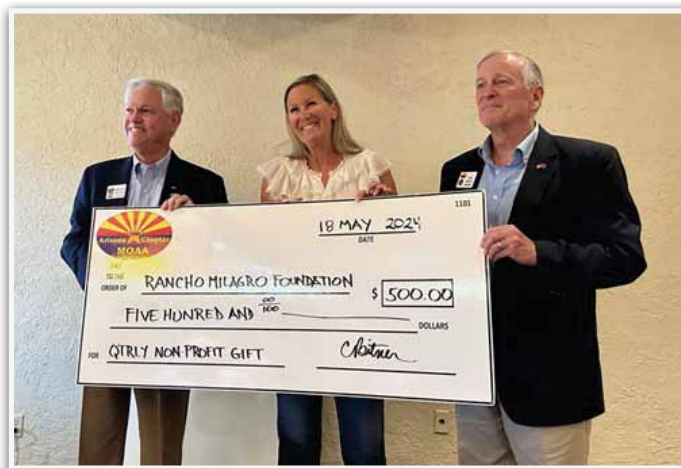
At our May luncheon we were introduced to the intriguing world of “equine therapy” by Vanessa Kohnen of Rancho Milagro. Vanessa and her husband Bob founded the “Miracle Ranch” to provide faith-based healing and recovery for veterans, first responders, and victims of child sex trafficking.

For those who were not able to attend, here is a summary of this amazing capability of horses to sense, understand, and respond to human emotions. *“One of the key factors behind a horse’s ability to understand human emotions lies in their exceptional social intelligence. Horses are herd animals with complex social structures, and as such, they possess a natural inclination to empathize and bond with others, including humans. This innate social awareness allows them to not only recognize human emotional states but also to mirror and respond to those emotions in a way that fosters connection and trust. Whether through gentle nuzzling, attentive listening, or simply standing quietly by, horses have a unique capacity to provide comfort and solace in response to our feelings.”* (Horse & Rider)

Vanessa and her staff have been very successful treating many veterans and others after traditional treatments—especially medications—have failed. Rancho Milagro is “where the healing starts and miracles happen.”

President Bruce Kosaveach presented Vanessa with a \$500 donation from our Chapter, which will fund two therapy sessions for a veteran.

If you would like to learn more about Rancho Milagro or donate to them, please visit them at <https://ranchomilagroaz.org/>. 



Vanessa Kohnen receiving a check from AZ Chapter MOAA for the Rancho Milagro Foundation.



Bruce Kosaveach presents Vanessa with the AZMOAA challenge coin.



Tom Sheets presents Lee Lange a check for \$250 to the Scholarship Fund on behalf of the Southwest Veterans Foundation.

Award Winners!



Peter Berger and Jack Farley receiving National MOAA President's Award from Bruce Kosaveach and Lee Lange For exceptional leadership and Meritorious Service in support of the Objectives and Programs of the Military Officers Association of America.



Carl Ulbrich receiving Five Star COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Award as webmaster for the AZ Chapter MOAA website from Bruce Kosaveach and Tom Sheets.



Steve MacDonald receiving Five Star COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Award as Editor for the AZ Chapter MOAA newsletter from Bruce Kosaveach and Tom Sheets.

Bruce Kosaveach Wins the Southwest Veterans Lectric-e-Bike Raffle

Chapter President Bruce Kosaveach held the winning raffle ticket for the Southwest Veterans Foundation 's (SWVF) "Lectric e-Bike Fundraising Raffle." Lectric e-Bike donated the XP 3.0 Step Through (Long Range Version) valued at \$1,928 to SWVF to raise funds for their Veteran programs. Only 500 tickets were sold. The SWVF thanks all who supported the raffle on behalf of the Veterans and their families who will benefit from the \$4,290 raised through the raffle.



Memorial Day 2024

The Arizona Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America had the honor and privilege to participate in the wreath placement ceremony at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona on Monday, May 27th, 2024 (Memorial Day). The ceremony was organized by the Honor America's Veterans group. There were over 35 organizations and families that participated in the wreath placement ceremony. A flyover by the Phoenix Stearman Group, Parade of Colors and proclamation by Governor Katie Hobbs and Keynote Speaker, U.S. Army Specialist First Class, Diana Pike, VFW Post 2135 Trustee, Gold Star Mom. This was a solemn occasion to honor our fallen brothers and sisters.



2024 Patriots Ball I : Honoring Disabled & Paralyzed Veterans

The Southwest Veterans Foundation (SWVF) cordially invites all AZMOAA Members to join them in honoring our disabled and paralyzed veterans on Saturday, September 28th, from 5:30 to 10:00 at the Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort.

Since AZMOAA is a member of the Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce, all Chapter members are entitled to the “member rate” of \$140—a savings of \$25 per ticket.

Would you like to support but cannot attend? Please consider being a Supporting Sponsor. For \$250 you will get you name in the program and fund two seats for a disabled or paralyzed veteran and guest.

Are you a disabled or paralyzed veteran? We would like to recognize you during the program. Please send two pictures: one while in service and one today/after service to t.sheets@swvcc.org.

You can purchase tickets and sponsorships:

- online at <https://swvcc.org/pb>.
- by mailing a check to SWVF, 3820 W. Happy Valley Rd., #141-455, Glendale, AZ 85310.
- at the July 11th Happy Hour.
- by calling Tom Sheets at 602-677-2961.

Please see the adjacent flyer.



AZMOAA Summer Happy Hour!

Thursday, July 11th, from 4:30 to 7:00

16405 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ
Guests & prospective members welcomed.
Heavy hors d'oeuvres, no host bar, silent
auction & raffle.

\$15.00 per person

Make checks payable to AZMOAA
RSVP to Charlie Bitner [602.943.0028](tel:602.943.0028)/
charles@bitner36.com



Stay in touch during our summer break!

STILL SERVING: MILITARY, VETERANS & FAMILIES



THURSDAY, JULY 18TH

5:00-6:30 PM

Event will benefit **three** charities:

Youth for Troops: Care Packages for Deployed Troops and Plastic Mats for Homeless Veterans

Veterans First, Ltd: Backpacks for Children of Veterans in Crisis

U.S.VETS: Move-In Kits for Veterans Transitioning into Permanent Housing



FAMILY-FRIENDLY

MOAA MEMBERS AND GUESTS

RSVP Required: Please respond to

Tom Sheets at tsheets@stonewall-group.com or call (760) 213-3705

A community service project sponsored by **Military Officers Association of America** and **Youth for Troops**.

Guests can rotate through various work stations and learn about the collaboration between these organizations.

Volunteers will complete multiple projects to benefit deployed troops and at-risk Arizona veterans.

- ✓ SORT DONATIONS
- ✓ WRITE APPRECIATION CARDS TO DEPLOYED TROOPS
- ✓ DECORATE BOXES FOR DEPLOYED TROOPS
- ✓ ASSEMBLE CARE PACKAGES FOR DEPLOYED TROOPS
- ✓ ASSEMBLE MOVE-IN KITS FOR VETERANS TRANSITIONING INTO PERMANENT HOUSING
- ✓ FILL BACKPACKS WITH SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHILDREN OF VETERANS IN CRISIS
- ✓ SORT/CUT PLASTIC BAGS AND MAKE PLARN BALLS FOR PLASTIC MATS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS



CARE PACKING EVENT
2nd Monday Each Month
5:30-7:00 PM
Anthem Civic Building

Community Service Project
Family-friendly, all ages welcome!



FOOD CARE PACKAGE

ITEMS:

- Granola Bars
- Trail Mix
- Chips
- Cookies
- Pretzels
- Dried Fruit
- Nuts
- PopTarts
- Sunflower Seeds
- Soup Mix
- Canned Soup (Soup in the Six/Microwave Bowls)
- Top Ramen
- Canned Pasta (Single Bowls/Top Top)
- French Onion (Single Serves)

- Tuna Packets/Kits
- Chicken Packets/Kits
- Salmon Packets/Smelt Cans
- Beef Jerky
- Instant Oatmeal Packets
- Onion Soup Singles
- Coffee Singles
- Tea Bags (Indiv. wrapped)
- Hot Chocolate Packets
- Candy/Mints/Gum
- Tabasco Sauce 2 oz.
- Condiments: Hot Sauce, Mustard, Ketchup, Honey, Syrup, Jelly, Mayo, Dry Creamer, Sugar, Salt, Pepper, Sweetener

HYGIENE PACKAGE

ITEMS: Travel Size

- Lip Balm
- Artificial Tears (Sun/Blurt)
- Foot Powder - Travel Size
- Deodorant - Travel Size
- Toothpaste - Travel Size
- Dental Floss/Picks - indiv. wrapped
- Mouthwash - Travel Size
- Body Wash - Travel Size
- Shampoo - Travel Size
- Conditioner - Travel Size
- Aftershave - Travel Size
- Plastic Bandages
- Baby Wipes
- Antiseptic Wipes
- Adult - Travel Size
- Pepto Bismol - Travel Size
- Cough Drops
- Razors
- Hand Warmers

ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS:

- Magazines (new or used)
- DVDs
- Travel Games
- Picture Books
- Books - Paperback Only
- Playing Cards

PACKING SUPPLIES:

- Reusable Quart Bags
- Reusable Garban Bags
- Reusable Sandwich Bags
- Reusable Snack Bags
- Sharpies
- Patriotic Stickers
- Trash Bags
- Large Plastic Bins w/Lids

"Low Supply of Items"



Items to Fill Backpacks

- wide-ruled spiral notebooks
- wide-ruled filler paper
- wide-ruled composition notebooks
- 2-pocket folders
- 1" flexible binders
- blunt scissors
- pencil pouches
- #2 pencils
- Crayons 24 count
- pencil sharpeners
- rulers
- pink erasers
- glue sticks
- highlighters yellow
- highlighters blue
- colored pencils
- water color sets
- school glue
- red pens
- blue pens
- black pens
- small water bottles

Backpacks are provided - we need items to fill the backpacks!

MOVE-IN KITS

- laundry basket
- laundry detergent
- dryer sheets
- toilet tissue
- bathroom rug
- paper towels
- Full-size personal hygiene products: toothpaste, razors, toothbrush, body wash, wash cloths, towels, etc.
- Any basic party items: salt and pepper, seasonings, cooking oil, full-size condiments, etc.
- Cleaning products: trash bags, dish soap, kitchen towels, cleaning towels, toilet bowl cleaner





Play Ball!



The sounds of baseball are in the air. Come join Arizona Chapter members at our annual summer baseball outing as the Arizona Diamondbacks battle the Philadelphia Phillies at Chase Field to hear those sounds – the crack of the bat, the roar of the crowd, the cheers for the home team, the boos for an umpire’s bad call, the vendors selling ice cold beer.

Guests are welcome – kids, grandkids, relatives, friends. Just fill out the form below and send it with your check by July 10th. That will allow enough time to get the tickets and mail them to you. Hope to see you there!

Join us at Chase Field as the Arizona Diamondbacks play the Philadelphia Phillies

When? Sunday, August 11, 2024

Seats? Second Level with a bird’s eye view of the whole field

What time? First Pitch is at 1:10 p.m.

How much? Group discount rate of \$53 per ticket

-----clip and mail-----

How do I sign up? Just fill out this form and mail it with your check, made out to **AZ Chapter MOAA**, so it is received no later than July 13 to:

Jim Cullison

13819 N. 51st Street

Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Phone 602-482-3838, email photogourds@q.com

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____ City/ZIP: _____

Check for \$_____ enclosed for _____ tickets at \$53 each.

Tickets will be mailed to you after July 22.

DUTY CALLS



Service members of all branches: retired, veterans, and active; you and your guests are cordially invited to attend.

MILITARY BALL 2024 ALL SERVICES

Formal Dining-Out Celebration

Hosted by the Retired United States Army Reserves

Saturday, August 24th, 2024

- 1700 Social Hour & Cocktail (cash Bar)
- 1750 Mess Call
- 1900 Reception Dinner
- Dancing to follow

Hilton Phoenix Airport

2435 S. 47th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85034

Phone: 480-894-1600 for Hotel Room Reservation or

See below link for room reservation with special Military Ball rate:

<https://www.hilton.com/en/book/reservation/deeplink/?ctyhocn=PHXAHHF&groupCode=90W&arrivaldate=2024-08-23&departuredate=2024-08-25&cid=OM,WW,HILTONLINK,EN,DirectLink&fromId=HILTONLINKDIRECT>

Attire:

Formal or Dress Uniform/Business Suit: Uniforms not Required

Cost per Person: \$75

Accepted payment methods: Check, Venmo, & Zelle (prefer)

Contact Aranya Geis for payment information

Kindly RSVP by August 10th, 2024

for questions please contact below: best by texting

Aranya Geis at aranya.geis12@gmail.com or 480-201-2298

SFC (Retired) Cynthia Flanders at 480-201-1407

Facebook: All Military Services Ball 2024



A Military Ball is a night to honor the fallen and to celebrate the bravery & sacrifices of all our service members. Also, a night of festivities; great opportunity to network and to meet & greet!

Arizona Chapter MOAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY: Men and women who are or have been federally commissioned in one of the seven U.S. uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard), or NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) or U.S. Public Health Services, the National Guard or other Reserve Components of those services, and Surviving Spouses of deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for regular membership as defined above.

[\(Click here for online application form.\)](#)

Full Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Telephone #: _____ **E-Mail address:** _____

Branch of Service: _____ **Rank:** _____

Service Status: Active (includes Reserve/National Guard) Retired
 Former Officer Warrant Officer
 Surviving spouse of deceased MOAA member OR eligible individual

Date of Birth: _____

Your MOAA Member Number: _____ (National MOAA membership is required.)

If you are not currently a member of National MOAA, you may request membership at moaa.org **OR** you may request the AZ Chapter Membership Chairperson, Bob Fiegl, to enroll you in National MOAA for a no-cost Basic Membership for 3 Years. You can email Bob at Fieglr869@gmail.com.

Chapter Dues are \$20.00 per year for a Regular Member and \$10 for a Surviving Spouse. *(This is separate from your national MOAA membership. Even if you have a free membership at national, you must still pay chapter dues.)*

Amount enclosed: \$_____ Please mail check payable to **“AZ Chapter MOAA”** with completed application to Chapter Treasurer: Charles Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85020

How did you learn about the Arizona Chapter? AZ MOAA Website *The Sentinel* Newsletter
 AZ MOAA Chapter Membership Chairman Other (_____)

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



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- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marine Corps
- Coast Guard
- Space Force
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Public Health Services
- The National Guard
- or other Reserve Components of those services

Widows and widowers of deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for regular membership in accordance with the above.

**ARIZONA CHAPTER
 Military Officers Association of America**

CALENDAR

Board of Directors Meetings


First Thursday of each month at 10:30am
 July 11th, 2024 (via Zoom)
 Papago Park Arizona National Guard Base
 5636 E McDowell Rd
 Phoenix, AZ 85008

Member Luncheon/Meetings

Third Saturday of each month at 11am
 Next Meeting: Sep 21st, 2024
 McCormick Ranch Golf Club
 7505 E McCormick Pkwy, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

Upcoming Events

11 Jul 2024: Happy Hour
 18 Jul 2024: Still Serving Outreach Event
 11 Aug 2024: Diamondbacks Game

 <p style="font-size: 24pt; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">Standing with you at every stage.</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">1-800-247-2192</p> <p style="text-align: center;">www.moaainsurance.com/plans</p>	<p style="font-size: 12pt;">Licensed Professional Counselor Licensed Independent Substance Abuse Counselor</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: 18pt; font-weight: bold; margin-top: 20px;">PETER A. BERGER, MPC, LPC, LISAC</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-weight: bold;">Associated Recovery Counselors</p> <p style="margin-top: 20px;">7101 East Indian School Rd. Scottsdale, AZ 85251</p> <p style="text-align: right; font-weight: bold;">480-429-6292</p>
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