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MG Potter, Glen Hohman & Mayor Mueller cut the MOAA cake

CORONADO CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP AT THE END OF NOVEMBER 2019

- 199 Total Chapter Members
- 169 Regular Members
- 29 Surviving Spouse Members
- 1 Associate Member

Let us all work to grow the Chapter in 2020!



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

CHAPLAIN (COL) TOM DAY, USA (RETIRED)

Wow, our Coronado Chapter members have been honored again for their service to our community! Five of the twelve veterans honored in the **Veterans Wall** Ceremony by the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona on 7 November are members of our chapter!

They are Jack James Isler, George Kirmse, Gene Manning, Ronald McCreery (posthumous), and Maureen Pryor. Congratulations to each of you! Their pictures are on a wall within the Canyon Vista Medical Center and in this month's Heliogram.

Thank you, **Mr. Jeff Jennings** for an interesting and very informative evening. Mr. Jeff Jennings is Deputy to the Command General of the U.S. Army Intelligence Center of Excellence. He shared that the Army is in the middle of its biggest change in history. That change has begun with reform in shortening the acquisition timeline or the way we develop and put in use new equipment and vehicles. By 2022 modernization of the Force will be in full swing, a phase scheduled to be accomplished by 2028. Part of the change is relooking our mission and doctrine. He spoke of 17 critical gaps that need to be addressed to ably meet the current and future threats. He concluded his remarks with a history and recounting of the importance of the mission and location of Fort Huachuca. Thanks again for an insightful evening.

Thank you for all who joined us on the **Veterans Day Parade**. Our float had 14 people and Chaplain Xiong and his family made Allen Rossow's jeep a popular parade vehicle. The pictures and further comments are in this Heliogram. Ken Norris won the 50/50 raffle and generously added his \$95 winnings to the Scholarship Fund. Ken and Tamara's daughter, Jenny, who recently returned from Afghanistan, also joined us with her good friend Josh. Coronado Chapter has again received the Five-Star Levels of Excellence Award, it is now on our flag. Congratulations to all who made that possible.

Congratulations to our **newly elected or reelected Officers!** We elected, by unanimous acclaim, eight Directors for two-year terms. President, Tom Day; 1st Vice President, Jim Clenney; 2d Vice President, Tom Hessler; Secretary, Joe Puett; Dir.

Scholarship, Susan Day; Dir. Legislative Affairs, Merle Kilpatrick; Dir. Surviving Spouse Liaison, Jennifer Venola, and Dir. Personal Affairs, Tamara Oster. They will be sworn in at our January 16 Dinner meeting. **We still are seeking a Treasurer and Director of Membership.** That reminds me, all spouses and Surviving Spouses are qualified to be Directors, Deputy Directors, or Officers.

We are saddened to report the death of Norma Symmes, wife of BG Ken Symmes, USA (Ret.) and of LTC Bob Bobar, USA (Ret.). Please keep both families in your thoughts and prayers.

The **Sierra Vista Community Chorus** will honor us with beautiful music and entertainment at our December Dinner Meeting. Come and join us on December 19 for a fun evening of fellowship and good music. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah! **IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN TO A DINNER FOR A WHILE, JOIN US!!!**

Tom

NEVER STOP SERVING

We Need Your Help!

We need a treasurer! Our treasurer, Bob Abney, has been taking care of our finances for many years and would like to retire. I encourage you to consider becoming our treasurer. Bob will be glad to train and assist as necessary to assure your success. Talk to Bob Covalucci or call Bob to see what the position entails.

We need a Membership Director. This person would help generate ideas for recruiting new members, work with the Membership Chair to form a committee that would help gain new members, and coordinate programs for reaching new members.





2LT Luke A. Mercier receives the MOAA Distinguished Honor Graduate Award upon completion of the Military Intelligence Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona from Colonel (Retired) Robert Covalucci. (Left)

CPT Amy M. Saxton, pictured here with her Mother, receives the MOAA Distinguished Honor of the Military Intelligence Captains Career Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona from Colonel (Retired) Robert Covalucci. (Bottom Left)

2LT Megan K. Hua receives the MOAA Distinguished Graduate Award upon completion of the Military Intelligence Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona from Colonel (Retired) Robert Covalucci. (Below)





PERSONAL AFFAIRS

Jim Clenney

LIEUTENANT COMMANDER JAMES CLENNEY, USN (RETIRED)

Asking for legal help can be unsettling. Perhaps it is because we feel like we are paying someone for the privilege

of exposing personal information, actions, or needs to. That stranger (the attorney) is professionally bound to accurately represent your interests to decision makers. You must decide whether to have trust in them. In addition to trust, a good element to consider is the legal community knowledge level of the attorney. Fortunately, the location we live in includes both military (Staff Judge Advocate) and civilian (private) attorneys with knowledge and experience in taking care of your needs.

The **Staff Judge Advocate** office on Fort Huachuca is staffed with military and civilian attorneys who are tasked with providing legal assistance to members of the Armed Forces. Reservists are often eligible for support. Military retirees can (and should) obtain legal assistance on personal legal matters. Military Spouses are eligible for the same services provided to active personnel. Surviving Spouses are eligible to obtain legal assistance as long as the surviving spouse was eligible for services when the military member spouse died.

basis. As is true with other military non-operational support, legal assistance is provided based upon available resources and [personnel](#).

The Staff Judge Advocate's office is located on the Fort at 2387 Hatfield Street, Building 51102 (the Two

-story building across from PX/Jeanie's Diner). Hours are 0730 to 1630 M-F and the phone number is (520) 533-2009. This office provides the following to authorized clients: Notary and Power of Attorney Services – on a walk-in basis. Everything else by appointment; assistance regarding personal legal problems, divorce, child support, child custody, paternity, adoption, credit or identity theft, landlord/tenant, and pre- & post-deployment legal services, and will development. Federal and State tax return assistance is also available at 22324 Christy Ave (520) 533-1040 at no cost.

Private attorneys are often willing to discuss the situation in an intake interview. Attorneys located in the vicinity of the Fort understand the nuances of the environment of the local civilian judicial system. These professionals make good use of those differing features of the law to achieve positive outcomes for people in your situation. Seek out an attorney that provides initial consultation with no fee. The consultation is to help you and the attorney to gain an understanding of the case, the laws, and the options you have. After which, the attorney will negotiate a fee for your specific issue.

My best recommendation to find a local private attorney is to log into the Arizona Bar Associations tool for finding an attorney who has the knowledge and interest to address your issue. The Arizona Bar Association can be accessed through <https://azbar.legalserviceslink.com/>. I figure if you can't trust the Bar Association to make a safe referral, then times are rougher than I thought!

In future articles we will explore other online resources. There are many, many specialty-focused organizations who support us through websites.

Jim



**Coronado Chapter Members Now on the Wall of Honor
at Canyon Vista Medical Center**

RONALD A. MCCREERY



Ronald A McCreery served in the US Army from 1957-1977. His Military Occupation Specialty was intelligence, and he was an expert in imagery interpretation. He flew on Mohawk (OV-1) Aircraft during the Vietnam War, and served in Korea, Germany, Vietnam, and throughout the United States. His awards include the Bronze Star, the Legion of Merit , Joint Service Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal , and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm.

After retirement, Ronald taught at Fort Huachuca's intelligence school for 15 years. He was a founder of the Sierra Vista Symphony, served as president of the Symphony Association and on its Board of Directors. He helped build the Children's Concert Program and the Symphony's Endowment Committee. Ronald was president of the Sierra Vista School Board, a substitute teacher, and a pillar of St. Stephens Episcopal Church, where he served as Senior Warden, and Eucharistic Minister, and wrote a history of the congregation. He was a member of the Kiwanis Club from 1997-2016, serving on the club's Board of Directors and as Publicity Chairman. His work raised funds for the Sierra Vista Skate and Bike Park and the "Skip-A-Meal" program, funded by the Kiwanis International children's programs. He was a lifelong member of Sons of the American Revolution and served as an officer at the national and state level.



MAUREEN PRYOR



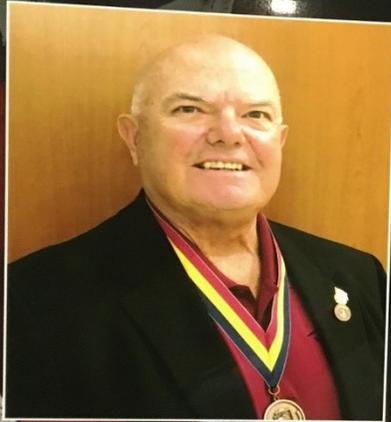
Maureen Pryor enlisted in the United States Army Women's Army Corps in 1972 while a junior in college. Upon college graduation in June 1973, after having attained the rank of E-4, she received a direct commission as a Lieutenant and attended the WAC Officer Orientation Course at Ft. McClellan, AL. Maureen served as the first woman to be assigned to a Military Intelligence Battalion at Ft. Hood, TX. During the Cold War she served two overseas tours, as both unit commander and staff intelligence officer for a Field Artillery Brigade in Germany. Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) Pryor was mobilized as a Reservist for further service during Operation Desert Storm. For her service to the nation, 13 years active and 13 years reserve, LTC Pryor was awarded the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster in addition to numerous service medals.

Maureen's commitment to service has continued since she moved to Sierra Vista in 2010. In a leadership role, she volunteers with the local chapter of the Women's Army Corps Veterans of America (WACVA). As President of San Pedro Chapter #95, WACVA, she has led the organization in community programs to help veterans and low income families. To included Coats for Kids, Operation Christmas Child, Project Graduation, a toiletry program, and the Easter Egg project. She also oversaw the scholarship program for two female Junior ROTC cadets.



**Veterans
Wall
Of
Honor
Canyon
Vista
Medical
Center**

JACK J. ISLER



Jack J Isler was commissioned as a Lieutenant in the U.S. Army in 1976 after graduating from Washington State University, and retired as a Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) after 22 years and 4 months of service in 1998. During the Cold War he served in the Federal Republic of Germany and subsequently served overseas in Kuwait, Korea, and Honduras. In addition to multiple staff assignments he commanded an Infantry Company and a Military Intelligence Battalion. His awards include the Legion of Merit, the Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Meritorious Service Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal. He also earned the Parachutist Badge and the Expert Infantryman Badge.

Jack moved to Sierra Vista after his retirement and held leadership positions in the local chapter of the Association of the U.S. Army (AUSA) from 1998 to the present, he provided leadership, planning, support and assistance to help raise monies for soldiers, families, and veterans at Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista. Serving on the Greater Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce as member and Co-Chair of the Military Affairs Committee & Member, Board of Directors, 2002-2006, Jack enhanced liaison, communications, and support between the Sierra Vista Chamber and Fort Huachuca, thus improving the relationship between our civilian and military community.



HENRY (STEVE) CONROY



Henry (Steve) Conroy was commissioned an Army Second Lieutenant in June 1968 and retired in September 1992 after 24 years of service as a Lieutenant Colonel. During his military career, Steve's assignments included service with the 24th Infantry Division, Ranger School, Airborne School, and the Battalion Signal Officer's Course. His overseas service included the 7th Signal Brigade and the 440th Signal Battalion, Mannheim, Germany. Steve was in the Republic of South Vietnam from 1971 to 1972, serving as the Assistant S-3, 69th Signal Battalion and as the Company Commander, Telecommunications Center Company. He was assigned to the 193rd Infantry Brigade, Panama. His stateside assignments included HQ U.S. Central Command, and the Joint Interoperability Test Command, Fort Huachuca.

Steve and his wife Marge joined the St Andrew Catholic Church choir and St Vincent de Paul. He served as the Master of Ceremonies for the Sierra Vista Symphony Gala and the Forgach House Benefit for six years. He has been a member of the Foster Care Review Board in Sierra Vista since 2010 and rode with "B" Troop, 4th U.S. Cavalry Regiment (Memorial). Steve was the liaison for the entertainers participating in the Cochise County Poetry and Music Gathering, and has been a Sierra Vista Kiwanis member for 26 years.

Congratulations!

GEORGE R. KIRMSE



George R Kirmse joined the Navy at New York City in 1945 and was a Medical Corpsman. Upon his discharge, he went to Fordham University. After graduation in 1949, George was commissioned in the Army and served 30 years as an Artillery and Quartermaster Officer. He retired from Ft. Huachuca as an Lieutenant Colonel in 1997. He served in New York, New Jersey, Virginia, Massachusetts, Alaska, Arizona, Iran, Vietnam, Germany Texas, and Washington D.C. where he had the honor of closing President Eisenhower's casket. He received his MBA from George Washington University. George has been a certified flight instructor and an economics instructor at Cochise College. He served as Assistant City Magistrate and Magistrate in Sierra Vista, Huachuca City and Tombstone, and was elected Justice of the Peace from 1991-2003 in Sierra Vista. George was on the hospital's auxiliary board until the new hospital was built. He has been a member of the Forgach House building committee and has been actively involved with fund raising for the Forgach House and Catholic Community Services Southern Arizona for 26 years. George is active in his church, Our Lady of the Mountain. He has served with the Knights of Columbus, the 1200 Club, and the local chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. George was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2006.





1st Vice Pres

Frances G. Kosinski

I was invited to attend a Veteran's Appreciation Breakfast at Coronado Elementary School, on

Moson Road, in Hereford. The breakfast was great, the children were kind and respectful with Thank You Cards and Programs. The Flag Ceremony and accompanying School Band playing the Service Songs were inspirational. The attendance by Veterans consisted of me and about three other people. A sad showing to say the least.

Next year, I would like to see some more of us attend the ceremony at this school. I will get the word out in advance. I don't know of any other school in the Sierra Vista area that had a similar ceremony. I know President Tom also has a school in Elgin that wants to honor Veterans with breakfast. We need to support our schools especially when they want to support us and honor the history of our great country, "Lest We Forget".

Fran

Membership

David Dolge, LTC, USA (Ret)

It's the time of year to renew your chapter membership for 2020. Membership supports the goals and services we provide active, reserve, retired and former officers of the Air Force, Army, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard, our membership, and the community at large.

Chapter programs include a "grassroots" legislative program to protect and enhance service and VA benefits, a weekly notice of bills and issues in both state and federal legislatures, along with an effective means to communicate with elected officials. Charitable activities include the award of up to eleven annual \$1,000.00 scholarships to three JROTC high school seniors and eight to local military family high school seniors. Thanks to member generosity we

expect to increase the 2020 award to twelve scholarships! Socially, the chapter holds monthly dinners and invites speakers and elected officials to address programs and issues. Your membership funds local chapter operations. All operations are conducted by unpaid volunteers.

Annual Membership dues remain \$15.00 for Regular Members (includes spouse) and \$10.00 for Auxiliary Members. Auxiliary membership is extended to widows or widowers of regular members or those who, if living, would be eligible for regular membership. The annual membership period is from 1 January to 31 December of each year, and payable in the month of January. We really need your continued support. Please keep your membership current and help our chapter grow and prosper.

Dave

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HISTORIAN'S REPORT

by Susan Atchison-Day, Ed D.



We are surrounded by Coronado: Coronado National Monument, Coronado HS, and, for the wine lovers among us, Coronado Vineyards, near Wilcox. Coronado's is a story of bad luck and adventure. Francisco Vasquez de Coronado was

born into a rich family in Salamanca, Spain in 1510. Regrettably, he had the poor luck, he thought, of being a younger son who would not inherit the family fortune.

At the age of 25, he set out for the new world where he was well received by the Spanish community in Mexico City. He married a young heiress at the tender age of 12, thus relieving his money problems. Together they had eight children, but his spirit of adventure had not died. When rumors began to circulate about "Las Siete Ciudades de Cibola" - the Seven Cities of Gold - he petitioned the viceroy to lead an expedition in search of riches and fame.

He entered what is now Arizona on either the Santa Cruz or San Pedro river, with 300 soldiers and about 1,000 native americans. His search lead him across Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, and Kansas before he gave up. The story was similar everywhere - he would inquire about the cities, make himself an unpleasant, unwelcome guest, then would be assured that the cities were somewhere further "over there" to the east.

Included in his group was Estebanico, a black Muslim from Azamor, a coastal city in Morocco, who was one of only four survivors of another ill-fated expedition in Florida. He shared the story of the cities after his miraculous rescue by the Spaniards. He seems to have had a winning personality, intelligence, and perhaps questionable morals, in that his story did not prove to be true.

In the end, Coronado finally realized that those suggesting he search elsewhere were giving him expedient, rather than truthful, answers. He returned home in disgrace, was tried for dereliction of duty but was cleared of all charges.

We remember Coronado for his bravery, spirit of adventure and for being the first European to see the Grand Canyon, our beautiful desert southwest, and the great plains.

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PUBLIC RELATIONS

NORMAN PATTEN



Its clean up time again! Join us on December 18, 2019 for our quarterly policing of our SV Multi - Use path. We will gather at 10AM at the corner of Charleston Rd. and Columbo Ave (by the Cochise College sign). It won't take long; but its a good way for Coronado Chapter to show its commitment to a better Sierra Vista.

Twelve Cochise County military veterans have been selected as the 2019 Veterans Wall honorees and five are Coronado Chapter, MOAA, members.

This years Veterans Wall selectees will be honored at 5:30 PM on November 7, in a ceremony in the lobby area at Canyon Vista Medical Center. Lanny Kope wrote an article in the October 18th Sierra Vista Herald and also, along with Tom Hessler, provided us with a list of all the Coronado Chapter, MOAA, members who have been honored on the Veterans Wall since it's inception in 2015. Over one third of selectees have come from Coronado Chapter, MOAA.

Lanny wrote, "A joint project between Canyon Vista Medical Center and the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona, the selectees will be the fifth group to be honored since the project was initiated in 2015. Eligible individuals are military veterans who are former or current residents of Cochise County and have honorably worn the uniform of our nation's armed forces. As volunteers they also must also have made substantial contributions to their communities."

2019-20	2018-19 (continued)	2016-17
Jack Isler	George Castle	Bob Gent
George Kirmse	Tom Finnegan	Norman Patten
Gene Manning	Tom Hessler	Tom Reardon
Ronald McCreery	Robert Strain	Tom Wisniewski
Maureen Pryor		
2018-19	2017-18	2015-16
Bill Bates	Joseph Britton	Earl Devine
Harry Bowen	Doris Caldwell	Virginia Gannon
	Stu Carter	
	Lanny Kope	



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Commander Merle L. Kilpatrick, USNR (Retired)

The Military Coalition Concerns for the (NDAA)

A letter sent to key legislators Sept. 13 by The Military Coalition (TMC), a group of more than 30 military and veterans' organizations - including MOAA – stressed the importance of repealing the "widows' tax" and protecting military medicine from planned staff cuts. Both issues are priorities for the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).

TMC listed the two items of concern in the letter to the chairs and ranking members of the House and Senate Armed Services committees. Other issues in the letter – all of which can be addressed by the FY 2020 NDAA – include:

Continued support of the planned 3.1% FY 2020 military pay raise with plans to address re-

- storing the 2.6% "in accumulated losses from pay raises that lagged [the Employee Cost Index] between 2014 and 2016.
- Delaying any plans to consolidate military exchanges and commissaries until the release of the Government Accountability Office report on the issue.
- Modifying TRICARE Reserve Select eligibility to remove restrictions on federal employees purchasing the benefit.
- Adding provisions to ensure the health and safety of military families in privatized military housing, including a tenant bill of rights.
- Backing efforts to combat sexual assault in the military.
- Ensuring grade parity among leaders of the reserve components.
- Creating a basic needs allowance for service members whose families fall below 130% of federal poverty guidelines.

TMC also expressed disappointment that neither the House nor the Senate version of the NDAA included expansion of concurrent receipt, which has been a top MOAA priority.

Merle



Veteran's Day Parade 2019

Ready to go! Thank you to all who rode our float and Al Rossow's jeep. Our best decoration was the Veterans and their families! Thanks to Earl Devine, Bill Bates, Gene Manning, Bob Covalucci, Paul Puttkammer, Kandy and Jim Clenney, Fred Mansmith, Ed White, Terry Whaley, Jennifer Venola, Harry Mallory, Ken Norris and Tamara Oster whose presence graced our float. Thanks also to Allen Rossow who brought his awesome jeep and yummy donuts and provided transportation for Chaplain (MAJ) Yan Xiong and his beautiful family!





We honor our flag!



Many of our members are Warrant Officers and marched behind their banner, which was carried by the ROTC Cadets!



We had a special spot for our Arizona Hall of Fame-Members.



A special Thanks to Theresa Warrell and Horse'n Around Rescue Ranch and Foundation, Inc. for providing the trailer with hay bales!

NOVEMBER DONORS LIST Thank you for generously supporting our Scholarships!

2019 SUSTAINING LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of More Than \$300)

Black, John	Caldwell, Doris	Devine, Earl	Fenstermacher, Gene
Hicks, Bill	Kilpatrick, Merle	Symmes, Ken	Wysong, Lori
Day, Tom	Ehrenberger, Dennis	Oster, Tamara	Rossow, Allen

2019 GOLD LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$200.00 to \$ 299.00)

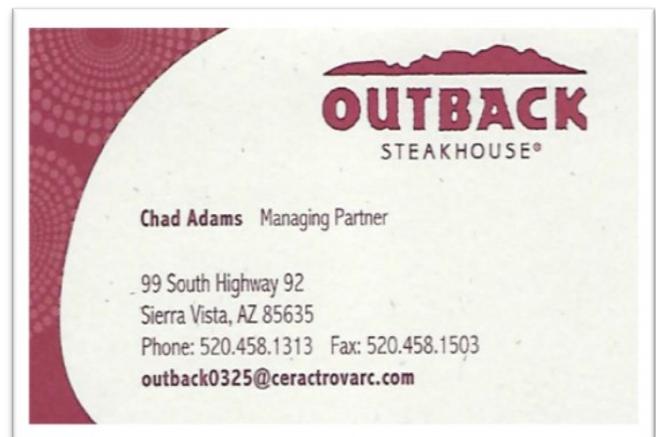
Britton, Ruth	Courtney, Niles	Day, Tom	Beer, Ronald
Puett, Joe	Rossow, Allen		

2019 SILVER LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$ 100.00 to \$ 199.00)

Abney, Bob	Bobar, Bob	Day, Susan	Scheumann, Steven	Chun, Mert
Daggett, Robert	Flynn, Joe	Judson, Bruce	Lee, Robert	Manring, Gene
Muller, Rick	Orzechowski, Dick	Pflipsen, Ron	Nickles, Dennis	Puttkammer, Paul

2019 CHAPTER DONORS (Cumulative Donations Up to \$ 100.00)

Ament, Richard	Bachman, Denis	Bates, Bill	Brown, Harry	Castle, George
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Hessler, Tom	Hinkley, Harold	Holbrook, Pat	Hormann, Vaughn	Hurd, Danny
Isler, Jack	Jones, Casey	Kennedy, Tom	Kirmse, George	Kope, Lanny
Linhares, Patrick	McClure, Marian	Newcomer, Marianne	Patton, Norm	Breen, Wendy
Pryor, Maureen	Reynolds, Ernie	Ross, Ramiro	Rumore, Sam	Stalman, Bernie
White, Chad	Wozniak, Edward			





Tom Hessler

2-VP

Upcoming Programs

19 DEC '19 Sierra Vista Community Chorus

Our traditional holiday entertainment returns again under the direction of Sharon Keene.



16 JAN '20 Mayor Rick Mueller

Update of local happenings.

Also our induction of new officers/directors!



20 FEB '20 Dave Santor invited - Not confirmed

Sierra Vista history overview.

19 MAR '20 Honoring our Surviving Spouses

Jennifer Venola will arrange this special event where we honor our Surviving Spouses.



16 APR '20 Honoring our Scholarship Recipients

Susan Day will orchestrate this program that invites our scholarship recipients and their family to dinner in their honor.



Veterans Wall Honorees:
George Kirmse and Gene Manning



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2. You don't believe in Santa Claus
3. You are Santa Claus
4. You look like Santa Claus

*2VP Tom Hessler
Programs Guru*

Speaker Jeff Jennings



Dinner Meeting Pictures—Tasty Thanksgiving Meal





2020 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Last Name _____ First _____ Initial ____ Rank _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

Date of Birth MM ____ DD ____ YYYY _____

National MOAA Number _____ Life Member Y/N

Please Circle all that apply:

Status: Active - Former - Retired - Auxiliary/Widow - Surviving Spouse

Service: NOAA - Army - Air Force - Coast Guard - Marine Corps - Navy - USPHS

Branch: Active - Guard - Reserve -

Spouse Full Name _____ Date of Birth MM ____ DD ____ YYYY _____

Signature _____ Date _____

The cost of membership is: Regular \$15 annually; Surviving Spouse \$10 annually. The remainder of your first calendar year is free. First year FREE to NEW members.

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

For further Membership questions contact Dave Dolge 602-510-8901, Dave@DolgeFamily.net

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My Name _____ Guest Name(s) _____

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Amount for meal at \$26.00 each _____

Amount for Operating Fund _____

Amount for Scholarship Fund _____

Check total _____

Number of vegetarian meals desired (if any) _____

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

News you can use

Coronado Chapter Website: <http://moaacoronado.org/>

Coronado Chapter Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MOAACoronadoChapter/>

MOAA: TAKE ACTION <http://takeaction.moaa.org/home?1>

Spouse Issues: MOAA http://takeaction.moaa.org/spouse_issues

Arizona Department of Veteran Services Update <https://dvs.az.gov/legislative-updates>

Surviving Spouse Corner: Making the Best of the Holidays After Loss <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2019-news-articles/surviving-spouse-corner-making-the-best-of-the-holidays-after-loss/>

Arizona Veteran's Survey—Everyone is encouraged to take this online Survey to help strengthen support for Arizona's military, veteran and family community. <https://azveteransurvey.org/>

MOAA provides a fill-in-the-blank guide to assist us to organize our paperwork and information for our loved ones. This site can be found at: <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/moaa-publications/personal-affairs-detail/>

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Board of Directors Meeting: Landmark Cafe, December 18, 2019, 1130

Dinner Meeting: December 19, 2019, at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club, at 2770 S. St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Social Hour - 1800 Dinner - 1830

Menu, Salad: Spanish Salad with fresh strawberry slices and diced apples

Entrée: Slow Roasted Beef, roasted potatoes, steamed Asparagus.

Desert: Tiramisu

Vegetarian Alternative: Stuffed Peppers filled with Black Bean Corn and Sautéed Rice, topped with roasted red pepper sauce and marinated veggies

Program: Sierra Vista Community Chorus

Board of Directors Meeting: Landmark Cafe, January 15, 2020, 1130

Dinner Meeting: January 16, 2020 at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club, at 2770 S. St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Social Hour - 1800 Dinner - 1830

Menu, Salad: TBA

Entrée: TBA

Desert: TTBA

Vegetarian Alternative: TBA

Program: **Mayor Rick Mueller**

Also the induction of new officers/directors!

SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Coronado Chapter has added “Support the United Arizona Veterans in helping to find ways to reduce veteran suicides in Arizona” as one of our five Chapter Goals. Below are ways we can help:

Publicize “Be Connected,” a program “Connecting Arizona service members, veterans, families & helpers to information, support and resources.” Their website is <https://beconnectedaz.org/> or call 1-866-4AZ-VETS (429-8387).

Support “22 a Month to End 22 a Day.” At the Warrior Healing Center, they are fighting this problem innovatively to restore hope. You can get more information at <https://chuffed.org/project/22-a-month-to-end-22-a-day>.

Emory Healthcare Veterans Program, free to qualified **post-9/11** military servicemembers and Veterans. This program is designed to treat conditions such as **post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), traumatic brain injury (TBI), military sexual trauma (MST), anxiety,** and **depression** related to past military service. More information can be found at <https://www.emoryhealthcare.org/centers-programs/veterans-program/index.html> .

VETERANS CRISIS LINE, CALL 1-800-273-8255, PRESS 1. <https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/>

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