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Coronado Website: http://moaacoronado.org/



Welcome New Coronado Chapter President

LCDR Jim Clenney, USN (Ret.)

Your BOD suspects that some of the members don't attend our dinners because they can't drive at night. We are considering having a small pool of volunteers that are willing to pick up these members. Let any of our board members know if you are willing to help provide this service.

CORONADO CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP

- 199 Total Chapter Members
- 168 Regular Members
- 31 Surviving Spouse Members
- Let us all work to grow the Chapter in 2022!





PRESIDENT

JAMES CLENNEY LCDR, USN (Ret.)

Thank you to Immediate Past President Tom Day for including us in the past four years in his life of service.

His leadership has been outstanding! The Chapter is going in a positive direction and members can comfortably have confidence in the Chapter's management foundation. I also am thankful for Fran Kosinski. She served the chapter and her community in many outstanding ways. Most recently she served MOAA Coronado as the 1st VP in 2018-2019. She served us all, in big ways and small. We will miss her.

You should know that your 2021 Chapter goals were characteristically met. Achieved through the actions of individual members of the Chapter. There is no way that the new Arizona tax exemption for retired military personnel could have been made law without the organized input of individuals like us. Without you, I sincerely doubt if we could be a group that is able to give thousands of dollars in educational scholarships per year. These accomplishments were, in no small part, due to the hard work of your Directors and Deputy Directors. I thank them for their hard work. I have developed personal goals regarding my time as Chapter President. In the coming years I hope to improve my understanding regarding MOAA's (online, electronic, and hard copy) educational and advisory resources. I hope to improve my spouse's knowledge and understanding of her (or my) future rights and benefits as a Surviving Spouse. I plan to learn more about public communication and social media. I pledge to do my best as your President to enhance communication with members, increase informational outreach with non-members, and increase our members' potential influence on lawmakers.

To enhance communication, I will ask the Board to create a system of "advisor members" to assist the Director's in their administration of the various goals. The Board will discuss Chapter mission and goals in the next month's and determine measurable goals. Communicate (to your Board members or Officers) your recommended goals for our Chapter to accomplish in 2022 and beyond.

Your Chapter needs your support. I need your physical and consultative support. Consider how YOU and your fellows (whether a current or a prospective

member) can help the Chapter accomplish our collective goals in our community. I ask you to consider your service. What are you best at? Do you know someone who would be great at something the Chapter is doing? What is comfortable for you to do? How much time can you offer to help your Chapter? your community?

Thank You for your confidence in the Chapter and me. Thank you for your membership in MOAA and Coronado Chapter and the Southeast Arizona community-at-large. I ask for your prayers, support, and guidance to successfully steer us through the next two years.

Jim



Help Keep Sierra Vista Clean!

Join your fellow Coronado MOAA Volunteers for the quarterly clean-up of our adopted area – the Giulio Cesare HS Charleston Multi-Use Path along Charleston Road and North Giulio Cesare Avenue.

Date: February 16 Time: 9:30 am

Park along North Colombo Ave just off from E. Charleston Road. Garbage bags and a limited number of trash grabbers are available. Visit our website for a map and more details: http://moaacoronado.org/?p=2943







LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

CDR Merle L. Kilpatrick, USNR (Retired)

<u>MOAA's Priorities for the</u> <u>New Year 2022: Second</u> <u>Session of the 117th</u> <u>Congress.</u>

As we head into the second session of the 117th Congress, please take note of MOAA's legislative priorities listed below.

For 2022, MOAA is continuing the momentum established over the previous year to carry the efforts into the second session of Congress. It is important to note all co-sponsors carry over, as do your messages and continued engagements.

Continuity and consistency of effort will be paramount to success – and MOAA is closing in on many of these issues so stay plugged in and ready to engage your legislators.

There are other issues not listed below that are also being worked by full staff of MOAA lobbyists. The priorities will be shaped throughout the year depending on concurrent successes or emerging issues that warrant an all-hands approach. We appreciate your grassroots efforts which shore up all the work MOAA is doing in the Capitol region. Thursday's email with MOAA Legislative issues will address these concerns over the following months:

• Sustain pay raises and adequate BAH for the troops and COLA raises for retirees.

• Ensure the Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and Public Health Service continue to receive pay during a government shutdown.

• Protect the value of the military health care benefit.

• Protect the MHS pharmacy benefit and achieve flexibility in TRICARE pharmacy copays.

• Address barriers to accessing care within the MHS, including TRICARE coverage gaps and mental health care access challenges.

- Protect family support programs and ensure military-provided services (housing, PCS, child care, youth programs, financial counseling) are readily available and meet standards for quality and costs.
- Achieve equity of benefits, protections, and administrative support for Guard/Reserve members consistent with their active-duty counterparts.

• Sustain Veterans Health Administration (VHA) foundational missions and services.

- Reform the presumptive process to support veterans claiming service-connected disabilities for toxic exposures.
- Achieve concurrent receipt of serviceearned retirement pay and VA disability pay.
- Protect full military honors and burial at Arlington National Cemetery for those currently eligible.
- Improve survivors' benefits.

• Recognize the pandemic continues to effect lives of our service members.

Merle







HISTORIAN

Susan Atchison-Day, Ed.D.

The Alert

Where were you when you heard the words, "The liberation of Kuwait has begun?" As military people, our

lives are punctuated with moments such as these.

When I heard those words, the months of waiting were over. I was afraid, yet exhilarated, full of dread, and filled with pride. On January 17, 1991, justice and liberty began their march forward, hand-in-hand with the thunder and lightning of our great Desert Storm.

Last minute pleas for peace had been scorned by President Saddam Hussein. The armies of the Mideast were on high alert, but as the deadline passed, nothing happened. We waited. And waited. Finally, at 1:00 am, I could stay awake no longer. I went to bed vaguely disappointed.

Next day, I drove the kids to school as normal before resuming my TV-side vigil, but, after 40 hours on alert, I pulled myself away from the television and drove our 15-year-old son James to school for an exam. While waiting for him, I stopped by a feed store and bought a fluorescent green halter and lead rope requested by our daughter Jodi, age 12, for her pony Ginger. I was pleased at Jodi's deepening interest in Ginger - perhaps it would keep her mind off her Daddy's absence.

No sooner had I returned home with James after his test than it was time to hurry to Jodi's very first basketball game, which Tom would sadly miss. The other team walked away with the victory. I squeezed in a short trip to the PX, then, upon returning to my car at 4:55 pm, I learned the first aircraft and missiles had taken off from Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

CENTCOM confirmed the war had begun.

A few moments later, Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater announced, "The liberation of Kuwait as begun." Since 5:00 pm (MST), we had been engaging targets in both Iraq and Kuwait under a new code name, Operation Desert Storm. Oh, the images the name inspired! From land, sea, and the air, our brave young men and women would provide the thunder and lightning for a great Desert Storm.

(Excerpt condensed from When Freedom Called: at the front and home front in the Gulf War, by Susan Atchison-Day)

SCHOLARSHIPS

Where were you when Susan Atchison-Day, Ed.D.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED ...

to the 2022 Scholarship Awards dinner on Thursday, April 21, 2022, at the Pueblo del Sol Country Club, in Sierra Vista, Arizona. Sign in begins at 6pm and supper follows at 6:30pm, at \$26 per plate.

After two years' interruption, you will again be able to share a table with our exciting young scholars and their parents. Two years ago, when COVID was believed to be a short-lived problem, I personally delivered scholarships to recipients and their families - at socially acceptable distances - on streets, in driveways, patios, and living rooms. Last year, we met our awardees in a Zoom Meeting, learning about their achievements through pre-recorded presentations prepared in advance by each.

Now, finally, we will again be able share in their exciting dreams for the future, face to face. In turn, they will be able to personally thank the many generous MOAA members who have made these scholarships possible. Please put this very special dinner on your calendars today. Set aside this special meeting now. Let's make this a celebration that MOAA and the Scholarship Program have made it through the age of COVID and continue on looking forward to participating in the academic success of many more scholars in the future.





SCHOLARSHIP DONORS LIST 2021

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

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

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

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

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 Goodman, Allen 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
Breeding, William	Brofer, Duane	Brown, Harry	Cannon, John	
Castle, George	Chinneth, Edward	Conory, Henry	Courtney, Nyles	Dey, Robert
Hays, Charles	Holbrook, Patricia	Hormann, Vaugh	n Hurd, Danny	Jones, Arthur
Judson, Bruce	Letts, C.	Linhares, Patrick	Mortensen, Rich	ard Pflipsen, Ronald
Portouw, Lawrence Price, Donald		Ross, Ramiro	Struck, Susan	Van Otten, George
White, Robert	Wozniak, Edward			

TOTAL TO DATE: \$8,615.00

GOAL: \$10,000.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING IN 2021!

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 keep Coronado Chapter membership up to date at National MOAA. Other duties as needed.



A Special Night







Above: President Tom Day swears in our new President, LCDR Jim Clenney, USN (ret.), Incumbent Scholarship Director, Susan Atchison-Day, Ed.D., and Incumbent Public Relations and Webpage Manager, MAJ Angela Hoistion, USAR.

Left: Immediate Past President Day presents President Pin to President Jim Clenney.

Right: President Jim Clenney shares his thanks and goals for our Chapter.





Kudo and thanks to Bill Purciello for entertaining us! The music was an excellent backdrop for the evening. CORONADO CHAPTER



Jasper, the horse, stands with Theresa Warrell, Co-Founder / President of **Horse'n Around Rescue**, Hereford, AZ to receive a donation of \$250 from your Coronado Chapter MOAA.

http://www.horsenaroundrescue.org/





Frank Liebsch, President, Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Improvement Foundation, receives a check for \$2,000 from Chapter Past President Tom Day and President Jim Clenney. The money will be used to place a 24 inch by 24 inch Paver Array that supports SVVMIF in honoring our military and veterans. Individuals can make donations at: https://www.svvmif.org/





Upcoming Programs

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

<u>17 FEB '22 Director Matt McLachlan</u>, City Community Development City Improvement Projects

<u>17 MAR '22 Honoring Surviving Spouses</u> Orchestrated by Jennifer Venola

21 APR '22 Honoring Scholarship Recipients Choreographed by Susan Day

<u>**19 MAY '22 Name TBD**</u> Update on our local VA facilities and programs

NOTE: No Dinner Meetings in June, July, or August!

Reader's Digest: My granddaughter's husband was complaining about how spellcheck changes the meaning of e-mails when an Air Force officer told him this story: He'd sent a message to 300 of his personnel addressed to "Dear Sirs and Ma'ams." It was received as "Dear Sirs and Mamas." —Phyllis Howard



News you can use

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

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

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

Spouse Issues: MOAA <u>http://takeaction.moaa.org/</u> <u>spouse_issues</u>

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-afghanistanpeople-will-never-forget/

A Year Without a Budget Would Cost DoD \$24 Billion, and Troops Would Suffer Most

https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-andmedia/news-articles/2022-news-articles/ advocacy/a-year-without-a-budget-would-costdod-\$24-billion.-ask-your-lawmaker-to-act/

FREE COVID TESTING KITS:

https://special.usps.com/testkits





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THURSDAY, FEB 17, 2022 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)					
<u>Check Information:</u> 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)					
<u>Reservations must be postmarked by FEB 5, 2022</u>					
Please change the following information for me: Address					
<i>Phone: Email:</i>					
For more information about reservations contact Tom Hessler at 459-0093, tjhessler@cox.net					
February:					
SALAD: Dinner Salad preset on tables. Wedge Salad with Bacon Crumbles and Bleu Cheese Dress- ing Served with Fresh Rolls & Butter					
ENTRÉE: Honey Glazed Ham, Wild Rice and Green Beans					
DESSERT: Cherry Pie or Apple Pie					
Vegetarian option available if requested					
REMINDER: Single Star Ranch Raised Beef					
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL Hereford, AZ 85615 S2D-266-0236 Order a quarter today					
Chapter memberships are for calendar years.					
Please use the form on page 11 to renew .					
Questions? Email: coronado- moaa@gmail.com					



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 <u>https://beconnectedaz.org/</u> 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 <u>https://chuffed.org/project/22-a-month-to-end-22-a-day</u>.

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 <u>https://www.emoryhealthcare.org/centers-programs/veterans-program/index.html</u>.

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-amongveterans-up-again-slightly,-despite-focus-on-prevention-efforts/



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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 Tom Day, (915) 588-9281, know if you have questions about these positions or would like to nominate yourself or someone else!



CORONADO CHAPTER CORONADO CHAPTER APPLICATION/RENEWAL						
Last Name	First	Initial Rank				
Address City						
State Zip						
Email Address		Phone				
Date of Birth MMDDYYYY National MOAA #						
MOAA Life Member? Y/N						
Please Circle all that apply:						
Branch: Army – Navy – Air Force – Marine Corps – Coast Guard – Space Force – NOAA – USPHS Component: Active – Guard – Reserve Status: Active - Former - Retired - Surviving Spouse						
Spouse's Full Name Date of Birth MMDD YYYY						
(New Memberships are free for the remainder of this year.) Regular members: □New Member □ \$15 per year □ \$50 for five years □ \$150 for Life Surviving Spouse members: □ New Member □ \$10 per year □ \$40 for five years □ \$100 for Life						
Signature		Date				
Make check payable to: Coronado Chapter, MOAA P.O. Box 1685, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1685 For any Membership questions contact:						
President Jim Clenney at 520-234-5286 or coronadomoaa@gmail.com						
NOTE THAT CHAPTER DUES ARE "DUE"Chapter memberships are for calendar years.Please use the form above to renew as needed.Questions? Email: coronadomoaa@gmail.com						



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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.

WE NEVER

STOPPED SERVING!