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Due to COVID-19 we will not hold a Dinner Meeting in April. We look forward to seeing you in May when we plan to honor our Scholarship Recipients.

STAY SAFE!

**BREAKING NEWS:
We have again earned the
MOAA 5-Star Award for our
website and newsletter!**

CORONADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP AT THE END OF MARCH 2020

210 Total Chapter Members

180 Regular Members

30 Surviving Spouse Members

Let us all work to grow the Chapter in 2020!



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

CHAPLAIN (COL) TOM DAY, USA (RETIRED)

I hope this Heliogram finds you well and safe. Our Dinner Meeting was cancelled this month due to the Corona-virus. The Board of Directors decided to also cancel the April

meeting. Susan Atchison-Day and the Scholarship Committee have identified nine deserving students for scholarships and we hope to get a chance to honor them in our May meeting.

If you have not yet renewed your membership, remember, there is strength in numbers. MOAA has influenced legislation that helps our Active Duty military, veterans and their families. Your local membership does make a difference. I encourage you to renew and join us when you can. We will put a list of **Seven Reasons to Join a Local MOAA Chapter**, from National MOAA, in this Heliogram. This list may be helpful in encouraging your friends to join. We will also publish the Join Form that makes it easier for you to encourage a new member to join.

We have a volunteer to take over the treasurer duties until January 2022, but we also need a volunteer who can assist and possibly stay on as assistant treasurer after that time. Bob Abney is willing to train and assist, as necessary, but he 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!

Six of our Board of Directors (BOD) attended our BOD meeting by telephone this week. We will continue to carry on business and serve you as best we can. If you have a need let us know and we are available to assist. I also encourage you to send our treasurer your donations for the Scholarship Fund even though we are not meeting in April. Nine talented and motivated students applied this year and we hope to keep assisting as many as possible next year. Take care and stay well.

Tom
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1LT Sean F. O'Brien received the MOAA Distinguished Honor Graduate Award upon completion of MIBOLC CLASS 20-002 at Fort Huachuca Arizona from Colonel (Retired) Robert Covalucci.



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Please read the email below from Peter Kloeber, Colonel, USAF, Ret. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions on face to face meetings, you are encouraged to call, write or email your Legislators concerning the two issues on the attached point papers.

AZ MOAA Council Staff, Chapter Presidents and Satellite Chapter Presidents:

I just received confirmation that MOAA has cancelled this years Storming the Hill and Council President’s Seminar. Here are the words from Gen Atkins, MOAA President and CEO:

"The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is taking the COVID-19 virus and advisories regarding its potential impact seriously. In view of guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, MOAA is cancelling its annual Storming the Hill campaign and moving its spring meeting of the MOAA Board of Directors to a virtual platform. This decision was made out of an abundance of caution and is consistent with our approach to consider the well-being of our members, our headquarters team, our Board of Directors, and the general public.

In view of this cancellation, this year’s Storming campaign will not take place on the Hill as we have done in years past. Rather, we will employ an engagement strategy that hinges on calls to action by all of our members (conceptually replacing 180 stormers with 350,000 advocates). **Additionally, and where it is feasible, we will be asking Councils and Chapters to get appointments to see their members of Congress during some upcoming scheduled breaks this spring:**

- Weeks of 6 April through 19 April
- Week of 25 May

And remember to get plenty of photos if you are able to get a meeting. Additionally, we will deliver the storming folders to the offices on the Hill later this month and let you know when that task is complete. For your purposes, our storming materials remain on line here. Please become familiar with these as they remain helpful for any engagement with your members of Congress and their staffs. Stay tuned for more articles and calls to action – this is our chance to up the ante on letters and phone calls which also make a difference. Further down the road, we will have more information regarding our 2020 Virtual Summer Storm around July in preparation for the August work period that lasts until just after Labor Day."

With the “Storming” being cancelled and Gen Atkins’ request for local councils and chapters to visit their respective members of Congress when and where possible, I ask each of you to please do your best to carry MOAA’s message to your respective representatives. To help you with this initiative, I have attached a few items below. Finally, please remember to THANK your respective representative for their support with last year’s NDAA and specifically, repeal of the “Widow’s Tax”

Respectfully,

Pete

Peter Kloeber, Colonel, USAF, Ret.
 President, Arizona Council of Chapters

Link to online “Storming the Hill 2020” materials:
<https://www.moaa.org/moastorms>

Two position papers are at that online site:
 Military Healthcare and Military Pay and Service-Earned Benefits: Key to Recruiting and Retaining

Our Representative: Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick

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 Phone: 520-459-3115

<https://kirkpatrick.house.gov/contact/email-me/>

Merle

TRICARE EXPANDS LIST OF DRUGS IT WON'T COVER

Thousands of TRICARE beneficiaries are losing coverage for their medication as more drugs are dropped from the list of those approved for TRICARE coverage.

The Defense Health Agency has been excluding some prescription drugs from TRICARE coverage after the fiscal year 2018 National Defense Authorization Act included a provision allowing DHA to do so. Previously, all medications were categorized in one of three tiers – Generic, Brand Name and Non-Formulary – with varying copays for beneficiaries.

Now, drugs that DHA categorizes as “Tier 4/non-covered” are excluded from coverage under TRICARE. These Tier 4 drugs cannot be obtained at pharmacies at military treatment facilities. They also aren’t available through the TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery Program.

Tier 4 drugs are only available at retail pharmacies at full out-of-pocket cost to the beneficiary. Costs for Tier 4 drugs do not apply to the annual TRICARE catastrophic cap.

For the last year, the DHA has been identifying and reviewing drugs to potentially remove them from coverage. The first round of Tier 4/non-covered drugs was announced in August 2019 and included Glumetza, Vimovo, and Lexette. Excluding these drugs had little impact on beneficiaries since very few TRICARE patients were using these prescription drugs and alternative agents were available for them.

However, nearly 19,000 beneficiaries taking Dexilant to treat gastroesophageal reflux disease (GERD) were impacted when that drug was dropped from TRICARE coverage effective Nov. 28, 2019.

We also recently learned that DHA is considering adding brand-name erectile dysfunction drugs Viagra and Cialis to Tier 4/non-covered status, although this decision is pending approval from the DHA director.

While MOAA understands the rationale for establishing Tier 4 to improve formulary management, we are concerned about where this process is headed. We are monitoring Tier 4 drug reviews closely to ensure DHA follows congressional intent and moves to Tier 4 only those medications that “provide very little to no clinical effectiveness” per the FY 2018 NDAA legislative language.

MOAA is also pressing DHA to establish an appeals process for Tier 4 determinations.

Has the TRICARE pharmacy Tier 4/non-covered drug issue affected your health care? Please tell MOAA about it. Email LEGIS@MOAA.ORG

-By Karen Ruedisueli, director of Health Affairs, Government Relations MOAA



TRANSITION LIAISON COORDINATOR

CW3 HARRY E. BOWEN, USA (Ret.)

Jobs: There were no jobs posted during this report period. There has been absolutely no input from

any chapter within Arizona.

Expos/Career Fairs: The job fair referenced last month was cancelled due to concerns related to the coronavirus. It will be rescheduled later in the summer. No other job Fairs were reported this month.

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

Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR): Due to concerns related to the coronavirus, the Breakfast with the Boss (BWB) was cancelled. The 40+ employers have been notified. This event will be attempted again in the summer. Currently, there is no travel or gatherings authorized in support of the ESGR. Consequently, there will be no presentations or visits until after 13 May 2020.

Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV) 11 March 2020:

- 1) The guest speaker for this meeting was Savannah Sayers, SW Fair Housing, Tucson.
- 2) CSV members participated in the CVMA fund raiser, 14 March, and provided literature pertaining to the mission and support offered by the CSV and its committees. The Veterans Resource Fair Committee (VRF) continues planning for the 7th 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.
- 3) 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, one with deposit for utilities, three for groceries, one referral to another organization, one with financial assistance to move into an apartment, assisted move.

Harry



**HISTORIAN'S RE-
PORT**

Susan Atchison-Day,
Ed D.

Susan

As promised, this month we are beginning the series of biographies of our MOAA community members. I selected Tom Day, our President, as our first candidate.

Tom's face is familiar to us all, but what do you really know about him? Before retiring in 2013, he had assignments under his belt that spanned the world from Korea to Germany. Going Active Duty as an Army Chaplain in 1984, he served as a battalion or brigade Chaplain with infantry, artillery, and air defense artillery units, deployed to Desert Shield/Storm from Fort Carson with the 68th Transportation BN, and served as Installation/Garrison Chaplain at Fort Riley, Fort Huachuca and Baden Württemberg, Heidelberg, Germany. He also served in Korea as a Region Chaplain.

Born of a farmer's daughter and World War II veteran on Thanksgiving Day in a St. Paul, Minnesota snowstorm, he soon moved with his family and pastor/

father to an Iowa coal-mining town. There, his family hunted squirrels and rabbits to help keep meals on the table. From his father, he learned the value of hard work and doing every job to the best of his ability. Tom worked 17 different factories in a variety of positions prior to the military.

Tom enlisted in the Air Force as an Arabic Analyst, and afterward earned his MDiv at Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary, and MA in Counseling Psychology from Western Michigan University. After this he took a pastoral position in Kalamazoo, Michigan, while also serving in the Army National Guard. He married Susan Atchison-Day of Saint Paul, Minnesota, and together they raised two children, James, senior computer programming engineer, and daughter Jodi Brown, Army Nurse. Both are married with three children each. Tom enjoys horseback riding, camping, and reading.

Working on a ranch in South Dakota in high school was good preparation for life in Sonoita, and a good credential for his present job as Chaplain with the Race Track Chaplaincy of America, at Sonoita and Rillito Park Race Tracks.

NEXT MONTH: Biography of Jim Clenney

SCHOLARSHIP REPORT

Susan Atchison-Day, Ed D.

MOAA Scholarship recipients for 2020 have been selected. The quality of applicants this year was outstanding. In addition to very high academic standings, each was active in a wide variety of extracurricular activities both at school and in the community, and some also working at various jobs. All were outstanding citizens in their communities.

Two applicants were from Tombstone High School, both of whom were in JROTC. Seven students were from Buena High School, one of whom was in JROTC. In addition to our traditional scholarships, this year we will also award to one student the special \$1000 Grombacher Scholarship, for a total of \$2000. All other qualified students selected will receive scholarships of \$1000 each. Names and information about the scholarship recipients will be revealed after their release of information forms have been received.

The April 16 Scholarship Dinner has been cancelled and rescheduled tentatively for the May MOAA Meeting on May 21, 2020. The COVID-19 situation will determine whether the dinner can actually take place.

In the meantime, I would like to recognize and thank the members of the Scholarship Committee for their commitment of time, as well as their judgement and kindness in considering each candidate. They have been a joy to get to know and to work with. The committee is composed of: Bob Abney, Doris Caldwell, Ron Pflipsen, and myself.

I would also like to 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 enabling the committee to conduct interviews and deliberations in a professional environment.

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White, Chad Wozniak, Edward





Tom Hessler



2-VP

Upcoming Programs

16 APR '20 This dinner meeting has been cancelled. We hope to have our Scholarship Recipients present in May.

21 MAY '20 Hopefully we will be able to have a dinner this month featuring our Scholarship Recipients.

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

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



You never appreciate what you have until it's gone. Toilet paper is a good example.

2VP Tom Hessler

Programs Guru

MOAA Upcoming Programs

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?l>

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

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

6 Financial Takeaways From the Coronavirus Outbreak: <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/6-financial-takeaways-from-the-coronavirus-outbreak/>

Surviving Spouse Corner: 10 Helpful Resources for Surviving Spouses:
<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/surviving-spouse-corner-10-helpful-resources/>

MOAA's Legislative Mission for 2020:
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Here are some ideas to help officers who are current military, those who served, or who have retired see why MOAA is for them:

Seven Reasons to Join a Local MOAA Chapter

You know the value of belonging to MOAA and your chapter. But when you're talking to a potential new chapter member, it's important to remember that many officers might have only limited knowledge of MOAA's chapter system. Now is the time for them to join their local chapter to add their voice to the thousands of other MOAA members making a difference on the legislative front and in their communities.

Here are seven good reasons for any officer — active duty, Guard, Reserve, former, or retired or their surviving spouse — to join a MOAA chapter today.

- 1. Make yourself heard.** MOAA's chapters provide critical grassroots support for MOAA's national legislative agenda. Our benefits are under attack, and MOAA is in the fight to preserve them. Chapter members let their legislators know what's on their minds and open doors for MOAA's legislative team in Washington, D.C. In these difficult times, MOAA members need to stick together, and our chapters are the best way we know to do that.
- 2. Give back to the community.** Chapter members are MOAA's ambassadors in their communities, supporting countless programs that make a difference in the lives of others. These members continue their "officership" service and are giving back in the truest sense.
- 3. Value added to chapter members' lives.** MOAA chapters sponsor interesting programs and opportunities to interact with civic, political, military, and business leaders on issues important to members.
- 4. Networking with fellow officers.** Chapters include second-career members in the work force and retired servicemembers who have contacts in their communities that can be valuable to transitioning officers.
- 5. Stay informed.** Chapter newsletters, websites, and meetings provide you with the latest information on local, state, and national issues and changes to military benefits.
- 6. Influencing state legislation.** Most states have a council of chapters that unites every MOAA chapter in the state. These councils and independent chapters in states without a council often lobby for and pass state-level legislation that affects military members and their families, such as exempting military retired pay from state income tax or increasing funding for state-run VA programs.
- 7. Camaraderie with a purpose.** MOAA chapters unite active duty, former, and retired officers from every branch of service, including National Guard and Reserve, as well as surviving spouses. These centers of camaraderie not only give you a chance to connect with other members with similar backgrounds and interest, but to also develop close and lasting friendships.

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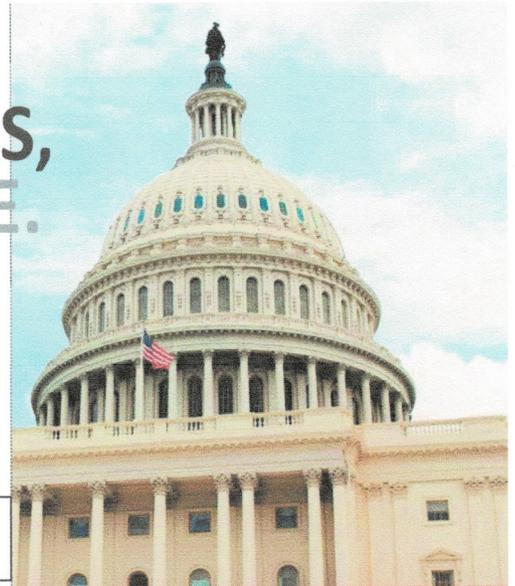


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Address _____
City _____ State _____ ZIP _____
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How did you hear about MOAA Chapter involvement? _____
Are you a member of any other MOAA Chapter(s)? Yes No
If yes, which one(s)? _____

To complete enrollment:

- Fill in this form, save it or take a picture of it, and email it to Tday500@yahoo.com as an attachment.
- Give it to a Coronado Chapter, MOAA member.
- Fill it out by hand, and mail it to:

CORONADO CHAPTER, MOAA, PO Box 1685, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636
• Go to <http://moaacoronado.org/>

You will be opted in to receive e-communications from MOAA and your local chapter. You will be able to opt out of any further e-communications at any time. MOAA will not sell or share personal information.

Chapter membership and dues information:

Basic Membership in National MOAA is free and you will remain a Basic Member until you choose to upgrade.

The first year of membership in the Coronado Chapter is free and when you renew next year it is \$15 a year.

We invite you to join us to make MOAA's voice stronger so we can better help our military, veterans and families.

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**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
Tom Day at 915-588-9281, tday500@yahoo.com.**



FUTURE MEETING DATES

Board of Directors Meeting: Landmark Café, April 15, 2020, 1130 or by Teleconference

Dinner Meeting: April 16 is cancelled due to the Coronavirus. Hope to see you in May

Board of Directors Meeting: Landmark Cafe, May 20, 2020, 1130

Dinner Meeting: May 21, 2020, at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club, at 2770 S. St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, Arizona

Social Hour - 1800 Dinner - 1830

May Buffet Dinner

SALAD: Caprese Salad with Tomato, Buffalo Mozzarella and Basil drizzled with Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinaigrette

ENTRÉE: Baked Salmon with Spinach wrapped in Phyllo and topped with a Dill Cream Sauce, Wild Rice and Grilled Asparagus

DESSERT: Grand Marnier Orange Mousse

Vegetarian option available if requested

PROGRAM: Scholarship Recipients will be honored

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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