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Join us on December 2nd for our very first Mixer and Gathering. Come anytime between 1730 and 2000 hours to Pueblo del Sol Country Club. See page 2 for RSVP. Hope to see you there!

This issue is a special Year in Review Edition, check out what we have accomplished this year, pages 6-13.

Next Dinner Meeting is 16 Dec.

Chapter Dues are Due by 31 Dec.

National Dues are going up, p. 13.

CORONADO CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP

193 Total Chapter Members

164 Regular Members

29 Surviving Spouse Members

Let's all work to grow the Chapter in **2022!**



PRESIDENT'S NOTES

TOM DAY
CHAPLAIN (COL) USA
(RETIRED)

The Veterans Day Parade was the highlight for our chapter this month. Big kudos to Bob Abney for picking up the trailer and Tom Finnegan for assisting. We give a giant thank you to Theresa Warell and Horse'n Around for not just providing our trailer, with a new floor, but also the hay bales to sit on. Thanks to all who were able to decorate and ride our float this year! Unfortunately, Allen Rossow's jeep would not start and we missed him immensely. But Larry Harju provided a 5-ton tractor, M942A2, thanks. Thanks to Tom Hessler for making arrangements for the cake!! Hope you all had a great Veterans Day!! Here are a couple pictures, the rest are in our 2021 in Review section.



I was happy to see signs of patriotism in our youngest generation at the parade. See the picture of Leo who made his own flag and held it high, along with one he taped to his shirt. His mother gave us

permission to post his picture. You are in inspiration, Leo!

Our hearts were saddened to hear of the passing of Charlotte Portouw, wife of Larry Portouw. Her obitu-

ary is found in the Herald. A quote, "Charlotte's smile and warm demeanor filled every room with sunshine and joy." Keep Larry and his family in your thoughts and prayers. We also learned that WWII, Korea and Viet Nam Veteran, Cecil Nist, passed away in August. Keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

Join us on December 2nd for our Chapter Mixer, an open house style networking event. 1st VP Jim Clenney, with the assistance of Public Relations Director Angela Hoistion, have put together an excellent opportunity to meet possible new members and renew acquaintances with current members. **See below.**

Remember to pay your Coronado Chapter Dues! They are due by 31 December. Many have already paid for 5 years or Life, that saves paying every year. Thank you.

1SG Glenn Hohman (Ret.), Veterans Memorial Improvement Foundation, was our speaker for the November Dinner Meeting. He updated us on this fantastic project that will greatly improve the Veterans Memorial at Veterans Memorial Park. Thank you, Glenn.

Be sure to join us on December 16th for our Annual Christmas Program with the Sierra Vista Community Chorus. Their new Director will continue to lead them in an awesome program. Hope to See you there, and Happy Thanksgiving, Happy Hannukah and Merry Christmas! Tom

Chapter Mixer

We cordially invite serving Officers of the uniformed services, Retired Officers, and Surviving Spouses – in other words **You**, to come to our Mixer and Gathering, on 12/02/2021.

Come anytime between 1730 and 2000 hours (5:30-8:00 PM) for this open house style networking event. Stay a minute and lift a glass to old friends or stay a while and meet new friends. The address is Pueblo del Sol Country Club at 2770 St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ 85650.

There will be refreshments available at no cost to you. And the Club Bar will be open. Dress is casual. This event is free to you! Bring a friend along and get educated about MOAA and Coronado Chapter.

We ask that you please RSVP by 11/29/2021 to the Chapter 1st Vice President, LCDR James Clenney, USN (Ret) coronadomoaa@gmail.com or at 520-234-5286.



1st VICE PRESIDENT

JAMES CLENNEY, LCDR, USN (Ret.)

Here's Why You Should (Encourage others to) Join a MOAA Chapter

At the national level, MOAA members continue serving their communities by participating in critical [federal advocacy campaigns](#), spearheading [scholarship programs](#), and championing [charitable efforts](#). But by joining a MOAA Chapter, members can take that service, and the sense of camaraderie brought on by shared experiences, to another level. Hundreds of MOAA affiliates across the nation offer a new way to engage with your community; to meet, collaborate, and socialize with fellow servicemembers; and to work toward state and local reform on issues outside the national scope. Below, you'll find some more reasons to be a Coronado Chapter member.

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. Expand Social Opportunities

MOAA chapters sponsor interesting programs and opportunities to interact with civic, political, military, and business leaders on issues important to members.

4. Network 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.

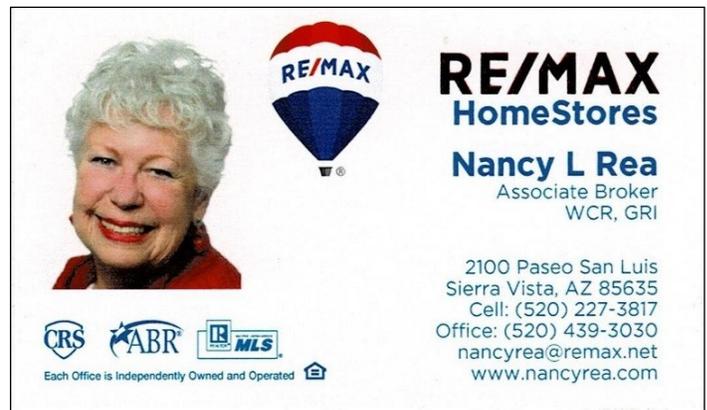
6. Influence State Legislation

Most states have a council of chapters that unites chapters 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 veterans programs.

7. Find 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.

Jim



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CDR Merle L. Kilpatrick, USNR (Retired)

NDAAs Update

A key step in the FY 2022 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) process came in Sept when the House voted 316-113 to pass its version of the bill. The Senate needs to complete its floor amendment process and vote on its version before the chambers can conference the bill to resolve differences between the versions.

Some highlights of the House and Senate versions of the NDAA, which includes many MOAA-backed improvements to military pay and benefits programs are:

Pay raise – A 2.7% pay raise is included in both House and Senate bills though this raise does not keep up with inflation.

Basic Needs Allowance – Provisions from the Military Hunger Prevention Act are included in both versions of the NDAA this year and will authorize a new allowance for families that fall within a band of the poverty line. This Advocacy in Action topic is likely to progress through the NDAA conference.

Health care - The Senate version of the NDAA contains language addressing two of MOAA’s key issues.

The committee report directs the Defense Health Agency to establish an appeals process for coverage of TRICARE Tier 4/non-covered drugs, a MOAA goal since Tier 4 was implemented.

MOAA played a key role in raising awareness on U.S. reliance on overseas suppliers of prescription drugs. The Senate report directs Dept of Defense to assess the feasibility of establishing a pilot project to increase capacity of the U.S. to manufacture active pharmaceutical ingredients to enable combat readiness and protect the health of the armed services.

Parental leave – Both NDAA versions would help military families gain equity with their federal civilian counterparts, expanding parental leave, both primary and secondary.

Military spouse employment – The House and Senate both address this topic but propose different methods of resolving the problem. A conference committee will have to address the differences.

Guard and reserve pay parity – Like the House version, the Senate includes a fix for incentive pay parity with the reserve component. MOAA has long pushed for this effort and applauds both chambers for including provisions to support reservists and the National Guard.

Arlington National Cemetery – DoD may soon publish eligibility changes for ANC that would dramatically reduce the benefit of those currently eligible and for future servicemembers. The draft rule could be published this fall. The House version of the NDAA requires a joint report from DoD and the VA on the next national cemetery and voices concern over those who would be forced to change long held plans and choose a different cemetery or cremation.

Selective service – NDAA language in the House and Senate indicates selective service will grow to include women this year. The final report from the National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service recommended women should register for selective service. Although MOAA remains committed to protecting the all-volunteer force and not returning to the draft, the report highlighted many important recruiting challenges.

Merle K.





1SG Glenn Hohman (Ret.) gave us the history, purpose and description of the Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Improvement Project. There will be 14 monuments to pay tribute to the Veterans that served in the U.S. Military. They will honor Veterans and not wars or conflicts our country has engaged in. There is also an opportunity for you to participate in the Memorial Paver. The memorial pavers will be placed around the monuments. Our Chapter has voted to purchase a Paver Array consisting of nine pavers.



Congratulations to Officers and Directors chosen by your votes this November. These individuals will be sworn into their positions in our January Dinner Meeting on January 20, 2022.

President, Jim Clenney

Public Relations Director, Angela Hoistion (i)

Personal Affairs Director, Theresa Walsh

Scholarship Director, Susan Atchison-Day (i)

We are still looking for individuals willing to take the positions of 1st Vice President and the Membership Director. (i) incumbent

RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

Lori Wysong is collecting Raffle Items

for the Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your support.

1st Vice President Needed

The 1VP will be knowledgeable of the President's responsibilities and represent the chapter as needed at meetings and local/state/national events in the President's absence. Serve as chairperson/member of the membership committee. Be able to use the Committee Module of National MOAA to update membership or work with the Membership Chair to

SCHOLARSHIP DONORS 2021

Thank you for your generous support!

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

Abney, Robert Atchison-Day, Susan Day, Tom Hicks, William Kellock, Bob
 Kilpatrick, Merle Lotero, Ronald Symmes, Kenneth

2021 GOLD LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$ 200.00 to \$ 299.00)

Beer, Ronald Black, John Bobar, Janet Breen, Nancy Ehreberger, Dennis Puett, Joseph
 Wysong, Lori

2021 SILVER LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$ 100.00 to \$ 199.00)

Bell, Gary Caldwell, Doris Carlson, Samantha Chun, Edward Dolge, Kathleen
 Finnegan, Thomas Flynn, Joseph Hessler, Thomas Manring, Donald Nickels, Cheryl
 Otsuka, Yukio Scheumann, Steven Walsh, Theresa Warren, Amber

2021 CHAPTER DONORS (Cumulative Donations Up to \$ 100.00)

Ament, Richard Bachman, Dennis Baeza, Fatima Bates, William Blair, John
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 Pflipsen, Ron Portouw, Lawrence Price, Donald Ross, Ramiro Struck, Susan
 Van Otten, George White, Robert Wozniak, Edward

TOTAL TO DATE: \$7,022

THANK YOU!!

GOAL: \$10,000.00

2021 IN REVIEW

Treasurer

Thanks to you we were able to donate to many worthwhile projects this year:

Cochise Serving Veterans	\$2,000
Scholarships	\$9,600
Ft. Huachuca Chaplain Holiday Program	\$250
SV Chamber for Soldiers MAC Luncheon	\$250
Memorial Park Improvement Project	\$2,000

Bob Kellock

2021 IN REVIEW

Welcome to our 2021 highlights section.

I would like to thank everyone for a fantastic year, despite the limitations placed on us due to COVID-19. Each Director and Officer will summarize the highlights in their area, take time to see their comments. From the President’s view, the 5-Star Communications Award and 5-Star Levels of Excellence Award summarize the quality and hard work of all our Officers and Directors. I especially want to thank Tom Hessler for fantastic programs and Jim Clenney for helping us do Zoom meetings and for filling in for me so often when my job took me to Wyoming! You will see in our Treasurer’s section and Scholarship Section how your generosity supported Veterans and deserving High School Seniors.



Tom Day
President

Pictures: Above, Harry Bowen receives a check for \$2,000 for Cochise Serving Veterans. Below, Mary Farley, Elgin Elementary Principal, gives a thank you note for \$100 donated to Elgin Elementary School for the Veterans Day Program Brunch. See the Treasure’s update for other community donations. Thank you for serving our veterans and community.

Programs

Our monthly Dinner Meetings took a break during the height of the COVID-19 season. Our last dinner before the break was in February of 2020. We went to virtual meetings with moderate success, actually not bad considering the average age of our members. We resumed dinner meetings again on 16 September of 2021. Our speaker for that dinner was Dr. Linda Denno, our newest Civilian Aid for the Secretary of the Army (CASA). It was great seeing the renewed gathering of our members. We thought the catch-up conversations would never end. We rounded out the 2021 dinner season with presentations by Sheriff Mark Dannels of Cochise County, Glenn Hohman with the Veterans Memorial Improvement Foundation, and will end our year with our traditional holiday dinner featuring the Sierra Vista Community Chorus.

Our ever popular Sheriff Mark Dannels of Cochise County gave an outstanding update of County happenings including a comprehensive Look at our border issues.



Sheriff Mark Dannels



Community Liaison



Earl Devine

Deputy Director Community Liaison

We all were sad of the passing of Earl Devine, our longtime Community Liaison, and our beloved raffle guru. Earl represented our chapter at several organizations.

The Coronado Chapter continues to be a very active participant in several local community organizations. They include:

The **Joint Service Clubs of Greater Sierra Vista (JSCGSV)** – Earl was its official time-keeper and chair of the Membership Committee. Tom Hessler is the founder of this organization which was established in 1993.

The **Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation (SAVMCF)** – Earl was one of the Foundation’s founders.

The **Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce (SVACC)** – Tom represents the Chapter on the Chamber’s **Military Affairs Committee (MAC)**. The chapter sponsored an eight-seat table for the Bring-a-Vet-to-Lunch in November.

The **Greater Sierra Vista United Veterans Council (GSVUVC)** – Both Earl and Tom attended GSVUVC monthly meetings.

Tom Hessler

Dep. Dir. Community Liaison

Membership

Membership has rolled along through 2021. As of November 15th, Coronado Chapter welcomed 26 additional members to our Chapter rolls. Our activities strengthened both the Chapter and national MOAA membership numbers. We gained twenty-one members through the Military Intelligence Honor Graduate program that is spearheaded by our Immediate Past President, Bob Covalucci. While most of these graduates move to other duty stations after their course is complete, experience shows that the honorees continue to remain active with MOAA national. The honorees typically range in rank from Chief Warrant Officer 1 through Captain. This benefits all of us by increasing our voices through infusion of new blood.

So far this year, our non-student professional membership increased by two Colonels and one Lieutenant Colonel. We also, unfortunately, lost several members during the Pandemic. As a result, we welcomed two Surviving Spouse members. Our bedrock membership remains strong. Our networking base includes members of every service, most staff/line specialties, and a vast quantity of varied experiences. Members are encouraged to tap into this blend of skill and knowledge.

We end this year with a December 2 Gathering of members and new prospects at Pueblo del Sol Country Club. All members were invited and encouraged to invite prospective members and friends. MOAA National provides us with a monthly roster of MOAA members who have moved into our chapter’s catchment area during the prior month. The members on this list receive correspondence inviting them to our chapter meetings and membership.

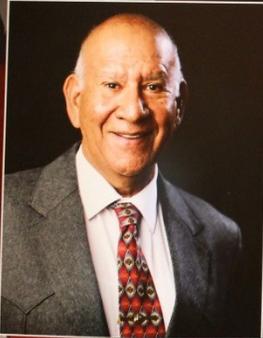
Jim Clenney

Membership Chair

Legacy Foundation Veterans Wall

The Canyon Vista Medical Center and the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona selected three of our members for inclusion on the

JOSE (JOE) BAEZA



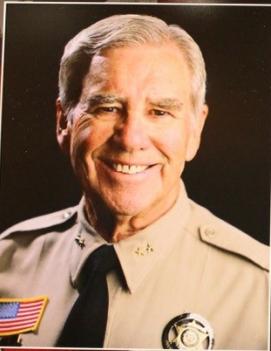
Captain Baeza enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1969, Phoenix, Arizona and retired in 1996 with 27 years' service.

His primary military specialty was as an artillery officer. His duty stations included California, Korea, and Japan. Joe's personal awards include National Defense Service Medal with 1 oak leaf cluster, Sea Service Deployment medal with 1 oak leaf cluster, Overseas Service Ribbon with 1 oak leaf cluster, Good Conduct medal with 2 oak leaf clusters, Navy Commendation Medal, and Navy/Marine Corps Parachute Insignia. He completed the Army Ranger Course at Ft Benning with honors.

In 2012 Jose (Joe) Baeza joined the Disabled American Veterans as a service officer. In 2013 he was elected junior vice-commander and later became the chapter commander in 2015. Joe was selected as the Arizona DAV "Commander of the Year". He obtained a new office for the DAV chapter to implement veteran support initiatives. A need for transportation for veterans having medical appointments in Sierra Vista was recognized. Joe obtained a vehicle and set up a system for providing transportation to veterans for local medical appointment. In 2019, due to COVID issues Joe helped redesign the office to CDC standards as well as helping get Personal Protective Equipment for veterans. Joe was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame in 2017.

Joe and his wife Ruth reside in Hereford.

JOHN H. BLACK



Colonel Black entered the Army in 1965 from Denver Colorado as an Infantry Rifleman and retired on 31 January 1995 at Fort Huachuca after 30 years of service. His primary duty assignments included Chief of Staff, US Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca, Commander 105th Military Intelligence Battalion, and Chief of Intelligence Operations 3d US Army during Operation Desert Storm. His personal decorations include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal for Valor, Bronze Star Medal (2), Meritorious Service Medal (3), Air Medal (4) and Army Commendation Medal (4). His tours of duty included service in Germany, Vietnam, Korea and Saudi Arabia.

After retiring from the Army, John organized and established the Army Military Intelligence Corps Association focused on both veterans and active-duty soldiers. As a Board member of the Huachuca 50, he contributed to a successful Base Realignment and Closure process. He was a member of the Cochise College President's Advisory Committee and provided advice to the college president concerning Cochise College's support to local veterans. He has been a volunteer in the Cochise County Sheriff's Office for 16 years and the Commander of the Sheriff's Assist Team since 2010. He was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame and received the Sheriff's Unit Citation for service during the Monument Fire.

John and his wife Joan reside in Sierra Vista.

Veterans Wall at Canyon Vista Medical Center for the year 2021-2022. They are **Jose Baeza, John Black and Lori Wysong**. **Jane Strain**, wife of member Bob Strain, was also selected. John was our longtime Scholarship Director for the chapter. Lori, our JROTC Director, runs the raffle at our monthly dinner meetings. Both Jose and John have also been inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall

JANE C. STRAIN



Jane C. Strain enlisted in the Army in 1974. Her duty assignments began at Ft. McClellan, Alabama. She then was at Ft. Hood, Texas and then transferred to Mannheim, Germany with the 7th Signal Brigade and then to Worms, Germany with the 5th Signal Command. She also was in Heidelberg, Germany, Turkey, and Ft. Huachuca. Jane was the first female Secretary of the General Staff, Total Quality Management Director, and Garrison Equal Opportunity Officer. She retired in 1995 as a Major after 20+ years of service.

Following her military retirement, Jane became active in numerous organizations. In 1998 Jane was elected to the Cochise College Governing Board as a trustee and represented the college with Arizona state trustee organizations. Jane was a volunteer, mediator, and arbitrator for Cochise County and held two four-year terms with the Arizona Commission on Appellate Court Appointments. She served on the First Things First Cochise Regional Partnership Council from 2008 until 2018. Jane was also the resource developer for the Friends of the SV Animal Shelter, since 2014. Active in her church, the Sierra Evangelical Lutheran Church, Jane has served as a council member and deacon. She was the University of Arizona's (UA-South) alumnus of the year in 2015 and was the Sierra Vista Police Department 2019 volunteer of the year.

Jane and her husband Bob reside in Sierra Vista.

of Fame. Twenty-seven of our members or spouses have been selected so far for the Veterans Wall, making us the most represented organization since the inception of the program in 2015.

LORENZA LOPEZ WYSONG



CW3 Wysong entered the Army on 31 Mar 1967 at Phoenix, Arizona and retired on 30 Apr 1989 at Fort Huachuca after 22 years of service as a Physician's Assistant. Her duty stations included Fort McClellan, Fort Sam Houston, Fort Devens, Walter Reed Medical Center, Fort Meade, Fort Hood, Fort Eustis, 914th Med Det & 17th Field Artillery Brigade, Augsburg, Germany; and Fort Huachuca. Lorenza's personal decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and National Defense Service Medal.

After retiring from the Army, Lorenza became a lifetime member of the Military Officers Association of America. (MOAA). She is the Director of the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps for her district and a member of the MOAA Scholarship Committee. She serves on the Board of Directors for Peaches Pantry which provides food bags for needy children to have food over the weekends. Lorenza is active with the Care Net Pregnancy Center of Cochise County. Additionally, Lorenza is the National President for the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association-Army Women United. She serves as the Captain of the National Honor Guard, and each year she travels to Washington, DC, to participate in ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery. Lorenza is very active in her church, St Andrew the Apostle, and is involved in multiple ministries.

Lorenza and her husband Roger reside in Hereford.

Tom Hessler
Dep. Dir. Community Liaison

Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony

As is our longtime tradition, the Chapter participated in the Sierra Vista Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony. We also provided the ceremonial cake for the ceremony.



Our Coronado Chapter float



Cake being staged by 2VP Tom

The cake was cut by MG Maria Barrett (CG, US Army Network Enterprise Technology Command), Joe Wood (Parade Marshal and Veteran of the Year) and Mayor Rick Mueller (Sierra Vista).



Tom Hessler
2VP, Programs



SCHOLARSHIPS

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all again for your generosity in contributing to our Scholarship Fund. As this year closes, the Scholarship Program finds itself mid-stream, looking back to last year’s recipients while wondering who our next year’s awardees will be.

The MOAA Scholarship Committee for 2020 – 2021 was composed of Bob Abney, Lori Wysong, and Doris Caldwell, with Susan Atchison-Day, Chair. In April 2021, six outstanding students received a total of \$8,600 in scholarships, plus an additional \$1000 Grombacher Award. While COVID presented challenges, the following qualified applicants, including one JROTC applicant who came to us from Tombstone, were chosen to receive one of our scholarships.



Salvador Deleon, raised in a military family, attended Buena High School where he played the trumpet and was the section leader with the marching band, and was also a member of the wind ensemble and part of the show band. His volunteer activities included National Honor Society and piano performances. He is now studying Music Therapy at Arizona State University. His stated life goal is “towards helping others” as a music therapist.



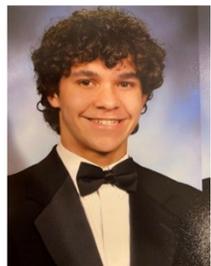
Keenan D. Gross was a member of the Tombstone Yellowjacket Battalion of the JROTC, a member of the color guard and a leader and commander for the raider team. After a life in service to his country, he hopes also to mentor youths and incorporate into them the same values he was taught by his own father. He is now attending the University of Arizona, where he is working toward a Bachelor of Computer Science degree.



Michael Morales attended Douglas High School where he demonstrated leadership both in and out of the classroom. He was a percussion member of the marching and concert band and participated in the State Marching Semi-Finals in 2019. He volunteered at the Christian Life Center, and was a member of the Royal Rangers Scouting Program. He now attends the University of Arizona and is working toward a B.A. in Business Management.



Justin Nass’s principal Brian Miller summed it up when he wrote that Justin, “is a great student, a role model for the other students academically, and a proven leader.” In addition to academic excellence and leadership, Justin was devoted to both sports and community service. He was on the track and cross-country teams, played soccer, participated in knowledge bowl and NHS. He is now attending Northern Arizona University working on a B.A. in Exercise Science.



Dominic Randazzo is well-rounded student who was active in many activities. In athletics, he was a member of the varsity cross country and track and field teams, NHS and Student Council. He received many leadership awards. His interests include travel, soccer, music, entrepreneurship, leadership, community building and gaming. Dominic is now attending Northern Arizona University pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Management.



Brandon Redenbo excelled in academics, sports and volunteerism. Various he was part of football, basketball and baseball teams. In addition, he was a state champion mountain biker. His many extracurricular activities included Scouts, Skills USA, FBLA, FCCLA, Varsity Club, NHS, Mountain bike, basketball, baseball and football clubs.. He is now at Arizona State University majoring in Exploratory Math, Physical Sciences, Engineering and Technology.

Now, looking forward to this year's recipients, our MOAA Board approved \$10,000 to be made available for scholarships to qualifying graduating seniors at the end of the 2021 – 2022 school year. Eligibility criteria must be met: (1) the applicant's parent, grandparent, or legal guardian must be active duty military, retired military (20+ years), an active reservist in drill status, or National Guard Member; (2) Applicant must have an overall academic GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale; (3) Applicant must be a 2020 Graduating Senior from one of the following high schools: Benson, Bisbee, Bowie, Buena, Douglas, Patagonia, San Simon, St. David, Tombstone, Valley Union, Wilcox, a certified Charter High School or a certified Home School Program in the geographic area covered by these high schools; (4) The applicant must enroll in a community college, a college, a university, or military/service academy. Two scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors enrolled in the JROTC Programs at Buena High School and/or Tombstone High School.

The Scholarship Committee for the 2021 – 2022 school year is Bob Abney, Lori Wysong, and Kathy Youngblood, and Susan Atchison-Day, Chair. Applications are available at designated high schools and must be postmarked no later than 1 March 2022, and received no later than 6 March 6, 2022. Awards will be presented at a dinner ceremony on Thursday, April 21, 2022.

The point of contact is: Susan Atchison-Day, Ed.D., Coronado Chapter Scholarship Chair, susan.atchison_day@yahoo.com. (915) 588-9282.

Submitted by Susan Atchison-Day, MOAA Scholarship Director

JROTC

Cadet/SGT Erin Posey is presented the MOAA JROTC Award and a Coronado Chapter Coin by CW3 Lori Wysong, USA (Ret.), accompanied by JROTC Instructor CW4 Tom Gross, USA (Ret.).

Lori Wysong
Director - JROTC



Legislative Year in Review

The weekly Legislative Advocacy newsletter that is sent out by MOAA National on Thursday was sent each week to the membership and perspective members of Coronado Chapter. Numerous items have been addressed by the Senate and House to be included in the National Defense Authorization Act which has not been approved by both chambers as yet. The emails sent to the legislative members of the Senate and House have great impact on the final (NDAA).

Additionally, emails sent to Arizona Legislators concerning exemption of State income tax for military retired pay was successful as Governor Ducey signed the provision exempting military retired pay from AZ state income tax.

A virtual meeting was conducted with US Representative Kirkpatrick’s Military advisor to discuss several items of MOAA concern for the NDAA.

Merle Kilpatrick, Legislative Director

Personal Affairs

Tamara Oster, MAJ USA, Ret. began the year as our Personal Affairs Director. After her mid-year departure, the prior Personal Affairs Director stepped in to continue supporting our membership. Throughout this year these two focused their attention on the government influenced personal concerns of our members. Through the platform of the Heliogram, readers have been educated on topics ranging from access to healthcare to maneuvering through bureaucracies. The Personal Affairs Director provides benefit acquisition support and guidance to all members. Jim Clenney



IN MEMORIAM



We are saddened as we remember of our members and spouses we lost this year. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families and loved ones.

- Violet Powers, Surviving Spouse
- Ron Pflipsen, husband of Jackie Pflipsen
- Mitzi Kirmse, wife of George Kirmse
- Earl Devine, husband of Meg Devine
- Charlotte Portouw, wife of Larry Portouw
- Margaret Stephens, Surviving Spouse
- Cecil Nist, wife, Pat, died in 2017

Rest in Peace, friends and fellow patriots.



Tom Hessler



2-VP

Upcoming Programs

Social at 1800, Dinner at 1830, and Program about 1915.

16 DEC '21 [Sierra Vista Community Chorus](#)

Under the direction of Roger Bayes, their new director.



20 JAN '22 [Director Wanda Wright Col, USAF \(Ret\), Arizona Dept of Veterans' Svcs](#)

Status of State Veteran services (Installation of new Board Members)



17 FEB '22 [Director Matt McLachlan, City Community Development](#)

City Improvement Projects

17 MAR '22 [Honoring Surviving Spouses](#)

Orchestrated by Jennifer Venola

21 APR '22 [Honoring Scholarship Recipients](#)

Choreographed by Susan Atchison-Day

19 MAY '22 [Name TBD](#)

Update on our local VA facilities and programs



MOAA's Never Stop Serving Podcast

<https://www.moaa.org/content/topic-and-landing-pages/moaas-never-stop-serving-podcast/>

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>

Afghan Attaché to U.S. Military Families: The Afghanistan People Will Never Forget <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/afghan-attach%C3%A9-to-u.s.-military-families-the-afghanistan-people-will-never-forget/>

NATIONAL MOAA DUES GOING UP

WITH LIFE MEMBERSHIP COMES OUTSTANDING BENEFITS:

Best economic decision, access to ALL of MOAA's member benefits, and converts to surviving spouse for life. Never have to write another renewal check again.

Effective 1 January 2022, the dues will be increased as follows:

Premium Member (Annual Pay): 1 Year, \$59 (up from \$48, a 23% jump!)

2 Years, \$100 (up from \$82)

3 Years, \$132 (up from \$108)

Life Member: Will also be increasing, amount TBD and announced soon.

Basic Membership: Remains free, but offers only minimum benefits.

If you are a Premium Member who has been considering upgrading to Life, or a Basic Member considering upgrading to Premium or Life, now is the time to do so.

2LT Christopher M. Mulholland received the MOAA DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE AWARD upon completion of the Military Intelligence Basic Officer Leadership Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona from Colonel (Retired) Bob Covalucci. 2LT Mulholland is a former enlisted Military Intelligence Soldier.

CPT Patrick S. Callahan received the MOAA DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATE AWARD upon completion of the Military Intelligence Captains Career Course at Fort Huachuca, Arizona from Colonel (Retired) Bob Covalucci.



Huge THANKS to Horse'n Around and Single Star Ranch for letting us use their trailer for the Veterans Day Parade.



THURSDAY, DEC 16, 2021 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 Dec 4, 2021

Please change the following information for me: Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For more information about reservations contact Tom Hessler at 459-0093, tjhessler@cox.net**December Buffet Dinner****Salad:****Spinach Salad with Fresh Strawberry Slices, Diced Apples, Feta Cheese and Poppy Seed Dressing****Fresh Rolls and Butter****Entrée:****Sliced Roast Beef with Gravy****Roasted Potatoes****Corn and Peas****Dessert:****Red Velvet Cake*****Vegetarian Alternative:****Stuffed Peppers filled with Black Bean Corn Salsa and Sautéed Rice, topped with a Roasted Red Pepper Sauce and paired with Marinated Vegetables**

SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Coronado Chapter has “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 are now “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 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>.

DoD’s Annual Suicide Report Shows a Troubling Trend By: Mark Belinsky

https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/advocacy/dods-annual-suicide-report-shows-a-troubling-trend/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TMNsend&utm_content=NC+AFHRM+1+ERet+L+NC

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/>



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 Covalucci, (520) 370-2998, know if you have questions about these positions or would like to nominate yourself or someone else!





2022 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– Space Cmd

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. **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

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

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