

MOAA
Coronado Chapter
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Minutes of 15 May 2019



CALL TO ORDER: Pres Day called the meeting to order at 1159 hours at the Landmark Cafe. E. Devine led the Pledge of Allegiance. G. Kirmse gave the invocation.

Members Present

President: Tom Day
Treasurer: Bob Abney
Secretary: Joe Puett
Chaplain: George Kirmse
Past President: Bob Covalucci
Second Vice-President: Tom Hessler
Director: Lori Wysong - JROTC
Director: Jim Clenney – Personal Affairs
Director: Norm Patten – Public Relations
Director: Harry Bowen – Transition/ESGR
Director: Gene Fenstermacher - Legislation
Director: John Black – Scholarships
Dep Dir: Earl Devine - Cmty Liaison
Dep Dir: Susan Day - Historian
Dep Dir: Duane Brofer–Database Mngr

Members Absent

Dep Dir: Vacant - Publications
Director: Dave Dolge -- Membership
Director: Vacant – Surviving Spouses
Dep Dir: Kathryn Covalucci- Webmaster
First Vice-President: Fran Kosinski

Others attending: Harry Mallory, incoming editor of the Heliogram.

AGENDA APPROVAL: Bob C./Jim C. made the motion (and seconded the motion) to approve the agenda, the motion passed.

MINUTES APPROVAL: Bob C./Bob A. moved that the minutes of Apr 2019 be approved. The motion passed.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT: Pres Day

- The President discussed the date for next Spring's AZCOC meeting in Sierra Vista. We are responsible for hosting the AZ CoC in May 2020. We plan to host a reception Thursday night, we will receive \$400 and can ask USAA for an additional \$300; Bob C. volunteered to serve as our Chapter Project Officer for the event. The preference for the date of the event is during the 2nd weekend in May. This year’s AZCoC is in November in Green Valley.
- The President asked if 21 August is good for everyone for our next meeting. The group voted on this as the best date.
- The President led a discussion seeking consensus on updating Chapter Goals:
 - 1) The Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV) has identified three issues as this year’s priority for support. The first issue is increasing the number of funded Veterans Benefits Counselors (VBC’s) that work for the Arizona Department of Veterans Services (ADVS). We will adjust our current goal to match this.
 - 2) Support the UAV in helping to find ways to reduce veteran suicides in Arizona. We will add this as our Chapter Goal #4.
 - 3) Support the UAV in supporting more resources for “Be Connected,” a veteran resource network sponsored by ADVS and the Arizona Coalition for Military Families. We will add this as Chapter Goal #5.
- We discussed whether goals 2 and 3 of our current goals are still needed:
 - (1) Support funding for a third Arizona Veterans’ benefits counselor in Sierra Vista. We will add “plus increase the number of benefits counselors in AZ.”
 - (2) Support the Veterans Memorial Park Modernization Project. The group agreed to delete this Goal.

(3) Support the Cochise College Small Business Development Center to provide business opportunities and education through the Veterans Business Outreach Center at Cochise College to military members and veterans in Arizona. Keep. This becomes #2 Goal.

(4) Increase the Arizona State Tax Exemption for Retired Military Personnel. Add: Help support HB2011 and SB1157. Continue to support, this becomes #3.

- Thus, the agreed, adjusted Goals of the Chapter become:
 1. Support funding for a third Arizona Veterans' benefits counselor in Sierra Vista plus increase the number of benefits counselors in Arizona.
 2. Support the Cochise College Small Business Development Center to provide business opportunities and education through the Veterans Business Outreach Center at Cochise College to military members and veterans in Arizona.
 3. Increase the Arizona State Tax Exemption for Retired Military Personnel. Help support HB2011 and SB1157.
 4. Support the UAV in helping to find ways to reduce veteran suicides in Arizona.
 5. Support the UAV in supporting more resources for "Be Connected," a veteran resource network sponsored by ADVS and the Arizona Coalition for Military Families.
- The President appointed new volunteers to positions of Legislative Affairs (Merle Kilpatrick) and Heliogram Editor (Harry Mallory).
- The President passed out billet descriptions "Chapter Position Responsibility Guide". The President will send an update in June.
- The President noted that if an organization gives a \$100 to Gold Star Memorial statue, the organization will provide you a nice looking challenge coin.
- The President provided a handout as to key items discussed at the AZ CoC meeting.

TREASURERS REPORT: Treasurer B. Abney reported:

- The Treasurer reported that the Total Unencumbered Net Worth of the Chapter was \$54,930.52.
- We are a little low in our Scholarship account (based on our desire to keep several years' worth of scholarships on-hand); however, we will make that up in the next couple of months.
- Treasurer's report is attached to the minutes.
- Bob C./Harry B. moved that the Treasurer's report be accepted, subject to audit; the motion passed.
- Treasurer provided a list of names of members that need to renew their Chapter dues, various BOD members agreed to call them.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Secretary J. Puett reported:

- The Secretary will not be here on 21 Aug (next meeting), Jim Clenney will fill in as Secretary during the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS: Pres Day.

- None.

NEW BUSINESS: Pres Day.

- 2nd VP, Tom H., led a discussion regarding "Board presentations at dinner meetings." Tom H. asked for each BOD member to be prepared to provide a short 10 min presentation at future dinner meetings. BOD members will schedule their presentations with Tom.
- 2nd VP, Tom H., led a discussion and vote regarding the need for a Chapter Policy regarding last minute Cancellations of Dinner Reservations. We have had an issue of people cancelling after the hard count to PDS has been submitted. We will add a disclaimer to the Reservation form, stating that cancelations received AFTER the Friday before the Thursday meeting WILL NOT receive a refund.
- The President led a discussion on keeping Liability Insurance, due to a MOAA Chapter being sued in Alabama and to make it possible for us to accept a MOAA Grant, if offered, in June. During discussion we decided that the Chapter can go any one of three ways: no insurance, MOAA insurance (\$700 per yr), separate insurance (\$500 per yr). Bob A./Harry B motioned that we table this discussion until September, the motion passed.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS: Pres Day

PAST PRES: B. Covalucci reported:

- No Report

1ST VP: F. Kosinski reported:

- No Report

2ND VP: T. Hessler reported:

- Programs
 - May: Scholarships. There is expected to be 64 attendees at the Dinner Meeting, 24 of those are related to scholarships.
 - Jun, July, Aug: no Dinner meetings.

SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON: Vacant reported:

- No Report.

JROTC Affairs: Dir L. Wysong reported:

- The Buena HS medal was presented
- The Benson MOAA Scholarship was presented.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Dir G. Fenstermacher reported:

- Gene F. thanked the group for the support to legislative affairs he has received over the last 15 years. Pres Day Thanked Gene F. for his many years of tremendous support to the Chapter.
- Gene F. felt that we needed to add more info in our Heliogram related to Community Partners. Gayle Griffin wants to put a political card in the Heliogram; Bob C. will draft an email for Pres Tom to send to Gayle.
- Meryl Kilpatrick was nominated as our new Legislative Affairs Director. Bob C./John B. motioned to accept Meryl K. to the position; the motion passed.

MEMBERSHIP: Dir D. Dolge reported:

- No Report.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS: Dir J. Clenney reported:

- The Douglas Scholarship presentation last night went well.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Dir N. Patten reported:

- The next road Cleanup will be at 0900 on 21 Aug; Norm will send an email to remind folks.

SCHOLARSHIP: Dir J. Black reported:

- John B. thanked all that helped present scholarships.
- The Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of Ron Pflipsen, Bob Abney, Doris Caldwell and John Black conducted interviews of all Coronado Chapter scholarship applicants on 28 March and 4 April 2019. The Committee found the quality of students to be outstanding. They possessed above average to very high academic standings, were active in a number of school activities, working at various jobs and were outstanding citizens in their communities. There were 10 total applications that met the Coronado Chapter's high requirements. One student was from Benson High School, one from Douglas High School, two from Tombstone High School and six from Buena High School. All students interviewed by the committee were found worthy of being granted a Coronado Chapter Scholarship. As with previous year's experience, the Selection Committee was impressed by the high quality of all the students who applied for the chapter's scholarships. The students selected by the committee are listed below.
 - Abraham Arvizu, Buena High School
 - Meghan Beaudry, Buena High School
 - Kenna Conley, Tombstone High School
 - Ashtyn Jones, Buena High School
 - Hailey LaFever, Benson High School
 - Paige Mariscal, Douglas High School
 - Nicholas Monbleau, Buena High School, JROTC

- Hailey Murdock, Buena High School
- Jacobe Phillips, Buena High School
- Amanda Williams, Tombstone High School, JROTC
- John B. provided info regarding hosting the recipients and their families at the Dinner meeting.
- A full report of the Scholarship selection process is attached to the minutes.

AZ TRANSITION LIAISON/ESGR: Dir H. Bowen reported:

- **Jobs:** During this report period, we were able to post 43 individual jobs within the State of Arizona in addition to one (DPR Construction) posting requirements for another 36 + jobs. The jobs within Arizona were posted for Bisbee, Chandler, Flagstaff, Glendale, Grand Canyon, Mesa, Peoria, Phoenix, Scottsdale, Tempe, and Tucson. No jobs were identified for Sierra Vista or Cochise County.
- **Expos/Career Fairs:** There were two Job Fair identified for this period, but both were embedded in the job opening announcements. Department of Labor has a job fair today.
- **Links:** No links were added to the website during this report period.
- **Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):** Two members supported the Spring Fling (job fair) on Fort Huachuca as reported last month. We were able to assist several retiring and separating veterans with their searches and education on benefits within the VA and civilian community. Additionally, we were able to obtain seven Statements of Support with local and State-wide companies.
- **Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV) and the forthcoming Resource Fair:** CSV participated in the West End Fair and received \$314 in donations. The planning for the Resource Fair of 17 August 2019 continues. There are new contacts for Rothery so there are some hiccups in making the arrangements. The Social Services Support Committee was able to assist:
 - One Veteran with needed groceries
 - A second veteran with their utility bill
 - Partially assisted a third veteran in negotiating with the landlord to not evict the veteran due to delinquent payment by getting DVA and CSV to put up \$500 towards the bill with a payment plan for the rest (\$2200).

CMTY LIAISON: Dep Dir E. Devine reported the following:

- Earl D. provided numerous community announcements.
- There were about 200 folks at the Gold Star Memorial groundbreaking ceremony.

DATABASE: Dep Dir D. Brofer provided the following membership status:

CHAPTER MEMBERS AS OF 15 May 2019			
REGULAR	SURVIVNG SPOUSES	ASSOCIATE	TOTAL
137	25	4	166

- Duane B. provided the Secretary a copy of the Chapter Database for archive.

HELIOGRAM: Editorial Team reported:

- There will be no Heliogram in June, July, and August.
- The BOD accepted Harry Mallory to become our new Heliogram Editor.

HISTORIAN: Dep Dir Susan Day:

- Tidbit of the day: yesterday (14 May) in 1942 women were allowed to enlist in Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAACs). Spurred on by the attack on Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, Congress approved the creation of WAAC on May 14, 1942. The following day on May 15, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the bill into law, and on May 16, Oveta Culp Hobby was sworn in as the first director.

WEBMASTER: Dep Dir K. Covalucci reported:

- The website was updated with new awards.

CHAPLAIN: Chap G. Kirmse reported:

- No Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- There has been no word yet on the new class of the AZ Vet HoF
- Memorial Day info has not been announced yet.

NEXT MEETING: 21 Aug 2019

DEPARTING PRAYER: G. Kirmse provided the closing prayer.

ADJOURNMENT: Pres Day adjourned the meeting at 1322 hours.

Respectfully Submitted:

Joe Puett, COL (R)
Secretary

**Coronado Chapter MOAA
Accounts Status
As of May 15, 2019**

Assets

Wells Fargo Savings Account (Scholarships)	\$30,822.25
Wells Fargo Checking Account	\$7,048.64
Wells Fargo Investment Trust	<u>\$28,059.63</u>

Total Assets \$65,930.52

Liabilities

Eleven Scholarships (\$1,000.00 each)	\$11,000.00
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Total Liabilities \$11,000.00

Total Unencumbered Net Worth \$54,930.52

Note: Assets include \$100.00 From Mercer Health and Benefits

Net Worth April, 2019 \$53,632.15

Net Worth May, 2019 \$54,930.52

Annual Increase / Decrease in Net Worth -- 2018 to 2019 \$2,826.07

**Coronado Chapter MOAA
INCOME AND EXPENSES
April, 18 2019 through May 15, 2019**

Income

Meal Receipts	\$962.00
Scholarship Donations	\$979.00
Operations Donations	\$135.00
Dues Collections	\$105.00
Raffle	Proceeds (\$130.00.00) Split between Ops & Sci
Badge Purchases	None
Advertising	None

Total Income **\$2,181.00**

Expenses

PDS Country Club - April Dinner	\$984.04
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Total Expenses **\$984.04**

Net Gain / Loss For the Period **\$1,196.96**

Military Officers Association of America

Coronado Chapter

Post Office Box 1685

Sierra Vista, Arizona 85636

14 May 2019

SUBJECT: Results of Scholarship Committee Selections for 2019

TO: President and Board Members
Coronado Chapter
Military Officers Association of America

The Scholarship Selection Committee consisting of Ron Pflipsen, Bob Abney, Doris Caldwell and John Black conducted interviews of all Coronado Chapter scholarship applicants on 28 March and 4 April 2019. The Committee found the quality of students to be outstanding. They possessed above average to very high academic standings, were active in a number of school activities, working at various jobs and were outstanding citizens in their communities. There were 9 total applications that met minimum requirements and one granted an exception to stated academic requirements. One student was from Benson High School, one from Douglas High School, two from Tombstone High School and six from Buena High School. All students interviewed by the committee were found worthy of being granted a Coronado Chapter Scholarship. As with previous year's experience, the Selection Committee was impressed by the high quality of all the students who applied for the chapter's scholarships. The results of the selection process and student summaries are outlined below.

Ashtyn Jones: Ashtyn is an athlete and scholar who has proven that a high GPA while participating in sports, clubs, and volunteer activities is very achievable. She has achieved a weighted GPA of 4.4 and is 12th in her class of 455 graduating seniors placing her in the top 2% of her graduating class from Buena High School. Ashtyn's participation in extra-curricular events includes being an officer for the Principal's Cabinet and Treasurer for the Swim and Dive Team. She received recognition for World Language Award in French in her Sophomore and Junior years, the Scholar Athlete Achievement Award, two Varsity Letters in Swim and two JV Letters in Fast-pitch Softball, and an award I can relate to, the "Hurt, Pain and Agony Award" while on the JV Swim Team. Ashtyn plans on continuing her education in the STEM field. Her interests are in forensic pathology, chemical engineering and neurology. Ashtyn has recently been accepted to her dream school, the University of Washington.

Hailey LaFever: Hailey is a dedicated young woman with an impressive resume and rated in the top 14% of her graduating class from Benson High School. Hailey has excelled in the areas of citizenship and leadership during her high school career. She has displayed outstanding leadership by serving as a class officer every year while in high school and performing as the Secretary of the Student Body her senior year. Hailey has been the Vice President of the Future Business Leaders of America where she won first place in regional and state business plan competitions. In 2018, she represented Arizona in the national Business Leaders of America level competition held in Baltimore, Maryland. Hailey has also been active in the National Honor Society, the Book Club, and International Club and served as the Vice Chair of the Benson Youth Council which is under the Benson City Council. She is currently the Captain and leader of LINK, a very successful mentor program at Benson High School where upper classman mentor incoming freshman. Hailey has been very involved in the community, serving over 600 volunteer hours on various projects and organizations in the Benson area. During her senior year, she became a Certified Nursing Assistant giving her the opportunity to work in health care. Hailey will be attending Northern Arizona University, majoring in Criminal Justice.

Jacobe Phillips: Jacobe has excelled in numerous ways during his school years. He has enjoyed sports, playing basketball, baseball, football and soccer, and participating in numerous activities at Buena High School. Jacobe has always been interested in the automotive field and has worked diligently to pursue his dream. He has been an active member of the Buena Auto Club, assisting with Cars in the Park, Auto Club State competitions and fund raisers and volunteering to work on Sierra Vista city vehicles after school. He has been a member of the Buena Career & Technical Student Organization all four years of high school. During his senior year, he worked as a Lab Assistant teaching entry-level students and acting as a student mentor in automotive classes. Jacob is a hard worker. He performs yard work, helps customers with moving, performs house sitting, provides eldercare assistance by shopping for groceries and driving, works at the Texas Roadhouse and works six days a week at Jack Furriers Automotive in Sierra Vista. He has earned the Arizona Career Technical Education Certification and the National Automotive Service Excellence Certification. After graduation, Jacobe will be pursuing certification in two technical areas which have critical shortages nationwide: Automotive Diesel Mechanic and Licensed Automotive Welder. He will be attending Cochise College and the Universal Technical Institute in Phoenix to accomplish his goals.

Meghan Beaudry: Meghan is a student athlete who is rated in the top 15% of her graduating class. She has displayed excellent leadership by serving in numerous positions in the Buena High School Kiwanis Key Club, Rotary Interact Club, the American Chemical Society ChemClub, and the National Society of High School Seniors. Meghan is also an athlete, competing on the Buena High School Varsity Swim and Dive Team for four years and as a member of the Tsunami Swim Team since 2013. She has been active volunteering in the

community by participating in car washes and highway cleanups for the Kiwanis and Rotary Clubs, supporting Sierra Vista City Easter and Christmas Parties, the Special Olympics, and numerous Huachuca Mountain Elementary School activities. For all her extensive school and community volunteer involvement Meghan received the University of Arizona Outstanding Leadership Award. Meghan will apply her Coronado Chapter Scholarship at Northern Arizona University pursuing a Bachelor's Degree, possibly in Economics and continuing in the pursuit of a graduate degree at Wellesley College in Massachusetts.

Amanda Williams: Amanda will be graduating from Tombstone High School with a significant number of accomplishments. She has consistently maintained high grade point average and will graduate in the top 15% of her class. For the past year Amanda has served as the Cadet Battalion Commander of the Tombstone "Yellowjacket" Battalion. She has been in the JROTC Program for the past four years and was the first Cadet in her class to complete the rigorous Non-Commissioned Officer Academy. Amanda has been active all four years on the Raider Team, a military athletic/obstacle course program, and was appointed the Captain of the team in her junior year. Additionally, she was active on the mounted Color Guard since her freshman year and appointed the commander her sophomore year. Amanda was inducted into the National Honor Society as a sophomore and competed in the Junior Leadership and Academic Bowl in Washington DC last summer. She was selected to attend the Arizona Girls' State representing Tombstone High School last summer. Amanda has volunteered over 400 community service hours, mainly through the National Honor Society and JROTC volunteering programs. In her spare time, she has worked at Little Caesars in Sierra Vista. Next year, Amanda plans on attending the University of Arizona studying Forensic Science and taking college level ROTC resulting in being commissioned as a Second Lieutenant.

Kenna Conley: Kenna will be graduating from Tombstone High School 5th in her class with a weighted GPA of 4.03. She has displayed leadership and organizational abilities by serving as President of both the Tombstone Future Farmers of America and the Key Club. Kenna was either a class officer or on the Student Council each year while in high school. Additional extra-curricular and community service activities include the National Honor Society helping the Good Neighbor Alliance prepare and serve food to the homeless and Key Club projects for CareNet and highway cleanups. Under Kenna's leadership the Tombstone FAA Veterinary Science Team placed first at the Gila Southern District Field Day. The first Veterinary Science win in the history of Tombstone High School's FAA. Kenna is a certified Nursing Assistant and speaks American Sign Language. Her passion is microbiology and veterinary science. To that end, she will be attending the Northern Arizona University, majoring in Microbiology. Future plans include obtaining a doctorate of Veterinary Medicine followed by working in the Federal Drug Administration conducting scientific research.

Abraham Arvizu: Abraham will be graduating from Buena High School by being ranked 4th in his class of over 455 students with a weighted GPA of 4.5. In

addition to his high ranking, Abraham has been very active, all four years in high school, in Buena Robotics Club, where he is the lead electrical engineer. He is also a member of Skills USA Engineering and has received the Wildcat Distinction Award. Abraham has received two prestigious awards. The Excellence in Engineering Award for Unique Robot Design and the Quality Award for Design by building a board to house pneumatic components in a robot. Abraham will continue his studies at the University of Arizona pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Engineering.

Nicholas Monbleau: Nicholas has excelled in both academic and Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) endeavors while attending Buena High School. He will be graduating with an overall weighted academic GPA of 4.14 and a 4.0 in all JROTC subjects. He is graduating on the top 5% of his graduating class. Nicholas excelled in JROTC being promoted from Squad Leader through the noncommissioned officer and officer ranks to his current position as Company Commander. He has participated on the Varsity Orienteering Team for four years and is the current Captain of the team. Nicholas has distinguished himself in the Boy Scouts of America by being a Senior Patrol Leader and earning the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 15. He was on the Mountain Biking Junior Varsity Team for two years and on the 2017 team that won the Arizona State Championship. Nicholas works on Fort Huachuca as a Life Guard and is a Second Degree Black Belt in Tae-Kwon-Do. He is in the National Honor Society, the Sierra Vista Youth Commission, the Governor's Youth Commission and attended Boy's State in 2018. Nicholas will be attending the University of Arizona pursuing a degree in Mechanical Engineering and earning a commission as a Second Lieutenant through the ROTC program.

Hailey Murdock: Hailey is a student athlete and scholar who has maintained a 4.3 GPA and ranked in the top 5 percent of her graduating class at Buena High School. She has taken 26 hours of Cochise College courses where she has maintained a 4.0 GPA. Hailey has been enrolled in rigorous courses and active in 25 different organizations throughout high school. Hailey's participation in extra-curricular activities include the Buena Honor Choir, Cheerleading, Fellowship for Christian Athletes, the Reading is Fundamental Club, Student Council, and National Honor Society. Not only has Hailey been a member of numerous organizations, she has accepted leadership roles in many of them. She was the President of her Sophomore Class, the JV Cheer Captain for two years, Prom Committee Leader, current President of the Rotary-Interact Club and Secretary of the Future Farmers of America. Hailey has been designated Ambassador to the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program, the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Organization and the World Leadership Conference. She has also supported numerous food drives, blood drives, and holiday programs for children and her church's youth group activities. She is currently a certified Lifeguard at the Fort Huachuca pools. Hailey will be attending Brigham Young University studying clinical lab sciences while narrowing her decision of majoring in either nursing or hospital administration.

Paige Mariscal: Paige is the Number One Graduating Senior from Douglas High School this year. She has earned a 4.0 straight A average throughout her four years in high school. Not only is she the number one academic student at Douglas High School, she is an outstanding athlete. Paige has been on the Cross Country Team and the Track and Field Team for her four years in high school. She has qualified for Arizona State Meets for the past three years in a row. Paige has been an officer in the Cross Country Club for the past two years. She is also an officer in the National Honor Society and the Kiwanis' Key Club and been active in Students Taking a New Direction/Anti-Tobacco Youth Coalition and the Outdoor Adventure Club. Paige has dedicated time and talent to many local Douglas community activities such as the Douglas Walk/Run for the Cure, the Cochise County Youth Health Coalition projects—mainly focused on the harmful effects of tobacco products for children and young people, church fundraisers and Key Club clean up projects. Paige will be attending the University of New Mexico where she will focus on prerequisite courses in order to be eligible entry into pharmacy school. Her professional goal is to earn a Doctor of Pharmacy degree.

I wish to thank and recognize the Coronado Chapter's Scholarship Committee of Bob Abney, Doris Caldwell and Ron Pflipsen for their dedication and interest in the entire Scholarship process. I also want to thank Ron Pflipsen for his help on the presentation certificates. We recognize and offer special thanks to the American Southwest Credit Union staff, specifically Administrative Assistant Katharine Filipone and the President/Chief Executive Officer Brian Barkdull for providing a facility for the committee to conduct interviews and deliberations in a professional environment.

Respectively Submitted,

John H. Black
COL, USA
Retired
Chairman, Scholarship Committee
Coronado Chapter, MOAA