

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



Membership Meeting – Saturday, March 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 thanked Lee Lange for his years of service to the MOAA chapter and for the recent submittals of the chapter awards for Levels of Excellence (LOE) and for both Harris Communications Award (website and newsletter).

- Lenore briefed the audience about the 'Be Connected' service for suicide prevention.

- Bruce reminded everyone that our annual chapter dues deadline is March 31st.

- The new MOAA golf shirts with the embroidered MOAA logo, both men's and women's sizes, were on display for \$30 each. A sales signup sheet was provided. The shirts are available in navy & white.

NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS RECOGNITION:

Bruce acknowledged all new members and guests who had joined us at this luncheon.

TREASURERS REPORT:

The General Fund has \$6,774.13 and the Scholarship Fund has \$16,254.44. The website is now open to accept direct Scholarship Fund contributions.

RAFFLE DRAWING:

The luncheon raffle of \$50 was won by Gary Fredericks.

LUNCH SERVED

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKERS:

Todd Larson is an Army Veteran, a retired Scottsdale Police Officer, and recently began his fourth year at the helm of the What You Do Matters Institute (WYDMI). Since retiring from the Scottsdale Police Department, Todd has served in numerous community partnerships and leadership development positions, including Adjunct Faculty at the University of Phoenix and Northern Arizona University. He received his EdD from Grand Canyon University. What You Do Matters Institute uses the lessons of the holocaust to



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teach various courses to audiences across America. One of their courses, which Todd focused on, is presented to law enforcement agencies to illustrate how the slippery slope of turning your back or accepting unethical things can eventually result in becoming a willing or unwitting partner in the commission of illegal and unethical activities and behavior.

After the insightful presentation Bruce presented Todd with a challenge coin

VIETNAM WAR COMMEMORATIVE PIN DISTRIBUTION:

Stephen Miller, representing Sons of the American Revolution, was able to present several Vietnam War Commemorative Pin to those of our chapter who had not collected their pin earlier.

Tom Sheets reminded us that the Patriots Ball is October 25, 2025. He had placed a 'Save the Date' card at each table. This also marks the 60th Anniversary of the introduction of convention forces to Vietnam. This year's Patriot Ball will welcome home and honor these participants.

It was announced that ASU will be sponsoring a grand Army birthday on June 14th. Emails were collected for the invites to be delivered.

NEXT MEETING:

April 26, 2025 is our ROTC Scholarship Awards Luncheon

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectively submitted,

Carole Litten, Secretary