



THE ARIZONA CHAPTER
Military Officers Association of America
Arizona's First Chapter
Membership Meeting – Saturday, May 18, 2026
11:30 a.m., McCormick Ranch Golf Club, Scottsdale, Arizona



CALL TO ORDER: President Bruce Kosaveach called the meeting to order at 11:20.

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:

Level of Excellence Award Presentation: Bruce introduced Chuck and Chris Vaughn. Chuck is the President of the AZ Council of Chapters. Chuck presented the 5-Star Level of Excellence Award for our newsletter (10th consecutive year) to Steve MacDonald. We earned the 5-Star Level of Excellence Award for our website (10th consecutive year) thanks to Carl Ulbricht, our webmaster. Our chapter also received the 5-Star Level of Excellence Award – our 22nd consecutive year.

MSA: Bruce presented the MSA to Steve MacDonald for his many and varied extra services to our organization. This is his 3rd award. Sharon Ady was presented with her 1st MSA for her many varied services to the organization. Valerie Mettler was presented with her 1st MSA for her work on the JROTC program which included over 30 high schools and 14 volunteers.

Scottsdale Philharmonic Tickets: We have 30 tickets available, \$20 each, for the June 25 presentation. Thank you to Jim Cullison for procuring these tickets.

Summer Happy Hour: We will be holding a summer happy hour at a location and date to be determined.

MOAA Community Grant: We have received \$4,000 from the MOAA Community Grant – which is considerably more than we have received in the past. With an additional \$1,000 from the Southwest Veterans Foundation, we are going to do something different. Late November or early December, we are going to hold an event called “Shop With a Veteran” by partnering with the Arizona Law Enforcement Outreach Support. We are going to purchase 33 \$150 gift cards for children of veterans in need in the community. Since we are going to support 33 children of veterans, that will open 33 more law enforcement children’s positions. We go shopping with these children. We help them shop, put things in the carts, etc. We will need 33 individuals or couples to work with us as sponsors.

70th Anniversary Event: There is a sheet on each table with a QR Code that will take you to the 70th Anniversary website. You can sign up, donate, etc.

Business Meeting: We need to amend our bylaws. The way we do that is to hold a “business meeting” with a quorum. A quorum is at least 10% of two thirds of the members. We do have a quorum at this meeting. We needed to amend the bylaws to create a way to replace a director midyear. Bruce read the amendment. Tom Sheets motioned to approve the amendment. Someone else 2nd the motions. There were no discussions. All members voted to approve the amendment. Special business meeting adjourned at 1140.

RECOGNITION: Bruce recognized Richard and Mary Zweig.

Membership Meeting – Saturday, March 21, 2026 (cont'd)

11:30 a.m., Maggiano's Restaurant, Scottsdale, Arizona

TREASURERS REPORT:

Chapter Fund: \$4,864.28	Scholarship Fund: \$11,627.54	70th Anniversary Fund: \$8,731
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RAFFLE: Bill _____ won the \$50 raffle and decided to give it back to the Chapter Fund.

Brian Minzey spoke with us about his PhD thesis and requested our assistance. He needs to interview 20 veterans about their process of rebuilding purpose, identity and direction after their military service.

LUNCH SERVED

GUEST SPEAKER: RAdm Craig Quigley was our guest speaker. He previously served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Public Affairs. He was on duty at his post in the Pentagon on 9/11/2001.

GOOD OF THE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Ladies Lunch on June 5 11:30 at _____.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 13:35

Respectively submitted,

Lenore Portante, Secretary