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PRESIDENT'S NOTES

COLONEL ROBERT COVALUCCI, USA, (Ret.)

I hope you each had a wonderful Christmas and that the New Year showers you with blessings, fortune, and good health.

As usual the Sierra Vista Community Chorus provided great entertainment for our December Meeting. We are grateful for their continuing support to Coronado Chapter.

As the New Year begins we will conduct our installation of officers for the Coronado Chapter Board of Directors at our January Meeting. I hope as many of you as possible will attend this meeting. It is a great time to meet and congratulate our new and returning members for their leadership of our Coronado Chapter. Our Award Winning record would not be possible without them and YOU our Chapter members.

I have completed menu selection for 2018 with Chef John. We have put together a plan of diversified and tempting meals for the most sophisticated and demanding palate. The country club has after some negotiations agreed to limit the raise of our cost by ONE dollar per meal for 2018. I thought that was a very reasonable and successful negotiation.

Tom Day, our president elect, will have the opportunity to select replacements for the vacant

positions of Director for Personel Affairs, Historian and Deputy Director for Editor of our Newsletter THE HELIOGRAM. Please consider serving in one of these positions and contact Tom Day. All positions will give you much more gratification than you can imagine!

I want to give a SHOUT OUT to George Kirmse. George stepped up and was appointed as our Director for Membership when that position became vacant. It may or may not be a record, but it is remarkable that George completed this tour of duty at 90 years of age. That maybe what is meant by NEVER STOP SERVING!! George thank you for your continuing service to Coronado Chapter and our Community.

Also a SHOUT OUT to Doris Caldwell the 2018 Greater Sierra Vista Veteran of the Year. Please attend the Veteran of the Year Recognition Luncheon on 18 January at the VFW. Flyers to make reservations are published on both the Chapter Website and Facebook.

This is my final publication as President of Coronado Chapter. It has been my honor to serve you and represent you within the MOAA, Fort Huachuca and our veteran and civilian communities. Kathryn and I are very grateful for your friendship and I will do my VERY BEST to serve our Chapter, as so many others have, as your "Immediate Past President."

Remember, bring a friend to our meeting. Recruitment is a job we all share.

CPT Stefania Davis awarded the MOAA Distinguished Leadership Award from Robert Covalucci, COL (R) upon her graduation from the MICCC at Ft. Huachuca

2LT Xiaoke Qi, the MOAA Distinguished Leadership Award, MI Officer Basic Course awardee, presented by COL (R) Robert Covalucci

WO1 Jason Brinkley present the MOAA Distinguished Leadership Award from COL (R) Robert Covalucci upon his graduation from the WO Basic Course

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BOB

NOTES from your Immediate Past President

COLONEL TOM HESSLER, USA, (Retired)

I've just a couple program updates for 2018. All our dinner meetings start with a social at 1800, with dinner at 1830, and program about 1915. All will be on the third Thursday of the month except our December program. Our 2018 December dinner will be on the second Thursday – 13 December. Below is the current lineup. The TBD items are being looked at to get the best programs available. I have a few great leads that I am working on.

JAN: Installation of new Board members & Sheriff Mark Dannels addressing Cochise County Issues.
FEB: Mayor Rick Mueller with a Sierra Vista City Update.
MAR: Dinner honoring our Surviving Spouses.
APR: Scholarship Recipients Dinner.
MAY: TBD.
JUN-AUG: Our Summer break.
SEP: TBD.
OCT: TBD.
NOV: Election of new board members & a program TBD.
DEC: Sierra Vista Community Chorus.

Meal charge for 2018 will increase one dollar to $26. This is the best deal we could make with PDS without adversely affecting the quality we have come to expect and appreciate. This is not a money-making program for us, but we usually take in enough to pay for our program speaker and one guest.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIR

GENE FENSTERMACHER,
COLONEL, USAF, (Retired)

Budget Fumble: In a major blow to defense planners, lawmakers have now extended government funding only until 19 January while they work out a broader spending agreement.

With Congress' attention focused on passing the biggest changes to the tax code in over 30 years, plans to fund the defense department seem to be falling apart.

Previously, Congress appeared set to provide defense funding for all of FY 2018. The measure waived current budget caps and allowed for a full $700 billion defense appropriation.

Punting defense spending to January only adds uncertainty to service members and their families over the holidays. By failing to pass a full defense appropriation in a timely manner, Congress is

giving DoD and our service members a lump of coal for Christmas.

TRICARE Changes Are Coming Soon. Important changes that are coming January 1, 2018 include:

- consolidation of TRICARE's existing three regions into two;
- consolidation of TRICARE Standard and Extra into TRICARE Select;
- shifting of TRICARE operations to the calendar year (beginning Jan. 1) rather than the fiscal year (beginning Oct. 1);
- new enrollment requirements starting with an open enrollment period December 2018;
- a new TRICARE cost structure that you may be able to click on to see the details.

Of particular interest to beneficiaries are TRICARE's changes to its fee structure. These changes likely will result in fee increases for many

beneficiaries, as described in this recent article that you may be able to click on to see the details.

MOAA's continued efforts to compel the DHA to be transparent in its calculation of these new fees has started to bear some fruit. For instance, maternity care will continue in the same fee structure it is now (a single bundled copayment applied for the whole maternity episode of care).

Additionally, some of the calculations for the new Select copayments have been reexamined and will result in some fee reductions. This is a bit of good news for beneficiaries.

If you want to keep up with all of the changes, sign up for TRICARE's Take Command program at www.TRICARE.mil/changes. And you may be able to click on it here to sign up.

TREASURER'S NOTES

COLONEL ROBERT ABNEY, USA (Retired)

These are the final 2017 Treasurer's Heliogram comments and I want to congratulate and thank each of you for your continued support. We've had another very successful financial year. The chapter directors continue to exercise financial restraint and we have no paid positions in the chapter, so most of our operational funds are for charitable causes and of course all scholarship donations go solely to scholarships.

As Tom Hessler pointed out, monthly meal costs will increase $1/meal in 2018. This is the first increase in meal costs in almost six years. We give the country club the final number of attendees on the Monday before the dinner and are charged for that number of meals. Once we provide the meal numbers to the club, consider a reservation made is a reservation paid. If you must cancel be timely.

2018 membership dues need to be paid as of 31 December. Your membership support keeps the chapter viable and supports chapter operations. Please send membership checks made payable to **MOAA.** Fees remain $15.00 for regular members, $10.00 for auxiliary members. You can also use the membership application in the Heliogram and mail them to:

Treasurer (Membership)
Coronado Chapter, Military Officers Association
PO Box 1685
Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1685

Happy New Year to all.

Bob Abney

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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CHAPLAIN'S NOTES

CHAPLAIN, COLONEL, TOM DAY USA (Retired)

I just read an article by a young man, Ivan Dimitrijevic, titled "50 New Year's Ideas and How to Achieve Each of Them." He gives his qualifications as being a blogger with "years of experience." I don't doubt that he has much experience and I have to admit he has some very good ideas and links to great articles. But to see the young man tote his "years of experience" reminds me of a 2nd Lieutenant who used to say, "In my experience." I would say each of you could top his years of experience. I encourage you to keep on putting that experience to good use as you have so ably in the past. I give a hearty thank you to each of you for all that you do for your family, your community, our military and for our country. You truly do have much experience and expertise that you are putting it to good use for our community. I think most of us have quit making New Year's resolutions. We have come to know ourselves, and accept our own strengths and deal with our weaknesses. We have probably learned to temper our expectations of the New Year by remembering both dreams achieved and hopes dashed in the past. This next year, just as last year, will bring change for many of us, some good and some not so good. I wish everyone a very Happy New Year filled with peace, joy and love and the strength to meet each change with wisdom and courage. I again leave you with my favorite Irish blessing as we face the New Year:

May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind be at your back.
May the sun shine warmly on your face;
May the rains fall soft upon your fields.
And, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

TRANSITION LIAISON-ESGR (FORMERLY TOPS)

CW3 HARRY BOWEN, USA (Retired)

Jobs:
During the period of 15 November to 12 December, we posted 45 Jobs plus 3 multiple listings for an additional 42 jobs. The multiple listings included engineering, analytical, dental, administrative, testing, and medical positions.

Expos/Career Fairs:
During this period, we posted three (3) job fairs on the web site. These three job fairs were veteran preferred, one (1) was on Fort Huachuca, one (1) in Safford and one (1) in Sierra Vista

Vinny's N.Y. PIZZA 459-2315 Sierra Vista, AZ

Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):
Participated in the Southern Arizona Commun9ty Summit in Tucson on 8 December. The summit's main theme was telling your story. Everyone from Colonel Wright, Arizona Department of Veteran Affairs; Thomas Winkel, Arizona Coalition for Military Families; to Jon Perez, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services provided insights into ongoing problems and activities to combat.
The highlight was one veteran female (name withheld) who told about the mental trama of being raped twice during her service time, being medically discharged for emotional issues, and living in her van with two children until she sought help from the coalition and told her story. As a result, she was able to kick the alcohol and drug addiction, find gainful employment, and move into a home with her children. Her children are now going to school and, according to her, very well inducted into school life.
She got a standing ovation for all participants at the summit.

Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV) and the forthcoming Resource Fair:
The IRS granted the CSV their 501(c)3 effective 11 January 2017.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

LIEUTENANT COLONEL NORM PATTEN, USA (Retired)

Let's all turn out to police our stretch of Sierra Vista's multi-use path on January 11, 2018 at 9AM. We will gather by the Cochise College sign at the corner of Charleston Rd and Colombo Dr.

FUTURE MEETING DATES **Board of Directors Meeting:** Landmark Cafe, January 17, 2018, 1130	**Board of Directors Meeting:** Landmark Cafe, February 14, 2018, 1130
Dinner Meeting: January 18, 2018, at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club, at 2770 S. St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona	**Dinner Meeting**: February 15, 2018, at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club, at 2770 S. St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona
Social Hour - 1800 Dinner - 1830	Social Hour - 1800 Dinner - 1830
Menu Main course: Fresh Salad, Roast Pork Loin, Wild Rice, Green Beans, desert- Chocolate Mousse	Menu Main course: Salad, Roast Beef, Shrimp Scampi w/ Butter Noodles, Garlic Mashers.
Program: Installation of new Officers AND Sheriff Mark Dannels on County issues	Program: Mayor Rick Mueller on City of Sierra Vista Update

THURSDAY JANUARY 18TH DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Pueblo Del Sol, 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 $26.00 each _____
Amount for Operating Fund _____
Amount for Scholarship Fund _____
Check total _____

Number of vegetarian meals desired (if any) _____

Reservations must be postmarked by January 8, 2018

Please change the following information for me: Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For more information about reservations contact Tom Hessler at 459-0093, tjhessler@cox.net
PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DINNER PRICE TO COVER INCREASED COST/MEAL TO MOAA

MOAA CORONADO CHAPTER

2018 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 (R) Dave Dolge at Dave@dolgefamily.net or 602-510-8901

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!!!!!!
DORIS CALDWELL, COL (Ret) shown here accepting the news, she is the SIERRA VISTA VETERAN OF THE YEAR 2018

MOAA Members enjoying the dinner and entertainment courtesy of the Sierra Vista Community Chorus

INCOMING 1ST VICE PRESIDENT, FRANCIS KOSINSKI, CPT (RET), USA

Francis was born in Brooklyn, NY. She attended Catholic schools in Queens, NY until she moved to Hicksville Long Island where she graduated high school. She worked her way through Nassau County Community College and State University NY, attaining a BS in Business and Accounting. During that time, she attended ROTC at Hofstra University.

Francis was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in 1981. After graduating MI Officer Basic Course her first assignment was Field Station Korea from 1982-1984. After 10 months as the assistant S3, she took Command of Headquarters and Service Company which was a mixture of KATUSAs, Aviators, Cooks, Electronic Specialists, and support to three remote sites on the DMZ.

Francis returned to Ft. Huachuca to be an Instructor and Course Manager, then to attend the Advanced Course. She was then assigned to Sinop, Turkey as the Assistant S3 but filled in as Operations Officer where she received an award for enacting critical procedures during an event that impacted National and International Security.

She was again stationed at Ft. Huachuca as the Assistant TRADOC System Manager for GBCS. Francis left Active Duty in September 1992 completing 11 years of active service.

She married MSG (RET) "Bud" Keller in 1990 and raised his 4-year-old cousin Leah following her mother's death. Francis has 60 credits through Cochise College (Phi Theta Kappa) for Computer Information Systems and an MBA from the University of Phoenix.

In 2000, she worked for the Post Office in Hereford and subsequently obtained a position working as a GS on Fort Huachuca as a Contract Specialist, Human Resource Specialist, and Budget Analyst. Francis retired in December of 2016.

Francis' church ministry is the Choir and she is attending Cochise College for Voice, Piano and Music Theory. She belongs to both the Sierra Vista Museum and the Ft. Huachuca Museum Society, Women's Army Corps Veterans Army Women United, VFW Life Member, DAV and MOAA.

INCOMING MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR, DAVID DOLGE, LTC (RET), USAR

David was commissioned RA out of ASU ROTC. During his 26 years as an Army officer, he spent Jul 69 to Sep 74 on active duty with assignments at Ft Ord, ROK, Edgewood Arsenal, and Germany. David's duties included Platoon Leader, Adjutant, Operations Officer, and Commander. He served in the USAR Sep 77 to May 79 as an Instructor. David then served in the AZ ARNG May 79 to Apr 95 in positions of Training Officer, Battalion XO, Recruiting Officer, Assistant G-1, and BN Commander. David retired as a LTC.

After retirement, David have done volunteer work with the Heard Museum in Phoenix, with Grand Canyon Council Boy Scouts

(Phoenix), and, here in Sierra Vista, with the Cochise County Republican Committee and VICAP.

David has been married to his wife Kathy for 50 years. David and Kathy have a son who is a LTC on active duty, currently serving as the I Corps Transportation Officer. He and his wife have two sons ages 10 and 6, and they now live outside of Ft. Lewis, WA.

INCOMING JROTC DIRECTOR, LORI WYSONG, CW3 (RET.), USA

Lori graduated from high school in 1965 and attended the school of nursing at the University of Arizona on a $250 scholarship. In March 1967 she joined the Women's Army Corps as a medical corpsman. Lori graduated the basic medical corpsman, 91A, course as the honor graduate and was offered the 91C, LPN course. That is when she fell in love with medicine and caring for people. In 1972 the Army opened up the Physician Assistant course; and she was accepted into class 7 in 1975. She graduated in 1977 with an associate degree in PA studies from the Academy of Health Sciences/Baylor University at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas. She was appointed a warrant officer and placed in the Medical Corps. It was then decided that she should be a "regular" officer. Through the bootstrap program she obtained a B.A. in Psychology from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, VA in 1985

Lori's assignments included: Basic AIT and LPN, 91C course: Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, TX; US Army Hospital, Ft. Devens, Mass as a floor nurse on recovery ward; Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC as a floor nurse on neuro-surgical ward; Ft. Meade Army Hospital, Ft. Meade, MD as NCOIC of OB-GYN clinic; Brooke Army Medical Center, Ft. Sam Houston, TX as a Public Health Nurse; 1st Cavalry Division, Ft. Hood, TX with special duty to Darnell Army Hospital, first as assistant ward master of a surgical ward then as an AMOSIST in the outpatient clinic; Academy of Health Sciences, Physician Assistant student; McDonald Army Hospital, Ft. Eustis, VA;17th Field Artillery Brigade, Augsburg, Germany as Brigade Surgeon; 914th Medical Dispensary, Augsburg, Germany where she was the commanding officer for 3 months; McDonald Army Hospital, Ft. Meade, MD, Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA; and Raymond W. Bliss Army hospital, Ft. Huachuca, AZ.

Lori retired from the US Army 1 May 1989 as a CW3.

Since retirement, Lori has worked in family Practice with Drs. Kaplan and Patterson, Sierra Vista, AZ from 1989 – 1997, in Urgent Care Clinic, Prescott Valley, AZ 1997 -1998, Cochise Health Alliance, Sierra Vista, AZ. 1998 until she retired from family Practice in 2004. She worked at the Southeastern AZ Urology clinic with Dr. Nazaroff from 2005 and completely retired in 2015. Her volunteer functions include: Sgt-at-Arms, San Pedro Ch 95, Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association/Army Women United; current captain of the National Honor Guard for WACVA/AWU; serving in several ministries at St. Andrew's Catholic church, performing ultrasounds at Care Net Pregnancy center; and on the executive boards of Rachel's Vineyard and

Peaches Pantry and now the liaison for the Jr. ROTC for MOAA.

Lori is a member of the Society of Army Physicians Assistants; the Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association/Army Women United; the Military Officers Association of America, life time member; the Warrant Officers Association and the Disabled American Veterans, lifetime member.

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According to MOAA Bylaws, our membership shall be composed of: (a). Men and women who are or have been officers — that is, commissioned or warrant officers — of the regular, reserve or National Guard of the United States in one of the seven US uniformed services of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Service. (b). Widows and widowers of deceased members or of any deceased individual who would, if living, be eligible for membership. (c). Individuals elected as Honorary Members as set forth in Section 2(e) of this Article. (d). There shall be no discrimination in membership or participation in the affairs of the Association by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age.