



# The Sentinel

## Arizona's First Chapter



The Arizona Chapter

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### President's Perspective

by Lee Lange



#### Moving Forward

It's hard to believe we are already two months into 2017 and witness to significant change brought by new leadership at the National level.

A new President and a new Administration are busy getting up to speed in Washington with new policies and new direction to follow. Be sure to see the January issue of *Military Officer* magazine for MOAA's legislative goals.

#### Answer the Call

This is the time of year when we can expect MOAA's calls for our help in letting legislators know what we want them to do this session of Congress. Watch your magazine for letters and post cards you can send to your legislators.

#### We Need You

Closer to home, thank you to our members who have renewed their memberships for 2017. If you have not yet renewed, see the information in this newsletter and send in

your check or go online through our secured site and pay by credit card. Details are on Page 4.

Stay with us - MOAA needs your support and so do we. We Expect 2017 to be a great year for the Arizona Chapter.

#### Fundraising Progress

We have made great progress towards our goal of raising \$10,000 for our Scholarship Program. So great in fact that at press time we unofficially passed the goal (see chart on Page 7) with donations by you since September of last year. Thank you for your very generous support.

But just because we hit the goal so soon, don't stop now. Let's see how far we can go beyond the goal, remembering that the donations go to scholarships for outstanding ASU ROTC cadets and midshipmen.

#### Join Us for Golf

All of you should have received a flyer via email announcing our 2017 golf tournament and

scholarship fundraiser set for April 21 at the Starfire Golf Course. Pat Dale is planning another outstanding event, so mark your calendars and plan to play a great round of golf or join us for the awards luncheon after play.

#### Important Dates

Don't forget February's important dates.

Super Bowl LI will be played on February 5.

The following week is this year's StandDown for Homeless Veterans, February 9-11, at the Veterans Memorial Coliseum on the fairgrounds in Phoenix.

Search online for 2017 Maricopa StandDown - Valley of the Sun United Way and the registration information will come up. You can volunteer for shifts on any day depending on your schedule.

Next is Valentine's Day, coming up fast on the 14th and then comes our February 18 chapter meeting. I hope see you there.

And February 20 is Presidents Day. Fly your flag to honor our Commanders-in-Chief.

#### Arizona Chapter Calendar

**Board of Directors** meets at 1030 hours the first Thursday of the month unless noted otherwise.

**Location:** National Guard Regional Training Institute, 5636 E. McDowell Rd. Show ID for entry. Members welcome.

#### Upcoming meetings:

- February 2
- March 2

#### Member Meetings/ Luncheons

are held on the third Saturday of the month, Social Hour at 1100, Luncheon at 1200, at McCormick Ranch Golf Club unless noted otherwise.

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- February 18
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## January Speaker

# An American Soldier, ‘Known but to God’, Comes Home

Many of us probably have visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington National Cemetery. Did you ever wonder how that World War I soldier was chosen to represent all of the American servicemen who fought and died in that war?

Matt Scott, our January luncheon speaker, recounted that selection process and the reverent ceremony that followed the selection. He drew on records and photos assembled by his grandfather, a War Department employee who was charged with documenting the process in 1921.



There were 1,237 nameless World War I American service members buried in French military cemeteries. Four anonymous graves, one from each of four cemeteries, were unearthed and the caskets transported to the hall of a hotel in Chalons-sur-Marne. Army Sgt. Edward Younger, one of the pall bearers and himself a veteran of the war, was appointed to select from among the four what was to become our Unknown Soldier. He carefully considered, and then made his choice by placing a bouquet of white roses on one flag-draped casket.

Afterward he said, “I wondered if it was someone I had known.”

Hundreds of French citizens lined the street to pay respects as the casket was transported to the train station, where it was then moved to the port of Le Havre for the voyage back to the U.S.

At Le Havre, more crowds of French citizens stood in reverent silence as the Unknown was carried aboard the Battleship Olympia for the trip home.

The ship arrived at the Washington Navy Yard, where 45 fraternal, patriotic and welfare organizations took part in the procession to the Capitol Building. There the soldier laid in state in the Rotunda, the casket resting on the same catafalque that had borne the caskets of assassinated presidents Lincoln, Garfield and McKinley.

More than 90,000 persons passed by to pay respects, after which the casket was taken to Arlington Cemetery for the Unknown Soldier’s final burial on November 11, 1921. General Jack Pershing, commander of American forces in the war, had brought some French soil, which he placed in the grave.

The three unknown soldiers who were not selected by Sgt. Younger were reburied in France. Sgt. Younger visited the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier later in life and is now himself buried at Arlington.

The records gathered by Matt Scott’s grandfather are now in possession of the Army’s 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, the Old Guard, that provides a perpetual honor guard at the Tomb.



**WANTED  
FACEBOOK EDITOR**



Did you know our chapter has a Facebook page?

We do, and you can find it on our website, azmoaa.org. But alas, our Facebook editor moved out of state and we need a willing member to take over and keep the page up-to-date.

It’s not hard, and you can work at your own pace. Help your chapter out. Put a face on that question mark above.

Contact any chapter officer to volunteer.

**TAPS**

We recently learned of the passing of a member’s spouse

**Kay Budzowski**  
May 28, 1936—January 4, 2017  
Wife of Ben Budzowski

*Our heartfelt condolences are extended to Ben and his family.*



## Arizona Chapter MOAA

February 18, 2017, Program

### **“VETERANS HERITAGE PROJECT”**



**Brittany Henritze, Program Coordinator**

#### **Dr. Jeanne Blaes, AZ Veterans Hall of Fame**

Veterans Heritage Project (VHP) connects students with veterans in their communities, offering students the opportunity to become immersed in one-on-one personal accounts of heroism and service to our country, while learning life-long skills, developing a passion for history, writing and civics, and an appreciation of the freedoms which came through the sacrifices of those who have served our nation. Students are responsible for interviewing, writing and celebrating their veterans' stories of military experience. They become published authors, by contributing their stories to VHP's annual hard-covered books entitled *Since You Asked* and permanent audio-visual archiving at the Library of Congress, in Washington, D.C.

Brittany Henritze is the Program Coordinator for Veterans Heritage Project, and is an alumni of the VHP Program from 2003 to 2005. Brittany has a passion for non-profit work, and a background in non-profit coordination, event management, and program management. She received her Bachelors of Science in Human Development and Family Studies from Colorado State University.

Dr. Jeanne Blaes was recently inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame and will share her VHP experience along with a student at our February meeting.

Bill Roscher, Jim Cullison, David Price and John Sentz from our MOAA chapter are some of the veterans who have been interviewed and published.

**Saturday February 18, 2017**

**McCormick Ranch Golf Club**

REGISTRATION must be received by 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, February 14  
\$22 per person includes lunch. Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA  
or pay by credit card at the luncheon.

Send to: Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85020,

Or contact Charlie at 602-943-0028 or [charles.bitner@gmail.com](mailto:charles.bitner@gmail.com)





## Arizona Chapter

### Annual Membership Renewal



**AS OF FEBRUARY 1<sup>st</sup>  
ONLY 59 DAYS LEFT**

**Membership Dues are due by March 31, 2017**

**After that date, we must drop you from our roster**

Dues for Regular Members are \$20.00

Dues for Auxiliary Members are \$10.00

Your membership is important to us. Please take the time to renew your membership to the Arizona Chapter of MOAA.



Make out your check to  
**AZ Chapter MOAA**

Mail to

**Charlie Bitner, Treasurer  
134 E Northview Ave.  
Phoenix, AZ 85020**

Or you can pay online by logging onto  
MOAA.org and clicking the  
Membership tab

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## Personal Affairs

By Lee Lange  
Personal Affairs Officer

### Cybersecurity Tips to Keep Your Information Safe

#### Part 2

The following is part two of a piece adapted from a MOAA staff article.

#### Take precautions when using Wi-Fi in public

Use a virtual private network (VPN) service, such as Hotspot Shield ([www.anchorfree.com](http://www.anchorfree.com)), Private Wi-Fi ([www.privateWi-Fi.com](http://www.privateWi-Fi.com)), and WiTopia ([www.witopia.net](http://www.witopia.net)) when connecting to public Wi-Fi. These services come in free ad-supported versions and ad-free and faster-pay versions. Both encrypt all data that flows between your device and anything you connect to over the Internet.

Make sure sites you connect to which require you to sign in using a password use TSL (Transport Layer Security) or SSL (Secure Sockets Layer) security. On these sites, the web address begins with "https." Check when buying, banking, or doing similar activities.

Use firewall and antivirus software, and keep it current, whether you use a pay service like Norton Security ([www.norton.com](http://www.norton.com)), or a free service such as AVG Free ([free.avg.com](http://free.avg.com)), which you can use in combination with your operating system's own firewall.

#### Set your browser to block pop-up windows

Adjust privacy settings to ensure your posts and profile information can be seen only by approved audiences.

Limit the personal information you share online. Avoid posting work or personal schedules and travel itineraries.

Be cautious when accepting friend requests and interacting with people online. Never accept a friend request from someone you do not know.

Disable location-based social networking, or geotagging, on all social media platforms. (Geotagging is the process of adding

geographical identification to photographs, video, websites, and text messages.)

Don't share information you don't want to become public. Once you put it on the internet, you can't control where it goes.

#### Avoid becoming an online fraud victim

Be very suspicious of any unsolicited email requesting personal information.

Don't open email messages unless you know the source. Phishing emails are designed to trick you into opening an email with a malicious link or an attachment infected with a virus.

Never purchase anything advertised through unsolicited email. Search for a company's official website instead of clicking a link

When purchasing merchandise online, make sure you are dealing with a reputable source. Do research to ensure the legitimacy of the individual or company.

Consider upfront fees to be a bright red flag. Scammers often say they can help you access your benefits or get you a good interest rate on a loan - if you provide them an upfront fee.

Also be wary of anything that promises large sums of money, such as sweepstakes or lottery winnings, in exchange for an advance payment, a donation, or an investment. Bottom line: Never send money to someone you don't know and haven't checked out thoroughly.

Take precautions when making charitable donations. Bogus charities often use official-sounding names and words like "veterans" or "foundation" to try to convince potential donors of their status. Consult Charity Navigator or the Wise Giving Alliance register to be sure your money will reach those in need.

#### Be Proactive

Finally, regularly monitor online accounts for suspicious activity. Sign up for real-time alerts from banks and other institutions you regularly use. If you detect suspicious activity, change your password immediately and report the activity to the vendor.

Find more cybersecurity tips and information at [www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect-toolkit](http://www.dhs.gov/stopthinkconnect-toolkit).



## Legislative Update

by Lee Lange  
Legislation Chairman

### A New Congress

President Trump's inauguration **January 20** left Republicans in control of the White House and both houses of Congress for the first time in 10 years. President Trump has vowed to strengthen the military and take care of veterans and will soon have a chance to put his words into action when he submits his FY18 budget to Congress next month.

The President has talked about adding as much as \$40B to the Defense budget. The President's first confirmed cabinet member is his Defense Secretary, Jim Mattis, a retired Marine four star general. He is the first retired general officer to head the Defense Department since General George Marshall over 50 years ago.

### Challenges Ahead

Many challenges remain as the federal budget is only funded until **April 28**. This means that the 115th Congress will have to work on funding the remainder of the FY17 Budget while also considering the President's first budget submission.

Also looming is the return of Sequestration to FY18 budget deliberations after being suspended the last two years following a Congressional budget deal.

Meanwhile, the Congress is hard at work with Senator John McCain, R-AZ, returning as Chairman of the SASC and Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-TX, back as Chairman of the HASC. Be sure to review MOAA's legislative goals for 2017 as laid out in the January *Military Officer* magazine.

The number one goal this year is getting Congress to repeal Sequestration, which is back after being put on hold for two years.

The number two goal is to advance Concurrent Receipt for members rated below 50 per cent disabled and end the SBP-DIC offset for survivors.

On the VA side the President has nominated Dr. David Shulkin, the current undersecretary for health at the VA, to head the agency. If confirmed he would be the first non-veteran to head the agency and its 300,000 employees.

## State Legislature in Session

Two issues are of interest in this year's state legislative session. First there is support to change the Military Family Relief Fund (MFRF) to a model that helps more than the current post -911 veteran population covered under the MFRF. The change proposed would end Arizona's tax credit to the fund and move it to the Arizona Department of Veterans Services Veteran Donation Fund (VDF) which helps all veterans. The MFRF would be capped at current funding levels and then sunset in 2025. More information on sponsors and a bill number will be available shortly.

The second issue is increasing the amount of the military pension exemption for state taxes. It is now \$2,500. Legislation pending in the Senate calls for increasing the exemption over a four year period starting in FY19 to fully exempt Military retired pay from state taxes. Again, sponsor information and bill number will be available soon.

## Job Searching? Let MOAA Help

If you are looking for a second career, job change or employment for any other reason, or you know a veteran seeking work, the Arizona Council of Chapters has a resource to help.

The council website has a transition liaison component with helpful information such as job fairs with veteran-friendly employers, individual job postings and other helpful information and links to assist with job searches.

This resource is helpful to veterans returning from deployment or leaving active duty, as well as retirees and other veterans looking for work.

Visit the Arizona Council's website, [azcouncilofchapters.org](http://azcouncilofchapters.org), and click on the Transition Liaison button on the menu bar to see what the Council has to offer.

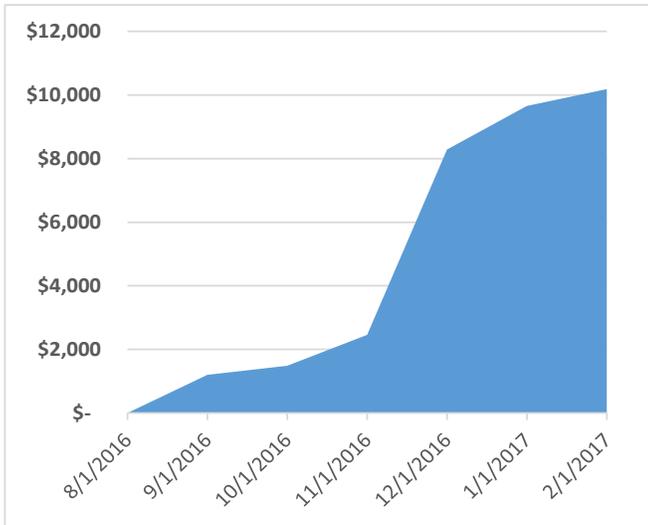
## Welcome Our New Member

**David A. Boyd, Major USAF (Ret)**  
And his wife Mary of Anthem

Please meet and greet our new member.

## Scholarship Fundraising Campaign

**Goal: \$10,000 YTD: \$10,185**



Online With The Arizona Chapter

by Rob Welch, Webmaster

We need your help. Our website will be considered for an award this month. Please take a moment and check it out at [azmoaa.org](http://azmoaa.org). If you notice any problems such as broken links or outdated information, etc., please let me know at [webmaster@azuav.org](mailto:webmaster@azuav.org). Thanks, Rob.

### Donations to Scholarship Fund

Jim and Judy Draper \$50  
 Dan Germond \$29  
 Lee and Janet Lange \$250  
 Roger Schartzler \$100  
 Jon and Linda Shawl \$100

### February Luncheon

**WHEN:** February 18, 2017  
 11:00 a.m., Meet & Greet Social Hour  
 11:45, Lunch

**WHERE:** McCormick Ranch Golf Club  
 Scottsdale

**COST:** \$22 Per Person

**DRESS:** Business Casual

**MENU:** Salad, chicken saltimbocca over rice pilaf with lemon beurre blanc, triple layer fudge cake.

**PROGRAM:** Brittany Henritze, Veterans Heritage Project coordinator, will describe the living history project, assisted by Chapter Member Jeanne Blaes.

### Sorry for the Credit Card Glitch, But the Problem's Been Fixed

Some of you tried to pay for your January lunch with our new credit card payment option, but a technical problem prevented the transaction from going through.

Good news. The bug has been eliminated, and the credit card option is a go for February. We apologize for the inconvenience the problem may have caused. It was a learning experience for us.

You still have three options for payment — cash, check or credit card. But most importantly, no matter what method you use, you still must make reservations for lunch in advance. See below.

### CHAPTER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

If you would like to make a donation to one or more of the AZ Chapter Funds, include your check identified with the appropriate fund and mail to: **Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85020, 602-943-0028, charles.bitner@gmail.com.**

**General Fund:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Scholarship Fund:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ [a 501(c)(3) charitable fund]

Name of Donor : \_\_\_\_\_ Identify me as a donor in the next newsletter. YES\_\_\_ NO\_\_\_

### MEAL/RESERVATION FORM

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

Enclosed is my check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$22.00/person) for the February 2017 luncheon

Make check payable to: **AZ Chapter MOAA** or pay by credit card at the luncheon

Send check to: **Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85020, 602-943-0028, charles.bitner@gmail.com.**

**Member reservations or call-ins WILL NOT be accepted after February 14. Cancellations after February 14 will be charged and not refunded.**

### Need to Dispose of a Damaged Flag?

If you have an American flag that has become frayed, faded or damaged, bring it to a chapter meeting for proper retirement.

John Ady has identified two reputable sources that will take flags — one for cotton flags and the other for those made of synthetic material (nylon, etc.) that might have components unfriendly to the environment — and dispose of them properly.



**Mardi Gras, February 28**

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