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# How Financial Support and Benefits Mutually Support Each Other

Session 2



#### **Facilitators**





Joy Sprink
Special Projects
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## **Agenda**



- Support Line Overview
- 2 Community Leader Panel
- 3 Closing

#### **Be Connected Support Line**



Introduction

**Connectivity to the Be Connected Support Line** 

1-866-4AZ-VETS (429-8387)

#### **Panel Discussion**



**Moderator: Joy Sprink** 

Russ Mascari - Marine Corps League

Joan Sisco - Veterans First LTD

Pete Kloeber: MOAA - Northern Arizona

Major Gene Wikle - MOAA - Luke AFB

#### **Joan Sisco**







# Military Officers Association of America "Never Stop Serving"

#### **Leveraging Community Resources**

**National** 

**State** 

Local



#### "Never Stop Serving" – National

- Nation's largest and most influential association of over 359,000 active duty,
   National Guard, Reserve, retired and former military officers, their families and survivors
- 4th largest military association behind only American Legion, VFW and DAV
- Co-founder AND permanent co-chair of The Military Coalition, a consortium of some 35 national Veterans organizations (over 5.5 million) operating in D.C.
- 16TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR MOAA named by the Hill Newspaper one of the top 50 advocacy groups in Wash D.C.
- 15TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR ONLY Veteran or Military organization
- 400 councils and chapters 42,000 members



#### "Never Stop Serving" - National

- MOAA Foundation
  - Over \$3.3M for currently serving, veterans and their families & survivors
  - Community Outreach Grants since 2017 = > \$460,000
  - COVID Emergency Relief Grants = over \$210K
    - Over \$130K to more than 200 applicants
    - Over \$80K to 28 MOAA councils and chapters
  - Crisis Relief Grants started July 2022
    - 1<sup>st</sup> grants in August for floods in Kentucky
    - \$85K to over 130 applicants
- MOAA Scholarship Fund
  - Typical year
    - 1,000 students receive \$7.2M in grants and interest-free loans

# "Never Stop Serving" – Arizona

"To provide a unified voice and support for all MOAA members and chapters in Arizona in promoting and supporting national MOAA goals, objectives, and advocacy for the rights, benefits, interests of – and service to – active duty, retired, and former members of the uniformed services of the United States and their families."

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#### "Never Stop Serving" - Arizona



- 9,400 members
- Council and 10 chapters
  - 1,000+ members
  - All 11 MOAA affiliates = "Be Connected Partner Organizations"
  - o Community service annually
    - > \$82K to communities and veterans/families
    - > \$69K in Scholarships (16 ROTC & 65+ JROTC programs)
- From MOAA National
  - Community Outreach Grants
    - Since 2017 = \$58,000 (16 grants 2<sup>nd</sup> most of any state)
  - COVID Emergency Relief Grants in 2020 and 2021
    - \$15,000 to 3 chapters
  - o Scholarships
    - 13 students received \$107K in education assistance



#### MOAA – "Never Stop Serving" - Arizona



- Luke Chapter Be Connected Partner
  - Veterans Support Funds Homeless Prevention Financial assistance to honorably discharged veterans
  - Formerly Homeless Veterans VA Supportive Housing Offices
  - Scholarship Funds Arizona students attending universities and junior colleges in Arizona and nationwide
  - Canned Food Drives Thanksgiving and Christmas (active-duty families and veterans)
  - Toys for Tots US Marine Corps Christmas Gift Program
  - ROTC Support over 16 programs
  - JROTC Support over 70 programs
  - Retiree Affairs Offices staff assistance at Luke AFB and Davis-Monthan AFB
  - Phoenix VA Hospital donations and volunteer assistance
  - Phoenix Veterans Community Resource and Referral Center for Homeless Veterans hygiene kits
  - o Legislation Advocate state and congressional advocacy for active duty, retiree and veteran legislation
  - Memorial Day and Veterans Day Ceremonies
  - Surviving Spouse Programs

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#### MOAA – "Never Stop Serving" – Arizona



- Grand Canyon Chapter Be Connected Partner
  - Formerly Homeless Veterans
    - 12 years = > \$66K to 347 veterans + 73 adults + 202 child
  - COVID Relief
    - \$6,250 17 veterans
      - Auto repair, rent, food
  - During the Year
    - 2022: \$2,600 for 19 veterans/family
    - 2023: \$1,600 for 10 veterans/family
  - Wreaths Across America Missing in America Project
  - Buddy Poppy sales with VFW
  - Adopted new State Veterans Home in Flagstaff
  - Member of Northern Arizona Veterans Coalition
    - 49 organizations/offices (11 BC) and 113 representatives



#### MOAA – "Never Stop Serving" – Arizona



#### **QUESTIONS?**

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## Closing





**Q & A** 



## Session Evaluation

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