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#### CORONADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Life Members:	71
Basic and Annual Members:	156
Surviving Spouse	36
Honorary Members:	5
<b>Total Chapter Membership:</b>	<b>268</b>

### 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 and the Legacy Foundation’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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Happy Election Day, Happy Veterans Day, Happy Thanksgiving, and if you happen to have been born in November, Happy Birthday too.

With election day fast approaching I'm sure everyone is not only anxiously awaiting the results of our national, state and local elections, but also not being inundated with email, text messages, and mailers (I know I am). That being said, your Chapter has been just as busy preparing for Veterans Day activities, our upcoming Army/Navy watch party along with a myriad of other events. I could elaborate on any and all at length but then you wouldn't have any reason to read any further. So with that, I hope you take a little time over the holidays to enjoy both family and friends, relax and refresh, and last but not least. "Never Stop Serving".

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The chapter needs your strong character, as a member and as a person who is called to serve. As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another. Your proven experiences and tenacity are important to our success. I respectfully ask you to remain involved in the association, whether as a strong supporter or a strong leader – or both. Our association needs strong support and strong leadership if we are going to continue to succeed in our mission. Please carefully consider your involvement in, the needs of and the mission of this chapter.

I strongly encourage you to complete and send your ballot for chapter leadership positions now.

**James Clenney, Immediate Past President**



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Greetings everyone! I hope and pray that everyone is doing well.

The election is fast approaching. So please get out and vote. This is a God given right that we all have fought for, so exercise that right. And remember to vote your faith!

As a reminder, please keep me informed of any of our members that may need our assistance. We have members who are willing and able to help in anyway.

Finally, please keep the following members in your prayers. If you're able to, please call or pay a short visit to them. Let them know, that they are not forgotten. I know it would be appreciated.

### Special Prayers & Concerns

Betsy Carver	Barbara Hall	John Peele	Bob Abney
Marianne Newcomer	Young Mayberry	John Black	Ann Lander
Donna Isler	Olga Valle	Kathy Dolge	Betty Blair
Jan Cole Family	Lucinda Rossow	Joan Bates	

And as always, pray for our military members and their families for their continued safety as they serve around the globe.

**Allen Goodman, Chaplain**



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Throughout our lives, we feel the impact of election outcomes. Voting can change your life. Voting can change the lives of our neighbors. Each of us knows our own reasons for voting. Here are four reasons to vote:

In America, you get a say in things that are important to you. Our individual vote holds elected officials accountable for their actions. It forces them to listen to us and the issues that most concern us. Your vote is your report card on lawmakers. If you are not content with the job an elected official has done, use your vote to remove that official from office.

The policies shaped by elected officials affect your life. While federal elections typically have the largest voter turnouts, voting in our state and local elections is just as important. What happens in Sierra Vista, Cochise County, and Arizona will affect your everyday life. Laws at the local level have noticeable effects on taxes, health care, public safety, education, recreation, economic development and more. States determine the management of infrastructures, spur job creation, and much more.

You pay taxes. Your vote gives power to the people who will SPEND your tax money. Help ensure that money is used in a responsible and efficient way by voting.

Rights are not necessarily guaranteed. Voting is one of the many privileges of living in a democratic society. Voting is a critical right we must protect, and that begins by exercising our right to vote in elections at every level of government.

May God Continue to Bless America!

**Jim Clenney, Legislative Affairs**



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On October 11th, we went to the Pima Air and Space museum in Tucson. 13 members enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship.

Our next adventure will be to Kartchner Caverns on November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Again, we'll meet at 0800 in front of the (south lot) Dillard's Department store at the Sierra Vista Mall. Instead of renting a van, because of the short distance to the caverns, when everyone is assembled, we may be able to carpool this time. Get your reservations to me ASAP to reserve your seat for this exciting tour. Encourage our fellow members to come along on these outings. Watch your inbox for the flyer with further details.



I know I keep reminding everyone, but we're all recruiters, so ask your fellow officers to join our Chapter. Keep a few of our trifolds handy to give out. In case you don't have any tri-folds, ask me the next time we see each other.

**“Hail, New Members!”**

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|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| LTC USA (Ret) Meleah Yancey | MAJ USAFR (Ret) Paul Patridge |
| MAJ USA (Ret) Alan Waltz    | CW4 USA Robert Scott II       |
| CW3 USA Aaron Hennequin     | CW2 USA Jeff Newcomer         |
| CW3 USA (Ret) Robert Wise   |                               |

**November Birthdays**

- |                     |                 |                          |                     |
|---------------------|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Richard Anderson    | Michael Bang    | Ronald Beer              | Ruth Beer           |
| Russalice Benton    | Thomas Boone    | Wendy Breen              | Jodi Brown          |
| Doris Caldwell      | Jerome Butler   | Cecilia Caputo           | Douglas Case        |
| Illuminada Chinneth | Nyles Courtney  | Tom Day                  | Timothy Flowers     |
| Joseph Ford         | Laura Gill      | Natalie Hales            | Olivia Hansen       |
| Gail Harris         | Billie Hayes    | Danny Hurd               | Khristian Kitselman |
| Angela Kleese       | Mary Ellen Kope | Debbie Laszok            | Clifford Letts      |
| Patrick Linhares    | Mary Mahan      | Julie March              | Jason Meisel        |
| Jean Molloy         | Chris Patridge  | Jerome Roche             | Ryan Schmitz        |
| Mary Skiles         | Nathaniel Stone | Aubrey Stuber            | Jordan Thomas       |
| Juli Thome          | George VanOtten | Tommy Bridgitte-Robinson |                     |

Veterans Day is fast approaching. If you haven't done so already, mark your calendar to join us at the Veterans Day parade on November 11th. We'll have our tractor and hay rack (Holy Roller) again this year. Well form up on Wilcox just east of the Penske Truc Rental. By special "Good Buddy Old Pal" arrangements, our Chapter members are allowed to park in the lot behind the truck rental building on 7th Street and Wilcox. After the parade, I will have a van waiting to take everyone back to their vehicles. Don't forget to attend our Veterans Day picnic and New Member welcome at Tompkins Park. Stay tuned for more information to come.

**Allen Goodman, Membership Director**





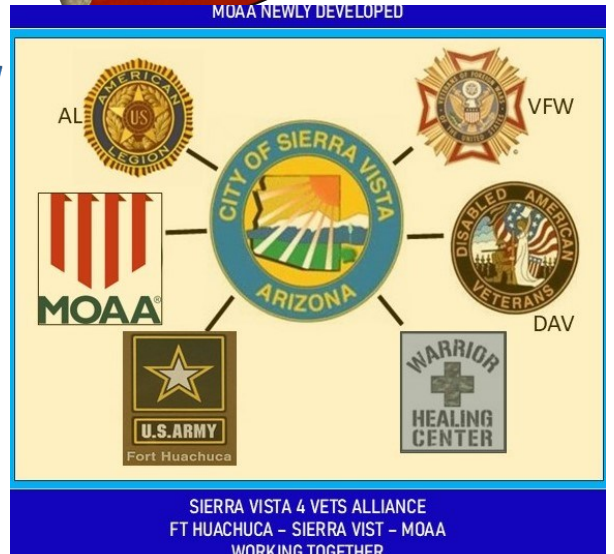
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*“Our Coronado Chapter Is Really Making an Impact for Military Families through Sierra Vista Community Engagement and Veteran Community Outreach”.*



## GETTING IT RIGHT!

Connecting with our members, military local communities and political leaders. We provide timely news, support local groups and events while providing our members a chance for camaraderie. Below are just some of the Chapter activities.



**Military—City—MOAA Working Together**





*“We continue to grow and grow as we Never Stop Serving.. Come Join In.”*

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Our Deputy Director (Care Givers) Julia Ours provided our chapter members an excellent topic at our October 17 evening dinner meeting. The Sierra Vista's lock box program and many other helpful home safety programs were presented by Sierra Vista Fire Department representative, Mike Shamas. If anyone missed last month's program, please contact Julia to assist you with these helpful materials.

On 30 October our Surviving Spouse group enjoyed a casual luncheon at Manda 'Le. Every chapter member is invited to attend. If you can attend, just come. If your plans change, just come. If you miss seeing all your MOAA buddies, just come. Of course, call or text or email Jane at (520) 249-4057 or [jstrain801@gmail.com](mailto:jstrain801@gmail.com) with any comment questions concerns.

The Surviving Spouse steering committee made up of MOAA members and honorary members has decided to cancel the Gas Light theater trip originally planned for January 4, 2025. There has not been sufficient response to support the travel to Tucson.

Our steering committee meeting is on Wednesday November 13, 11:30am at the Veterans Resource Operations Community Center. The ROCC operated by Cochise Serving Veterans located in the Landmark Plaza Ste. 14 which is directly across the plaza from the Landmark Cafe. Of course, all members of ALL types are always invited to attend.

At the November meeting we will vote on a specific legislative topic we are supporting. Additionally, we will discuss the advantages of joining the MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual chapter and begin our planning for the March program addressing specific Surviving Spouse work. Certainly, we will bring our ideas to the full board for discussion and possible approval.

Call, text or email Jane at 5202494057 or [jstrain801@gmail.com](mailto:jstrain801@gmail.com) for response to your comments, questions or concerns involving Surviving Spouses. Let us continue our joyous Surviving Spouse camaraderie.

“Never Stop Serving”

**Jane Strain, Surviving Spouse Director**



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In case you didn't know, the Buena High School and Tombstone High School JROTC cadets are very active young students! The following is a list of just some of the events the Tombstone cadets were involved in just in the last month as reported by Senior Instructor CW4 (Ret) Tom Gross:

The Color Guard participated in a recent Arizona Cardinals football game; Hosted a Red Cross Blood Drive and collected 34 pints of blood exceeding their goal of 26!; Participated in Relay for Life sponsored by the American Cancer Society; Provided support to a Tombstone HS Cross Country Meet; Set up for the Tombstone Wine Festival; Had three Mounted Color Guard events; Shot in three rifle meets; Provided the Sabre Guard for Homecoming; Provided Carwash labor for the Southwest Arizona Buffalo Soldiers and did Unit Drown-Proofing (Water Survival).

SFC (Ret) Centoria Loudon, Army Instructor at Buena HS also stated that the JROTC contingent at Buena complete over 1000 hours of community service per year, with the majority in support of local Veteran Service Organizations such as the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. They directly support the weekly meal programs at VFW Post 9972 and Post 52 right alongside active duty volunteers. They present and post the colors at multiple community events throughout Sierra Vista and Fort Huachuca such as graduation, sporting events, kickoffs, and dinners. They are successful student athletes who maintain their grades while working part-time and full-time jobs in the community. They think outside the box, coordinate, organize, manage and lead many of their internal events such as the annual flag retirement ceremony, military ball, battalion picnic, battalion photo, service learning project and award ceremony. They are America's and Sierra Vista's future, and the future is bright!"

These two Senior Instructors are obviously very proud of their Cadets as they should be.

Thank you for supporting our raffle scholarship fundraising and do not forget I take items that can be used for the raffles! If you have items, please bring them to our dinner meeting.

**Lori Wysong, Director, JROTC**



## SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR

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Dear Fellow Members,

As we gather around this Thanksgiving, we're reminded of the countless blessings we share—and one of the greatest is your unwavering support. Your commitment to education and belief in our students' potential make an incredible difference in their lives and futures.

Because of your generosity, students who once only dreamed of higher education are seeing those dreams come true. You are not just providing scholarships; you're building a legacy of learning, opportunity, and hope.

Thank you for every gift, every gesture, and every moment you've invested in our students' success. We're deeply grateful to have you as a part of our community and to celebrate this season of gratitude with you.

This is a friendly reminder to join us for our Veterans Day Picnic, where we'll honor the

courage, dedication, and sacrifice of our veterans. Bring your friends and family for a day filled with food, fun, and gratitude!

Warmest wishes for a wonderful Thanksgiving to you and your loved ones.

Let's make this a fantastic year together!

## PICNIC IN THE PARK

*We are hosting a special Veterans Day Picnic on November 11, 2024 to honor and show appreciation for our brave members and their families who have served and continue serving our country.*

*Please join us for a day filled with camaraderie, food, family fun and gratitude as we honor the incredible service of our veteran members.*

**\*POTLUCK\*MEAT RAFFLE\*GAMES\***

**\*NEW MEMBER MEET AND GREET\***

**\*BYOB and YOUR LAWN CHAIR!\***

After the Sierra Vista Veterans Day  
Parade  
Tompkins Park  
2060 S. 7<sup>th</sup> St. and Buffalo Soldier Tr.  
Sierra Vista, AZ  
RSVP to Jim at 520-234-5286 or  
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**\*YOUR PRESENCE MATTERS\***

**Kathy Youngblood, Scholarship Director**

## BRINGING IN THE NEXT GENERATION

Colonel Iuminada Chinneth, aka Lumi, a proud member of Coronado Chapter, recently had the honor of attending the Air Force Basic Military Training (BMT) graduation of her nephew, Mark Galiza. The event marked a significant milestone in Mark's lifelong dream of serving his country. COL Chinneth was encouraged to wear her Army Uniform to the graduation ceremony, and she was glad that her uniform still fits six years after retirement!

COL Chinneth, a retired US Army Nurse Practitioner, lives the MOAA motto, "Never Stop Serving" as she instills a sense of patriotism and service to the country in her family and the youth who seek her counsel. She also provides an annual \$5,000 Nursing Scholarship to a deserving nursing student in their third or fourth year of nursing studies via the Chapter. When Mark joined the Air Force, she administered the Military Oath at his enlistment. This solemn moment marked the beginning of Mark's journey as an airman in the Air Force Reserves.

CONGRATULATIONS MARK!



## Join Us for Food, Fun, and Fundraising at the Army-Navy Game!

Get ready for an exciting day as we cheer on our teams at the Army-Navy Game! Join us for a lively gathering with delicious food, great company, and spirited support—all while raising funds for a fantastic cause.

**Date: December 14, 2024**



**Location: Doc's Watering Hole**



**Time: Doors open at 11:30, Kickoff at 1:00**



The poster features three men in military uniforms: an Army officer on the left, a Marine in the center, and a Navy officer on the right. The text includes: MOAA Coronado Chapter, December 14th, 1130 Doors Open, 1300 Game Begins; Doc's Watering Hole, 1959 Frontage Road, Sierra Vista; ARMY NAVY Second Annual Watch Party; Raffles, Food and Drink Specials; and Sponsored by/ Proceeds to: Coronado Chapter MOAA Scholarship Fund.

Whether you're rooting for Army or Navy, it's all in good fun as we unite to make a difference. Every dollar raised goes to support MOAA Scholarship Fund. So bring your team spirit, your appetite, and your heart for giving! Looking forward to seeing you there for a memorable day!

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**21 November 2024 Program**

Coronado Chapter Board Elections and Reports

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

**UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

- |                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>19 Dec 24</b> | Sierra Vista Community Chorus                                     |
| <b>16 Jan 25</b> | Allyn Nock, BrightStar Care. (And induction of New Board Members) |
| <b>20 Feb 25</b> | Ms, Cheri A. Oz, Drug Enforcement Administration                  |
| <b>20 Mar 25</b> | Honoring our Surviving Spouses                                    |
| <b>17 Apr 25</b> | TBD Honoring our Scholarship recipients                           |
| <b>15 May 25</b> | Honoring our Scholarship recipients                               |

**No meetings in June, July or August**

*Please note: I have been the Programs guy for about 8 years and now wish to “retire” at the end of 2024. Let me know if you would be interested in taking over next year. I am willing to assist and train. Contact me at [tjhessler@cox.net](mailto:tjhessler@cox.net) or catch me at a dinner meeting.*

Thursday, November 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

Total for meal(s) at \$36.00 each \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to Operating Fund (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation to Scholarship Fund (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_  
Check Total \_\_\_\_\_

**NOVEMBER BUFFET MENU**

- Fresh Garden Salad w/Dressing
- Meat Loaf
- Garlic Mashed Potatoes
- Chef's Vegetable of the Day
- Dessert:** Fresh Baked Cookies

No. of vegetarian meals desired (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Mailed Reservations should be postmarked by **November 7, 2024** to ensure timely receipt.

**ENTER INFO BELOW ONLY IF REQUESTING CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.**

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

For more Information about Reservations contact Tom Hessler at 459-0093, [tjhessler@cox.net](mailto:tjhessler@cox.net)

**A Note about Reservations.**

We **MUST** give a **final** reservation count to the Sierra Vista Golf Center at 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](mailto: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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Teel, Charles & Tommy Lou	Tucheck, Nancy
Walsh, Teresa	Wozniak, Ed & Kaylee

**TOTAL TO-DATE: \$6,042.00**

**GOAL: \$10,000.00**

**Please Support the organizations and businesses shown in our newsletter!**

**Please Support these organizations  
and businesses!**

**All have Sponsored and Supported our Chapter in Many Outstanding Ways!**



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## VETERAN SUICIDE

How much do we think about veteran suicide? This is not a topic that is regularly included in daily interactions with our neighbors. Typically and honestly, I only seem to focus on this when I am focused on it. I am working to change that, and I encourage you to understand what we are facing. In recent weeks, MOAA has joined in the efforts of Cochise Serving Veterans and other VSOs to create a county-wide resource network to address the mental health needs of our veteran family. We are in combat with the heinous enemy of suicide. I ask for your support and input as I lay out the battleground with the following information:

The U.S. suffered 101,847 casualties across Vietnam, Korea, Desert Storm, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Over 120,000 veteran suicides have been completed over the past 20 years.

At 19.4%, our county ranks **fourth** in the percentage of adults who have served in uniform, among all metropolitan and rural areas in the United States.

Arizona's veteran suicide rate remains significantly higher than both the national veteran suicide rate and the general population's suicide rate.

In 2023, veteran suicides accounted for 20.6% of all U.S. adult suicides.

65% of all American deaths by suicide (2019 - 2023) were among middle-aged and older veterans

Suicide rates are notably higher and have increased more rapidly in rural areas compared to large metropolitan counties. In a direct correlation, Cochise County has the second-highest rate of veteran suicide in Arizona.

In 2023, the VA allocated \$2.8 billion to provide veteran medical care in Arizona \$115,000 was specifically designated for Cochise County to cover medical services, administration, facility maintenance, educational support, research, and other overhead costs.

Not to put too blunt of a point on this topic...BUT, if the above information doesn't concern you, you aren't paying attention. Help us to address and overcome these numbers. Join us in some way. Advise, Support, Act.

Thank you all for your service to the various communities that you are members of. Thank you for your continued personal leadership.

## 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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