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The Military Officer's Association of America

The Arizona Chapter Scottsdale, AZ 85250



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## President's Perspective by Bruce Kosaveach



**W**e tried out a different venue for our March chapter meeting – Maggiano's Little Italy Restaurant. Mixed reviews. Command Sergeant Major Rick Kreiberg, US Army (Retired), and his friend Jim Haytas gave us a passionate and informative presentation on the non-profit organization Rick founded, Veterans Affinity. Focusing on assisting older veterans with the care they need and benefits they've earned, Veterans Affinity targets housing, healthcare and benefits for veterans. Story on page 9.

Our chapter's JROTC program with over 15 high schools has been ably run and coordinated by Jim Cullison over the past 6 years, and I wanted to not only thank him, but also give him a richly deserved **BZ** for a job well done!!

New member Valerie Mettler, who joined our chapter in January from the Middle Tennessee Chapter, is taking over this important program. Our chapter has added high schools from the Superstition Mountain Chapter (now disbanded) for a total of 30 schools. We are grateful to Valerie for organizing all these schools and presentation times, etc. Please see page 12 to *sign up and help make this program successful!*

We received proceeds of \$100 from the March 17th Spring Training game tickets (Colorado Rockies vs Seattle Mariners) donated

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FEBRUARY 23,  
1929

US ARMY  
JUNE 14, 1775

US NAVY  
OCT 13, 1775

US MARINE  
CORPS  
NOV 10, 1775

US COAST  
GUARD  
AUG 4, 1790

US PUBLIC  
HEALTH  
SERVICE  
JAN 4, 1889

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SEP 18, 1947

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ADMINISTRATION  
OCT 3, 1970

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## The Sentinel

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# Announcements!

## **Welcome New Member!**

COL James R. Siket, USA (Ret)

## **March 2026 Donations**

### Scholarship Fund Donors:

John Ady  
Paul Knouse

### 70th Anniversary Fund Donors:

Gene Wikle  
Susan Farrell  
February Silent Auction  
'Super Bowl and NCAA Raffles  
"Free Dues for Life" Raffle  
Maggiano's Raffle

**Total Donations: \$3,611**



The Arizona Chapter is looking to change platforms on its website to Zeffy.

Zeffy is a 100% free, fee-free fundraising platform designed to manage donations, sell tickets to our luncheons and happy hours, run auctions/raffles, etc. without credit card transaction costs.

Zeffy is free because it relies on voluntary contributions from donors at checkout.

**We are looking for a member or spouse to manage this platform.** Tom Sheets and other experts can assist and provide training. It is an easy platform designed for non-profits like our chapter.

We will be discussing this during our April meeting.



The ladies of MOAA enjoyed camaraderie and lunch together at Paul Martin's on March 11th. The next date for us to "do lunch" is Friday, June 5th. Location is to be determined. Stay tuned!



## MEMBER LUNCHEON

April 18th, 2026

### ASU ROTC

### Scholarship Award Presentations

Please join us as we recognize an outstanding cadet from each of ASU's three ROTC programs and hear their plans for a professional and military career.



**Please see article on page 12 for more details!**


- Agenda:** 11:00-11:45 pm Meet & Greet Social Hour
- 11:45 am-12:00 pm Pledge, Invocation, Announcements
- 12:00-2:00pm Lunch and Program
- Place:** McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
7505 E McCormick Pkwy, Scottsdale, AZ 85258
- Cost:** \$40 Per Person; Reservations by 12PM, Wednesday, 15 Apr 2026 to Charlie Bitner  
RSVP to Charles Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave, Phoenix 85020  
By email: [charles@bitner36.com](mailto:charles@bitner36.com) or contact Charlie at 602-943-0028; **PAY ONLINE!**  
Per new guidelines, **NO CREDIT CARDS WILL BE ACCEPTED AT THE MEETING CHECK-IN.**
- Menu:** Caesar Salad, Chipotle Chicken Penne Alfredo with Garlic Breadstick, German Chocolate Cake.
- Dress:** Business Casual

## Chapter Membership

by Daniel (Dan) Arroyo  
Chapter 2nd VP and Membership Chair



Every year we ask our members to consider renewing their membership to support our chapter. This is a busy time of year with the new year beginning and many activities taking place, including baseball preseason, so this is a reminder to renew if you haven't already. Although we are a Not For Profit organization, the membership fees help support our chapter by providing funds to run our day-to-day operations, as well as supporting our monthly luncheon and special events. If you plan on renewing your membership, please go to [www.azmoaa.org](http://www.azmoaa.org) and select membership renewal or mail a check payable to "AZ Chapter MOAA". In the memo line state "Membership Dues" and mail to: Chapter Treasurer: Charles Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020. Thank you for your continued support.

LTC Dan Arroyo, USA 

**Arizona Chapter Mission:  
Advocate for and improve  
the lives of our military,  
our veterans, and their  
families.**

### Useful Web Links:

- [Chapter Home Page](#)
- [Member Dues Renewal](#)
- [Chapter Events](#)
- [Chapter News Blog](#)
- [National MOAA Website](#)
- [MOAA Store](#)
- [MOAA Legislative Action Center](#)

**Check Out Our  
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[Facebook](#)**

Don't forget to "Like" and "Follow" us!

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Membership Now!  
[CLICK HERE](#)**



## ARIZONA CHAPTER MOAA MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL FORM

**2026 DUES are payable on JANUARY 1. Dues become DELINQUENT on March 1, 2026.**

If you become delinquent, you can still pay your Past Dues by completing your information below and send it with your check — **\$20/year for a Regular Member** or **\$10/year for a Surviving Spouse Member** payable to "AZ Chapter MOAA" and mail to: **Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020.**

Dues for 2026 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Dues for 2027 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Spouse Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**Legislative Affairs**  
by Lee Lange, Legislative Chair



it is offset by VA disability compensation. The Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 2102 | S. 1032) would correct this long-standing injustice for these wounded warriors.

Nearly 54,000 combat-injured veterans are affected by this policy. The legislation has broad bipartisan support in both chambers, but passage has been blocked by procedural issues in recent years. Correcting this injustice reinforces a simple principle: Retirement earned through service and compensation earned through sacrifice are not the same, and both should be honored.

**Shutdown Fairness Act**

Recent funding lapses have left approximately 41,000 Coast Guard service members performing their duties without certainty of timely pay. This is the third shutdown within the last year, and during these funding gaps, active duty service members, retirees, and their families are forced to grapple with the stress and hardships of missed paychecks.

The Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168) would provide a permanent fix, ensuring members of the armed forces continue to receive pay and benefits during funding lapses while Congress resolves broader appropriations matters. Those who serve should not be asked to operate under the threat of financial uncertainty, especially when readiness and retention are already under pressure. This act will also enable reservists to continue performing drill functions, maintaining readiness, during future government shutdowns.

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**Advocacy in Action 2026: MOAA’s Key Issues, and How You Can Add Your Voice**

By Terry Waters, MOAA Staff

**C**ombat-injured veterans shouldn’t lose earned retirement pay because of their wounds. Service members shouldn’t have to wonder whether a government shutdown will interrupt their paycheck.

Veterans shouldn’t pay thousands of dollars to an unaccredited consultant for “help” accessing their earned disability compensation.

And no military family should struggle to access services at their military hospital or clinic without a clear path to care.

On April 15, leaders from among MOAA’s 350,000 members – representing a community of more than 22 million current, former, and retired uniformed services personnel – will bring these important issues to Capitol Hill as a part of MOAA’s signature annual advocacy campaign, Advocacy in Action. This year, MOAA’s efforts will center on four initiatives designed to uphold our nation’s commitments to our service members, veterans, their families, and survivors – and we need your support.

**Major Richard Star Act**

Combat-injured service members who are medically retired before reaching 20 years of service lose some or all their earned retirement pay because

**Apr 18th Chapter Member Luncheon Reservation Form**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ meals for name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$35.00/person) for the Apr 18th Member Luncheon Meeting payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** and mailed to arrive by **Apr 15th, 2026** to: **Charles Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85020**, or contact: **Charles@Bitner36.com, 602-999-2779**.

Member reservations or call-ins **WILL NOT** be accepted after **Apr 15th, 2026 @ 12pm.**

**Cancellations after Apr 15th, 2026 at 12pm will be charged and not refunded.**

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## Personal Affairs

by Lee Lange, Personal Affairs  
Officer



### How can I prepare for the loss of my military spouse?

**F**rom the Expert: Lila Quintiliani is one of MOAA's two finance and benefit counselors, and she frequently fields questions from members on survivor issues. Members will often ask: "What will my spouse receive when I pass away?" Even more frequently, she hears from surviving spouses who have no idea what benefits they are entitled to receive.

The new MOAA publication *Preparing for the Loss of a Military Spouse* seeks to address these concerns. The publication serves both to assist military families to get their affairs in order and to help guide survivors through the next steps they need to take after a loved one's death.

#### Financial Benefits

The first section of the booklet deals with potential financial and military benefits that survivors

might receive. Many veterans are surprised to discover that entitlement to retired pay stops at midnight on the date of the service member's death.

If a service member signed up for the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP), then upon death, their beneficiary could receive an annuity that provides 55% of a "base amount" of retired pay. The base amount was selected at the time of retirement and cannot be changed.

A veteran's disability payments from the VA also stop upon the death of the service member. However, if the VA determines a veteran's death is attributable to a disease or injury incurred or aggravated during active service, or if the veteran had a total service-connected disability rating, the surviving spouse might be eligible for Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).

#### Military Benefits

When a sponsor dies, surviving spouses (and dependent family members) continue to remain eligible for all benefits for which they were previously authorized.

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This includes medical care, commissary, exchange, etc. Other programs, such as access to educational benefits, will depend on specific eligibility criteria.

### Non-Military Benefits

A host of non-military benefits and tax breaks might be available to surviving spouses and even, under certain circumstances, surviving divorced spouses. Widows and widowers can typically get up to 100% of the worker's Social Security benefit at full retirement age.

Surviving spouses might also be able to take advantage of the step-up in basis rule. This resets the cost basis of an inherited asset from its purchase price to the asset's market value on the date of the owner's death.

### Estate Planning

The second part of the publication focuses on getting affairs in order. Everyone, regardless of age or income level, should have an estate plan, and that

plan needs to be periodically monitored and updated.


A thorough estate plan goes beyond a simple will and can also include advance care planning, trusts, and a letter of instruction that can help guide the person settling an estate through the process. It's helpful to include a list of assets.

### Other Guidance

The booklet comes with a checklist to help guide survivors in the immediate days after their loss. There is also a resource list that includes organizations that focus on supporting surviving military families.

It's important to not only create an estate plan but also to include your spouse and loved ones in the conversation. It's a difficult discussion to have, but it will save your family stress in the long run.

### Download MOAA's Preparing for the Loss of a Military Spouse

Download Preparing for the Loss of a Military Spouse at the link in blue at the top of this column on page 6. You can also see MOAA's webinar about the [Survivor Benefit Plan](#) at this link. 

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## President's Perspective

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by Jeff Young. Thank you, Jeff, and congratulations to Doug Gray who won the tickets!

Tom Sheets came through again with ten items for our members to try to win, and Linda Vatalero organized a different way of raffling these items which netted \$296 for the chapter. This will go towards our 70th Anniversary event in October.

Advocacy in Action is fast approaching – April 15th! I'm encouraging everyone to go to the [MOAA Legislative Action Center](#) and communicate with our US Senators and Representatives to make our voices heard! Details on page 14.

Our 70th Anniversary event committee is working hard to make this a memorable experience. Our chapter has had seven decades of impact on youth, veterans, and families across Arizona. Many of our past presidents are still serving the chapter which is a testament to their strength of character and resolve. We are lucky to have them as members! **Please**

**consider joining us in our event planning!** Draft sponsorship website is shown on page 13.

Our April meeting is always special! We award three deserving ASU ROTC cadets & midshipmen with scholarships to help them complete their college and subsequent commissioning. Recipients are not on a current scholarship and intend to make the military a career. Commanding Officers and scholarship recipients and selected guests will be invited to attend. *Please plan to wear your uniform or miniature medals for that luncheon.* (See page 12 for details.)

Upcoming event: April 30th (Thursday) Happy Hour at Maggiano's. This will be a great event — especially for those members who cannot attend our regular Saturday luncheons. Please save the date!!

Best to all you fine people,

Bruce Kosaveach

President, AZ Chapter MOAA 

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## Recent Chapter Events

### March Luncheon: "We Don't Know Them All, But We Owe Them All"


Our members who could not attend the March luncheon missed an inspiring presentation from retired Army Command Sergeant Major, Rick Krieger. Rick is the Founder and Executive Director of Veterans Affinity, a non-profit organization he started out of the trunk of his car.

Veterans Affinity focuses its veteran support on pre-9/11 veterans, with a particular emphasis on Vietnam veterans. This focus was because it was Vietnam veterans who were Rick's leaders and mentors as a young soldier.

Their main effort is to ensure that our Vietnam veterans get the benefits they have earned and deserve. One of the core aspects is getting them enrolled in the VA Health Care System. To date, they have aided over 2,000 veterans in getting enrolled.

Rick and Veterans Affinity are well known and respected by all those working to support veterans in Arizona. One of our members said to Rick afterwards, "I've been a member since 2009 and this was the first presentation that made this old veteran tear."

Many others have recognized the invaluable contributions Veterans Affinity is making for our veterans. They will be honored with a 2026 Copper Eagle Award at the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame annual Patriotic Awards Luncheon on May 1st.

If you would like to learn more about Veterans Affinity or donate to their programs, please visit them at [veteransaffinity.org](http://veteransaffinity.org). 



CSM Rick Krieger discusses Veterans Affinity at the March luncheon.




Rick Krieger receives an AZMOAA Challenge Coin from President Bruce Kosaveach.

## Meritorious Service Award Winners

During our March Luncheon, President Bruce Kosaveach presented chapter Meritorious Service Awards to Lenore Portante and Susan Farrell.

Lenore stepped up to update the AZ Chapter brochure which was out of date and can now be used for recruiting and other purposes. This is Lenore's second award.

Susan and Sharon Ady organized ongoing Ladies Luncheons to increase camaraderie and idea sharing. The first of their kind! This is Susan's third award. Sharon will be awarded in April and will be her first award. 



Bruce Kosaveach presents the AZMOAA Meritorious Service Award to Susan Farrell and Lenore Portante.

## Legislative Affairs

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### **GUARD VA Benefits Act**

Unaccredited companies are charging veterans thousands of dollars to assist with VA disability claims, a service which is legally available for free through accredited representatives. Weak enforcement mechanisms have allowed bad actors to exploit veterans navigating the VA claims process.

The GUARD VA Benefits Act (H.R. 1732) would restore penalties for unauthorized fees and strengthen oversight. Veterans should never have to surrender a portion of their earned benefits to unregulated, for-profit intermediaries.

### **Military CARE Act**

Military families frequently encounter appointment shortages, referral delays, and other barriers to access at military treatment facilities (MTFs) – often with no clear, standardized way to elevate or track access-to-care concerns.

The Military CARE Act (H.R. 6796) would establish a centralized digital platform allowing TRICARE beneficiaries to report access-to-care problems, route concerns to the appropriate patient advocate, and provide the Defense Health Agency and Congress with aggregated data to address widespread challenges.

### **MOAA Needs Our Support**

As MOAA advocates prepare to bring these priorities to Capitol Hill in April, lawmakers are listening closely to the voices they hear back home. They want to know these issues don't just matter in Washington – they matter in their districts and states, to the constituents they represent.

That's why this year's Advocacy in Action effort includes a focused digital campaign designed to generate a strong, coordinated wave of messages in the coming weeks. When our in-person advocates walk into congressional offices, they should be reinforcing what lawmakers have already heard from you, their constituents. Your support can make the difference between a bill gaining traction or being lost among competing congressional priorities.

You can help today by:

- **Signing up for [MOAA's Legislative Action Center](#)** and send prepared messages to your

elected officials and receive priority alerts when it is time to act.

- **Calling your lawmakers directly** via MOAA's Capitol Hotline at (866) 272-MOAA (6622) to express your support for MOAA's legislative priorities.

When our members walk into congressional offices, they carry the collective voice of our nationwide community. Your work will help ensure Congress keeps faith with those who serve to protect our nation.

### **ARIZONA STATE LEGISLATIVE UPDATE Supporting Arizona Veterans – 2026 Session**

Several important veteran-related bills are moving through the Arizona Legislature. These measures directly impact disabled veterans, military families, and justice-involved veterans. I encourage members to review the summaries below and contact their legislators in support. Included are “cut and paste” comments to add to your emails for each Legislative action.

#### **HB2165 – State Park Pass Fee Exemption**

HB2165 advances additional improvements to Arizona statutes by allowing veterans free access to state parks. While narrower in scope, it continues the Legislature's effort to reduce financial burdens on those who served. Incremental improvements matter — particularly for veterans living on fixed incomes.

*Cut-and-Paste Note of Support:*

I respectfully ask you to support HB2165. Arizona should continue strengthening laws that reduce financial burdens and improve benefits for veterans and their families. Please vote YES as this bill moves forward.

#### **SB1050 – State Park Fees Exception**

SB1050 allows veterans free access to state parks. While technical in nature, these updates help modernize state policy and ensure statutes better reflect the realities facing today's veteran population. Supporting these improvements reinforces Arizona's commitment to those who served.

*Cut-and-Paste Note of Support:*

Please support SB1050. Modernizing and refining state statutes that impact veterans ensure Arizona continues to honor and properly serve those

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who wore the uniform. I respectfully request your YES vote.

### **HB2960 – Veterans’ Specialty Court Grant Program**

HB2960 establishes the Veterans’ Specialty Court Grant Program and creates a Veterans’ Treatment Court Fund administered by the Attorney General. The program supports rehabilitation-focused court models that address PTSD, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse, and other service-related conditions. The bill also includes annual reporting requirements to ensure accountability and measurable outcomes. Veterans’ courts have proven effective nationwide in reducing recidivism and restoring veterans to productive community life.

*Cut-and-Paste Note of Support:*

I urge you to support HB2960 establishing the Veterans’ Specialty Court Grant Program. Veterans’ courts focus on treatment and rehabilitation, reduce recidivism, and strengthen public safety. Please vote YES on HB2960.

### **SB1365 – Remove Income Cap for Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption**

SB1365 removes the statutory household income cap for veterans with service-connected or non-service-connected disabilities seeking a property tax exemption. A veteran’s disability rating — not their income level — should determine eligibility for this earned benefit. This bill corrects an inequity in current law and ensures disabled veterans are not penalized for modest financial stability.


*Cut-and-Paste Note of Support:*

Please support SB1365. Disabled veterans should not lose their property tax exemption based on household income once they have earned it through service-connected disability. I respectfully request your YES vote.

### **Take Action**

You can:

- Use the Arizona Request to Speak (RTS) system (if registered at the state capital).
- Email or call your State Senator and Representative.
- Personalize the message with your service background.

As always, grassroots advocacy works. Lawmakers respond to constituents — especially veterans. 

## **AZMOAA Happy Hour**

**Thursday April 30th, 4:30pm to 7:00pm**

**Maggiano’s @ 16405 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ**

### **AZMOAA “Music We Remember Game Show”**

**Guests & prospective members welcomed.**

**Includes heavy hors d’oeuvres, no host bar, silent auction.**



**Happy Hour: \$25.00 per person**

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**Make checks payable to AZMOAA & RSVP to Charlie Bitner:**

**#602-999-2779 or [charles@bitner36.com](mailto:charles@bitner36.com).**

**After April 17 RSVP to Tom Sheets: [tomsheets@cox.net](mailto:tomsheets@cox.net), #760-213-3705.**

## Volunteers Needed for JROTC Award Presentations!

AZMOAA still needs presenters for our annual JROTC award presentations. Take a look at the remaining openings in the table below, and if you think you might be interested in representing the chapter and making a presentation at one of these schools, please contact Valerie Mettler at email [valeriehoff@gmail.com](mailto:valeriehoff@gmail.com) or phone #916-435-4024.

***Thanks for your support!***

School	Address	Location	Service	Presenter	Date	Time
Alhambra	3839 W Camelback Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85019	Outdoors	Army	??	TBD	
Basha	5990 S Val Vista Dr, Chandler, AZ 85249	Auditorium	Air Force	??	01-May	1500
Dobson	1501 W Guadalupe Rd, Mesa, AZ 85202	TBD	Air Force	??	24-Apr	1800
Gilbert	1101 E Elliot Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85234	Auditorium	Air Force	??	04-May	1730
Globe	437 S High St, Globe, AZ 85501	Auditorium	Army	??	01-May	1730
Higley	4068 E Pecos Rd, Gilbert, AZ 85295	Auditorium	Air Force	??	21-Apr	1830
Poston Butte	32375 N Gantzel Rd, San Tan Valley, AZ 85143	Library	Air Force	??	30-Apr	1500
Skyline	845 S Crismon Rd, Mesa, AZ 85208	Auditorium	Army	??	22-Apr	1700
Westwood	945 W Rio Salado Pkwy, Mesa, AZ 85201	Cafeteria	Air Force	??	28-Apr	1700

### AZMOAA 2026 ROTC Scholarships


**T**his month, we will present \$2500 scholarships to three cadets/midshipmen enrolled in the three service ROTC programs at ASU - Army, Navy and Air Force. The three selectees, along with their guests and ROTC commanding officers, have been invited to attend our April 18th luncheon.

ROTC commanding officers will have an opportunity to highlight their programs at ASU, then introduce their scholarship recipients. Each selectee will be presented with a letter of congratulations from the chapter along with their checks followed by brief comments on the impact of the scholarship and their career aspirations.

For the last several years, the primary goal of

the chapter's scholarship programs has been to help cadets and midshipmen who are not receiving ROTC scholarships to earn their commissions. This year's recipients are:

- Cadet Gabriel Louis Luhman, Army ROTC, ASU - Junior.
- Midshipman Evan Michael Donnelly, Navy ROTC, ASU – Sophomore.
- Cadet Ezekiel Spann, Air Force ROTC, ASU – Junior.

ROTC commanding officers and cadets/midshipman will be in uniform, so we are making this a uniform optional event. If your uniform has shrunk in your closet, then wear your miniature medals on your civilian jacket. Plan to join us for this annual favorite meeting where we get a chance to see and hear from future leaders in the military services. 

# Arizona Chapter 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Drafts of our Invitation and Sponsorship pages which will be included on our chapter website shortly.




**YOU ARE INVITED**

## Celebrating 70 Years

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2026 | 5:30 PM**  
 THE MCCORMICK RESORT SCOTTSDALE  
 7421 N SCOTTSDALE RD, SCOTTSDALE, AZ 85253

Join us for a night of celebration, as we honor MOAA's Arizona Chapter and seven decades of lasting impact. With dinner and pageantry, this event highlights the meaningful work that brings service and opportunity to the youth, veterans, and families across Arizona.

Insert QR Code

To RSVP please visit TBD.com, or scan the QR code.



## Sponsorship Opportunities

### Arizona's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

Join us on October 23rd, at the McCormick Resort in Scottsdale, as we celebrate our chapter's 70th Anniversary and seven decades of lasting impact.



Proceeds from the event directly support:



ASU ROTC scholarships



Military & VA benefits for veterans and families



Local veteran and community charities

#### Event Details

Friday, October 23, 2026 | 5:30 PM

The McCormick Resort Scottsdale  
 7421 N Scottsdale Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85253

#### Special Guest & Keynote Speaker

Lt. Gen. Brian Kelly.

USAF, (Ret) MOAA President and CEO



#### MC | Mike Broomhead

The Arizona Chapter is the state's first MOAA affiliate. The chapter traces its roots to the Retired Officers Club, a multi-service group of officers that formed in 1956. In September 1956, the club requested affiliation with The Retired Officers Association (TROA), the predecessor to the Military Officers Association of America.

70 Years of Service, Leadership, and Legacy

### Sponsorship Levels

<b>Diamond</b>	<b>\$5,000</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two tables w/ priority seating (20 guests)</li> <li>• Full page color ad in program book</li> <li>• Prominent logo placement in the ballroom</li> <li>• Logo &amp; link on website</li> </ul>	
<b>Ruby</b>	<b>\$2,500</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One table w/ priority seating (10 guests)</li> <li>• ½ page color ad in program book</li> <li>• Signage recognition</li> </ul>	
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<b>Emerald</b>	<b>\$500</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two tickets</li> <li>• Name listed in program book</li> </ul>	
<b>Supporting Sponsor</b>	<b>\$250</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two tickets</li> <li>• Name listed in program book</li> </ul>	

#### Marketing Sponsors:

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Donations can also be made by check to: AZ Chapter MOAA  
 Send to: Charlie Bilner, 134 E. Northview Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020  
 Memo: 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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## ADVOCACY IN ACTION 2026

I will be one of four people representing Arizona's Council of Chapters for MOAA's 2026 Advocacy in Action (AiA) campaign scheduled for 15 April 2026. We will be calling on our two US Senators and six Representatives.

Four primary legislative issues will be prioritized for AiA:

1. Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168).
2. Military Care Act (H.R. 6796).
3. Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 2101 / S. 1032).
4. Guard VA Benefits Act (H.R.1732)\*.

(\*The GUARD VA Benefits Act restores enforcement authority and criminal penalties for unaccredited individuals and companies that illegally charge veterans and survivors for VA disability claims assistance.)

These priorities are currently active in the MOAA Legislative Action Center (LAC).

Our in-person appointments will be all the stronger when these lawmakers have collectively heard beforehand from you, their constituents. Between now and mid-April, I'm once again asking for your support of MOAA's Advocacy in Action (AiA) effort.

Please spend the few minutes it takes online to support national MOAA's efforts and send letters (via the LAC) to address these legislative challenges facing our uniformed community. Here's the link to access the MOAA Legislative Action Center: [MOAA | Legislative Action Center \(quorum.us\)](https://quorum.us)

**Let's communicate with our US Senators and Representatives and make our voices heard!**

Bruce Kosaveach







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- Army
- Navy
- Air Force
- Marine Corps
- Coast Guard
- Space Force
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- Public Health Services
- The National Guard
- or other Reserve Components of those services

Widows and widowers of deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for regular membership in accordance with the above.

**ARIZONA CHAPTER  
 Military Officers Association of America**

**CALENDAR**

**Board of Directors Meetings**

Next Meeting:  
 April 2nd, 2026, 10:30am  
 Papago Park Arizona National Guard Base  
 5636 E McDowell Rd  
 Phoenix, AZ 85008

**Member Luncheon/Meetings**

Third Saturday of each month at 11am  
 Next Meeting: April 18th, 2026  
 McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
 7505 E McCormick Pkwy, Scottsdale, AZ 85258

**Upcoming Events**

30 Apr 2026: Member Happy Hour  
 16 May 2026: May Member Luncheon  
 5 Jun 2026: AZMOAA Ladies Luncheon



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