

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



Minutes of the November 17, 2018 Arizona Chapter of MOAA General Meeting McCormick Ranch Golf Park, Scottsdale Arizona.

The November 2018 meeting and luncheon of the general membership of the Arizona Chapter of MOAA was held on Saturday, November 17, 2018, at McCormick Ranch Golf Park, Scottsdale Arizona at 11:00 am

Following fellowship time, LTC Ron Bright USA (ret), President opened the meeting at 11:40 AM with the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by an invocation given by Chaplain, COL Daniel Butler USA (ret).

Members present: All guests and new members were introduced. Headcount was 52 total members and guests. Suzanne Taussig, prospective member, was introduced.

President's Announcements:

President Bright expressed his thanks to the Volunteers who worked Registration Desk for MOAA Annual General Meeting: Mike Rogers, Jim Cullison, Judy Brooks, Donna Bright, Gary Fredricks, Janet and Lee Lange, David Boyd (audio/visual).

Arizona Chapter was awarded LOE 5 Star Chapter Award (15th Consecutive) at MOAA Annual Meeting. Lee Lange pinned the award to the Chapter Flag.

Mike Rogers discussed his initiative, approved by the Board, to fill Totes for Homeless Vets to be distributed before the Holidays. Totes are available.

Lunch was served at 11:50 PM.

Meritorious Service Awards 2018: President Ron Bright and Immediate Past President Lee Lange presented awards to the following:

MAJ David Boyd USAF (ret) Janet Lange (Spouse)

CDR Jack Farley USN (ret) Susan Farrell (Surviving Spouse)

CAPT Bruce Kosaveach USN (ret)

Guest Speaker:

Rima Ann Nelson, Director, Phoenix VA Health Care System



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CHAPTER MEETING (con't)

Election of Officers for Calendar Year 2019

The following Slate of Officers for 2019, approved by the Board, was presented to the Membership, Motion to elect was made, seconded, and approved by the Membership.

President: CDR Mike Rogers USN (ret)
First Vice President: MAJ Pete Berger USAF (ret)
Second Vice President: COL Tom Sheets USMC (ret)

Secretary: (open)

Treasurer: Col Charlie Bitnar USAF (ret)

Directors: CDR Jack Farley USN (ret), LT Bob Hinton USN (fmr),

CAPT Jon Shawl USN (ret), CAPT Judy Brooks USN (ret)

CAPT Bruce Kosaveach USN (ret)

BYLAW CHANGES: The Board presented a change to the ByLaws of the Arizona Chapter, MOAA, Section 5. "A new member recruited anytime between January 1 and Jun 30 will be charged dues for that calendar year. A new member recruited between July 1 and December 31 will be charged dues for that calendar year to include the following year. New Membership dues are to be remitted with application." The motion was made, seconded, and approved by the Membership.

BYLAW CHANGES: MOAA National has changed wording in the ByLaws changing the "Auxillary" to "Surviving Spouses". The motion was made, seconded and adopted to change in the ByLaws.

Treasurer's Report: COL Charlie Bitner USAF (ret), Treasurer, reported the General Fund is currently \$5,846.26, the Scholarship Fund is \$28,184.72 totaling \$30,030.98. **Closing Comments: COL** Bill Roscher USA (ret) told the audience there will be 3 winners for the raffle.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Respectively submitted: Donna Bright, Acting Secretary



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