



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



Membership Meeting Agenda – Saturday, April 20, 2024

11:00 a.m., McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, Arizona

CALL TO ORDER: President Bruce Kosaveach called the meeting to order.

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

INVOCATION: The invocation was given by Bruce Kosaveach.

PRESIDENT'S WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bruce opened his welcome by informing the membership of Ron Green's passing and the Memorial Service to be held on Tuesday, April 21st at the Desert Foothills Lutheran Church. Ron was a past MOAA President and Veteran's Hall of Fame inductee. During his service in Vietnam, he earned the Distinguished Flying Cross. He successfully led a movement to get water to the Phoenix homeless veterans.

Bruce announced that this year's MOAA winners for Excellence Awards 5-star Level of Excellence, 5-Star Newsletter Award and the 5-Star Chapter Website Award were included our own Arizona Chapter. Bruce credited Tom Sheets hard work over the past year for achieving this milestone.

Additional recognition was given to Tom Sheets, Pete Berger and Carole Litten for publication of their stories in the 20th Anniversary edition of the 'Since You Asked' produced by the Veteran's Heritage Project. Bruce asked that all members who have had their story already published to stand for recognition.

Bruce thanked Donna Bright for successfully reserving a ramada at McCormick Ranch for our MOAA chapter's October opening.

Bruce kicked off our 2024 Annual ROTC Scholarship fund raising campaign. Tom Sheets kicked off the campaign with a \$100 donation.

Bruce then talked about MOAA's AIA (Advocacy in Action) program where National MOAA representatives visit every senate and congressional representative on the hill championing this year's advocacy issues.

Tom briefed us on July's MOAA Happy Hour on July 11th at Maggiano's 4:30-7:00 PM. There will be hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction. Tom also informed us that we had received a MOAA Community Outreach Grant of \$3,250 for our annual outreach program now called 'Still Serving Military Veterans and Families'.



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NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS RECOGNITION:

Bruce recognized new members, prospective members and guests.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The General Fund has \$8,575.01 and the Scholarship Fund has \$12,914.70.

RAFFLE DRAWING:

The scholarship raffle had one \$30 membership winner.

LUNCH SERVED

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARD CEREMONY:

Lee Lange presented Army CDT Thomas Rubeck, Navy MIDN Samuel Reed and Air Force CDT Hannah Garcia each with a scholarship check for \$2,500. Bruce presented each with our MOAA challenge coin. Their ASU ROTC service nominators introduced each recipient and then the cadets/midshipman briefly took the podium to tell their story. CPT Connor Murray USA, Assistant Professor of Military Science, Army ROTC Detachment, CDR Jim Morrison USN, XO, NROTC Detachment and LtCol David Richardson USAF, Commanding Officer, Air Force ROTC Detachment were their respective nominators.

Dan Conway introduced himself as the founder of the AZ MOAA's the Scholarship Fund. It was started with the JROTC and then evolved into the full ROTC program.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jim Cullison asked for volunteers to support our 15 area high schools JROTC awards presentations. He has a list of the high schools still needing award presenters.

NEXT MEETING:

May 18, 2024, at McCormick Ranch

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 PM.



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Respectively submitted,

Carole Litten, Secretary



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