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NOTE: Your BOD suspects that some of the members don't attend our evening 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. Please inform our Director of Personal Support Theresa Walsh know if you are willing to help provide this service. AND let her know if you would like this service support.

CORONADO CHAPTER, MEMBER-

SHIP

155 Members

- o 83 Regular Life
- o 31 Regular Annual
- o 15 Regular Basic
- o 24 Surviving Spouses
- o 2 Honorary





PRESIDENT

JAMES CLENNEY

I hope you are enjoying the waning days of the Monsoon weather. This weather (coupled w/ summer travels) bolsters our certainty that we live in a beautiful part of the world! I also hope that you have been kept busy with family and friend's activities. This has been a busy summer for the Coronado Chapter!

To start off, I want to welcome Ed Wozniak into the role of 1st Vice President. He brings a great deal of experience and knowledge to the position. I look forward to his leadership and council. Please join me in thanking him for his service to the Chapter.

In August, I received notification that the Chapter has been selected as <u>MOAA 5 Star Levels of Excellence Award</u> winner. Out of just over 400 MOAA affiliates, 161 councils and chapters nominated themselves for recognition this year. Despite a difficult year of transition from the COVID-19 pandemic the Coronado chapter was recognized to have "adapted and improvised when necessary to support and foster programs that directly support the MOAA mission," and our community. Tom Day (Immediate Past President) lead the charge on this effort and I appreciate his leadership and model service.

The challenges we have faced together, during and following the pandemic, have been tough. Coronado is facing several issues head on. One issue brought to our attention is the rising costs of activities of the Chapter. Our partners at Pueblo del Sol Country Club find themselves in a position of raising charges to meet their supplier economic pressures. Our PDS dinner meeting ticket price will increase to \$36 as of the October dinner. The Directors are evaluating many different options and opportunities. There is a wide range of options open to us; including, adjust to new pricing, schedule Luncheons, and find alternative locations/offerings. Please offer your comments and thoughts to 2nd VP Tom Hessler. We must and will develop a coherent plan to present to the Membership in the near future.

Unfortunately, we lost several leaders from among our ranks during the summer. Each of us have independent and snapshot memories about George Kirmse, Ruth Britton, and Bob Breed-

ing. Their departure is painful for us; whether as loss of a friend or as loss of ones who lead us. The Chaplain's segment of this Heliogram will have more.

This summer Coronado Chapter members continued to serve the community. Director Susan Day has begun the Scholarship activity for the coming year. We are continuing to reward scholars announced earlier in the Spring, by hosting 2022 JROTC Medal awardee Valen Morales at our September Dinner meeting. Director Wysong will fill us in on all the summer activities in September.

Our national program recognizing the Distinguished Honor Graduates (DHG) of the Commissioned and Warrant officer courses on Fort Huachuca continued at a high optempo. MOAA acquired seven officer-members through this program! Coronado is one of several chapters in the U.S. coordinating these awards. I was recently informed that our successful program acquires approximately a third of all DHGs that are gained nationally. Several officers have joined in serving as presenters of the award this summer. If you have an interest in helping us, by coordinating this program, we could use your expertise.

I received notification that the Chapter was awarded the MOAA 5 Star Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for the our Print/E-Newsletter for 2021! Congratulations and earnest Thank You to Harry Mallory and all who have input to the publication you are now reading. Much effort goes into keeping you informed through this instrument.

I encourage you to check out the monthly newsletter on <u>http://moaacoronado.org</u>. Check in on your compatriots' status, events, or observations on <u>Coronado MOAA Facebook Coronado MOAA</u> <u>Instagram Coronado MOAA LinkedIn</u> <u>Coronado MOAA Twitter</u> Stay well. Keep in touch with each other. Thank you for your service to our country and community. V/R Jim C



PAST PRESIDENT

TOM DAY

CHAPLAIN (COL) USA (RETIRED)

We need your help in filling our vacant Director and Deputy Director positions. The Nominating Committee is combing our membership for possibilities, but you may the key to filling our positions by volunteering or helping us find the right person for one of the below positions. If you or someone you know may be interested please call us. The other members on the committee are Wendy Breem, Tom Hessler, Jane Strom and John Black. Give them or me a call if you have a possible volunteer.

The Membership Director works with the Membership Committee in efforts to retain existing members and recruit new ones. The Committee will establish goals, plan and carry out membership-solicitation drives, and follow up on leads concerning potential members.

The Public Relations Director will provide information to local media outlets on the outcome of newsworthy chapter activities (e.g., veteran support projects, community service, scholarship award winners, etc.) and work with the Webmaster to keep our webpage, Facebook, and other accounts current.

The Webmaster/Facebook Deputy Director will keep the chapter's website up-to-date with current news about out chapter, will post our Board of Directors minutes, and post the Heliogram to our webpage. They will also review the Chapter Communications section of the National MOAA website for information pertinent to our Coronado Chapter membership.

The Transition Liaison and ESGR Director. Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) Director will be familiar with ESGR at http://www.esgr.mil/az and participate in activities that both educate and recognize employers who are supportive of veterans, Guardsmen, and Reservists. They will help promote job fairs and facilitate, coordinate, and schedule ESGR provided Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) training to employers on employment and reemployment rights of veterans, Guardsmen, and Reservists.

The Chapter Historian will assist with the preservation of the chapter's key documents and historical records and submit articles for the chapter newsletter.



CHAPLAIN NOTES

TOM DAY CHAPLAIN (COL) USA (RETIRED)

Friends in Coronado Chapter, it is again my honor to be your Chaplain. George Kirmse served for many years as your Chaplain and his wisdom and beautiful prayers will be missed greatly. He served our country, our Chapter and community faithfully and set an example for us all. Another member who passed this year was Ruth Britton. She was also active in our community and was a faithful member of our chapter and a good friend to many. We are also saddened to hear of the passing of Bill Breeding, a long-time member and previous officer of Coronado Chapter. He served our country and our community actively in many ways.

If there is anything I can do for you as your Chaplain please let me know. Since I am often out of town in my racetrack chaplaincy job, we have an Assistant Chaplain willing to assist you when I am away. Allen Goodman is our very capable Assistant Chaplain. We wish to be of assistance if there is anything we do to serve you. My number 915-588-9281 and I can reach Allen if I am not available.

Tom

Additional information regarding Ruth Britton's Memorial Service on the 8th of September can be found at:

https://www.myheraldreview.com/obituaries/ruth-ann-wright-britton-79/article_fbba021e-22f9-11ed-9a8b-137c00827f47.html





LEGISLATIVE AF-FAIRS

CDR Merle L. Kilpatrick, USNR (Retired)

A Legislative Reminder

The weekly National <u>MOAA Newsletter</u> is forwarded by email every Thursday/ Friday to all members and prospective members of Coronado Chapter of MOAA for your information and possible action. The Legislative Advocacy section usually has three topics of interest where a pre-formatted email, by your individual zip code, can be sent to your Legislators, House Members and Senators, to advise them of your thoughts on each selected topic. It only takes a few minutes to fill in the information in order to send the email to the appropriate Member of Congress. On some selected topics, a phone call is also an option. There are directions for each method of contact included with the topic.

When we as members make our collective voices heard, **people listen**. It sometimes takes a while to achieve the desired result, but the effort is worth the time. Several major items have been passed in the last year to assist current military members, retired military members and other veterans. With your help, MOAA and other veterans' organizations will continue to advocate for all military members and their families.

Merle Kilpatrick CDR USNR (Ret.) Legislative Director Coronado Chapter MOAA mlkplk@hotmail.com

If you are not receiving the MOAA Newsletter electronically and would like to, please go log onto your Profile page on the MOAA.org website and adjust your "<u>Communication</u> <u>Preferences</u>" and "<u>Opt In/Opt Out</u>" sections.



SCHOLARSHIPS

Susan Atchison-Day, Ed D.



Scholarship Update for Heliogram

The Chapter Board of Directors, because of your continuing support of our program, was able to approve \$12,000 for scholarships, which will be awarded in at our regular MOAA Dinner on 20 April 2023.

All local high schools will soon be notified of our scholarship requirements and timelines. Applications must be postmarked no later the 1 March 2023, are due in the Scholarship Director's possession no later than noon on 6 March 2023. We will present the winners to our membership at the dinner meeting, on 20 April 2023. Please mark the April meeting on your calendar, so you and our scholarship winners can become acquainted.

For your review, our chapter scholarships are offered to high school graduating seniors for use at a community college, a university or four-year college, a military service academy, or certified trade school. Two scholarships will be awarded to the best-qualified Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) students from Buena High School and/or Tombstone High School.

Additional scholarships will be awarded to the best-qualified applicants whose parents, grandparents, or legal guardians are on active duty, are an active reservist in a drill status, in the National Guard, or retired form the uniformed services. Students attending schools in the following areas, and home schoolers in certified programs in these communities, can apply: Benson, Berean, Bisbee, Bowie, Douglas, Patagonia, San Simon, Sierra Vista, St. David, Tombstone, Valley Union, or Willcox. Center for Academic Success.

Thanks again for our outstanding support to our Chapter Scholarship Program.

Susan Atchison-Day

Scholarship Chairman

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Notes of gratitude to the Coronado Chapter from our Scholarship awardees.



Dear Military officers Association of America,

Words cannot describe the level of appreciation I feel towards your chapter for supporting my goals and dreams. The dinner was UERY good and it was amound to take my parents out and have then enjoying themselves too! I will be sure to Heep in touch.

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Megan Izzo 111 2nd Street Huachuca City, AZ 85616

Bob Kellock, Treasurer Coronado Chapter, MOAA P. O. Box 1685 Sierra Vista, AZ 85635

Dear Mr. Bob Kellock

Hello, I'm Megan Izzo. I am one of the recipients of the \$3,000 scholarship. As proof of my enrollment into the school, I have included a copy of my schedule for the upcoming semester. The following is the university I am enrolled in and the information you need. I have also included my student ID just in case you need it.

University of Advancing Technology ATTN Rence Grauberger 2625 W Baseline Rd, Tempe, AZ 85283 Financial Aid Administrator's Office number: (480) 351-7840 MI21176216

I would like to thank you all again for this scholarship.

Sincerely,

Megan Izzo



MEMORIAL DAY IN SIERRA VISTA

President Jim did the honor of carrying and posting our MOAA flag during the Memorial Day ceremony at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery. We were one of ten organizations to post their flags during the ceremony. Major ceremony participants included Maj. Gen. Anthony Hale, C.G., US Army intelligence Center of Excellence @ Fort Huachuca and Sierra Vista Mayor Rick Mueller.









The MOAA shield for our lectern has been updated to the new one. We did this in time for our next dinner speaker from MOAA headquarters, which will be at our dinner meeting on 15 September. Our speaker will be Capt. Frank J. Michael, USN Retired, who is the Program Director, Council and Chapter Affairs.



Distinguished Honor Graduates in Military Intelligence training

for the period 1 May through 29 August.

Below: 2LT C. Smith DHG MIBOLC 2 August. Right: CPT S. O'Brien DHG MICCC 1 July. No Pic: 2LT R. Kainz DHG MIBOLC 30 June







Left: CPT DeCamp DHG MICCC 2 June No Pic: 2LT Byers DHG MIBOLC 7 June Right: WO1 Rodriguez. MIWOBC 18 May







SCHOLARSHIP DONORS LIST 2022

SUSTAINING LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of More Than \$ 300)	2022 GOLD LEVEL
American Legion Post 113	Beer, Ronald
Atchison-Day, Susan	Bobar, Robert
Day, Tom	Courtney, Nyles
Hicks, William	Dolge, Kathy & Dave
Lotero, Ron	Faulkner, Ronald
Symmes, Ken	Kilpatrick, Merle
Wysong, Roger & Lori	Puett, Joseph
	Scheumann, Steven
2022 SILVER LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$ 100.00 to \$ 199.00)	Walsh, Theresa

Bates, William
Bell, Gary
Black, John
Breen, Wendy
Britton, Ruth
Carlson, Samantha
Ehrenberger, Edward
Flynn, Joseph
Fyffe, Nancy
Goodman, Allen
Hall, Laura
Mallory, Harry & Jenniffer Venola
Manning, Donald
Nelson, Alfred
Otsuka, Y
Peele, John

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

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

TOTAL TO DATE: \$6,656.00

GOAL: \$10,000.00



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.



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Upcoming Programs

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

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

<u>**17 NOV '22 Col Wanda Wright, USAF (Ret)**</u> Update on the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Also, annual BOD election & business meeting

<u>15 DEC '22</u> Sierra Vista Community Chorus Our traditional holiday entertainment

<u>19 JAN '23 TBD</u> *Also, induction of new Board members*

Membership Drive

Dear members.

We need to increase our Chapter membership. Starting 1 October, we will institute a simple program to encourage you to bring in new members. Bring in a new chapter member and you will receive a Bronze Star recognition in the Heliogram. Bring in a second will elevate you to a Silver Star. A third will result in a Gold Star. More than three will result in additional Gold Stars. Any time you bring in a member who becomes a Life Member, you also receive a Platinum Star. There is no time period or limit.

Questions? Contact Tom Hessler at tjhessler@cox.net.

News you can use

Check in on your compatriots' status, events, or observations on:

Coronado MOAA Facebook

Coronado MOAA Instagram

Coronado MOAA LinkedIn

Coronado MOAA Twitter

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

Coronado Chapter MOAA is a Member of the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce.

<u>Coronado Chapter, Military Officers Association of America</u> <u>- Sierra Vista, AZ (sierravistaareachamber.org)</u>





September Dinner Menu

Fresh Garden Salad Rolls and butter Green Beans Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Salisbury Steak

RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

Lori Wysong is collecting Raffle Items

for the Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your support.





Membership Director Needed

Assist the 1st Vice President 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 or Ed Wozniak know if you have questions about these positions or would like to nominate yourself or someone else!

Ed Wozniak being installed as the First Vice President of the Coronado Chapter.



THURSDAY, SEPTE	MBER 15, 2022 DINNER RESERVATION FORM
	try Club, 2770 South Saint Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista
	Social Hour 1800 - Dinner 1830
My Name	Guest Name(s)
<u>Check Information:</u> Make checks Coronado Chapter, MOAA, P.O.	s_payable to Coronado Chapter, MOAA and mail to: Reservations, 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 desir	red (if any)
Reservations must be postma	urked by SEPTEMBER 1, 2022
Please change the following informat	tion for me: Address
Phone:	Email:
For more information about reser	vations contact Tom Hessler at 459-0093, tjhessler@cox.net
A note about reservations.	
	tion count to PDS 5 days before the dinner. Your reservation should be
ostmarked 14 days prior to the dinn If you even think you will be c	coming, you should make your reservation as early as convenient. We
	fore the dinner. We can alther return the sheet, destroy it or credit it

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 (<u>tjhessler@cox.net</u>) to be placed on a waiting list. We sometimes have an unavoidable last-minute cancellation.

Dinner cost going up!

As was expected, the cost of our dinners is going up. We have no choice but to raise our current charge from \$26 per meal to \$36 starting at our October dinner. We realize this may be a hardship for some, but it was inevitable. Between now and October we are looking at several other options. We plan on making this a subject for discussion with all who attend the October Dinner Meeting.



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/?

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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/

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is now: 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline



988 has been designated as the new three-digit dialing code that will route callers to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline. While some areas may be currently able to connect to the Lifeline by dialing 988, this dialing code will be available to everyone across the United States starting on July 16, 2022.







CORONADO CHAPTER		Membership on/Renewal	
Last Name	First	Initia	l Rank
Address Zip		City	
Email Address		Phone	e
Date of Birth MMDD		onal MOAA # AA Life Member?	
Please Circle all that apply:			
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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!