



# HELIOGRAM

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## Coronado Chapter

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### **CORONADO CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP**

157 Total Chapter Members (including:)

87 Life Members

27 Surviving Spouse Members

Let us all work to grow the Chapter in **2022!**



**PRESIDENT**

JAMES CLENNEY  
LCDR, USN (Ret.)

Greetings to all of you. Your Chapter's Board of Directors completed the arduous task of reviewing existing Values Statement, Vision Statement, Mission Statement, and Goal Statements. Some were updated or created. I am confident that the Board captured the desires of the membership. Through these declarations, the Board and I pledge to spend the appropriate energy and funds on appropriate activities as described. These were published in our March BOD Minutes, at the March Dinner Meeting, and in this Heliogram. I am excited about the community activities that have been performed by Coronado Chapter members and that are described in this edition of the Heliogram. I hope you enjoy the information and make good use of it in your decisions regarding serving your community.

Some of our continuing duties as a veteran officer are to take care of spouse, soldiers, sailors, marines, airmen, and cadets. That continues throughout our officership. MOAA helps me perform these duties by coordinating members into a cohesive and powerful voice for the servicemember and veteran community. MOAA and the Coronado Chapter make it easier to complete my personal advocacy responsibilities, rather than forget or ignore them.

Director of Legislative Affairs, Merle Kilpatrick discusses the Advocacy in Action topics below. The subjects of AiA for this year are focused on three issues. Our concerns were shared at a recent meeting with Congresswoman Kirkpatrick. The meeting was attended by representatives from your Chapter, the Arizona Council of Chapters, and members of the Congresswoman's staff. We discussed; The Major Richard Star Act, The Stop Copay Overpay Act, and a 4.6% Pay raise. All three have significant impact on current and future military veterans. It was great to have Congresswoman Kirkpatrick's undivided attention.

I believe that it is critical that we, Chapter members and spouses, express our support for these and other important bills by communicating a call-to-action to our community's representatives. In Arizona, 354 individual call-to-action messages regarding AiA topics were sent to legislators. I encourage you to raise that number and log your position with our Senators and House members. Check out the MOAA Advocacy in Action page at [MOAA | Legislative Action Center \(quorum.us\)](https://www.moaa.org/legislative-action-center). This is a one stop location to help members communicate with their Congress Members and Senators in support of active service-

Our Director of Scholarship Dr. Susan Atchison-Day and her committee members organized an excellent and complete scholarship program. Committee members Tom Day, Kathy Youngblood, Jane Strain, and Bob Abney were led by Director Susan through achieving a program that is active throughout the year as an organized process (despite challenges thrown into the mix by Covid and distance). Dr. Atchison-Day managed a fair review and excellent outcome in making recommendations to reward the students identified in this Heliogram. The future of America was on display at the April Dinner Meeting. I encourage you to read the biographies of the awardees who received monetary support from you. They are very impressive and worthy of support. In this edition you will also see a photo or two of the awarding of distinguished JROTC cadets. Director of JROTC Lori Wysong personally delivers medals, ribbons, and certificates to the awardees at a ceremony at Tombstone High and Buena High. It is always a pleasure to meet these awardees and receive a boost to one's hope for the future. Several of our chapter leaders have moved up or on in recent months. You will see announcements throughout this Heliogram regarding what positions we need to fill to remain a successful and useful organization. Please consider one of two things: Serving in one of those positions or Serving as an assistant/committee member supporting the position. Talk to any Director for more info and/or Tom Day for information or to volunteer to serve with your friends.

I must mention our loss of some rather wonderful people. This last couple of months we celebrated the lives and mourned the losses of Earl Devine, Ruth Britton, Jan Guy, Harold Hinkley and Phil Wralstad. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers.

I close with a pic of a windblown and happy cleanup crew. Donna, please forgive the bad framing.



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## **2022 GOAL STATEMENTS**

Support the three primary 2022 MOAA National Advocacy in Action topics through engagement with our members and appropriate elected officials.

Support the Unified Arizona Veterans organization in Suicide Prevention efforts and helping needy veterans through the Warrior Healing Center, Cochise Serving Veterans, and other groups.

Support the educational goals of qualifying graduating seniors through a system of highly publicized scholarship funding.

Annually nominate a member for induction into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, Canyon Vista Medical Center’s Veterans Wall, or the United Veterans Council’s Veteran of the Year.

Explore new technological solutions to provide affiliates with improved tools and resources, facilitating legislative engagement, recruiting and retention, and networking, dinner reservations, annual dues, etc.

To protect dependents’ future, organize or provide education to chapter members about the importance of submitting a VA disability claim.



## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

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

### AiA Topics for 2022

One of the topics for the 2022 Advocacy in Action (AiA) campaign is Military Pay Raise at 4.6% per the Employment Index (ECI).

MOAA's position: **Support the full pay raise across all ranks.**

The Bureau of Labor Statics Employment Cost Index (ECI) serves as a baseline for determining compensation necessary to recruit and retain an all-volunteer force. MOAA's concern is the president can reduce that amount with justification, and Congress can reduce that amount through legislation.

The pay raise for our troops fell 2.6% behind ECI from 2014-2016. Given the continued challenges to fund the government, no one should take this pay raise for granted; any decrement would impact the all-volunteer force in several ways:

- **Recruiting:** Word that the pay raise was cut may get the attention of recruits still weighing their options with other competitors, especially applicable to today's employment environment.
- **Retention:** Those currently in service may see this as a slight to their continued loyalty to their mission, thus informing their decision to get out before committing any more time to a system that does not value their service and sacrifice.
- **Retirement:** Those approaching retirement will feel the sting in other ways. Pay raise decrements impact the final retirement pay for the rest of their lives, and for surviving spouses under the Survivor Benefit Plan. Such actions may be a catalyst to considering retirement as early as eligible.

When we continue to give our servicemembers a reason to leave or retire early, our services lost the most qualified and experienced people first because these are the people most competitive for openings at other agencies and businesses.

Thank you for your efforts to never stop serving those who rely on us the most.

—Taken from the April 2022 MOAA magazine.

### [MOAA | Take Action Center \(quorum.us\)](https://quorum.us)



#### Key Advocacy Issues

Learn about our advocacy!

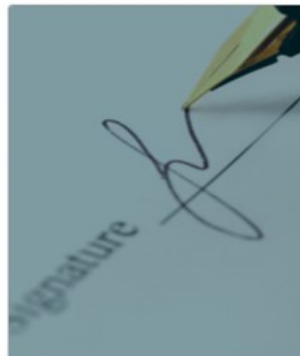
[MOAA | Action Center \(quorum.us\)](https://quorum.us)



#### Engage with Lawmakers

Tell us about your meetings!

[MOAA | Log an Interaction \(quorum.us\)](https://quorum.us)



#### MOAA-Supported Legislation

See what bills MOAA supports!

[MOAA | Action Center \(quorum.us\)](https://quorum.us)



#### Find your Elected Officials

Learn about your legislators!

[MOAA | Action Center \(quorum.us\)](https://quorum.us)



**HISTORIAN**

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

Article taken from the official history: The Origin of the Coronado Chapter MOAA

As early as March 1972, members of The Retired Officers Association (TROA), which was the original name of MOAA, who were living in the Sierra Vista area were holding meetings to discuss the formation of a local chapter. At that time there were about 200 TROA members residing in the area bounded by Douglas, Benson, Hereford, and Nogales. The only existing chapter in SE Arizona was in Tucson.

That month COL Eric R. Osborn (Ret) received a letter from TROA with an offer of financial assistance in the establishment of a “new chapter in the Fort Huachuca area.” Later that year, COL Osborne attended the annual TROA convention in Washington, D.C., and soon began corresponding with COL Sidney Harris (Ret) of Tucson, TROA Regional Representative, to make final arrangements for the formation of a chapter.

According to an article appearing in the Herald Dispatch on 26 January 1973, “A group of retired officers met on 18 January to form a local chapter of the Retired Officers Association. The name ‘Coronado’ was selected for the chapter as it will seek members who reside in Cochise and Santa Cruz counties, an area explored by Coronado . . . .” At this meeting an initial board for the chapter was named. It was announced that the chapter would hold a general organizational meeting the following month on 15 February.

At that ensuing meeting, held at the Lakeside Club, an election was held during which six persons were elected to the executive board and nine were elected to the board of governors. Those elected were from Sierra Vista, Hereford, Bisbee, Douglas, Sunsites, Tombstone, and Nogales. Fifty-nine persons attended that meeting, which included a buffet dinner costing \$3.50 per person.

Following that meeting, COL Osborne sent a letter dated 21 February to TROA, to which was attached “a signed copy of the Constitution and By-Laws, the list of elected chapter officers. The latter list comprises the ‘Charter Members’ – those who had signed up by the time of the diner meeting.” The list contained the names of 47 retired members of TROA and one widow.

At the next meeting held on 15 March at the Lakeside Club the chapter’s charter was presented by a representative of national headquarters and was signed by all members present. There are 34 signatures on the charter. As reported in the 22 March Issue of *The Huachuca SCOUT*, “It’s official. The Coronado chapter of The Retired Officers Association (TROA) now has its charter.”



## SCHOLARSHIPS

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

### **Complete Information on 2022 MOAA Scholarship Winners**

Recipients of the 2022 Colonel Eric R. Osborne Memorial Scholarships all expressed their gratitude to the many generous members of the Coronado Chapter MOAA. We were able to award \$12,000 in scholarships for the 2021 – 2022 school year to qualifying graduating seniors. Two of these scholarships were awarded to graduating seniors enrolled in the JROTC Programs at Buena High School and/or Tombstone High School.

Our winners are as follows:



**Gabryella Dickey, Benson HS**  
**Awarded \$3000**

Gabryella is accepted at Cochise College, where she hopes to study nursing or radiology. Daughter of a retired Marine Helicopter Pilot, she, too, hopes to follow in her father's footsteps with a career in the military. She has completed courses, such as Agri-Science, Honors Pre-calc, Spanish, and Applied Biological Science. In recommendations, she is described as having drive, determination, resilience, and high morals, keeping good company, treating others well and going over and beyond what is required, smart, compassionate, and a positive role model.

Gabryella has been FFA President, Link President, NHS Historian, FFA Chapter Reporter, Grand Champion Showman (hard work and poise) and Judge, Food Pantry worker, and, Kennel Assistant. Her community Service includes activities, such as a food packaging conference, fair clean up, help with Los Charros Community Dinner, help with Veterans Day, and the community food bank, and writing thank you cards. Non-Scholastic Awards in Beef and Goat Showmanship - four Grand Championships, a Reserve Championship, and a National Bronze Team Livestock Judging.

After military service, she wants to settle down and start her own herd of high-quality Club Calves and donate them to kids who couldn't necessarily afford the higher quality cattle. She wants to offer this opportunity to others because, "showing cattle changed my life."



**Nahrin Adams, Buena HS**  
**Awarded \$2000**

Nahrin is variously described as a problem solver, model student, and inspiration to others, who is flexible, mature, hardworking, capable, dedicated, and well rounded. Because of her positive attitude, drive, and perseverance, one teacher described her as being an inspiration even to her herself.

In addition to maintaining a GPA of 4.0 in both HS and Elementary School, Nahrin participated in service projects in her family, church, and community, helping to gather wood, cut down weeds, painting and babysitting. Prior to high school, Nahrin participated in cross country for four years, track and field for five years, and JNHS for three years. She continued her interest in sports in HS, as a swimmer for four years, a tennis player for one year and was the Vice President of tennis, also.

Nahrin took courses in Honors Algebra and Honors Geometry, Choir, and Spanish, and was active in church, her roles including those of historian, counselor in young women' group, director of choirs, and secretary.



**Megan Izzo, Tombstone HS, JROTC**  
**(Top in JROTC Class)**  
**Awarded \$3000**

Megan is described as a role model - cooperative, giving, and intelligent, with a clear sense of purpose. She is methodical, organized, cool, logical, rational, clear mind and can be trusted to give her full effort, completing work in a timely manner.

She has served as NHS President, and Future Business Leaders, President. She was in FFA, varsity tennis team, National Society of HS Scholars, and Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership. She helped with Summer Splash and Operation Christmas Child. She won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in Earth and Space Science category at YES Fair; the Scottish-American Military Medal; George C. Marshall Leadership and Academic Award; Certification for Graphic Arts and Law and Public Safety. She also participated in other school and community events.

In JROTC, she was selected as S-1 and participated in JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB). She was the rifle team commander and also competed in rifle meets. Additionally, finished Platinum in Cyber Patriot competition, which challenges teams of high school students to find and fix cybersecurity vulnerabilities in virtual operating systems, and for which teams are scored on how secure they make the system. Megan's future goal is to study Robotics and Embedded Systems at the University of Advancing Technologies in the fall, then after getting a BA, she will look for a good job, where her knowledge and zeal will make her competitive and in demand.



**Mhikyle Joy Cruz, Buena HS, JROTC  
Awarded \$4000**

Mhikyle succeeded in a large number of difficult classes, honors Geometry, English, Biology, Algebra, Pre-calc, and Trigonometry. In addition, she was a member of the NHS three years, and participated in over 50 hours of community service, including organizing and running a blood drive. She would like to major in engineering or mathematics while also being part of the Air Force ROTC at NAU or the UA. After this, she hopes to join the Air Force as an Officer and earn an MA or PhD after this. She stated that her main goal is “to make my family proud”.

Mhikyle served as JROTC Command Sergeant Major, and Lieutenant Colonel of the Fighting Colt Battalion. As such, she manages, trains, supervises First Sergeants, commanders, staff members and the whole battalion. She works alongside JROTC instructors in carrying out policies and standards on the performance, training, appearance, and conduct of cadets.

In addition to all this, her work experience includes Chili’s, as hostess, where she provided hospitable and customized service to improve guests experience. She has also earned four Varsity Letters for Wrestling, competing in AIA and State Wrestling; she was captain of the Varsity Girls’ Team for three of these years. Mhikyle’s other interests include traveling and baking. She has been accepted at NAU, MA, and ASU.

Eligibility criteria were: (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. Each scholarship recipient submitted required application materials and participated in an interview with the MOAA Scholarship Committee.

The 2022 Scholarship Committee members were: Dr. Susan Atchison-Day, Scholarship Director, Ed.D., Educational Leadership, Human Resource Development, Western Michigan University, and M.A., Middle Eastern and North African Studies; CH (COL) Thomas L. Day, USA (Ret.), M.A., Counseling Psychology, Western Michigan University, and M.Div., Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary; Ms. Kathy Youngblood, Coronado Chapter MOAA; Major Jane C. Strain, USA (Ret.), M.A., Educational Psychology, University of Arizona - Flinn-Brown Fellow, Cochise Community College, Governing Board Trustee; and COL Robert Abney, USA (Ret.), B.S., Accounting Eastern Michigan University, and MBA, Webster University.



**Scholarship Winners**



Mhikyle Joy Cruz Top left

Megan Izza Top Right

Nahrin Adams Center Left

Gabryella Dickey Center Right

Dr Susan Atchison-Day Scholarship Director Bottom Left

Congratulations to all the winners!!

## April Dinner Pictures



**Nahrin Adams and family with new MOAA**



**Gabryella Dickey, Benson HS with family Director Atchison-Day and new MOAA Friends**

**Megan Izza celebrating her reward with family and Coronado Members**



**Mhikyle Joy Cruz and family were entertained by members**





Long time and “new” members pose for photo at April Dinner meeting.

**JOIN US for a good and interesting time.**

**Director Lori Wysong awards Cadet/Captain Maverick Hargrave the MOAA ROTC Medal for demonstrated potential for military leadership roles.**



**Director Lori Wysong awards Cadet/Sergeant Valen Morales the MOAA ROTC Medal for demonstrated potential for military leadership roles.**



**SCHOLARSHIP DONORS LIST 2022**

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

Atchison-Day, Susan  
Day, Tom  
Hicks, William  
Lotero, Ron  
Symmes, Ken  
Wysong, Roger & Lori

**2022 GOLD LEVEL**

Bobar, Robert  
Courtney, Nyles  
Faulkner, Ronald  
Puett, Joseph

**2022 SILVER LEVEL**

Bates, William  
Beer, Ronald  
Bell, Gary  
Black, John  
Breen, Wendy  
Britton, Ruth  
Carlson, Samantha  
Ehrenberger, Edward  
Fyffe, Nancy  
Hall, Laura  
Kilpatrick, Merle  
Nelson, Alfred  
Otsuka, Y  
Peele, John  
Scheumann, Steven  
Walsh, Theresa

**2022 CHAPTER DONORS**  
**(Cumulative Donations Up to \$ 100.00)**

Andrews, Susan  
Bersano, Raymond  
Goodman, Allen  
Hunt, Danny  
Kellock, Bob  
Isler, Jack  
Nickles, Dennis  
Pryor, Maureen  
Schmidt, D.

**TOTAL TO DATE: \$5,233.50 GOAL: \$10,000.00**

## RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

Director, JROTC Lori Wysong is collecting Raffle Items  
for the Scholarship Fund.



Coronado Chapter MOAA is a Member of the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce. [Coronado Chapter, Military Officers Association of America - Sierra Vista, AZ](http://CoronadoChapter.MilitaryOfficersAssociationofAmerica-SierraVista.AZ) ([sierravistaareachamber.org](http://sierravistaareachamber.org))





Tom Hessler



2-VP

## Upcoming Programs

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

**19 MAY '22 Jennifer Gutowski, SAVAHCS Director**

*Update on our local VA facilities  
and programs*

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

**15 SEP '22 CAPT Frank (Tank) Michael, USN (Ret)**

*National MOAA Program Director, Council and  
Chapter Affairs*

**20 OCT '22 Dr. Randy Groth**

*Update on the Huachuca 50*

**17 NOV '22 Col Wanda Wright, ADVS**

*Also, annual BOD election & business meeting*

**15 DEC '22 Sierra Vista Community Chorus**

*Our traditional holiday entertainment*

## 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>

**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/>

### 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. Serve as backup to the Membership Chair in keeping Coronado Chapter membership rolls up to date at National MOAA.

### ANNOUNCING A NEW HELIOGRAM FEATURE

In an effort to encourage you to bring in new Chapter members, we will soon instigate a rewards program.

Basically, if you bring a prospective new member to a dinner and he or she joins the Chapter you will receive a Copper Star recognition in the Heliogram.

Bring in a second will elevate you to a Silver Star recognition.

A third elevates you to a Gold Star.

If any of them takes out a Life Membership you will be recognized as a Platinum Star.

All Star members will be recognized in the Heliogram. We will likely start this at our September dinner. **Are you ready? Start lining up your non-member friends.**

## Upcoming Dinner Menus

**May:**

**SALAD:** Dinner Salad preset on tables. Caprese Salad with Tomato, Buffalo Mozzarella and Basil drizzled with Extra Virgin Olive Oil and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Served with Rolls & Butter

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

*\*\*Grilled Chicken as an alternative to Salmon\*\**

**DESSERT:** Grand Marnier Orange Mousse


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

### 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 IPP Tom Day know if you have questions about this position or would like to nominate yourself or someone else!**

**NOTE:** Your BOD suspects that some of the members don't attend our evening dinner-meetings because they have difficulty driving at night. We have a growing pool of volunteers that are willing to pick up and return other members. Let the Director, Personal Support know if you need this help or are willing to provide this service.



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### 1st Vice President Needed

Yes this is a second request for this position. This position is a critical and fun position. One learns all the processes of MOAA and Coronado. 1VP will be trained in all responsibilities and represent the chapter in the President's absence and as the 1st VP. Serve as chairperson/member of the membership committee and receive training in all membership processes to keep Coronado Chapter membership up to date at National MOAA.

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 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) \_\_\_\_\_

**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 MAY 5, 2022**

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

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

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

We MUST give a final reservation count to PDS 5 days before the dinner. Your reservation should be post-marked 14 days prior to the dinner to be sure we receive it in time.

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

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



## 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](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/>



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Military Officers Association of America is a nonprofit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or NOAA and their surviving spouses.

**A few facts about MOAA:**

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association with over 350,000 military officers and surviving spouses belonging to 380+ chapters.

MOAA is Co-founder/Co-chair of The Military Coalition; composed of over 32 national veterans' organizations (representing over 5 million people).

**A few facts about Coronado Chapter:**

Coronado Chapter received its charter in 1973, starting with 47 members.

Our Chapter has received the MOAA 5-Star Level of Excellence Award (the highest rating awarded by National MOAA) for over a decade.

The Heliogram newsletter, sent to Chapter members has consistently been recognized as a MOAA 5-Star communication publication.

Chapter dues: \$15 annually for officer members and \$10 for surviving spouse members.

**Meetings:**

We meet monthly (except June, July, and August) on the 3rd Thursday, 1830 at the Pueblo Del Sol Country Club Golf Course

**Why join Coronado Chapter?**

Make Yourself Heard – Coronado Chapter provides grassroots coordination and support for MOAA's national legislative agenda. MOAA is in the fight to preserve our benefits. Chapter members let their legislators know what's on their minds with the strength of MOAA developed data behind us.

Give Back to the Community – We serve as MOAA's ambassadors in local communities. Members continue "officership" service and are giving back in the truest sense.

Expand Social Opportunities – Coronado sponsors programs and opportunities to interact with civic, political, military, and business leaders.

Network With Fellow Officers – Our membership includes second-career members in the work force and retired servicemembers who have contacts in their communities that can be valuable to transitioning officers.

Stay Informed – Our newsletter (Heliogram), website <http://www.moacoronado.org/>, and meetings provide you with the latest information on local, state, and national issues and changes to military benefits.

Influence State Legislation – Arizona's Council of Chapters unites our chapters to lobby for and pass state level legislation that affects military members and their families, such as exempting military retired pay from Arizona income tax or increasing funding for Arizona's veterans' programs.

Find Camaraderie With a Purpose – Coronado unites active duty, former, and retired officers from every branch of service. This gives you opportunities to connect with other members with similar backgrounds and interests and develop lasting friendships.

**Welcome to the Coronado Chapter - MOAA!**



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Date of Birth MM \_\_\_\_\_ DD \_\_\_\_\_ YYYY \_\_\_\_\_ 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 MM \_\_\_\_\_ DD \_\_\_\_\_ 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

Scholarship Donation (Indicate amount added if desired): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Ck Nbr: \_\_\_\_\_

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