



# HELIOGRAM

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Coronado Chapter  
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Jim Clenney gives a Coronado Chapter coin to our speaker, Dave Santor.

### CORONADO CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 2020

**208 Total Chapter Members**

**179 Regular Members**

**29 Surviving Spouse Members**

**Let us all work to grow the Chapter in 2020!**



## PRESIDENT'S NOTES

CHAPLAIN (COL) TOM  
DAY, USA (RETIRED)

NEVER STOP SERVING

Tom

Our Dinner Meeting Guest Speaker was Dave Santor, former Sierra Vista Police Chief and now City Historian. Jim Clenney led the meeting and reported that Dave spoke about the Miracle Valley Shootout in 1982. His presentation included photographs of the event and was an interesting, valuable, and rich history lesson. Dave provided a lot of personal insight regarding the events. He shared a great deal of background supplementary details; many of which are not generally known. Jim also reported that the vignettes helped us visualize the environment surrounding the event leading up to the Shootout and gain a greater understanding of the outcomes. Thank you, Dave, for an interesting and informative evening. Thank you, Jim, for a great job of leading the meeting!

Welcome to our newest members, Major Dalby and CPT Blanchard.

**We need a volunteer to be our treasurer for only two years.** One of our members will be able to take the position in two years, but we need someone to help us out until then. Bob Abney is willing to train and assist, as necessary, but is overdue for a well-deserved break. Please call me at 915-588-9281 or Bob Abney, whose number is on our roster at the end of this newsletter, if you are interested. Thank you!

In this Heliogram is a flier and letter published by Representative Paul Gosar encouraging people to send letters of support to Rear Admiral Samuel J. Cox. We voted as a Chapter to support his push to name a warship in honor of the Granite Mountain Hotshots. I encourage you to send a letter of support to honor the memory of our courageous firefighters.

Coronado Chapter, MOAA, will host the Arizona Council of Chapters on April 30 and May 1. You are invited to join the Officers and Directors on April 30<sup>th</sup> for a reception with the leaders of the rest of the Arizona MOAA Chapters and the MOAA Council of Arizona. If you would like to join us at 1800 at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club please call Bob Covalucci by March 15 so he can add you to the list of attendees, the cost will be \$10, due by March 31.s

Our March Dinner Meeting will be led by our Surviving Spouse Liaison, Jennifer Venalo. We look forward to seeing you on March 19 for a great meeting of honoring our Surviving Spouses.

Tom

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## 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 Abney 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 coordi-

**PICTURES FROM  
OUR DINNER  
MEETING**



**MORE  
DINNER MEETING  
PICTURES.**







**TRANSITION  
LIAISON  
COORDINATOR**

**CW3 HARRY E.  
BOWEN, USA (Ret.)**

15 January 2020 – 14  
February 2020

Jobs:

There were five (5) jobs posted during this report period. There has been absolutely no input from any chapter within Arizona. **The COC position needs to be re-evaluated.**

Expos/Career Fairs:

There were no job fairs posted during this report period. AZ@Work is planning a job fair, in concert with ESGR for a Breakfast with the Boss (BWB) session 27 March 2020. Current plans are for up to 25 employers participating in the Breakfast with the Boss with 40 or more participants for the job fair. 20 Employers have responded to participate in the Breakfast with the Boss as well as for the Job Fair (see **attachment**).

Links:

There were no new links added to the website during this report period.

**Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):**

Received the new Statement of Support (SOS) forms so will be able to start back up performing the Bi-annual ESGR briefings.

Received two Patriotic Employer Awards to be presented sometime this week or next. Both awardees are employees of the hospital.

**Co Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV) 12 February 2020**

**Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV)** held their consolidated meeting at the Warrior Healing Center on 12 February 2020

**The guest speaker for this meeting was Frank Real, Primavera.**

The Transition Liaison Coordinator, Harry Bowen, participated in the Point-In-Time count during the period 22-25 January. 9 veterans were identified within Cochise County depicting themselves as homeless, 5 were from Sierra Vista, 1 Veteran from Huachuca City, 1 from Bisbee, and 2 from Douglas. Of these 9, 3 were in the GNA system and were receiving a bed for the night at the GNA facility, 4 were living in tents or alleyways, and 2 were residing with associates. Actual homeless population, by VA definition was 4. One veteran has already received assistance through Primavera.

Subsequent to the PIT, a disabled female veteran (90%) was identified and through support by CSV and DAV, was able to move into a rental apartment effective 10 February 2020.

**CSV and the Veterans Resource Fair Committee (VRF)** continue planning for the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Resource Fair. The Fair is scheduled for 21 August 2020 with current plans for hosting the fair at the Rothery Education Facility on Fry Boulevard. The event will commence at 9 AM and conclude at 2 PM.

**Social Services Support (S3)** committee continues to provide financial and physical plant support to qualified needy veterans. During this past month, they have provided financial support to five (5) veterans in emergency relief with their utilities, one (1) with assistance with back rent due, 1 with deposits for utilities, 1 for electricity turn-on, and 2 through referrals to other appropriate organizations for help.

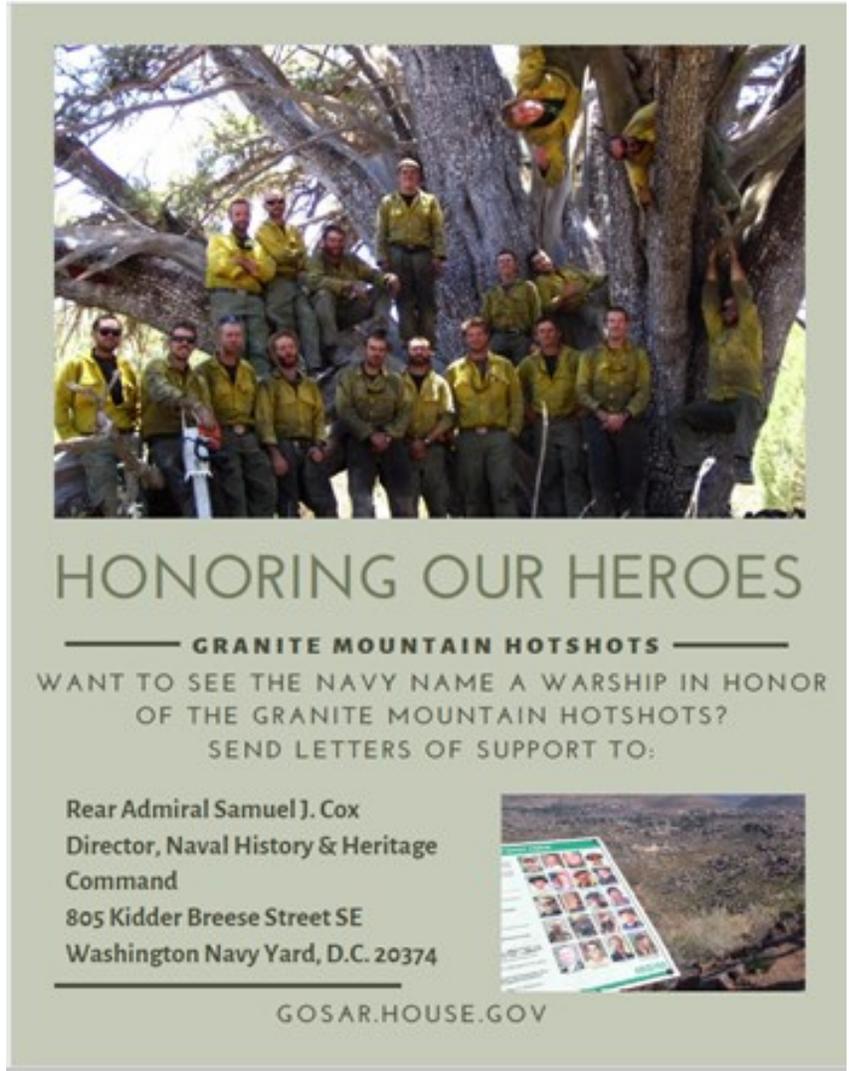
Harry



**1st VP**  
**Jim Clenney**  
**LIEUTENANT**  
**COMMANDER**  
**JAMES CLEN-**  
**NEY, USN**  
**(RETIRED)**

I invite your attention to the enclosed flyer and letter. We publish this in support of honoring our firefighters for the dedication they exemplify daily. In January, U.S. Representative Paul Gosar wrote an opening recommendation letter to the Admiral who is responsible for coordination of naval ship naming. Representative Gosar’s letter recommended naming a ship after the Yarnell Hotshot crew who perished in defense of their neighbors. I encourage all of us, as people of service with recent experience of the Monument Fire, to support this effort. Please write a short, personal letter to Admiral Cox and recommend that the U.S. Navy name a ship “U.S.S. Granite Mountain.”

Very Respectfully,  
 Jim Clenney, MHA  
 LCDR, USN (Ret)



**HONORING OUR HEROES**

**GRANITE MOUNTAIN HOTSHOTS**

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**Congress of the United States**  
**House of Representatives**  
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January 13, 2020

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Rear Admiral Samuel J. Cox  
Director, Naval History and Heritage Command (NHHC)  
805 Kidder Breesee Street SE  
Washington Navy Yard, D.C. 20374-5060

Re: USS Granite Mountain

Dear Rear Admiral Cox,

It is my understanding that you lead the nomination process for ship names pursuant to federal law. Constituents of mine in Arizona, notably Prescott Fire Chief Dennis Light, have suggested the name "USS Granite Mountain" for one of your San Antonio-class amphibious ships, or any ship that is most appropriate.

Granite Mountain, a mountain located in my district near Prescott, Arizona, was the namesake of the firefighting unit that tragically lost nineteen men during the Yarnell Hill Fire in 2013. Their official name was the Granite Mountain Interagency Hotshot Crew. Originally founded in 2001, as a fuels mitigation crew, they were later formed into Crew 7, a Type II IA hand-crew in 2004, and eventually transitioned into a Type I Inter-agency hotshot crew in 2008. This brave crew fought to save the town of Yarnell from certain destruction. Nineteen of the twenty members of the group perished:

Ashcraft, Andrew – Age: 29  
Caldwell, Robert – Age: 23  
Carter, Travis – Age: 31  
Deford, Dustin – Age: 24  
MacKenzie, Christopher – Age: 30  
Marsh, Eric – Age: 43  
McKee, Grant – Age: 21  
Misner, Sean – Age: 26  
Norris, Scott – Age: 28  
Parker, Wade – Age: 22  
Percin, John – Age: 24

Rose, Anthony – Age: 23  
Steed, Jesse – Age: 36  
Thurston, Joe – Age: 32  
Turbyfill, Travis – Age: 27  
Warneke, William – Age: 25  
Whitted, Clayton – Age: 28  
Woyjeck, Kevin – Age: 21  
Zuppiger, Garret – Age: 27

Today, a rugged hiking trail climbs more than 1,000 feet to the very spot that they died. Along that trail are nineteen plaques that memorialize each of the nineteen men that gave their lives in defense of their community. They fought this fire to their death, something that would reflect well for the fighting spirit of a naval war ship.

There are many articles on this event for your staff to research. Please let me know what other information that you need from my office or any assistance that we can provide. We appreciate your consideration of this request. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S.  
Member of Congress

cc: President Donald J. Trump  
The White House  
1600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW  
Washington, D.C. 20500

The Honorable Richard V. Spencer  
Secretary, U.S. Department of the Navy  
1300 Navy Pentagon  
Washington, D.C. 20301-1300

Fire Chief Dennis B. Light  
Prescott Fire Department  
1700 Iron Springs Road  
Prescott, Arizona 86305



**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

**Commander Merle L. Kilpatrick, USNR (Retired)**

**Never Give UP Making Your Voice Heard**

‘Widows tax’ is repealed, in part due to MOAA’s legislative efforts

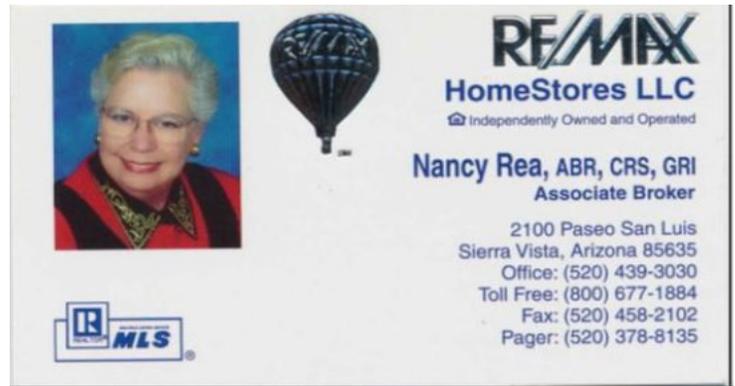
Military widows had fought – some for decades – for the end of the unfair Survivor Benefit Plan-Dependency and Indemnity compensation offset (SBP-DIC), commonly known as the ‘Widows tax’. A law denying these spouses their earned benefits, after they’d endured the loss of their life partners, seemed unconscionable. The policy remained until last year.

The 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) was passed by the House and Senate and signed by President Trump on December 20, 2019, making full repeal official. Repealing the offset has been a top priority for MOAA for several years.

According to Lt. General Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret), president and CEO of MOAA; “The inclusion of the widows tax repeal in the NDAA was only possible through a persistent, unified voice”. MOAA’s 350,000 members have advocated aggressively in support of repeal. MOAA worked closely on repeal alongside The Military Coalition, the Veterans of foreign Wars, the National Military Family Association, the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors, and the Gold Star Wives of America.

Without the message getting to the members of the Senate and the House of Representatives, the repeal would not have been accomplished. Thank you for all the emails, regular letters, telephone calls and personal visits from all people involved. **Your Voice Can Make A Difference.**

Merle Kilpatrick USNR (Retired)



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**GOVERNOR DUCEY HAS RELEASED HIS EXECUTIVE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2021, HIGHLIGHTING INITIATIVES FOR VETERANS.**

**Additional Veteran Benefits Counselors**

Governor Ducey's Executive Budget includes an increase in funding for six additional Veteran Benefits Counselor (VBC) positions.

ADVS has funding for only 30 of its 42 appropriated FTE VBC positions. VBCs develop and file veteran's claims for disability, pension, and other veteran benefits.

We believe that the funding increase will allow us to add 10,500 appointments for veterans and families each fiscal year. The new VBCs will be located around the state.

**New State Veteran Homes**

The Executive Budget also includes an increase in funding for operating costs of the new State Veteran homes in Flagstaff and Yuma. Veteran homes provide nursing and rehabilitative care for geriatric and chronically ill veterans and dependent/surviving spouses.

Construction of the Flagstaff and Yuma homes began in June 2019 and is scheduled to be completed by June 2021. Operating costs will help the two homes complete the six-month process to certification.

To provide greater transparency into veteran homes operations, the Executive Budget replaces the Arizona State Veteran Homes special line item (SLI) with separate SLIs for each home: Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tucson, and Yuma.

**For full budget details visit:** <https://azgovernor.gov/fy21budget>

**Exemption for All Military Pension Pay**

During his State of the State address on Monday, Governor Ducey called for eliminating taxes on military pensions ([bit.ly/35VVgla](https://bit.ly/35VVgla)). The FY 2021 Executive Budget fully eliminates this tax by exempting all pension pay of the Uniformed Services of the United States. This new exemption – retroactive to tax year 2020 – is expected to save the average pensioner more than \$840 per year in State income tax and reducing General Fund revenues by approximately \$45.5 million beginning in FY 2021.

**Eliminating Occupational Licensing Fees**

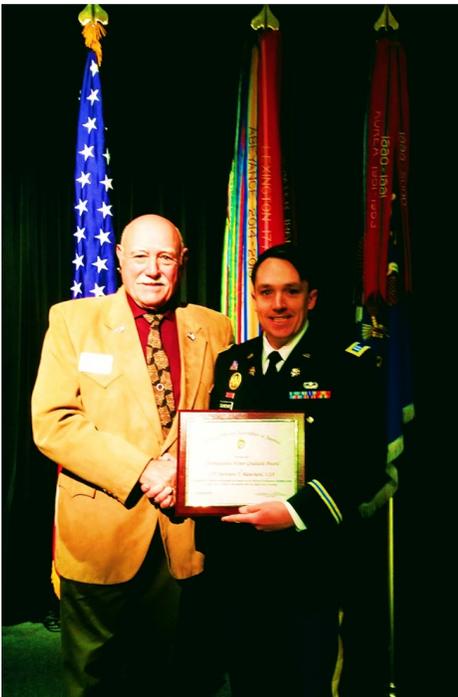
Also on Monday, the Governor announced efforts to eliminate occupational licensing fees for veterans and military spouses ([bit.ly/2FKLkQu](https://bit.ly/2FKLkQu)). In 2019, Arizona became the first state in the nation to grant universal recognition of out-of-state occupational licenses for new residents. These efforts will waive licensing fees for service members, their spouses and Arizona veterans.



WO1 Dean Whitter-Ajere receives the MOAA Distinguished Leadership Award from Colonel (R) Robert Covalucci upon graduation from the Military Intelligence Warrant Officer Basic Course 20-001 at Fort Huachuca, Arizona (LEFT)



LCDR (R) Jim Clenney presents the MOAA DISTINGUISHED GRADUATE AWARD to 1LT Sarah Koch upon her graduation from MIBOLC Class 20-001 at



Our member Lucinda Rossow is an Award Winning quilter at the Tombstone Association of the Arts Annual Quilt



CPT Matthew T. Blanchard the Distinguished Honor Graduate of MICCC 19-009 receives the MOAA Award in recognition of his accomplishment from Colonel (Retired) Robert Covalucci at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.





## HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Susan Atchison-Day,  
Ed D.

Something New!

In our little town of Sonoita, if we see a sheet of paper on the door of the post office, we know someone is no longer with us. Inevitably, when we read the biography displayed on the door, we comment on how we wish we had known what interesting people they were BEFORE they rode off into the sunset. What fascinating people we all are!

Well . . . in our MOAA group, we are going to experiment with learning more about each other. Things we do not know and would not dare to ask. There are two things you can do to help. ONE . . . submit the names of two people whose biography you would like to see posted in the Heliogram; and/or TWO . . . submit your autobiography for us to use. Depending on the response, I may have to resort to personal interviews - don't be shy. In the military we have learned a lot of ways to encourage you to share information.

For content, you will want to give us your name, service, highest rank and the work you did. AFTER THAT . . . please tell us about yourself. What are some things we cannot not know by looking at you . . . things that perhaps NO ONE her knows about you. Funny things. Moving things. Achievements. Events or people that have made you the person you are today. Whatever you feel you would like to share. Try to keep it under 300 words. Depending upon what we get, we will publish one, perhaps two, each month.

Please join in the fun. We want to know more about you. If you do not respond, you will be stuck with Tom or I next time. Send the above to me at [mtnriddinglady@yahoo.com](mailto:mtnriddinglady@yahoo.com).

Susan Atchison-Day  
Historian

## PERSONAL AFFAIRS

Major Tamara Oster. USAR (Ret.)

As I transition into retirement, I learned something about TriCare last week that is frustrating and angering to say the least.

My husband is retired from the US Navy. As you know I retired from the US Army about two weeks ago. As I began going through the process to sign up for TriCare Prime as my own sponsor I discovered that we will be monetarily penalized unless one of is the dependent of the other.

The basics of TriCare Prime for retirees are a single person currently pays \$300 a year with a \$3K catastrophic cost cap, a family on TriCare Prime pays \$600 dollars a year with a \$3K catastrophic cost cap. If both members of a dual military retiree couple register as their own sponsors, each are responsible for a separate \$3K catastrophic cost cap despite being married and a family. This brings their family catastrophic cost cap to a total of \$6K, twice that of a family on TriCare Prime. I contacted a TriCare representative and he confirmed what I had deduced from my research, there is nothing on available online or in any literature explaining this monetary penalty for dual military retiree couples. This means one member of the couple will either will be registered in DEERS and treated as a retiree dependent for medical treatment and be required to carry a dependent ID card or the couple/family will be monetarily penalized \$3K.

As more dual military couples retire and this becomes less of an anomaly, the issue needs to be brought to the attention of our law makers. I spoke with a data scientist and computer engineer, algorithms can be created to support dual military couple retirees and link their accounts holding the catastrophic cost cap to that of \$3K. Regulations governing TriCare must be amended to support and not penalized dual military retiree couples and allow each service member to be treated as a retiree, a status and distinction that is earned.

I will be drafting letters for Senators McSally and Sinema as well as Representative Kirkpatrick asking them to support amendments to TriCare to support and not penalize dual military retiree couples. If you are interested in supporting this change, please let me know and I will send you copies of my letters for you to change and send forward.

~tamie

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Tom Hessler

2-VP

## Upcoming Programs

**19 MAR '20 Honoring our Surviving Spouses**

Jennifer Venola is arranging this special event where we honor our Surviving Spouses.



**16 APR '20 Honoring our Scholarship Recipients**

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



[This](#)

**21 MAY '20 Sherriff Mark Dannels**

County and Border Happenings



**No Dinner Meetings in JUN, JUL or AUG! See everyone in SEPT!**

**17 SEP '20 Dr. Linda Denno, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army (CASA)**

Two cannibals are eating a clown. One says to the other: "Does this taste funny to you?"

2VP Tom Hessler

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

Spouse Issues: MOAA [http://takeaction.moaa.org/spouse\\_issues](http://takeaction.moaa.org/spouse_issues)

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

How to Connect a Veteran or Survivor With Online Resources <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/connect-a-veteran-or-survivor-to-online-resources/>

Government Urges Military Families to Participate in 2020 Census <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/us-government-urges-military-families-to-participate-in-2020-census/>



### 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 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:  
Membership Director Jim Clenney at 520-234-5286, [j2k2c4@cox.net](mailto:j2k2c4@cox.net)  
Tom Day at 915-588-9281, [tday500@yahoo.com](mailto:tday500@yahoo.com).**



**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2020 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 \$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 MARCH 5, 2020**

Please change the following information for me: Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

For more information about reservations contact Tom Hessler at 459-0093, [tjhessler@cox.net](mailto:tjhessler@cox.net)**A note about reservations.**

We MUST give a final reservation count to PDS 7 days before the dinner. Your reservation should be post-marked 14 days prior to the dinner to be sure we receive it in time.

If you even think you will be coming, you should make your reservation as early as convenient. We can take cancelations up to 8 days before the dinner. We can either return the check, destroy it or credit it toward the following dinner.

If for some reason you missed the deadline, give me a call (459-0093) or email me ([tjhessler@cox.net](mailto:tjhessler@cox.net)) to be placed on a waiting list. We sometimes have an unavoidable last-minute cancellation.

**FUTURE MEETING DATES**

**Board of Directors Meeting:** Landmark Caf k  
March 18, 2020, 1130

**Dinner Meeting:** March 19, 2020 at the Pueblo del  
Sol Country Club, at 2770 S. St. Andrews Drive,  
Sierra Vista, Arizona

Social Hour - 1800 Dinner - 1830

**March Buffet Dinner**

**SALAD:** Dinner Salad preset on tables. Spinach  
Salad with Apples, Pears and Walnuts drizzled with  
Balsmic Vinaigrette. Served with Rolls & Butter

**ENTR E:** London Broil, Twice Baked Potato and  
Chef's Glazed Baby Carrots

**DESSERT:** Tiramisu

*\*\*Vegetarian option available if requested\*\**

**PROGRAM:** Jennifer Venola, Honoring our  
Surviving Spouses

**Board of Directors Meeting:** Landmark Cafe, April  
15, 2020, 1130

**Dinner Meeting:** April 16, 2020, at the Pueblo del  
Sol Country Club, at 2770 S. St. Andrews Drive, Si-  
erra Vista, Arizona

Social Hour - 1800 Dinner - 1830

**April Buffet Dinner**

**SALAD:** Southwestern Salad Iceberg paired with Ba-  
con, Tomatoes, Cucumber Slices, Red Onion & Grat-  
ed Cheddar Cheese. Choice of Ranch or Bleu Cheese  
Dressing

**ENTR E:** Chicken Cordon Bleu, Rice Pilaf and  
Roasted Zucchini, Onions, Tomatoes and Mushrooms  
Medley

**DESSERT:** Flan with Fresh Berries

*\*\*Vegetarian option available if requested\*\**

**PROGRAM:** Susan Atchison-Day, Honoring our  
Scholarship Recipients

**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>.

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