

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



Membership Meeting – Saturday, February 15, 2025

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

CALL TO ORDER: President Bruce Kosaveach called the meeting to order at 11:40.

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 talked about the engagement of our members involvement with our Chapter which contributes to our significant success.
- -Tom Sheets leading the charge for fundraising thanked everyone who participated in the Super Bowl pool fundraiser. The following members received winnings: Charlie Bittner, Dan Arroyo, Chuck Christoph, Lee Lange and Bruce Kosaveach.
- -From the winnings Bruce donated back \$50 to the Chapter Fund. We also had a raffle for a Lifetime Membership for our Chapter, Steve MacDonald won this award.
- -Tom discussed the upcoming quarterly event to supplement the Membership Luncheons. This even will occur February 27th at Mangione's.
- -John Ady donated 2 Spring Training (Cubs & Diamondbacks) tickets in a raffle. Mr. Doug Gray was the winner.
- -Bruce honored all 38-chapter members who are also inductees to the AZ Hall of Fame.

NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS RECOGNITION:

Bruce acknowledged all new members and guests who had joined us at this luncheon. Col Ron Perkins introduced his new wife, Jan Perkins. Nina Johnson, a surviving spouse member, had just received her US citizenship taking her pledge this morning.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The General Fund has \$2,756.84 and the Scholarship Fund has \$15,944.32. Charlie has received a second Square device so that we may soon donate directly to the Scholarship Fund through the AZ MOAAA website. Additionally, the chapter's portion of the Super Bowl fundraiser was \$667.50. From the Life Time Membership raffle the chapter received \$554.66



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RAFFLE DRAWING:

The luncheon raffle - \$65 - was won by Richard Zweig.

LUNCH SERVED

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS:

Pat Little-Upah is the President of Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society (AVHOFS). Pat, born in Oakland, CA is a Vietnam Veteran who served as a US Army Nurse on active and reserve duty from 1966-2004. Among her assignments were OIC of an Intensive Care Unit, Chief Nurse and Unit Commander. Pat retired as a Colonel and was awarded the Legion of Merit in 2008. Pat has been and is still involved with numerous veteran's support and advocacy groups. Pat was inducted into the AVHOFS Class of 2014. She will be honored at the Imprints of Honor annual Salute to Service Gala this March 8th with their annual Storyteller Award.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Patriots Ball is October 25, 2025. This also marks the 60th Anniversary of the introduction of convention forces to Vietnam. This year's Patriot Ball will honor these participants.

NEXT MEETING:

March 15, 2025 at McCormick Ranch. April's meeting will be on **April 26**th due to a conflict with another event.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 1:49 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Carole Litten, Secretary