



# **Robert Barnes** **Deputy Director** **Arizona Department of** **Veterans' Services**

## **17 March Guest Speaker**

Deputy Director Bob Barnes came to the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services on following 14 years as an advocate for veterans in the State of Louisiana. Working for the Louisiana Department of Veterans Affairs, Mr. Barnes held the positions of Parish (County) Service Officer, Regional Manager, Deputy Director, and Deputy Assistant Secretary. Mr. Barnes was instrumental in establishing the State of Louisiana's Guard/Reserve Welcome Home Program. This program included the establishment and training of National Guard members to serve as unit veteran benefits liaisons. Mr. Barnes also served on the Military Family Assistance Board.

As Deputy Director of the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services, Mr. Barnes oversees the Department's Veterans' Services Division, State Approval Agency, Fiduciary Division, and Southern Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Sierra Vista. A native of Arizona, Mr. Barnes joined the Air Force in 1973. He is a combat veteran, having served 20 years in the United States Air Force, retiring as a Senior NCO. During his career, Mr. Barnes served as a flight mechanic with the 89<sup>th</sup> Military Airlift Squadron, the elite unit that provides safe and reliable air transportation for the President, on Air Force One, and Vice President of the United States; Members of Congress; and other dignitaries.

He is an active life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

**Arizona MOAA Chapter's**  
**17 March Luncheon**  
**McCormick Ranch Club House**  
**Social Hour 11:00 AM**  
**Lunch 12:00 AM**

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Please RSVP with the Meal/Meeting Form in the March Sentinel  
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