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**NO MEMBER DINNER MEETING IN JANUARY.**

**OUR DINNER MEETINGS ARE TEMPORARILY ON HOLD UNTIL FUTURE NOTICE. STAY SAFE!**

**TIME TO PAY DUES.**

**Wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!**

### CORONADO CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP

- 197 Total Chapter Members
- 168 Regular Members
- 29 Surviving Spouse Members

Let us all work to grow the Chapter in **2021!**



**PRESIDENT'S NOTES**

**TOM DAY**  
**CHAPLAIN (COL) USA**  
**(RETIRED)**

I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and safe, healthy and joyous New Year! This year is one we will long remember and try hard to forget. We are planning a Zoom Members Meeting in February.

There will be more information in the February Helio-gram. I hope that as many as possible can join us, it has been too long since we have gotten together!!

**Congratulations Maureen Pryor!** LTC Maureen Pryor, LTC (Retired), has been chosen to be inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. This year 23 individuals were chosen. The ceremony will be a private ceremony, due to COVID-19, and for those in Southeast Arizona it is now scheduled to be held in Tucson on 12 February. Maureen joins 28 other outstanding Coronado Chapter veterans who were members or past members when they were chosen. LTC Pryor is also a current Veterans Wall Honoree on the Wall of Honor at the Canyon Vista Medical Center.

Canyon Vista Medical Center and the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona have made the difficult decision to cancel the 2020-2021 Veterans Wall event for this year. The current 12 veterans will continue to be featured on the Veterans Wall until the 2021-2021 Veterans Wall Honorees are chosen. **Coronado Chapter, MOAA, has five members currently being honored on the Veterans Wall:** Jack James Isler, USA; George Kirmse, USA; Gene Manning, USA; Ronald McCreery, USA (Posthumous); and Maureen Pryor, USA. In prior years, an additional 16 members have been honored.

We are sad to report on of our past members Major Gal- lie Moore Jr., USA (Retired), passed away on 7 De- cember. Our thoughts and prayers are with his fami- ly.

The Coronado Chapter MOAA Election Ballot for 2021 Elections of Officers is included in this Helio-gram. The instructions are on the ballot. I encourage you to vote.

You may notice there are three positions where the Nominee is "No Candidate." I encourage you to con- sider volunteering to take one of these positions. We have directors who are willing to assist anyone who fills any of these positions in learning the ropes for that position. See the job descriptions in this Helio-gram.

Thanks to all our Officers and Directors for all you have done to help us make it through this trying year. Best wishes and thank you to our current Per- sonal Affairs Director, Tamara Oster, MAJ, USA (Ret.), as you and Ken move out of state for another chapter in your lives.

We are now members of the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce. See the logo below.

Again, I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Hap- py and safe New Year.

Tom

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**1st VICE PRESIDENT**

**JAMES CLENNEY,  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)**

Whenever I think about it, I am always encouraged by the Christmas Truce of 1914 as an example of the power of the Christmas Spirit in

Man. I would bet that there are no readers who are unaware of the event. In a nutshell (and with a respectful nod toward Historian Day's area of expertise), World War I claimed roughly 15 million lives between July 1914 and November 1918. On and around Christmas Day 1914, in a part of Belgium called Bois de Ploegsteert, Allied and German soldiers were crouched in trenches, and often separated from the enemy by less than 50 feet of no-man's land. On Christmas Eve, many troops sang carols to each other across the lines, and Allied soldiers even heard brass bands joining the Germans in their singing. Some German soldiers emerged from their trenches and approached the Allied lines. The men exchanged presents of cigarettes and plum puddings and sang carols and songs. Some Germans lit Christmas trees around their trenches, and there was even a documented case of soldiers from opposing sides playing a game of soccer.

This 1914 event was a clear illustration of the truth that wars are fought not by forces, but by human beings. And humans tend to renew hope during the Christmas and New Year season. As we move through this cycle of celebrations, I share our common Christmas wish for our serving armed forces to experience Peace in their hearts wherever they are stationed. All of us will all soon be back in the trenches, facing 2021 difficulties. With faith, hope, and our particular capacity to serve others, I know that we will individually and corporately prevail and thrive in 2021. I am equally confident that MOAA, your Coronado Chapter, and I stand by to assist anyone to flourish in 2021!

My second topic has to do with spreading the Christmas Cheer. (I know that this is late in the Christmas shipping season, but I JUST found out about it) This is a short announcement to let you know that discounted UPS shipping rates are available to MOAA

PREMIUM and LIFE members through MOAA's (on-line) Perks Marketplace.

The UPS benefit will allow Members to receive a flat 50% off express shipping and a flat 30% off for ground shipping. MOAA members will have to first sign into the MOAA website, then create a log in to Perks Marketplace (<https://www.perksmarketplace.com/moaa>), click the UPS logo, then create an account on the UPS website. Once set up, you can use the "Quick Start" menu to begin taking action to ship a package. Note that the discount is an online-only discount. HOWEVER, you can drop the packages off at a UPS Store after you have printed out the label. Members may also request a pickup.

Jim

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National MOAA now has a new seal that includes the Space Force. Space Force members will be called Guardians and their motto is Semper supra, "Always above." We soon will include their seal along with the seals of the other seven branches of the service.

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**Come join our street cleanup on 20 Jan!**



**Our next street cleanup** will be on 20 January 2021. Come and join us at 0930 at the corner of E Charleston Road and N. Colombo Avenue. The city furnishes the bags and devises for picking up trash, so just come prepared to pickup trash and fellowship with fellow MOAA members. Norm.



**PERSONAL AFFAIRS**

**MAJ Tamara Oster, USA  
(Ret.)**

Part 3 and the final episode for this series on Trusts.

*Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all of you.*

Ken and I hope your holiday season is filled with much joy and laughter as we end 2020. A short update on our transition to colder pastures. I took a house hunting trip to Omaha in early December, for the uninitiated this is not the easiest time of the year to purchase a home, inventory is very low ~ who wants to list and show their home during Christmas? We still do not have a home and it looks like we will not be moving until sometime in February should the market open up and I find a home for us. Ken will be making trips to the prairie lands as necessary although much of the work is being done remotely due to the virus. Our decades of military service trained us to be flexible, it is nice that all those years of “hurry up and wait” have not gone to waste.

This is the third and final month in this series on Living Trusts. This multi part series of posts breaking down the what a living trust is, the purpose of a living trust, and why it may be the right tool to protect your assets when you pass away. The information below is from the website: <https://www.suzeorman.com/blog/The-Difference-Between-a-Will-and-a-Trust>

**A Trust and a Will, why having both is important.**

When it comes to protecting your loved ones, having both a will and a trust is essential. The difference between a will and a trust is when they kick into action. A will lays out your wishes for after you die. A living revocable trust becomes effective immediately. While you are alive you can be in full charge of your trust. And when you become incapacitated or die, the person you appoint as the successor trustee can easily step in and handle your affairs exactly as you have laid out in the document.

**A short review of why you need a trust.**

There are many types of trusts. A living revocable trust is the right trust for the vast majority.

Living: A trust is effective during one’s lifetime.

Revocable: Everything stated in the trust can be changed. At any time. That’s what revocable means. This is a legal document that can be changed as life changes.

Trust: Once a trust is created a trust, one can move the ownership of key assets –such as a home and other

property – into the trust and appoint himself as the trustee, meaning that the trustee call all the shots on how to use and manage those assets while alive. The trustee also appoints someone to be the successor trustee. If the trustee becomes incapacitated, the successor trustee can step in easily and manage the trustee’s affairs. Or, when the trustee dies, the successor trustee takes over without the need to get any court approval.

It is important to understand that if an individual only has a will, when he dies his family may have to go through a lengthy court process (probate) to have the right to follow what was laid out in the will. In addition to being time-consuming and costly (it is likely a lawyer will have to be hired) it is also public. Dying with only a will requires that document must be filed with the court, and can be accessed by anyone.

Smaller estates may be able to avoid probate if the deceased only had a will; but in most states, the cut off for what amount qualifies for a “simplified” probate is low. (Source for [state’s simplified probate](#) rules.)

The surest way to avoid probate is to have a trust. A living revocable trust does not need court approval. Everything stays private, and the successor trustee can take over its management immediately upon the trustee’s death

**Why you need a will**

As important as a trust is, a will also plays an important roll in the distribution of assets. While your big-ticket assets, such as a home, should be owned by the trust, it is likely to have other smaller keepsakes –a china collection, watches etc.. – that the trustee will want to give to a specific person. A will is where this is spelled out. A will is also where one can write down his funeral wishes. If there are minor children, a will is required to appoint a guardian for the children. If the parents die without a will establishing their children’s’ guardians, decisions about the care of the children will to fall to the court system.

A will and living trust are not mutually exclusive documents, they work hand in hand together. The trust allows the estates to be distributed without an attorney and costly court fees and the will provides instructions for other aspects of distribution of assets following death.

I hope you have enjoyed this series, I am not an expert by any means but have learned so much this past year I wanted to share it.

**May each of you have joy and peace as we look to a new year,**

~tamara



**TRANSITION  
LIAISON  
COORDINATOR**

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

December 2020

The job links are functional; however, the one still needed to be validated is the one for National. We are still working this issue.

Still having issues with the Transition Information Tab. The data can only be displayed in text format and does not allow folders.

Employer Support to the Guard and Reserves (ESGR):

The ESGR is now being de-energized. Due to the increased number of COVID 19 cases and deaths, The National Guard has suspended any travel or contact again.

Cochise Serving Veterans (CSV)

The elections for the next term was held in November at the Warrior Healing Center at 1630. All leadership positions are open for election.

CSV:

Chair - Justine Marshall

Vice Chair – Melany Sebastian

S3: Chair – Carol Welsh

Vice Chair – Trish Thompson

VRF:

Chair – Mary Martinez

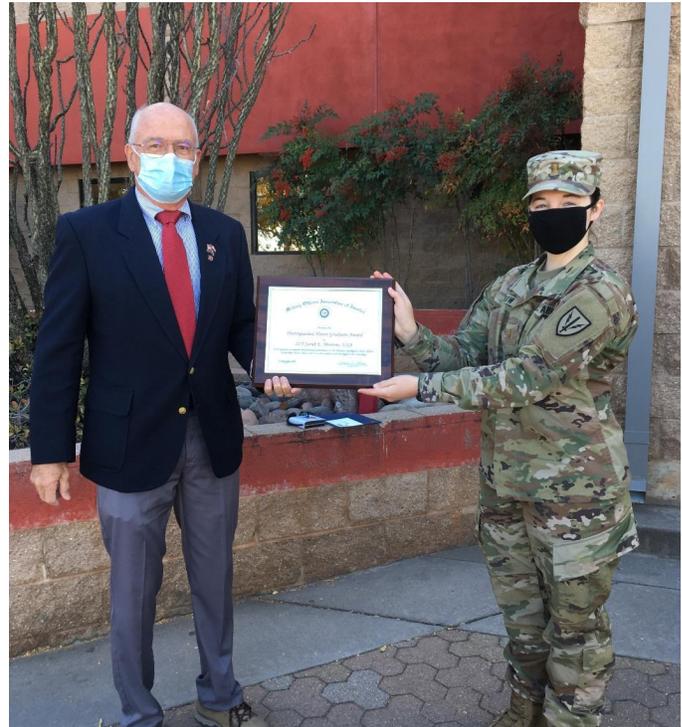
Vice Chair – Vicki Briggs

The CSV is dark during the month of December, so no additional information is provided.

Social Services Support (S3): No Report

Veterans Resource Fair (VRF): No Report

Harry



2LT Sarah E. Morrow received the MOAA Distinguished Honor Graduate Award from Chaplain (COL) Thomas Day, USA (Retired), upon graduation from the Military Intelligence Basic Officer Leadership Course, Class 20-013, at Fort Huachuca, Arizona. 2LT Morrow is en route to a Military Intelligence assignment in Germany.





**HISTORIAN**

**Susan Atchison-Day,  
Ed. D.**

**BIOGRAPHY OF  
TOM HESSLER**

Tom Hessler is the only chapter member to have served as its president

three different times. Born and raised in Cincinnati as an only child, he graduated as a DMG from the University of Dayton, and was commissioned in the US Army as a Signal Officer. His first assignment was in the Territory of Hawaii, where he was present for the historic moment when it became a state. Tom served several years before marrying Nancy, who, like him, was a Cincinnati and only child.

Before meeting Nancy, his goal was to serve in the Army, retire after just 20 years, and then become an “international bum”. Nancy changed all that, he says, so he instead spent more than 26 years as a Signal Corps officer, serving the US Army in Vietnam, Germany, Thailand, Korea, the Pentagon, Fort Monmouth, Fort Campbell, Fort Bragg, and Fort Huachuca, in addition to the Territory and State of Hawaii.

Upon retirement Tom spent a few years as a Senior Engineer with several local government contractors, but then served the City of Sierra Vista as a commissioner, councilman, vice-mayor, mayor pro tem, and mayor for a total of over twenty years. In 1993 he founded the Joint Service Clubs of Greater Sierra Vista (JSCGSV), a coalition now consisting of over 65 Member Clubs, including our MOAA chapter. He has continually served as its President for over 25 years.



Pictures appearing on the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society website. One for early military career, the other after the induction.

Left: At Airborne training.

Right: At Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Induction.

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Tom’s life philosophy is, “Never stop serving!” In recognition of his life of service, Tom was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame (AVHOF) in 2007. He later served as president of the AVHOF Society, the only president from outside the Phoenix area. His many past activities included snow skiing, water skiing, softball and bowling. Among his current main activities is MOAA. Tom and Nancy have four children, all living with their families in Arizona, and currently have seven grand-kids and six grand-dogs.

Susan

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**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Susan Atchison-Day, Ed. D.**

Annually, we all look forward to the Scholarship Dinner. Sadly, this year, in response to COVID complications, in spite of immunizations, changes will be made in the scholarship application, evaluation, and awards process.

All applications must be mailed and postmarked no later than 1 March 2021 and received no later than noon, 6 March 2021. This has not changed. And interviews of prospective recipients will take place on Friday, 12 March 2021 or 19 March 2021, as

scheduled. However, the applicant must bring with them their signed Media Waiver form (to be supplied if invited for an interview). Each will be photographed after their interview so this can be published later, if they are selected as scholarship winners. Notifications will be made by phone. Brief biographies and photos will appear in the Sierra Vista Herald and the MOAA’s Heliogram. Award letters and certificates will then be mailed to scholarship recipients.

While this is not our preferred process, since we enjoy meeting our scholars and their families, it seems the best route for this year of COVID. Forward any questions to Susan Atchison-Day, Scholarship Director, mtnridinglady@yahoo.com.



**LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS**

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

**More Agent Orange Presumptives Are On The Line**

A key provision in the FY 2021 National Defense authorization Act (NDAA) will positively affect tens of thousands of veterans exposed to Agent Orange, adding three scientifically linked medical conditions to the list of Agent Orange “presumptives,” but only if it is included in the final legislation.

The final push of the 116<sup>th</sup> Congress is underway, and passage of the NDAA, still in progress at this time, is high on MOAA’s priority list.

An amendment adding bladder cancer, Parkinson’s-like symptoms, and hypothyroidism to this list of conditions passed 94-6 in the senate. But the House has yet to consider this provision, and bicameral support is required for the passage to survive the conference process.

Support on the House side has more unknowns. A bipartisan companion amendment proposed by Reps. Josh Harder (D-Calif.) and Pete Stauber (R-Minn.) did not make it through the House Rules Committee due to the lack of a budgetary offset to pay for the provision.

To be successful this time, it must overcome the \$8 billion price tag associated with passage and compete with other congressional fiscal priorities.

While MOAA and 30 other veterans service organizations have voiced their support, what Congress does

remains to be seen. Look for future action items on this topic.

Merle

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CPT James O’Keefe received the MOAA Distinguished Honor Graduate Award from LCDR James Clenney, USN (Retired), upon graduation from the Military Intelligence Captain Career Course, Class 20-008, at Fort Huachuca, Arizona.



**SCHOLARSHIP DONORS LIST 2020**

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

Day, Susan Day, Tom Ehrenberger, Dennis Hicks, William Symmes, Ken Wysong, Lori

2020 GOLD LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$ 200.00 to \$ 299.00)

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**NO DINNER IN JANUARY DUE TO CORONAVIRUS**

**YOU CAN STILL SUPPORT OUR SCHOLARSHIP FUND!**

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**Check Information: Make checks payable to Coronado Chapter, MOAA and mail to: Scholarship Fund, Coronado Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 1685, Sierra Vista, Arizona, 85636-1685**

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**Amount for Scholarship Fund** \_\_\_\_\_

**Check total** \_\_\_\_\_

## 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). We will soon be “Be Connected” Partners.

**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**



### Public Relations Director Needed

Our current Public Relations Director now lives in Tucson and will need to be replaced in the upcoming election. The Director for Public Affairs function manages the flow of information and news from the membership to all external audiences, such as the local media and the public.

### Personal Affairs Director Needed

MAJ Tamara Oster, USA (Ret) is moving. Thank you Tamara for great job and good luck and God bless you and Ken in your move. The Personal Affairs Director serves as the primary point of contact for issues associated with military rights and entitlements, with special emphasis on survivor benefits information. IVP Jim Clenney has experience in this position and would be glad to assist the new person in learning their duties.

### Membership Director Needed

Assist the Membership Chair in efforts to retain existing members and recruit new ones; Aid in the committee's efforts to establish goals, plan and carry out membership-solicitation drives, and follow up on leads concerning potential members; Recruit committee members who will work together smoothly and productively.

**Let Bob Covolucci know it you have questions about these positions or would like to nominate yourself or someone else!**





Tom Hessler

2-VP

## Upcoming Programs

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, all future programs are on hold until further notice.

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### 2020 Impact Report: How MOAA Helps in a Time of Need

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/2020-impact-report-how-moaa-helps-in-a-time-of-need/>

**Suicide Rate Among Veterans Up Again Slightly, Despite Focus on Prevention Efforts** <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/suicide-rate-among-veterans-up-again-slightly-despite-focus-on-prevention-efforts/>



## 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](http://takeaction.moaa.org/spouse_issues)

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

### MOAA COVID-19 GRANTS UP TO \$500:

Qualifying individuals who have suffered from economic impact may apply for a grant of up to \$500 to assist with household expenses. This is for active duty, veterans, and caregivers who may be eligible and in need. Let Tom Day, Jim Clenney or Harry Bowen know if you are aware of a need and they will facilitate the processing of applications by collecting the applications, verifying service-connection (if possible) and forwarding completed packages to MOAA. MOAA will verify qualification and make the grant decision.

#### Eligibility

Grants are available to currently serving members, spouses of active duty members, veterans with honorable discharges, or caregivers of the same. You'll be asked to prove negative financial impact from the COVID-19 crisis as part of the application process.

National MOAA or MOAA chapter membership is not a requirement, and members won't receive preference.

All ranks are eligible. Preference will be given to those ineligible for other relief programs, such as service relief societies.

#### Eligible Debts

The grant can be used to pay a range of bills to include rent/mortgage, car loan/lease, utilities, telecommunications (cellphone/Internet), and additional categories considered on a case-by-case basis.

#### Where to Find Emergency Cash for Coronavirus

**Hardships:** [https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/where-to-find-emergency-cash-for-coronavirus-hardships/?fbclid=IwAR2cmCgI8DsT1Swxa8A9p9ScSO\\_bo0t8n4S61UwW6vMGLd07kWwYgLTU3FU](https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/where-to-find-emergency-cash-for-coronavirus-hardships/?fbclid=IwAR2cmCgI8DsT1Swxa8A9p9ScSO_bo0t8n4S61UwW6vMGLd07kWwYgLTU3FU)



**2021 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP  
APPLICATION/RENEWAL—DUE 31 DECEMBER 2020**

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 members** can now renew at; a) \$15 per year; b) \$50 for five years; or c) \$150 for Life membership. **Surviving Spouse members** can now renew at; a) \$10 per year; b) \$40 for five years; or c) \$100 for Life membership.

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

**For further Membership questions contact:  
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Tom Day at 915-588-9281, [tday500@yahoo.com](mailto:tday500@yahoo.com).**



**Coronado Chapter MOAA Election Ballot for 2021 Election of Officers and Directors**

Election will be conducted by mail in ballot or email ending 31 January 2021

**Ballot: Coronado Chapter MOAA 2021 Elections**

Vote (circle) Candidate or write in a candidate for the following positions. Elections are for a 2 year term of office.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Nominee</u>	<u>Write-In</u>
Treasurer	(i) Bob Kellock	_____
Dir Transition/ESGR	(i) Harry Bowen	_____
Dir JROTC	(i) Lori Wysong	_____
Dir Membership	No Candidate	_____
Dir Public Relations	No Candidate	_____
Dir Personal Affairs	No Candidate	_____

(i)= Incumbent

Deadline for receipt of ballots is 31 January 2021. Ballots may be sent to: Coronado Chapter MOAA, Box 1685, Attn: Elections, Sierra Vista, AZ, 85636 or Emailed to [robertjcovalucci@gmail.com](mailto:robertjcovalucci@gmail.com).

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