



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



Membership Meeting Agenda – Saturday, May 18, 2024

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Bruce Kosaveach called the meeting to order at 11:45.

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 announced that May is Military Appreciation Month, a special time for those in and out of the military. It is a time designated to honor and recognize the contributions, sacrifices, and service of the members of the armed forces, past and present.

Marie Schluter, Chuck Schluter's wife, has passed away. A memorial service is scheduled this coming Monday. Additionally, CDR Don Butler, USCG, passed away in April and a service was held in April.

Lee Lange presented two MOAA President's Awards to our chapter members.

- 1) MAJ Pete Berger ANG retired, while serving as past president during COVID while continuing to keep the chapter active and cohesive.
- 2) CDR Jack Farley USN retired, for his duties as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, running the Golf Tournament until stopped by COVID when he co-orchestrated the new online auction which has brought in significant additional scholarship funding.

Bruce presented Tom Sheets with two of MOAA's 5-star Awards of Excellence. Tom was our MOAA President during these two consecutive years the chapter won. This Chapter has won a MOAA Excellence award for the last 20 years. Tom then presented Steve MacDonald with MOAA's 5-Star COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Award as Editor for the AZ Chapter MOAA newsletter.

Carl Ulbrich received the 5-Star COL Marvin J. Harris Communications Ward as webmaster for the AZ Chapter MOAA website.

Tom Sheets, representing the Southwest Veterans Foundation, presented \$250 to the AZ MOAA scholarship.

Tom briefed about the upcoming summer July Happy Hour at Maggiano's.



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TREASURERS REPORT:

The General Fund has \$8,012.75 and the Scholarship Fund has \$13,924.86.

RAFFLE DRAWING:

The scholarship raffle had one \$50 membership winner.

LUNCH SERVED

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS:

Bruce introduced 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. 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.”

After her presentation Bruce present her deserving Foundation with \$500 as part of our quarterly gift to a non-profit organization.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Tom talked about the ‘Be Connected’ is a program created by the Coalition of Military Families where they connect veterans with resources for whatever their needs are. The purpose is to serve as a one-stop center to do the connecting of the assistance.

Carol Culbertson talked about the Veteran’s Heritage program and their website.

NEXT MEETING:

July 11, 2024, at Maggiano’s Happy Hour

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:43 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Carole Litten, Secretary