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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

COLONEL ROBERT COVALUCCI, USA, (Ret.)



October's Dinner was a great success. Congresswoman Martha McSally, who is a Life member of MOAA, gave a wonderful presentation on activities in Congress and a personal story of her interaction with President Trump and the saving of the A-10 program.

It was a memorable night.

An unexpected surprise was to have one of our Surviving Spouses, Helga Wiltse, return to our dinner meeting. It was an honor for Jan Cole and me to have the opportunity to present Helga with her MOAA Surviving Spouse Pin.

I need to give a SHOUT OUT to Dennis Ehrenberger for paying for dinner for one of our guests and to Tom Day for contributing his 50/50 raffle winnings to our

Here's a good number to put in your phone. You never know when you or another veteran may need help:

National Veterans Crisis Line: 800-273-8255

Thank you Tom Hessler for telling us about this.

Scholarship Fund. And of course, to our road cleanup crew who tell me business is “picking up”.

A special note of thanks to our Heliogram editorial team, led by Terrie Gent last month, for delivering an award quality newsletter in October. The team tells me, “You ain’t seen nothing yet”.

Also, I must share with you our Coronado Chapter Pride for the selection of one our own, Stu Carter, for his selection by Congresswoman McSally as the 2017 Congressional Veteran of Distinction. This is an award earned by Stu’s continuing dedication to our Veteran Community. SHOUT OUT!!!!!!!

November 11 is Veterans Day. Our Chapter will once again have an entry in the Sierra Vista Veterans Day Parade. Our point man for this event is Bob Abney. We are extending an invitation to YOU to ride the MOAA hay wagon down Fry Boulevard. It will be a FUN TIME!!! Please contact Bob Abney at roabney@cox.net or 378-0131 to participate and represent our Chapter.

At our November meeting we will vote not only for new membership among our Board of Directors for

2018 but also for changes to the Chapter Bylaws. Please join us at our November dinner and have your vote counted in selecting our leadership and our governing document. The officer slate and proposed changes to our bylaws are posted on our website, moaacoronado.org.

Membership is the life blood of every organization. YOU are the best possible recruiters that Coronado Chapter can employ to accomplish this very important mission. We all have military friends that we interact with in our community on a daily basis. Don’t hesitate to ask your friend to join us and our dedicated efforts to the active duty and veteran members of our community. I anticipate that is why YOU JOINED!!

Hope you find yourself in a photo of our October Meeting. If not, be there next time!!

Wishing you a wonderful and HAPPY THANKSGIVING. Hope to see you soon.

NEVER STOP SERVING

Bob



Congresswoman Martha McSally receiving MOAA Chapter Coin from President Bob Covalucci.



Congresswoman Martha McSally presenting the 2017 Congressional Veteran of Distinction Award to our own Stu Carter, LTC, USAF (Ret.).



(Top) Robert J. Covalucci, COL, USA, (Retired), presents the MOAA Leadership Award to WO1 Justin Runk upon his graduation from the MI Warrant Officer Basic Course at Fort Huachuca, AZ. He is joined by his wife, Stephanie, and their son.

(Left) 2LT Brian Wu received the MOAA AWARD as MI officer course Distinguished Graduate from Colonel Covalucci, USA, (Retired).



President Covalucci presents the MOAA Honor Graduate Award to CPT Daryl B. Brown upon his graduation from MICCC class 17-007.



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

COLONEL GENE FENSTERMACHER, USAF
(RETIRED)

Nov 2017 Lawmakers unveil planned VA health reforms, but department leaders want more:

House lawmakers are looking to dramatically increase the number of veterans who can seek medical care outside the Veterans Affairs system, but department officials want them to go even further.

They're arguing in favor of an even more radical shift in traditional veterans' medical care, opening community care options to nearly any veteran and allowing free walk-in care at local doctor's offices for routine appointments.

"We don't believe there should be strict mileage criteria or wait time criteria," Secretary of Veterans Affairs David Shulkin told members of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee last Tuesday. "These are going to be individual clinical decisions based on feasibility and access."

The new Coordinated Access & Rewarding Experiences (CARE) Act — has already received criticism from federal unions for shifting too many department responsibilities and funds to private-sector practices. Last week, those critics labeled the plan a full "voucherizing" of veterans' care.

Shulkin, himself a practicing physician, has repeatedly insisted the sweeping overhaul does not amount to diminishing or privatizing VA health care but instead, simplifying and modernizing the overburdened system.

"Having a veteran drive 100 miles for a blood test or flu shot doesn't make sense," he said Tuesday. "We're trying to model VA after how medicine is practiced across America today."

The CARE plan and a similar slate of VA health care reforms unveiled by the committee on Tuesday would consolidate a host of community care initiatives into a single, more flexible program with a single funding source.



Both plans would also abandon the current eligibility rule allowing only veterans facing a 30-day wait or 40-mile distance to the nearest VA facility to access the Choice program, letting them seek private-sector care at government expense.

Officials did not provide specifics on the costs of either the House or VA plans, saying the details are still being worked out. Shulkin said he suspects an overhaul of VA community care will save "billions" over the next decade, with thousands of employees potentially cut as the administrative burden of the programs are simplified.

Shulkin has said that lawmakers need to make a decision on potential reforms before the end of the year, when money funding the current Choice program is scheduled to run out. Without a replacement plan, medical care for tens of thousands of veterans could be disrupted in the new year.

What does the 2018 COLA mean for us? The September CPI was 240.939, 2.5 percent above the FY 2016 COLA baseline. That final COLA for fiscal year 2017 means retired pay will be increased by 2 percent starting 1 January of 2018. In other words, you will see a \$20 increase for every \$1000 of retired pay received. The final COLA is determined by comparing the average CPI of the final three months of the fiscal year to the same quarter of the prior year. Collectively, the CPI is also used to adjust annuities for other federal retirees, survivors, and Social Security recipients.

The CPI for October 2017, the first month of the fiscal year, is scheduled to be released on November 15, 2017.



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PERSONNEL AFFAIRS NEWS

COLONEL TERRIE M. GENT, USAF (RETIRED)

Strollers, Wagons, and Wheel Chairs at Parker Canyon Lake

This is the first in a new series of articles you'll see periodically in the Heliogram. It will help readers find places the where the whole family can have a good time for very little money.

Is there someone in your family who uses that time tested technology - the wheel - to increase their motive power by using a stroller, wagon, or wheel chair? This new series, "Strollers, Wagons, and Wheel Chairs," (S2WC) will help those whose family members use wheels to find new opportunities to get fresh air and sunshine. S2WC will also help wheel using readers and their family members find places where they can learn a bit about the natural and human history and culture of the southeastern corner of this great state. Or, at a minimum, it will help you find places to go for a drive where you can see what made this area so attractive to the ancient people who lived here when mammoths grazed along the San Pedro River and later when pioneers staked their claims for a homestead.

Would you like to find a clear mountain spring fed lake, with waves gently lapping against shores lined with cat tails, a swimming beach, and shady trees? Have you been trying to find a nearby place to launch your boat, kayak, or canoe? Looking for a place to fish and watch birds all year round? Would you like to find a top notch camp ground with regular and group camp sites? Do your legs cry out for a great 5 + mile hike over a fairly level trail that lies just feet from the water. Looking for a hike that circumvents a gorgeous lake with mountain vistas? Are you hoping to find a place with an ADA compliant fishing dock and a long paved pathway for those who use wheels or walkers and want to get away from the madding crowds?



You'll find all that and more at the 132-acre Parker Canyon Lake. It's a mere 15 miles from the back gate of Ft. Huachuca in the Canelo Hills just west of the fort. To get to the lake, head out the back (West) gate and follow that Cimmaron Road for several miles. Turn left at the end of the road.

That will put you on Arizona Highway 83. Just follow HW 83 south until it ends at Parker Canyon Lake. The lake is owned by the Coronado National Forest, USDA. It has a small [Mercantile & Marina Store](#) that operates a boat and paddle boat rental facility.

The marina is solar-powered and open Monday through Friday 11-5, Saturday and Sunday 8-5, year-round. You can purchase a few food items, fishing supplies, and licenses. In addition to renting electric motor boats, four-stroke motor boats, and row boats, the concessionaire also rents kayaks, paddle boats, and canoes. All boats on the lake are limited to one 10 horsepower motor. The fisher persons in your family will be pleased to learn that the lake contains rainbow trout and resident bass, sunfish, and catfish.

There are bathrooms near the store and boat rental facility, but they do not have water. There's no cost to use the boat ramp, swimming beach, trails, and facilities immediately near the lake. But there is a small fee for camping in the campgrounds just above the lake.

If you are quiet, you might see bald eagles, hummingbirds, king fishers, osprey (yes, I saw one snatch a fish right out of the water!), herons, and lots of ducks. Look all around. You'll see birds on the water or resting in the trees at water's edge. If you get a little bit lucky you might also see deer, coati mundi, javelina, or a coyote family.

Click on this website if you want to learn more about Parker Canyon Lake:

<http://www.parkercanyonlake.com/>

TREASURER'S NOTES

COLONEL ROBERT ABNEY, USA (RETIRED)



The president mentioned that November the 11th is the Sierra Vista Veterans Day parade and MOAA is sponsoring our annual float. It's a fun event and I'm always amazed at the number of spectators lining Fry Boulevard waving flags and showing support. The float can hold 12 to 14 riders and spouses are welcome (encouraged). You will be seated throughout the parade and can wear military uniforms or civilian clothing. Come out and show your patriotism and honor our veterans on this special day.

Give me a call (520-378-0131) or email at roabney@cox.net for your personal reservations and coveted seating arrangements. Remember, seating is limited for this special event, so call early! The first 5 callers will get a chance at an Earl Devine selected gift at the next MOAA dinner (with the purchase of raffle tickets).

Bob Abney

Trail Boss, Wagon Master and Gofer

Special thanks to Norm Patten, Dennis Ehrenberger, Terrie and Bob Gent, and Fran Kosinski, who helped in the "road cleanup crew!"



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SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

COLONEL JOHN BLACK, USA (RETIRED)

The Colonel Eric R. Osborne Memorial Scholarship Program 2017-2018 Update

Bob Covalucci, Terrie Gent and I attended the Buena High School "College and Scholarship Night" on the 4th of October. I want to give special thanks to Terrie and Bob who talked to numerous students and parents about our Chapter Scholarship Program. We had a super evening meeting and talking to prospective Coronado Chapter Scholarship Applicants. I would rate the evening as a success for getting out information on our Scholarship Program. We passed out over 50 applications to qualified students and provided a large number of Applications for the school's Guidance and Counseling Office.

Additionally, all High Schools in Cochise County and Patagonia High School have been notified of our Scholarship Requirements and Timelines. Applications will be due on 23 March 2018, and we will present the winners to you the dinner meeting in April 2018. You might have noticed we have extended the scholarship cycle a full month. This decision was made while taking into consideration the various school vacations and breaks during March and April of next year.

The scholarships are offered to high school graduating seniors for use at a community college, a university or four-year college, or a service academy. The Chapter BOD increased the number of Scholarships to eleven last year and are expected to fund around the same number for the 2017/2018 scholarship year. This increase in scholarships is a direct result of your generosity by giving to our Scholarship Fund. Thanks for the outstanding support to our students and their futures.

Two scholarships will be awarded to the best-qualified Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) students from Buena High School and/or Tombstone High School.

In addition to the scholarships for the JROTC students, scholarships will be awarded to the best-qualified students whose parents, grandparents, or legal guardians are on active duty, in an active reservist in a drill status, in the National Guard, or retired from the uniformed services. Students that are home schooled or attending public and charter schools in the following areas can apply: Benson, Bisbee, Bowie, Douglas, Patagonia, San Simon, Sierra Vista, St. David, Tombstone, Valley Union, or Willcox. For more information you may contact me at 227-5173 (cell) or johnandjohnblack@cox.net.

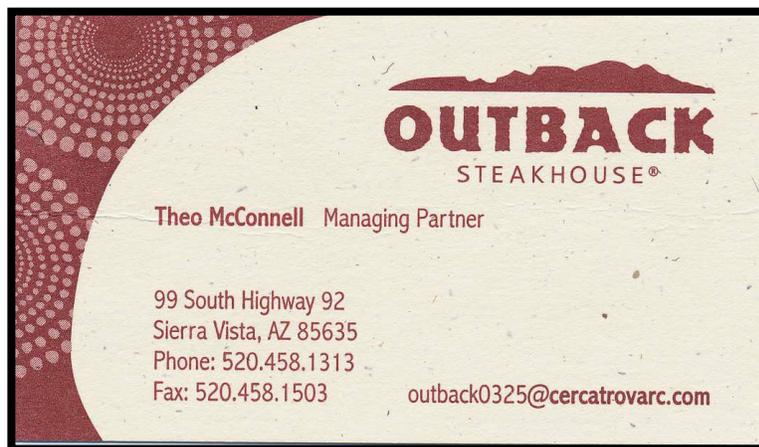
If you know of any qualifying graduating senior that might be interested in applying for one of our scholarships, please contact me.

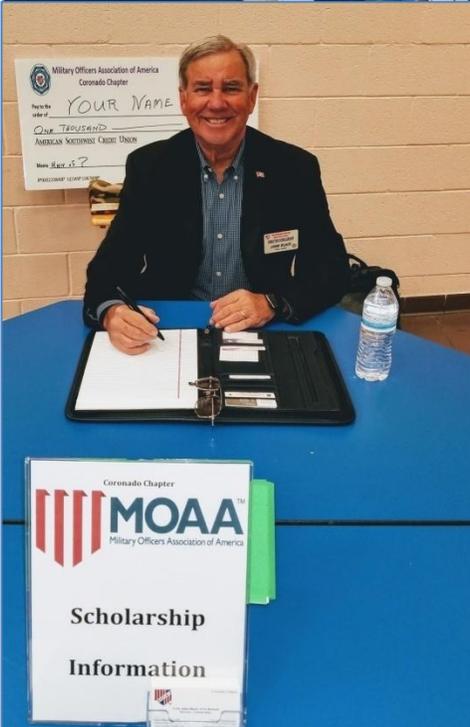
Additionally, National MOAA's Educational Assistance Program provides interest free loans and grants to students for up to five years of undergraduate study. For more information log onto the MOAA website at: www.moaa.org/education.

If you have any questions concerning the "National" MOAA programs contact MOAA at edassist@moaa.org or 1-800-234-6622.

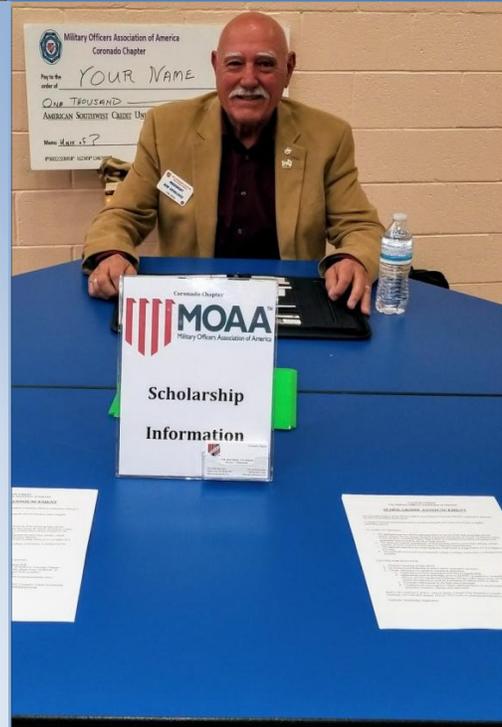
Thanks again for our outstanding support to our Chapter Scholarship Program.

John H. Black
COL USA (Retired)
Scholarship Chairman





Bob Covalucci, Terrie Gent and John Black spent the evening of the 4th of October speaking to students about our Chapter Scholarship Program.



THANK YOU NOTES FROM SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

“Dear MOAA: Thank you for your generosity and support! It means the absolute world to me to have such honorable men and women encourage me along my “journey” to success. With every ounce in my body, I have upmost respect and gratitude for this opportunity you have given me, but also for the service you have provided to this country. Respectfully, Gabrielle Kostur”

“To The members of the Military Officers Association of America Coronado Chapter: Thank you all from the bottom of my heart for awarding me with your scholarship. I cannot express enough how thankful I am for having this opportunity and

how thrilled I am to be able to use the money to learn about something I love. This will help my financial burden tremendously and I am so grateful for generous people like you. Once again, thank you all so very much for this scholarship. Sincerely Yours, Caitlyn Fuller”

“To Colonel Black: Thank you so much for all of your kindness throughout this whole process. With the support of you and MOAA, you guys are helping me make my dreams come true! From the bottom of my heart, I cannot thank you enough for your service and support to help me achieve my lifelong goals. Gratefully, Gabrielle Kostur”

DONORS TO CORONADO CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The growing list of contributors who make our robust scholarship program possible is shown below. Even the smallest donations help. I thank each of our donors for helping the kids and grandkids of military families pursue their education and their dreams. *(Editor's note: if the donors list below is inaccurate, please blame the editor, not the treasurer. TMG)*

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SURVIVING SPOUSES NOTES

MRS. JAN COLE



Mrs. Helga Wiltse receives her Surviving Spouse pin from Jan Cole and President Covalucci .

CHAPLAIN'S NOTES

CHAPLAIN (COL) TOM DAY, USA (RETIRED)

Fort Huachuca Holiday Chaplain Programs



We will no longer receive food items for the food pantry of the Fort Huachuca Chaplain's Office. They recently made a huge change in the way they help needy military families with food items. They no longer have a food pantry. They give Commissary vouchers to families in need.

You can donate anytime at the Garrison Chaplain's Office.

The Fort Huachuca Chaplain's Office has two programs for the holidays. The first is Operation Helping Hand. This year they will not give turkeys at Thanksgiving, but will give Commissary vouchers to families that units identify as worthy of assistance. The Chaplain's Office is collecting funds to help pay for these vouchers. If you wish to help you can stop by the Garrison Chaplain's Office, near the PX, and drop off your donation or I can collect checks for them. Make checks out to the Fort Huachuca Chapel Tithes and Offering Fund.

They also have a Christmas Gift program for military children, ages 0 to 10. They will not have giving trees, as in prior years, but will receive toys and books as gifts for children identified by the units. They also will not be giving shoes or clothes this year. To give a Christmas present to a military child call Morgana Biddix, after November 8, at 533-4748 and she will assign you a child or children. She will give you the age, gender, and desired toy for the child or children. Last year they did not get enough books, so if you want to just give new children's books you can drop it off at the Garrison Chaplain's Office.

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PHOTOS FROM OUR DINNER.



FROM THE CHAPTER HISTORIAN

BILL PROUT (CAPTAIN, USA)

After graduating from Infantry OCS in March 1967, my first assignment was to the 2nd Infantry Division in Korea. After six months as a platoon leader I was selected to command the Quick Reaction Force in the DMZ by brigade headquarters, but first I had to attend the combat orientation course, commanded by Major Roger Donlon. For him, after receiving the Medal of Honor and having recovered from his wounds, it was his first assignment since Vietnam. For me, it was a tremendous honor and after serving six months in the DMZ I volunteered for the Army Special Forces as a result of Major Donlon. I will tell his story next month.



This is me in Vietnam, do you recognize the officer on the right side of the picture? Hint: he recommended me for the Historian position.

FROM THE ARCHIVES

LTC TOM FAIL, USA, (RETIRED)

As early as March 1972, members of the Retired Officers Association (TROA) living in the Sierra Vista area were holding meetings to discuss the formation of a local chapter. At that time there were about 200 TROA members residing in the area bounded by Douglas, Benson, Hereford, and Nogales. The only existing chapter in Southeastern Arizona was in Tucson.

That month COL Eric R. Osborne (Ret) received a letter from TROA with an offer of financial assistance in the establishment of a “new chapter in the Fort Huachuca area.” Later that year, COL Osborne attended the annual TROA convention in Washington, D.C. and soon began corresponding with COL Sidney Harris (Ret) of Tucson (TROA Regional Representative) to make final arrangements for the formation of a chapter.

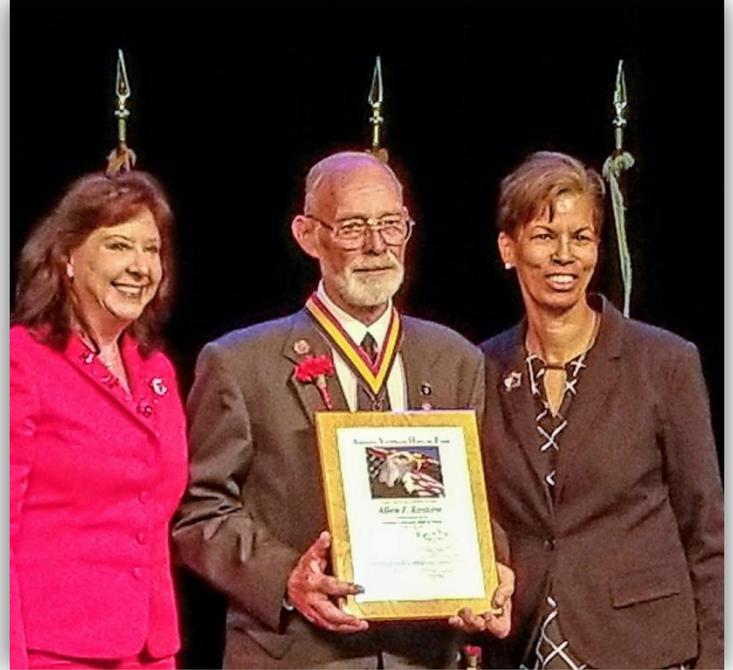
According to an article appearing in the Herald Dispatch on 26 January 1973, “A group of retired officers met on 18 January to form a local chapter of the Retired Officers Association. The name “Coronado” was selected for the chapter as it will seek members who reside in Cochise and Santa Cruz counties, an area explored by Coronado. . . .” At this

meeting an “initial” board for the chapter was named. It was announced that the chapter would hold a general organizational meeting the following month on 15 February.

At that ensuing meeting, held at the Lakeside Club, an election was held during which six were elected to the executive board and nine were elected to the board of governors. Those elected were from Sierra Vista, Hereford, Bisbee, Douglas, Sunsites, Tombstone, and Nogales. Fifty-nine persons attended that meeting which included a buffet dinner costing \$3.50 per person. Following that meeting, COL Osborne sent a letter dated 21 February to TROA to which was attached “a signed copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, the list of elected chapter officers, and the list of chapter members. The latter list comprises the “Charter Members” - those who had signed up by the time of the dinner meeting.” The list contained the names of 47 retired members of TROA and one widow.

At the next meeting held on 15 March at the Lakeside Club the chapter’s charter was presented by a representative of national headquarters and was signed by all members present. There are 34 signatures on the charter. As reported in the 22 March Issue of The Huachuca SCOUT, “It’s official. The Coronado chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) now has its charter.”

PICTURES FROM UNITED ARIZONA VETERANS HALL OF FAME (AVHOF)



MOAA members Harry Bowen, CW3, USA (Ret.) and Allen Rossow, COL, USA (Ret.) receiving medals from Michele Reagan, Arizona Secretary of State and Wanda Wright, Col, USAF (Ret.), Arizona Department of Veterans Services Director



AVHOF members from Sierra Vista. Tom Hessler, President AVHOF (lower left)



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017 DINNER RESERVATION FORM

**Pueblo Del Sol Country Club, 2770 South Saint Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista
Social Hour 1800 - Dinner 1830**

My Name _____ Guest Name(s) _____

Check Information: Make checks payable to Coronado Chapter, MOAA and mail to: Reservations, Coronado Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 1685, Sierra Vista, Arizona, 85636-1685

Amount for meal at \$25.00 each _____

Amount for Operating Fund _____

Amount for Scholarship Fund _____

Check total _____

Number of vegetarian meals desired (if any) _____

Reservations must be postmarked by November 6, 2017

Please change the following information for me: Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For more information about reservations contact Tom Hessler at 459-0093, tjhessler@cox.net



2017 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL/APPLICATION

If this is a renewal with no changes, please check this box.

Membership application:

Last Name _____ First _____ Middle Initial _____ Grade _____

National MOAA Member # _____ Life member Y/N Spouse full name _____

Member's DOB MM_/DD/_/YYYY _____ Spouse DOB MM_/DD/_/YYYY _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone number _____ Work Phone Number _____ Email address _____

What service were you in? _____

Please circle all that apply: Regular -- Reserve -- National Guard -- Former Officer -- Active -- Retired

Male _____ Female _____ Surviving Spouse

The cost of membership is: (regular) \$15.00 annually, for a surviving spouse \$10.00. But the first year of your membership is free. I am currently a member in good standing with MOAA. _____

Make your check payable to: Coronado Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 1685, Sierra Vista, Arizona, 85636-1685

Signature and Date _____

For further Membership questions, contact LTC George Kirmse, 378-2670, email : kirmsegm@cox.net

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Board of Directors Meeting: Landmark Cafe, November 15, 2017, 1130

Dinner Meeting, November 16, 2017, at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club, at 2770 S. St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Social Hour - 1800 Dinner - 1830

Menu Main course: Chicken Cordon Bleu with White Wine Cream Sauce and Roasted Red Potatoes

Program: Tom Hessler discusses the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame; John Black briefs us on the Sheriff's Assist Team (SAT)

Board of Directors Meeting: Landmark Cafe, December 20, 2017, 1130

Dinner Meeting, December 21, 2017, at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club, at 2770 S. St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Social Hour - 1800 Dinner - 1830

Menu Main course: Fruit Filled Pork Loin with Red Currant Glaze and Cranberry Rice Pilaf

Program: Sierra Vista Community Chorus, Christmas and Holiday songs

Check out the MOAA Coronado Chapter Facebook Page:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/MOAACoronadoChapter/?ref=br_rs

Editor's Note: the following articles are on the MOAA.org National webpage.

New Medicare Part B Premiums: Many Will Pay More:

http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Retirees/New-Medicare-Part-B-Premiums--Many-Will-Pay-More.aspx?utm_source=legis&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2018PartBPremiums

Congress Presses to Give More Health Care Choices to Veterans:

http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Former-Officers/Congress-Presses-to-Give-More-Health-Care-Choices-to-Veterans.aspx?utm_source=legis&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=CongressPressesChoice

Activities and Events

Veterans' Wall Induction Scheduled for November 10

The induction of the 2017 Veterans' Wall Honorees will take place on Nov 10th at 5:00 PM in the main lobby of the Canyon Vista Medical Center. Twelve Cochise County military veterans selected

from 28 nominees will be honored for their service to our nation and community. This year's honorees are Doris Caldwell (USA), Joseph Britton (USA), Leo Pimple (USA), Peter Huisiking (USA), Kathleen Buonocore (USA), Lanny Kope (USMC), Stuart Carter (USAF), Edwin Elledge (USA), Randolph Hollingsworth (USA), Michael Roberts (USA), Ted Fichtl (USA) and John (Jack) Ladd (USN). Congratulations to each of them.

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