



# HELIOGRAM

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Two programs of note re: community support of future military members and the who have honorable served.

The first is **"Our Community Salutes."** This is a growing program with 42 communities in 16 states who sponsor the activities. This organization's mission is to support our next generation of service by recognizing young men and women who have committed to joining the US Armed Forces. The organization and program can be accessed through: <https://www.ourcommunitysalutes.org>.

The second program that calls out for support is **"Veterans Last Patrol."** This organization serves veterans by bringing new friends to visit and aid veterans in hospice. Here is a good link to learn about the program: <https://www.veteranlastpatrol.org>.

*Premium and Life members can access all MOAA publications. Learn more about membership benefits, and how to upgrade, [at this link](#).*

### CORONADO CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP

- 165 Total Chapter Members
- 80 Life Members
- 57 Regular Members
- 24 Surviving Spouse Members
- 4 Serving Honorary Members



## PRESIDENT

JAMES CLENNEY

LCDR, USN (Ret.)

This year I give thanks to having been blessed with freedom and the camaraderie of this chapter.

I invite you to check out the data and metrics of Coronado - compared to our sister Arizona chapters. The data shows that Coronado is doing well with recruiting. That is, in large part because of a viable Distinguished Honor Graduate program. We are thankful for Allen Goodman stepping into the role of Membership Director; you can be confident that our rollcall will remain stable and grow in all categories of membership. If you would like to help in any subject matter, contact Past President Tom Day – or any board member.

The tables show differences among chapters regarding the meetings, meals, and dues. As addressed during our deliberations about the Chapter Membership Dinner meetings settings, the Board will continue to monitor the expressed desires of our members regarding alternative settings and times. Please keep those cards and letters, emails, texts, and calls coming in!

The section entitled; “Numbers Tells a Story,” is a roll-up of data collected about all 10 Arizona MOAA Chapters. I believe it tells several stories about your service to our community. In a nutshell, 11% of Arizona MOAA members in Arizona provide over \$150K in community support! And a huge percentage of Coronado Chapters members have been recognized by the community as worthy of meaningful acknowledgement. And importantly the data shows that spouses are active partners in our community. Hooray and Thank You all! What a great mix of officers and spouses!

Speaking about active partners. You can be more effective in your actions through MOAA’s central Legislative Action Center. This site is an easy portal to linking you through a safe and direct line of communication with your Federal elected representatives: [MOAA | Legislative Action Center \(quorum.us\)](https://www.quorum.us). Member numbers are persuasive!

I offer a word of Thanks to the members and partners who work in the field as direct service providers to veterans. You are the people who are on point. You keep the rest of us alert to dangers and potentials. We have been reminded that Cochise County is experiencing a high number of suicides including veterans. Local organizations including Cochise Serving Veterans and Warrior Healing Center are filling important roles in combating suicide. I can tell from my interactions with leadership that they both embody (albeit with different methods) my belief that relieving the stress of activities of daily living will alleviate stress which otherwise could lead to suicide. Please be supportive of those who serve as direct points of contact with our veterans in need.

Have a good holiday season this month. I will be celebrating a Merry Christmas with my eye on the new hope that this day brings to every year, and every life.

v/r  
Jim C

# AZ Chapters – Metrics

CHAPTER	LOE 2020	MOAA CATEGORY		MEMBERS (CM)			CM PRES	501 (c)(19)	501 (c)(3)	RECRUIT		RETAIN BONUS	NEWSLETTER		WEBSITE		ROTC / JROTC SUPPORT		LIAB INSURE	EFT MOAA	PRES OPT IN	LAST MOAA VISIT	
		2021	2022	5/1/22	11/1/22	% MOAA	Y / N	Y / N	Y / N	2021 / 2022	Incentive	NA	Y / N	AWARD	Y / N	AWARD	Y / N	ROTC/JROTC	Scholarships	Y / N	Y / N		Y / N
Arizona	5	5	5	167	167	100	Y	Y	Y	10 / 21	1		Y	5	Y	5	Y	3 / 15	\$ 7,500	Y	Y	Y	Jan - 22
Catalina Mtns	NA	2	2		64		Y	In-prog	N	NA / 64	2				Y		N			N	Y	Y	Mar - 22
Coronado	5	5	5	158	162	99	Y	Y	N	26 / 27	13		Y	5	Y	5	Y	0 / 2	\$ 12,000	N	Y	Y	Sep - 22
Grand Canyon	5	4	4	127	128	100	Y	Y	Y	14 / 7	1		Y	5	Y		Y	2 / 5	\$ 2,000	Y	Y	Y	Jan - 21
Green Valley	5	3	3	82	79	100	Y	Y	Y	4 / 9	1		Y	4	Y	4	Y	0 / 3	\$ 4,500	Y	Y	Y	Mar - 22
Luke	5	5	5	193	192	99	Y	Y	Y	12 / 14	1		Y	5	Y	5	Y	4 / 13 *	\$ 35,000	Y	Y	Y	Jan - 20
Northern Arizona	5	4	3	72	55	99	Y	Y	N	5 / 2			Y	4	Y		Y	2 / 2	\$ 2,200	Y	Y	Y	Jun - 19
Superstition Mtn	5	4	4	100	101	100	Y	Y	N	0 / 3			Y	5	Y	5	Y	3 / 21	\$ 600	N	Y	Y	Mar - 22
Tucson	5	3	2	95	44	98	Y	501(c)4	Y	13 / 17			Y		Y		Y	3 / 4	\$ 5,300	Y	Y	Y	Mar - 22
Yuma	5	1	1	25	23	100	Y	N	N	0 / 2	1		Y		Y		Y	0 / 1		N	Y	Y	Feb - 21
<b>Total</b>				1019	1015	99	10	7	5	84 / 102	20		9	7	10	5	9	17 / 66 *	\$ 69,100	6	10	10	

CHAPTER	MEETINGS							MEALS			DUES				
	FREQ	DARK	DAY	L / D	ATTEND	PICNIC	XMAS	COST	RSVP	PRE-PAY	REG	SS	OTHER	1 <sup>st</sup> YEAR FREE	ONLINE
Arizona	M - 9	Jun - Aug	3rd Sat	L	55			\$ 30	Y	Option	\$ 20	\$ 10			Y
Catalina Mtns	M - 9	Jun - Aug	3rd Sat	L	30		Y	\$ 25	Y		\$ 20	\$ 10			
Coronado	M - 9	Jun - Aug	3rd Thu	D	50			\$ 36	Y	Y	\$ 15	\$ 10	*	Y	
Grand Canyon	M - 10		3rd Tue	L	30 - 45	Y	Y	\$ 20	Y	Door	\$ 20	\$ 10			Y
Green Valley	BOD-9/Ch-6	Jun-Aug/Vary	1st Wed / Varies	D	30 - 40		Y	\$ 26	Y	Y	\$ 25	\$ 15			
Luke	M - 8	Jun - Sep	Thu (Varies)	D	90 - 130		Y	\$ 34	Y	Y	\$ 25	\$ 15			Chap
Northern Arizona	Bi - M		1 <sup>st</sup> Fri (even M)	L	25 - 30		Y	\$ 30	Y	Option	\$ 25	\$ 5			Y
Superstition Mtn	M - 12		3rd Sat	L	20 - 30			\$ 30	Y	Option	\$ 25	\$ 13			
Tucson	M - 8	Jun - Aug	4th Thu	L	25 - 30		Y	\$ 28	Y		\$ 20	\$ 20	\$ 8		
Yuma	M - 10	Jul - Aug	3rd Wed	D	20			\$ 17	Y		\$ 15	\$ 10			

\* Coronado: Reg = 5 yrs \$50 & Life \$150; SSP = 5 yrs \$40 & Life \$100

## Numbers Tell A Story

- 82,577 \$ of contributions communities/veterans
- 69,100 \$ of scholarships awarded by Arizona chapters
- 9,415 MOAA members in Arizona
- 1,015 Chapter members in Arizona (11%)
- 596 Zip codes in chapter catchment areas
- 115 MOAA chapter members in AZVHOF (24%)
- 11 Consecutive years for clean-sweep of 5-Star LOE
- 9 Surviving spouses in 11 leader positions
- 8 Spouses in 10 leader positions
- 1 Number of AZ VSOs with 100% BC Partners – MOAA

**PAST PRESIDENT****TOM DAY****CHAPLAIN (COL) USA (RETIRED)****WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE NEED YOUR HELP! WE NEED YOUR HELP!****We need your help in filling our vacant Director and Deputy Director positions.**

If you or someone you know may be interested in one of these positions, please call us. The members on the committee are Tom Day, Wendy Breen, Tom Hessler, Ed Wozniak and John Black. Give one of us a call if you have a possible volunteer.

**The Public Relations Director**

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**

The Webmaster/Facebook Deputy Director will keep the chapter's website up-to-date with current news about our chapter, will post our Board of Directors minutes, and post the Helio-gram 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**

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

**MEMBERS AND SPOUSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY OF THESE POSITIONS!**

Past President Tom Day, Nomination Committee



## CHAPLAIN NOTES

**TOM DAY**

**CHAPLAIN (COL) USA (RETIRED)**

Hope you had a blessed and happy Thanksgiving and I wish you peace, joy and love as we approach Christmas and Hannukah. We will celebrate Christmas in the Middle East and be thinking of you as we do. We also will learn more about the history of Hannukah and a lot more!

If you wish to join those on Fort Huachuca for any of the Religious Services of Christmas or Hannukah call 520-533-4748, the Garrison Chaplain's Office, for the time of those services. Our hearts were greatly saddened by the passing of Bob Strain on October 29<sup>th</sup>. He was an outstanding patriot and "Sierra Vista's public servant." When I was Installation Chaplain Mayor Bob brought together every organization he could to support our military, families and veterans. Tom Hessler spoke highly of him in the Sierra Vista Herald, "In recognition of the many great accomplishments during his lifetime, he was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, Class of 2012. He was selected by the Greater Sierra Vista United Veterans Council as its 2014 Veteran of the Year. Bob was also selected by the Legacy Foundation of Southeast Arizona in 2018 to be honored on the Veterans Wall in the Canyon Vista Medical Center." Please keep Jane in your thoughts and prayers. We will miss you Bob.

Tom



## SCHOLARSHIPS

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

For his year April's awards, we have \$12,000 already budgeted for our military-family scholars. Each year the fund must be renewed, however. As Christmas approaches, please consider including the MOAA Coronado Chapter Scholarship Program in your giving in order to keep the available funds continuing and growing. Thank you for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Applications are shared in this Heliogram and must be dated no later than March 1, 2023 and received by March 6, 2023, 6pm.



## LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

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

### **What's Next For Proposed Eligibility Changes For Arlington?**

MOAA's work to preserve the national cemetery benefit continues with a meeting between MOAA senior leadership and secretary of the Army, Christine Wormuth, in late July to discuss the planned eligibility reduction for internment (in-ground burial) at Arlington National Cemetery (ANC). We followed that same effort with a briefing to a high-level Navy Retiree Council on the same topic.

While MOAA carries its message to DoD, VA, and congressional leaders, the need for grassroots action remains. "Arlington National Cemetery in-ground burial will not reach capacity for 42 years with current standards," said Gen. Walter L. "Skip" Sharp, USA (Ret), MOAA's outgoing chairman of the board. "This leaves time to develop a new location and to slowly transition, while maintaining current eligibility for all those who have planned for in-ground burial at Arlington."

The draft rule would reduce interment eligibility to those awarded a Silver Star and above or Purple Heart, forcing nearly all veterans currently eligible to change plans or opt for cremation and inurnment in a columbarium at ANC. Unfortunately, the columbarium will reach capacity in the 2040's, according to ANC staff. The hard fact remains: even with ANC's Southern Expansion project, burial and columbarium space will run out.

The "fix" offered by the eligibility changes is anything but – the new rules focus on combat awards as the discriminator for eligibility, which would serve to disqualify many 20-year retirees and nearly all female veterans. Even Vietnam-era veterans who earned the Bronze Star with "V" device for valor would not qualify under the new arrangement.

These rule changes, part of the federal rulemaking process, had yet to take effect as of this time. They were with the secretary of defense for review. Wormuth told MOAA she is in discussions with the VA on options regarding a report due to Congress regarding eligibility.

MOAA covered the proposed changes as part of a recent legislative briefing for the Secretary of the Navy's Retiree Council, leading to a lively discussion. Some council members were frustrated with, or unaware of, the proposed changes.

Although DoD is exploring options with the VA, it can't sit on the draft rule indefinitely. DoD has committed to keeping military and veterans service organizations informed so there are no surprises when the rule moves to the Office of Management and Budget, the next step in its finalization.

Organizations such as The Military Coalition, a group of military and veterans service organizations (including MOAA) representing a combined membership of nearly 5.5 million, have sent letters to Congress to support a long-term solution to protect this benefit.

One possible solution: there are 155 VA-run national cemeteries, many adjacent to a military installation. Transforming an existing national cemetery into the next ANC that affords full military honors will preserve the benefit and honor the intent for our veterans.



## LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

**CDR Merle L. Kilpatrick,  
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The Expanding Cemetery Act will authorize DoD and the VA to transform an existing VA-run national cemetery into the next location that will afford internment with full military honors as ANC reaches capacity. Time is running short this legislative year, with many lawmakers focused on midterm elections. Ask your lawmakers to support this legislation in order to protect this important benefit.

As you reach out to your lawmakers, be sure to let them know if these proposed changes would affect your plans, or those of a family member, for a final resting place. Many veterans may have long-held arrangements, some in place for decades, and could be forced to change these plans based on unjust and unnecessary rules.

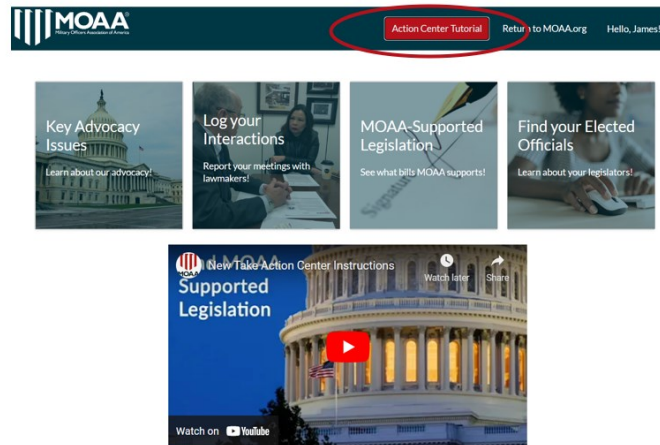
You can also tell your story to MOAA to help inform our advocacy. Send your comments and information to [legis@moaa.org](mailto:legis@moaa.org) if you would like to join our efforts.

Credit to: Lt.Col. Mark Belinsky, USA (Ret), director of Currently Serving and Retired Affairs, Government Relations

Click on the link to learn how to access your elected representatives. This is worth your time!

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

Quorum Sign-up: moaa.org → Advocacy → Legislative Action Center



All Members should familiarize themselves with the Quorum platform to help with your personal advocacy actions.

**Q. How do I find what bills MOAA supports in the current session of Congress?**

A. Click the “MOAA-Supported Legislation” button on the homepage of the Legislative Action Center to see what bills MOAA has publicly supported for the current session of Congress. The organization's endorsement process is deliberative; MOAA will not support or oppose any legislation without a thorough review of its potential effects, positive or negative.

**Recent Successes**

There are direct connections between our grassroots actions and these successes.

- FY 2022 NDAA: Pay raise at 2.6%, established Basic Needs Allowance, improved child development centers
- Equal incentive pay for reserve components
- Housing: Congress directed housing assessment; DoD issued BAH increase
- Health care: Achieved another halt to billet cuts and increased oversight; included mental health scheduler pilot, improved appeals process, and expanded prenatal care
- Arizona Income Tax Exemption for Military Retired Pay



The below information was shared by the Warrior Healing Center as a result of collaboration with an Arizona university.

Your Service in efforts to lower the numbers in suicides is encouraged and encouraging.

### Veteran Suicide in Cochise County

- In the past 14 months, there have been 14 veteran suicides in Cochise County THAT WE KNOW OF
- Since 2009 when we started this work, there have been 39 veteran suicides here
- In the population under age 40, suicide is the leading non-accidental cause of death by far
- In the past 4 years, there have been more under age 40 suicides here (61) than deaths by homicide (14) and natural causes (32) \*combined\*
- Cochise County has had a total of 139 suicides here in the last 4 years
- Now is NOT the time to take our foot off the gas in veteran suicide prevention—we are just getting started

Source; WHC MUB Report Nov 22



If you or anyone you know is experiencing thoughts of suicide,  
please reach out for help immediately.



The Military Crisis Line (MCL) is a toll-free, confidential resource, with support 24/7, that connects Service members, including members of the National Guard and Reserve, and their family members with qualified, caring responders. The MCL is staffed by responders who understand the challenges that Service members and their loved ones face.

- Call: **Dial 988 then Press 1**
- Chat: [www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net](http://www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net)
- Text: **838255**

Need crisis assistance while overseas? The following overseas locations have direct crisis line numbers for active duty Service members:

- In Europe: Call **00800 1273 8255** or **DSN 118**
- In Korea: Call **0808 555 118** or **DSN 118**
- Crisis chat support is available elsewhere and internationally at [www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net](http://www.MilitaryCrisisLine.net)

In an emergency, **dial 911** or your local emergency number immediately. An emergency is any situation that requires immediate assistance from the police, fire department, or an ambulance.



**Military OneSource** provides 24/7 support to Service members, including the National Guard and Reserve, and eligible family members for non-crisis concerns, such as relationship, family, or financial challenges. Arrange a face-to-face, phone, online, or video counseling session:

- CONUS: **800-342-9647**
- OCONUS: **800-342-9647** or **703-253-7599** (for country-specific instructions, see <https://www.militaryonesource.mil/international-calling-options/>)
- Chat: <https://livechat.militaryonesourceconnect.org/chat>
- Web: <https://www.militaryonesource.mil>
- App: My Military OneSource (available from Google Play and the Apple App Store)

**Coronado Chapter**  
**The Military Officers Association of America**

**SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT (non-JROTC)**

The Coronado Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is pleased to announce the 2022 – 2023 Scholarship Program

A number of Scholarships will be awarded during the 2022 – 2023 school year to eligible graduating seniors.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

1. The applicant must be a 2023 Graduating Senior from one of the following high schools: Benson, Bisbee, Bowie, Buena, Douglas, Patagonia, San Simon, St. David, Tombstone, Valley Union, Willcox, a certified Charter High School or a certified Home School Program in the geographic area covered by the above high schools.
2. The applicant's parent, grandparent, or legal guardian must be active duty military, retired (20+ year career) military, an active reservist in drill status, or National Guard Member.
3. The applicant must have an overall academic Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
4. The applicant must enroll in a community college, a college, a university, military/service academy, or trade school.

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

1. Scholastic Standing in high school.
2. Involvement and leadership in school and/or community activities.
3. Timely submission of a properly completed application.
  - a. Applications must be received no later than 6pm, 6 March 2023, whether mailed or delivered in person.
  - b. Applications must be personally given to the POC, or mailed to: Susan Atchison-Day, Scholarship Director, MOAA Coronado Chapter, PO Box 394, Sonoita, AZ 85637. If mailed, the application must be postmarked **NLT 1 March 2023.**
  - c. Favorable endorsement by the high school principal or a designated authority.
  - d. Candidates are encouraged to submit additional letters of recommendation from counselors, teachers, coaches, and supervisors.

**POINT OF CONTACT (POC):** Susan Atchison-Day, Ed.D., Scholarship Director, MOAA Coronado Chapter, 915-588-9282 (cell), or [mtnridinglady@yahoo.com](mailto:mtnridinglady@yahoo.com)

Enclosed: Scholarship Application

The Military Officers Association of America  
Coronado Chapter

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2022-2023 (non-JROTC)

(Print Clearly or Type)

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ High School \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS (complete with Zip): \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (cell and home): \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL : \_\_\_\_\_ OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/SERVICE ACADEMY? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ACCEPTED? \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT OR LEGAL GUARDIAN'S MILITARY STATUS: \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The following items are required to be submitted with this application.

1. Attach a brief summary/resume.
  - a. Indicate your involvement in school and community activities.
  - b. List your significant accomplishments.
  - c. Explain your future plans and goals.
2. A copy of your high school transcript showing class rank and GPA.
3. A document verifying your Parent, Grandparent, or Legal Guardian's current or retired (20+ year career) military status, with the Social Security Number obliterated.
4. At least one letter of recommendation from either: teacher; coach; supervisor; or counselor.
5. A letter of endorsement/recommendation from your High School Principal or a designated authority.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

1. Applications may be (a) **mailed and postmarked no later than 1 March 2023**, to Susan Atchison-Day, Scholarship Director, MOAA Coronado Chapter, PO Box 394, Sonoita, AZ 85637-0394. (b) **OR** they may be hand delivered to the Dr. Day. Regardless of the delivery method, applications must be **received no later than 1800 (6pm), 6 March 2023**.
2. If you are selected as a finalist, you must appear for an interview by the MOAA Scholarship Selection Committee the on Friday, March 2023, or Friday, 24 March 2023.
3. Only correctly completed applications meeting the criteria specified in the MOAA Scholarship Announcement and this Application, and received on time, will be considered.
4. Final Scholarship Awards will be presented at the MOAA Chapter Meeting on 20 April 2023.

**POINT OF CONTACT (POC):** Susan Atchison-Day, Ed.D., MOAA Coronado Chapter Scholarship Director, 915-588-9282 (cell), or mtm-ridinglady@yahoo.com

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify that all information submitted with this application is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature or Parent's Signature if not 18 years of age

Print Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Coronado Chapter**  
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**SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT (for JROTC)**

The Coronado Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is pleased to announce the 2022-23 Scholarship Program

Two scholarships will be awarded during the 2022-23 school year to graduating seniors enrolled in the JROTC Programs at Buena High School and/or Tombstone High School.

**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:**

1. The applicants must be 2023 Graduating Seniors from Buena or Tombstone High Schools.
2. The applicants must be enrolled and satisfactorily participating in the Buena or Tombstone High Schools' JROTC Program.
3. The applicant must have an overall academic Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
4. The applicant must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale in JROTC classes.
5. The applicant must enroll in a community college, a college, a university, or military/service academy.

**CRITERIA FOR SELECTION:**

1. Scholastic Standing in high school.
2. Involvement, scholastic standing and leadership in JROTC.
3. Involvement and leadership in school and/or community activities.
4. Timely submission of a properly completed application:  
Applications must be postmarked no later than 1 March 2023, and received no later than 6 pm on 6 March 2023. Applications must be mailed or personally delivered to: Susan Atchison-Day, Scholarship Director, MOAA Coronado Chapter, PO Box 394, Sonoita, AZ. 85637-0394.
5. Favorable endorsement by the Senior Army Instructor, Buena High School or Tombstone High School JROTC Program. Include JROTC class standing and GPA.
6. Endorsements from at least two Teachers, Coaches, work supervisors or other adults that are familiar with the student's leadership abilities and potential.

**POINT OF CONTACT (POC):** Susan Atchison-Day, Ed.D., MOAA Coronado Chapter Scholarship Director, 915-588-9282 (cell), or [mtnriddinglady@yahoo.com](mailto:mtnriddinglady@yahoo.com).

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**SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION 2022-2023 (For JROTC APPLICANTS)**

**(Print Clearly or Type)**

This application applies to seniors enrolled in the JROTC programs at Buena and Tombstone High Schools.

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_ **High School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PHONE (cell & home):** \_\_\_\_\_ **EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**OVERALL GRADE POINT AVERAGE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **JROTC GPA Only:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY/SERVICE ACADEMY? ACCEPTED?** \_\_\_\_\_

**INSTRUCTIONS:** The following items are required to be submitted with this application.

1. Attach a brief summary/resume.
  - a. Describe your involvement in JROTC activities.
  - b. Indicate your involvement in other school and community activities.
  - c. List your significant accomplishments.
  - d. Indicate your interest, if any, in a military career.
  - e. An explanation of your future plans and goals.
2. A copy of your high school **transcript showing class rank and GPA.**
3. A letter of recommendation by the Senior Army Instructor of your school's JROTC Program. Include JROTC GPA and class standing in JROTC.
4. Two additional letters of recommendation/endorsements from any of the following: teachers; coaches; work supervisors; counselors; or other adults that are familiar with your leadership ability and potential for future leadership positions.

**CERTIFICATION:** I certify that all information submitted with this application is true and correct.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Applicant's Signature or Parent's Signature if not 18 years of age) (Print Name) (Date)

**SCHOLARSHIP DONORS LIST 2022**

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

American Legion Post 113  
Atchison-Day, Susan  
Day, Tom  
Hicks, William  
Loter, Ron  
Symmes, Ken  
Wysong, Roger & Lori  
Kilpatrick, Merle  
Kellock, Robert

**2022 GOLD LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$200 to \$299)**

Beer, Ronald  
Bobar, Robert  
Courtney, Nyles  
Dolge, Kathy & Dave  
Faulkner, Ronald  
Ehrenberger, Edward  
Puett, Joseph  
Scheumann, Steven  
Walsh, Theresa

**2022 SILVER LEVEL**  
**(Cumulative Donations of \$ 100.00 to \$ 199.00)**

Bates, William  
Bell, Gary  
Black, John  
Breen, Wendy  
Britton, Ruth  
Ehrenberger, Edward  
Flynn, Joseph  
Fyffe, Nancy  
Goodman, Allen  
Hall, Laura  
Mallory, Harry  
Manning, Donald  
Nelson, Alfred  
Otsuka, Y  
Peele, John  
Scheumann, Steven  
Walsh, Theresa

**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.  
Venola, Jennifer

**TOTAL TO DATE: \$ 7,800.50**

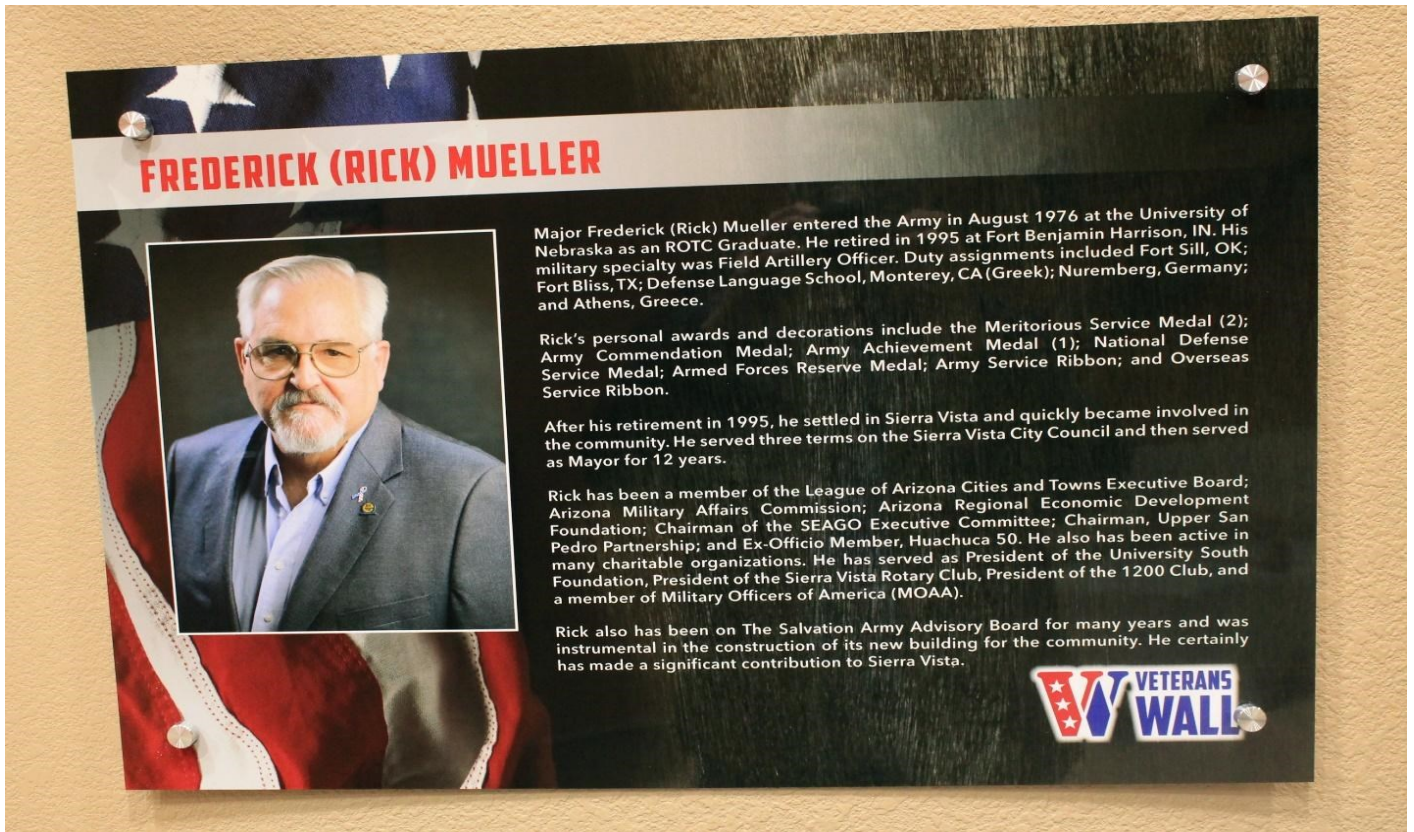
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ANNOUNCING A NEW HELIOGRAM FEATURE

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.

**Chapter Members Honored**

Four members of our chapter are among twelve veterans recently selected to be honored on the Veterans Wall at the Canyon Vista Medical Center in Sierra Vista. The awards are annually presented by the Legacy Foundation of South-east Arizona. The four members are Rick Mueller, Don Price, Trish Thompson and Robert White.



**FREDERICK (RICK) MUELLER**


Major Frederick (Rick) Mueller entered the Army in August 1976 at the University of Nebraska as an ROTC Graduate. He retired in 1995 at Fort Benjamin Harrison, IN. His military specialty was Field Artillery Officer. Duty assignments included Fort Sill, OK; Fort Bliss, TX; Defense Language School, Monterey, CA (Greek); Nuremberg, Germany; and Athens, Greece.

Rick's personal awards and decorations include the Meritorious Service Medal (2); Army Commendation Medal; Army Achievement Medal (1); National Defense Service Medal; Armed Forces Reserve Medal; Army Service Ribbon; and Overseas Service Ribbon.

After his retirement in 1995, he settled in Sierra Vista and quickly became involved in the community. He served three terms on the Sierra Vista City Council and then served as Mayor for 12 years.

Rick has been a member of the League of Arizona Cities and Towns Executive Board; Arizona Military Affairs Commission; Arizona Regional Economic Development Foundation; Chairman of the SEAGO Executive Committee; Chairman, Upper San Pedro Partnership; and Ex-Officio Member, Huachuca 50. He also has been active in many charitable organizations. He has served as President of the University South Foundation, President of the Sierra Vista Rotary Club, President of the 1200 Club, and a member of Military Officers of America (MOAA).

Rick also has been on The Salvation Army Advisory Board for many years and was instrumental in the construction of its new building for the community. He certainly has made a significant contribution to Sierra Vista.



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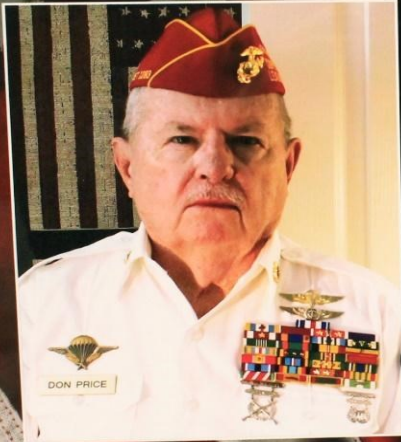


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**DONALD LEE PRICE**



Colonel Don Price entered the Marine Corps in 1956 at Flagstaff, AZ and retired in Washington DC in 1992 after 33 years of service.

Serving as an infantry officer, he had three tours of duty in Vietnam. His awards and decorations include The Silver Star Medal, the Defense Superior Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, the Legion of Merit, three Bronze Star Medals with Combat "V," the Purple Heart, eight Air Medals, the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Joint Service Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, three Navy Commendation Medals with Combat "V," the Army Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, and the Combat Action Ribbon.

His community service primarily involved working with Sierra Vista veteran groups.

In 2004 Don revitalized Sierra Vista's Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter and was elected chapter commander. Don founded the Thunder Mountain Detachment of the Marine Corps League in 2007. He opened a Detachment headquarters office at the Warriors' Healing Center (WHC) where he established a free veterans lending library.

He joined the Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Assist Team in 2006 and became a background investigator. He was chosen as the team's Volunteer of the Year in 2015.

He started a Toys For Tots program in 2010 that has grown county wide.

Don was Inducted into the Arizona Veterans' Hall of Fame in 2017.

He and his wife Arlene reside in Sierra Vista.



**TRISHA D. THOMPSON**



CWS/W05 Trisha Thompson entered the Army in April 1981 at Dallas, TX and retired in January 2006 at Fort Carson CO. She served as a 153DO/UH-60 Pilot. She was deployed to Fort Carson, CO; Fort Rucker, AL; and Buckley Air Force Base CO. She also deployed to Germany, Honduras, Slovenia, and Guyana.

Trisha has an extensive 25 year aviation background in Helicopters and Fixed Wing aircraft. She served as Senior Instructor Pilot, Test Pilot, Instrument Examiner, and Company Commander during her career. She flew the UH-1, OH58, OH6, UH-60 Blackhawk, and Army fixed wing aircraft.

Her awards and decorations include Master Army Aviator Badge, Army Achievement Medal (3), Army Good Conduct Award, National Defense Service Medal (2), Army Commendation Medal (5), Air Force Achievement Medal; Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal (3); Armed Forces Reserve Medal.

She is active in the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and is a Life Member. She also serves as the Veterans Liaison Officer organizing support under various Veteran Assistance Programs. Trish is a volunteer in the Sierra Vista Office of Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick where she serves on the Board of Veterans Affairs and provides input and counsel to the Congresswoman on issues impacting veterans and their families. She also is the Senior Vice Commander of the Disabled American Veterans. She instituted a contact plan to reach out to members with whom the Chapter had lost touch.

Trish resides with Melanie Kuehn in Sierra Vista.



**ROBERT C. WHITE JR**



Colonel White entered the Army on February 13, 1970 at Ann Arbor, MI and retired from Active Duty on February 29, 2000 at Fort Huachuca. His primary duty was as a Tactical Intelligence Officer.

His duty assignments included Chief of Staff, Fort Huachuca, AZ. ; Director Academic Policy, U.S. Army War College, Carlisle, PA; and Chief, Plans & Ops, U.S. Army Europe. Bob's personal awards and decorations include: Distinguished Service Medal; Legion of Merit; Bronze Star Medal; Defense Meritorious Service Medal; Meritorious Service Medal (3); Air Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal.

Following retirement from active service he served as the civilian Deputy Director, Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence, where he oversaw Military Intelligence personnel policy for the Department of the Army.

Bob's community service has been valuable and varied. He has been a member of the Cochise County Sheriff's Assist Team. During the Monument Fire, Bob was routinely on the scene, notifying residents of evacuation orders and helping to maintain safe operations for the firefighters. He also has been active in Rotary International, serving as the District Grants Chair and the Global Grants Chair. As an active Rotarian, Bob participated in community events such as the Sierra Vista 4th of July festivities, riding in the El Tour de Tucson bicycle race, providing dictionaries and thesauri to local schoolchildren, and distributing polio vaccinations to children in Mexico.

Bob is a member of the Legacy Foundation's Board of Directors, serving on the Grants and Finance Committee.

He and his wife Kathleen reside in Hereford.



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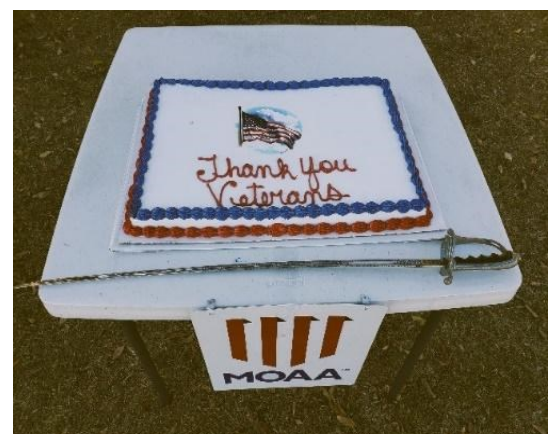
## Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony

For over 25 years in a row (a guess), our chapter has participated in Sierra Vista's Veterans Day Parade and Ceremony. This year it was on a beautiful brisk autumn morning. Ten of our members rode on Allen



Goodman's "holy roller" with Allen pulling with his tractor. The name "holy roller" was coined since the seats on the float are church pews. The members were Bob Abney, Bob Bates, Yukie Chinneth, Jim & Kandy Clenney, Allen & Donna Goodman, Bob & Samantha Kellock, and Ken Symmes.

Tom Hessler was not on the float since he was already at Veterans Memorial Park delivering and guarding the MOAA sponsored ceremonial cake. The ceremony culminated with MG Christopher Eubank, retired Command Sergeant Major Eric Fowler (Veteran of the Year and parade marshal), and Mayor Rick Mueller cutting the cake. After the cer-





Tom Hessler



2-VP

**Upcoming Programs**

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

15 DEC '22 Sierra Vista Community Chorus

Our traditional holiday entertainment

19 JAN '23 Michael G. Hyatt, Patrol Agent in Charge, Border Patrol Also, induction of new Board members

16 FEB '23 TBD

16 MAR '23 Honoring Our Surviving Spouses

20 APR '23 Honoring Our Scholarship Recipients

18 MAY '23 TBD

No Dinners in Jun, Jul or Aug

**Deputy Programs Director**

I am looking for a Deputy Programs Director. This is someone to understudy and back me up. As your Chapter 2VP in charge of programs, I have been acting essentially alone for many years. If you might have any interest in assisting me as a Deputy Programs Director, please feel free to call my cell at 520-227-0545, email me at tjhessler@cox.net, or approach me at a dinner meeting

Thank you.

Tom Hessler

2VP, Programs

**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/>

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**THURSDAY, December 15, 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,  
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Amount for meal at \$36.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Amount for Operating Fund \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

Fresh Caesar Salad

Rolls &amp; Butter

Vegetable Medley

Potatoes au Gratin

Carved On-line Ham

Fruit Cobbler

Number of vegetarian meals desired (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

**Reservations must be postmarked by December 3, 2022**

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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

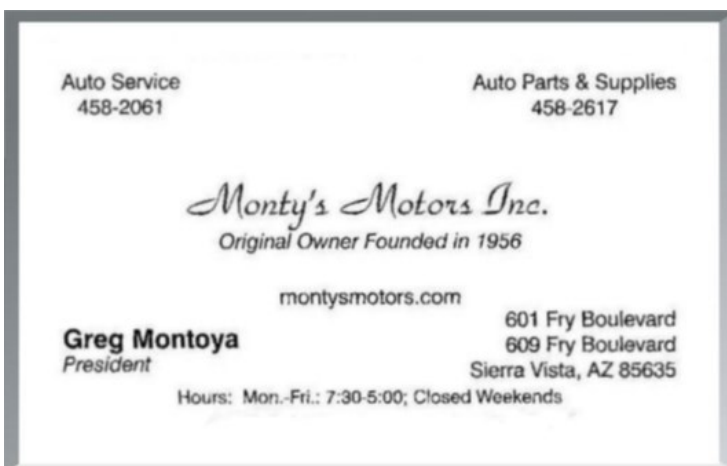
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**Suicide Rate Among Veterans Up Again Slightly, Despite Focus on Prevention Efforts** <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/suicide-rate-among-veterans-up-again-slightly,-despite-focus-on-prevention-efforts/>

### 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!**



**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP****APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

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(New Memberships are free for the remainder of this year.)

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