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2023 GOAL STATEMENTS

- 1. Support the three primary 20223 MOAA National Advocacy in Action topics through engagement with our members and appropriate elected officials.
- 2. 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.
- 3. Support the educational goals of qualifying graduating seniors through a system of highly publicized scholarship funding.
- 4. 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.
- 5. 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.

Premium and Life members can access all MOAA publications.

Learn more about membership benefits, and how to upgrade,

at this link.

CORONADO CHAPTER, MEMBERSHIP

168 Total Chapter Members

Life Members: 80

Basic and Annual Members: 59

Surviving Spouse 25

Honorary Members: 4





PRESIDENT

JAMES CLENNEY LCDR, USN (Ret.)

I hope you are enjoying your holiday season. I look forward to sharing a fun and successful year in 2023!

I know from observation of Coronado friends that individual members will continue to significantly serve the community; as care providers, law enforcement officials, knowledge sharers, elected representatives, partners in action, counselors, and involved citizens. The Chapter will do our best to support our members' community. To ensure we do things that support our mission, the Board is working on <u>2023</u>'s chapter goals. Please submit recommended topics for attention to your chapter officers and directors. The following information provides you with a general outline of our progress.

We have positioned ourselves to help veteran families through MOAA Foundation programs, as well as using chapter resources. We are doing what we can to support our members' personal support of service organizations.

The Chapter is in cadence with several local veterans and military organizations, including the Warrior Healing Center and Cochise Serving Veterans. These two well-known organizations are shown to have positive impacts on many veterans. Such actions call for the Chapter to sponsor both personal and financial support of our members. We are continually evaluating other organizations for partnering opportunities. If you have a recommendation for a target organization who would be a good partner for us, I recommend you let us know about it.

We will be improving our connection through electronic communication. Our target is a heightened ability to pass information; via easily administered programs; using easily accessed methods; and produced in easily read formats. We are also working to improve the method used to communicate with members and our interested information recipients. I believe that within 2023, legislative information and member supportable veteran topics will be more efficiently distributed in less complex methods to all of us.

We are working on providing a secure online ability to make membership dues payments and donations, via a MOAA designed and sponsored online system. This is an opportunity to ease the burden of payment for both you and the Treasurer. We will offer access to an online chapter subscription and donation system <u>and</u> the current USPS-carried paper check writing for your selection.

We have suffered some pain from within the ranks of the chapter this past year. Our losses were hard ones. As is normal for the typical chapter member, we redouble our efforts to serve our fellows while we carry the loss of a mate, share the pain of an injury, or empathize with the hurt of another. Serving each other, during times of loss, is part and parcel of the psyche of everyone who serves in a military family. Every one of you are a benefit to Sierra Vista, and I am honored to serve with you. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. We are blessed and privileged to live here, now. You are well worthy because of your service.





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 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

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





LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

CDR Merle L. Kilpatrick, USNR (Retired)

Widows Tax Repealed in Total: A legislative victory in 2019 is fully realized next month.

Three years ago, surviving spouses, veteran service organizations and the entire military community were elated as the Widows Tax was repealed.

Some had been involved in advocacy efforts for decades, making countless phone calls and contending with their fair share of dashed hopes.

But in 2019, bipartisan support in Congress was at its strongest, advocates united and the mantra "Axe the Widows Tax" filled the halls of the Capitol.

President Trump on Dec. 20, 2019, signed the National Defense Authorization Act and with it came a phased-in repeal of the Survivor Benefit Plan-Dependency Indemnity Compensation (SBP-DIC) offset.

In January, the Widows Tax will be fully repealed and surviving spouses will begin receiving 100% of both their SBP and DIC benefits.

"I feel relieved. I feel that it's almost hard to believe that it actually got changed," said Kristy DiDomenico, a mother of two daughters, whose husband, Army Sgt. 1st Class Jason DiDomenico, died in 2018. Kristy was among thousands of surviving spouses who mobilized to change this unjust law. Some, like Kristy, made frequent trips to D.C. and shared their stories in the media. "We all just worked off of each other's energy," she said. "We didn't want to let anybody down."

She heard about the injustice from surviving spouse Edith Smith, a MOAA Life Member and longtime military advocate. "I'm elated that it's finally coming to pass," Smith said. "I just think it restores the dignity to my husband's service in the Marine Corps and the integrity to the benefits he earned," Smith said.

Kathy Prout, a surviving spouse and MOAA Life Member who worked tirelessly for 14 years for the victory, is glad future survivors will never know this was a problem. But she notes there will always be work to do to assist new survivors. "It's not easy navigating all of the DoD procedures.....and grief," she said.

Smith encourages everyone in the military community to use your voice to protect what's earned. "The offset would not have been repealed without the individual participation of those surviving spouses who were affected," she said. "Military beneficiaries have to learn to actively participate in the government they protect and defend."

Merle Kilpatrick CDR

USNR (Ret.)

Credit to: Tony Lombardo, MOAA's Director of Audience Engagement





SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR

Susan Atchison-Day, Ed D.

I recently received the following correspondence from Gabryella Dickey, recent graduate of Benson HS. This young scholar received a \$3000 Colonel Eric R. Osborne Memorial scholarship.

Below is a little of her bio:

Gabryella is attending Cochise College. The daughter of a retired Marine Helicopter Pilot, she, too, hopes to follow in her father's footsteps with a career in the military. 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. She has also received Non-Scholastic Awards in Beef and Goat Showmanship - four Grand Championships, a Reserve Championship, and a National Bronze Team Livestock Judging.

Onn 21 Dec 2022, at 6:28 AM, Gaby Dickey wrote:

"Here is a little something I wrote up for everyone, thank you so much for everything \Box

Well, I'm proud to say I made it through my first semester of being a 'real' college student. Words cannot begin to express the monumental changes my life has gone through in this semester alone. I am so thankful for the opportunities this scholarship has allowed me to experience.

Although, my career plans have changed, much as I thought they would. I am happy to say, I actually look forward to what this spring semester will bring me. Thank you for the constant support, and guidance this organization offers me.

Happy Holidays and A safe New Years.

Lots of love

Gabryella Dickey"





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 must be dated March 1, 2023 and received by March 6, 2023, 6pm.

Susan

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.





Disabilit	y Com	pensatio	on - Bas	ic Ra	tes 2023
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8.70%

Dep Status	10%	20%	30%	40%	50%	60%	70%	80%	90%	100%
Veteran	\$165.92	\$328.00	\$508.06	\$731.86	\$1,041.82	\$1,319.65	\$1,663.06	\$1,933.15	\$2,172.39	\$3,621.95
V-SP			\$567.05	\$812.86	\$1,141.82	\$1,440.65	\$1,804.06	\$2,094.15	\$2,353,39	\$3,823.89
V-SP-1C			\$612.05	\$870.86	\$1,215.82	\$1,529.65	\$1,907.06	\$2,212.15	\$2,486.39	\$3,971.78
V-SP-2C			\$641.05	\$909.86	\$1,265.82	\$1,588.65	\$1,976.06	\$2,291.15	\$2,576.39	\$4,072.12
V-SP-3C			\$670,05	\$948.86	\$1,315.82	\$1,647.65	\$2,045.06	\$2,370.15	\$2,666,39	\$4,172.46
V-SP-4C			\$699.05	\$987.86	\$1,365.82	\$1,706.65	\$2,114.05	\$2,449.15	\$2,756.39	\$4,272.80
Additional Child			\$29	\$39	\$50	\$59	\$69	\$79	\$90	\$100.34
School Child			\$96	\$129	\$161	\$193	\$226	\$258	\$291	\$324.12
A/A Spouse			\$55	\$73	\$93	\$110	\$129	\$147	\$166	\$185.00
V-1C			\$548.05	\$785.86	\$1,109.82	\$1,400.65	\$1,765.06	\$2,040.15	\$2,293.39	\$3,756.99
V-2C			\$577.05	\$824.86	\$1,159.82	\$1,459.65	\$1,834.06	\$2,119.15	\$2,383.39	\$3,857.33
V-3C			\$606,05	\$863,86	\$1,209.82	\$1,518.65	\$1,903.06	\$2,198.15	\$2,473.39	\$3,957.67
V-4C			\$635.05	\$902.86	\$1,259.82	\$1,577.65	\$1,972.06	\$2,277.15	\$2,563.39	\$4,058.01

Auto Allow	\$22,355.72	
Clothing Allow	\$964.20	
Medal of Honor	\$1,612.12	
Burial S/C	\$2,000	At VAMO
Burial Non S/C	\$300	<796
Plot Allowance	\$893	

	Single	\$1,562.74
	Spouse 1 Child	\$1,949.88
Dependent Indemnity	Spouse 2 child	\$2,337.03
	Spouse A & A	\$1,949.87
Comp (DIC)	Spouse HB	\$1,744.10
	MRD 8 yrs	\$1,893.90

(SMC)-Added to current comp	SMC K	ED/FSAD/ETC.	\$128.
	SMC L	LOU/A&A	\$884.
	SMC M		\$1,351.
	SMC N		\$2,036.
	SMC O		\$2,702
	SMC R1		\$5,414.
	SMC R2/T		\$6,743.
	CMC C	Unurahound	Č422

Chapter 35	Monthly		
Full Time	\$1,401		
3/4 Time	\$1,107		
1/2 Time	\$812		
1/4 Time	\$350		

Based on 8.7% COLA (Cost of Living Allowance)
Will be reflected on the Dec 30, 2022 pay

PENSION		200			
Your income must be less than:	Pension	\$15,965		Surviving Sp	\$10,539
	Pension Dep	\$15,579	Income Limits Survivor's	Surviving Dep	\$13,793
	HouseBound	\$19,509		HouseB .	\$12,880
	HouseB Dep	\$24,452		HouseB Dep	\$16,128
	A/A No Dep	\$26,630		A/A No Dep	\$16,843
	A/A Dep	\$31,571		A/A Dep	\$20,094
* Both	HouseBound	\$27,994			
*1A&A	1 HouseBd	\$35,107			
* Both	A&A	\$42,242	*Two Married	Veterans	



SCHOLARSHIP DONORS LIST 2022

SUSTAINING LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of more than \$300)

American Legion Post 113 Atchison-Day, Susan Carlson, Samantha Day, Tom Goodman, Allen Hicks, William Kellock, Robert Kilpatrick, Merle Lotero, Ron Symmes, Ken Wysong, Roger & Lori

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

Beer, Ronald Bobar, Robert Dolge, Kathy & Dave Ehrenberger, Edward Faulkner, Ronald Puett, Joseph

2022 SILVER LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$100 to \$199)

Bates, William Bell, Gary Black, John Breen, Wendy Britton, Ruth Flynn, Joseph Fyffe, Nancy Groth, Randy Hall, Laura Heinz, Jo-Anne Mallory, Harry Manning, Donald Nelson, Alfred Nickles, Dennis Otsuka, Y Peel, John Roche, Jerome Scheumann, Steven Walsh, Theresa

CHAPTER DONORS (Cumulative Donations Up to \$100)

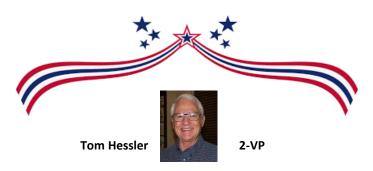
Andrews, Susan Bersano, Raymond Clenny, Kandy Harju, Song & Lawrence Hunt, Danny Isler, Jack Pryor, Maureen Schmidt, D. Venola, Jennifer

TOTAL TO-DATE: \$8,639.00 GOAL: \$10,000.00









Upcoming Programs

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

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

21 SEP '23 MG Christopher Eubank, CG, NETCOM

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

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/







RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED

Lori Wysong is collecting Raffle Items for the Scholarship Fund.

Thank you for your support.









THURSDAY, January 19, 2023 DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Pueblo Del Sol Country Club, 2770 South Saint Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista

Social Hour 1800 - Dinner 1830-Program 1915

My Name	Guest Name					
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 \$36.00 each	MENU					
Amount for Operating Funs	Garden Salad with Dressing					
Amount for Scholarship Fund	Rolls and Butter					
Check Total	Vegetable Medley					
	Red Potatoes					
	Roast Pork with Orange Glaze					
Number of vegetarian meal desired (if any)	Chocolate Cream Pie					
Reservations must be postmarked by Januar	y 9, 2023					
Please change the following information for me: Ad	dress					
Phone: Email:						
For more Information about Reservations contact T	om Hessler at 459-0093, tjhessler@cox.net					

A note about reservations.

We MUST give a <u>final</u> 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) 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

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!





2023 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

CHAPTER			
Last Name	First	Initial	Rank
Address	City	State	Zip
Email Address		Phone	
Date of Birth MM	DDYYYY National	MOAA #	
National MOAA Numb	per Life Member	er Y/N	
Please Circle all that ap Status: Active -	ply: Former - Retired - Surviving Spouse	e	
•	- Navy – Air Force – Marine Corps – – Guard – Reserve	- Coast Guard – Space	Force – NOAA — USPHS
Spouse Full Name	Date of B	Birth MMDD	YYYY
_	15 per year \$50 for five years \$150 to nbers \$10 per year \$40 for five year	•	ership
Signature	_		
Make your check navah	Date Date Date		Vista A7 85636-1685
,	For further Membership of ident Jim Clenney at 520-234-5286	questions contact:	
Visit us on these Social	Media sites:		

Coronado Facebook Page: SVCoronadoMOAA

Coronado Instagram: Coronado Chapter Moaa

Coronado Website: http://moaacoronado.org/



2022 OFFICERS

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DIRECTORS

DEPUTY DIRECTORS

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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, Service, Public Health 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!