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CORONADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Life Members:	82
Basic and Annual Members:	79
Surviving Spouse	30
Honorary Members:	5
Total Chapter Membership:	196

2024 CORONADO CHAPTER GOALS

1. Support the 2024 MOAA National Advocacy in Action priorities through their widespread publication via weekly Legislative Alerts, monthly articles in our newsletter and engagement with appropriate representatives and elected officials.
2. Continually encourage our members to “Never Stop Serving” by providing avenues for their active involvement with organizations and groups sharing MOAA’s mission as well as strengthening the bond between the Chapter and its membership.
3. Support the educational goals of qualified JROTC students and graduating seniors through the award of merit based scholarships to students in recognition of their past achievements and potential for leadership.
4. Annually nominate a deserving veteran 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. Revamp and revitalize our social media space to increase the visibility of the MOAA brand as well as provide online capabilities to facilitate dispensing with current manual processes for activities and payments.



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Well, a lot has taken place or been set in motion in your Chapter over the past month. I wish I could say it's due to my unparalleled leadership and exemplary motivational skills, however truth be told it's a direct result of initiatives instituted by your board of directors. I could go on and personally detail everything they've been up to here, however if I did that you'd have no reason to read the rest of the newsletter. Speaking of the newsletter you may have noticed that we've been adding and subtracting and rearranging and changing it over the past few months in an attempt to make it more relevant and readable for our membership. One of the things we'll be taking out is the dinner reservation form, the reason being that more than a few folks stated that the time between receipt of the Heliogram and deadline for submission was sometimes too close and it was hard to dig out of the Heliogram. As a result the reservation form will now be sent separately o/a the 28th of each month. Problem solved!! (hopefully).

Also, I'd like to mention that our program for March is Surviving Spouses. As such I would encourage everyone who possibly can to attend this meeting as our guest speaker will be Linda Wolverton, the Luke Chapter MOAA Surviving Spouse Director. She is a dynamic lady with quite a story that you don't want to miss. While I'm thinking about it, some people have mentioned that they're reluctant to attend our evening gatherings because they don't like driving at night. If you're one of those folks please give myself or Chaplain Allen Goodman a call. We want you to join us for all our monthly meetings but especially for this one so if you need a ride just give us a call so we can make appropriate arrangements.

Finally, if anyone is planning to attend the "Men Who Cook" fundraiser at the Columbian Hall of the Knights of Columbus on March 2nd, stop by the MOAA table and treat yourself to a sample of my World Famous "Chicken Cluckers" (I'll give you a hint, they taste like chicken). In all seriousness though, the event has 20 chefs (both professional and amateur) competing for top honors in five different categories so treat yourself to some of the best recipes in town!

And last but not least, "Never Stop Serving".



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March is MOAA Surviving Spouse Recognition month. Early in 2023 the Board of Directors recognized and prioritized the creation of the Surviving Spouse steering committee which was pivotal for our Chapter. With the appointment of Director Jane Strain, she and her committee have brought to the forefront the challenges faced by newly surviving spouses and the importance of making them aware of the many agencies within and outside of MOAA that are available for support. On the more personal side her committee also maintains contact with our surviving spouses to ensure they don't feel alone or forgotten.

As a special request to all of our members, please reach out to our Surviving Spouses. Check in with them. Ask if they are in need of anything. Give them encouragement and let them know you/we are there for them. Remember, as Past President Jim Clenney once said "We all will be Surviving Spouses at some point".

As a personal goal for 2024, I would like to create a listing of members who have special and not so special skills but are willing to help in any matter they can. If you are a "handyman or woman" who can do minor repairs around the house from changing light bulbs to installing faucets or anything that a widow or widower may encounter, please contact me, If you are also able to render legal or financial advice, please contact me. We don't necessarily need to render these services only to the Surviving Spouses but to anyone in the Chapter who may just need a helping hand on occasion. If anyone needs assistance, call me and we'll find someone who can assist.

Another special request. We need volunteer drivers to pick up members who no longer feel safe driving at nights to our monthly dinner meetings. So if you would like to volunteer to bring those members to our meetings, please contact me. Let's help each other. Let's live up to our motto, "Never Stop Serving" and God Bless!

Something new we're starting this month is a list of our members who are going thru difficult time and are in need of our thoughts and prayers. If you know of any of our members who may be sick, hospitalized, or are going thru a personal crisis please reach out and contact me.

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers.

Sandra Abney Barbara Hall Nancy Fyffe John Peele Harley Hannsz Betsy Carver

And as always, pray for our military members and their continued safety.



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I recently received an inquiry regarding the breadth of the legislative issues recommended for MOAA members to get involved in. The sheer volume of action topics on the [MOAA Legislative Action Center](#) can cause one to muse, “If everything is important, nothing is important!”

The question begged a follow up, “Are there two or three TOP issues that members should concentrate on?” That great question leads me to share that MOAA’s Advocacy specialists have developed seven areas of focus for the upcoming Congressional session. They are described in detail at [MOAA’s 118th Congress Legislative Priorities](#).

[Compensation and Earned Benefits](#)

[Military Housing](#)

[Health Care for Now Serving and Retirees](#)

[Health Care and Benefits for Veterans](#)

[Service Families](#)

[Survivors](#)

[Guard and Reserve](#)

The above links will take you to the particulars of the key problems found to be facing veterans and our community (and the proposed actions, requested from active MOAA members, to help address the problems).

These topics are further narrowed to specific actions needed to achieve the association’s mission goals as the country’s leading organization protecting the rights of uniformed servicemembers and their families. MOAA’s greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families which is achieved largely through the advocacy efforts taking place in our nation’s capital.

Discussions regarding specific (time-sensitive) actions that fall under the above seven focal areas are provided at [MOAA | Legislative Action Center Active Campaigns](#). At the writing of this article, twenty-eight specific Calls-to-Action are listed on that page. Each of these “active campaigns” are focused on by MOAA’s professional campaign specialists in order to have a positive influence on the upcoming 118th Congress. These calls are issued and timed based on the current state of legislative action, the desire to make the greatest impact in the shortest time possible, congressional operational tempo, congressional calendars and a myriad of other factors that influence achieving success.

Alternately, and understanding that personal perspectives and needs of one veteran/family member may not be the same as another member’s determination of what is important to them; experience, status, and environment all have an impact on a person’s focus of attention and willingness to invest their time. One person’s focus may not be the same as another’s. For this reason, MOAA’s advocacy experts have developed classifications of advocacy topics into six interest groups: Active Duty, Families, Guard and Reserve, Retirees, Survivors, and Veterans. [MOAA | Key Advocacy Action](#) will help lead members of these populations to topics that may impact them directly. For example, clicking on the “Retiree” link will present you with 13 specific issues of note to retirees. The “Families” link will present 19 family-issue related topics that can be impacted by this congress.

So, the answer to the question is mixed. Not everything is important to everyone. Through MOAA’s advocacy system, a MOAA activist member can narrow their focus and actions to the items/issues that are of most concern to them. We are in these fights for our brothers and sisters-in-arms! Never Stop Serving. We can complete the mission through <https://moaa.quorum.us>.



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POSITIONS AVAILABLE IN YOUR CHAPTER!

First Vice President

This is a critical position to the long term health of our organization. The two main elements of this position are to first, be prepared to perform the duties of the President should a temporary or permanent vacancy arise and secondly, to assist the President by performing other special duties as assigned. This is a position of significant importance and can have a significant impact on the direction of the Chapter. Traditionally the 1st

Vice President stands for election at the end of the reigning President's term, however we also have a history of 1st Vice Presidents serving without any intention of running for President. Both methods have worked well for us over the years. As Jim Clenney has had several years of experience in this role, he can provide interested individuals with personal insights into the requirements and potential of this position. This is a great opportunity to learn more about MOAA operations. Do not overlook this position as it is a great opportunity to use your expertise and experience for the betterment of your Chapter.

Second Vice President

Coronado's Second Vice President has historically served by coordinating the chapter's interactions with other community organizations. This is a critical position to ensuring that our actions "fit" with the needs of the community. This is also a crucial role in serving as our representative to major partners in supporting veterans. The incumbent has also served as our Programs Officer, acquiring speakers and programs for the Chapter dinner meetings. Tom Hessler has served in this role for (something near) 150 years (well, maybe slightly less). Now would be a great time to receive mentoring and assistance through his expertise. This would take an individual who is willing to seek valuable information providers to members and improve our chapter's ability to respond to veteran and community needs. This is an extremely responsible position which we can't do without. Additional information concerning this position is available from Tom at tjhessler@cox.net or by calling 520.227.0545

Chapter Historian

The Chapter Historian's responsibilities will include assisting in the preservation of the chapter's key documents and historical records. The incumbent maintains a file of chapter officers, activities, and programs. The Historian will also periodically submit pertinent articles for the newsletter regarding local and chapter history. The Historian may be called upon to assist the President with the preparation of the annual Levels of Excellence award submission. If you have a penchant for research and/or sharing stories of the exploits of our members, this activity will be perfect for you!

We encourage members or their spouses to consider stepping up and filling one of these positions and "Never Stop Serving".

If you have not renewed your Chapter membership yet, please do so ASAP. If you like getting the weekly Legislative updates and our monthly news letter, The Helio-gram, don't hesitate to renew. I will be removing those members who have not renewed on 31 March 2024. So please call or email me if you have any questions.

“Hail to our Newest Members!”

2LT Mary Bell

MAJ (Ret) Roger Lundin

CW2 Joshua Jenkins

MAJ (Ret). Ann Lander

2LT Chloe Brown

Former MAJ David Trull

CPT (Ret) Kenneth Elflein

CPT Christina Bouvier

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MAJ Megan Norman

March Birthdays

(We know that some of you would like to forget, but we won't)

Sandy Abney

John Black

Manuel Cordova

Margie Gomez

James (Young) Mayberry

Yukio Otsuka

Margaret Puett

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Please join me in wishing all these members a very . . .





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UPDATE ON MEMBER ACTIVITIES!

Keep your eyes out for additional events.
Come Join Us

**CONONADO CHAPTER MOAA
AT THE
CORONADO DAIRY**

What's more fun than a barrel of monkeys? How about a couple of thousand heifers. A van load of Coronado Chapter members led by Membership Director Allen Goodman made the trek to the Coronado Dairy on 24 Feb to tour one of the largest mega-dairies in the state. Even though Allen has an extensive agricultural background it was Secretary Joe Puett who walked off with first place in the dairy quiz. Of course, what more appropriate prize than a cow mug to enjoy his morning coffee or favorite adult beverage. Director Goodman also presented a Coronado Chapter Challenge coin to Moiria White in appreciation for an interesting and informative tour of the Coronado Dairy operations.

Thank You Moiria!



FEBRUARY DINNER PROGRAM

**Kristen Sedlock and Angela Arriola
Ft. Huachuca MWR Arts & Crafts Ctr**

“If You Can Dream It, They Can Help”

February’s program was presented by Ms. Kristen Sedlock and Ms. Angela Arriola from the Ft. Huachuca MWR Arts and Crafts Center. Having been with the Arts and Crafts Center for over seven years, their presentation included a briefing of the various areas in the Center to include a variety of arts and crafts classes available at the center for all ages as well as group art events and even do-it-yourself studio time for the truly talented. Their monthly art classes include Parent & Me Craft Time for parents and children (or in our case probably great grandchildren), Pick-&-Paint Ceramics classes, a Resiliency Through Art program, custom framing and embroidery classes, and the ever popular Sip and Create Classes which features wine and beer in addition to paint and canvas.

If you think MWR is just the field house, bowling alley and rental center you should stop by for a complete tour of their facility, I know Kristen and Angela would love to see you soon!



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FT. HUACHUCA PRO-AM SCRAMBLE

In the interest of supporting the military families on Ft Huachuca the Coronado Chapter recently made a donation to the Ft. Huachuca Community Spouses Club in support of their Pro-Am Fundraiser.




This nine hole Pro-Am Scramble hosted by Mountain View Golf Course will bring together seasoned golfers with beginners for a day of golf, camaraderie and fun (for those able to hit the ball out of their own shadow!) The event is slated for Friday, March 8 starting at 2pm.

The cost is \$15 for club members and \$25 for non-members so if you're a great (or not so great) golfer here's an opportunity to dust off the sticks and beat the ball around for an afternoon. They'd love to see you there!

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE



The Military Affairs Committee of the Sierra Vista Area Chamber of Commerce provides members, the general public, and military personnel to meet and recognize the best of the best at Fort Huachuca. Recognition is given for monthly and quarterly awards including top Civilian, Army Non-Commissioned Officer (NCO), Marine, Air Force NCO, Instructor, and Soldier. The event is a great honor for those recognized

by the Garrison Command, their peers, their superiors and the community. During February's luncheon MG Christopher Eubank recognized Marine MSgt Aaron Trevino of the Joint Interoperability Test Command as the military Volunteer of the Quarter for the 1st Qtr, FY 2024.



SURVIVING SPOUSE DIRECTOR

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Our 21 March evening dinner meeting theme will be Surviving Spouses. If you're a surviving spouse in our Chapter expect a call for a personal invite to this meeting. The key note speaker for this event is Linda Wolverton, the Luke Chapter MOAA Surviving Spouse Director. Linda is a dynamic speaker who will present a powerful picture of Surviving Spouse efforts currently underway.

Linda's father served in the US Army and two brothers in the Air Force. She attended both the University of Alabama and then Pepperdine during her work life and worked 54 years as a healthcare professional. She capped off half a century in the healthcare industry as the Chief Compliance Officer for a nation-wide healthcare company. Linda's husband passed away in 2015 after a 22 year career in the US Army and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

Due in large part to her personal diligence and devotion to the Surviving Spouse efforts, the Luke Chapter group is touted as one of the most successful in Arizona and brings an added richness to the lives of that chapter's Surviving Spouses.

On February 7th, Jodi Heinz traveled to the Luke Surviving Spouse meeting to present her life story as a Naval Officer, educator and a surviving spouse. She presented a compelling story of change and success and was well received by those present. We are very proud of Jodi and glad she is an active member of our own Coronado Chapter Surviving Spouse group.



Our 21 March meeting will be an interesting and fun evening. Please come ! It will be super to see everyone there! Should you require transportation to his event in order to attend please feel free to contact our Chaplain Allen Goodman or the Chapter President Ed Wozniak so appropriate arrangements can be made.



**2nd VICE PRESIDENT (Programs)****Tom Hessler**
COL, USA (Ret.)**2024 Programs**

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

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|--------------------|---|
| 21 Mar 2024 | Honoring our Surviving Spouses |
| 18 Apr 2024 | Honoring our Scholarship Recipients |
| 16 May 2024 | Mr. Shawn Heistand, Arizona Coalition for Military Families |

No dinner meetings in June, July or August

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| 19 Sep 2024 | LTC Dana Allmond (Ret), CEO, Az Department of Veterans' Services |
| 17 Oct 2024 | Sheriff Mark Dannels, Cochise County |
| 21 Nov 2024 | Chapter Board Reports & Elections |
| 19 Dec 2024 | Sierra Vista Community Chorus |
| 16 Jan 2025 | TBD. Also, induction of new board members |

Please note: I have been the Programs guy for about eight years and now wish to “retire” at the end of 2024. Let me know if you would be interested in taking on this responsibility over next year in support of the Chapter. I am willing and available to assist and train. Contact me at tjhessler@cox.net or catch me at a dinner meeting.

Thursday, March 21, 2024 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 _____

Donation to Operating Fund (Optional) _____

Donation to Scholarship Fund (Optional) _____

Check Total _____

No. of vegetarian meals desired (if any) _____

MARCH BUFFET MENU

Fresh Caesar Salad w/Dressing

Baked Ziti w/Meatballs

Green Beans

Dessert: Tiramisu

Reservations should be postmarked by **March 7, 2024** to ensure timely receipt.**ENTER INFO BELOW ONLY IF REQUESTING CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.**

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

For more Information about Reservations contact Tom Hessler at 459-0093, tjhessler@cox.net**A Note about Reservations.**

We **MUST** give a **final** reservation count to Pueblo del Sol five days before the dinner. Your reservation should be postmarked 14 days prior to the dinner just to be sure we receive it in time.

If you even think you will be coming, you should make your reservation as early as possible. We can take cancelations up to eight days before the dinner. We can either return your check, destroy it or credit it toward the following dinner. If for some reason you miss the deadline give me a call at (520) 459-0093 or email me at tjhessler@cox.net to be placed on a waiting list. We often times have last minute cancellations. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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GOAL: \$10,000.00

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TOTAL TO-DATE: \$1,842.00**GOAL: \$10,000.00**

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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>.



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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!**