



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



**Minutes of the AZ MOAA Chapter Membership March 18, 2023, held at
the 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:

NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS RECOGNITION:

Tom welcomed all members, including new members and guests to the luncheon meeting. He recognized Carl and Marcia Ulbrich, the AZ MOAA web master.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The General Fund has \$8,989.36 and the Scholarship Fund has \$21,799.28. Charlie Bitner said that he'd be giving two \$35 payouts during the Scholarship Raffle today.

MEMBERSHIP VOTE ON REVISED BYLAWS:

Tom asked the membership for the approval of the amended bylaws. Jack Farley motioned for approval and Bruce Kosaveach second this motion. All approved the revised and amended bylaws with no discussion or questions.

LUNCH

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER:

Bruce Kosaveach, Director of Programs, introduced Chris Bain, SSgt, USA (Ret) will be the March luncheon meeting guest speaker. While in Iraq he was injured in an ambush where he and his team were hit by 3 mortars and he was shot twice. Chris actually died for 10 minutes, but was revived by his interpreter who gave him a blood transfusion on the battlefield. He woke up 14 days later in Walter Reed Medical Center where he spent 3 ½ years recovering from his injuries. Chris refused amputation of his arms and used the sheer force of his will to keep going. A new ground breaking procedure utilizing an implanted battery with sensors to his spine has brought his left side back to life.

FINAL REMARKS:

Tom thanked Chris Bain for sharing his incredible and heroic story and presented Chris with the AZ MOAA pen and challenge coin.



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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

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SCHOLARSHIP FUND RAFFLE DRAWING:

There were two \$35 winners from the raffle.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

March Fundraising Auction: Tom announced the Scholarship online has 93 auction items and so far, the auction had already raised \$2,510. He thanked Jack Farley especially for all his efforts in collecting so many items.

Legislative Action Center Instructions:

Tom mentioned that he has Legislative Action Demo handouts on how participate in Legislative Action to any members who were either not here last month or needed a copy of the Action instructions.

ROTC Scholarship Awards:

Lee briefed the members about the April ASU ROTC scholarship program, where AZ MOAA gives \$2,500 scholarship to the nominated cadet from each of the three services Army, Navy and Air Force.

Service Disability Benefits:

Paul Knouse relayed to us how he approached our January guest speaker, Derrick Debus, to refile a petition for reconsideration of his VA benefits. Paul found out 2 weeks ago that his VA benefits would double and begin receiving the updated benefits in March.

Freedom Isn't Free:

Bruce said that this is the 4th year that AZ MOAA had applied to National MOAA to support this event where we assemble products for the troops. He should hear in May as to National MOAA's response. Youth for Troops is one of the charities that help this program. The event will be at Sagewood on July 19th.

NEXT MEETING:

April 15, 2023, at McCormick Ranch
March Duty officer: Tom Sheets

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:42 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Carole Litten, Secretary