**COMMANDER**

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES**ADJUTANT**

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

As the summer months approach, so does the closeout of another spectacular operating year (OY) for our chapter. Recruitment goals have been, not only achieved, but superbly surpassed beyond our expectations. We will be at a 250% recruitment historic milestone for our chapter as the final days close out OY2025. Such achievements are only possible because of every companion choosing to help wherever possible to help elevate our collective potential in support of each other. For that, I sincerely thank everyone for your continued support and vote of confidence.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our Chapter finance sight picture is stable, as we approach the last few weeks of June to close out the OY2025 activity season. Account balances are currently at; CHASE SCV Chapter 193 Checking - \$1,036.03 and Savings - \$947.32. Our US Bank AZYLC Program fundraising account is currently at \$4,928.90. It is also worth noting that AZYLC 2026 full payment is still pending and estimated to have a (per student delegate chapter sponsorship cost exceeding \$800.00 this year. We anticipate the final payout exceeding beyond our chapter US Bank AZYLC Program account balance. Regardless of this financial observation, three recommendations are offered from the chapter finance committee. The first is to consider shopping around for a more practical banking arrangement that would provide the necessary advantages sought to track (in a timelier manner) our chapter AZYLC Program funding support goals for OY2026 and beyond. Second, we must venture to export expanded AZYLC funding resources, beyond the two annual sources currently used. Third our chapter needs to "beef up" its internal companion donation strategy – so as to create a more stable annual internal donation strategy and capability.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

With only two weeks left in OY2025, the state of our chapter is quite strong! All annual operational and administrative checklist HQ MOWW requirements have been accomplished – as we now turn our attention to the MOWW National Convention 2026 final coordination process. Our chapter recruiting is literally "off the charts" as referenced by our chapter commander. Our chapter finances have withstood another demanding operating year of growing support commitments and partnership requests. We (once again) are very competitive for Pershing Chapter of the Year national award consideration and have noticeable increased our MOWW brand presence both locally with supporting communities and in our growing expeditionary chapter marketing presence with neighboring states within our regional span of responsibility – where no current traditional MOWW chapters and cadres do not exist. Kudos to everyone, for your invaluable contributions and God bless you all.

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Jun 1st – R-13: JUN (5) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
 Jun 1st – R-13: JUN (2) A-250 [Q]VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 1PM
 Jun 6th – R-13: UAV [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
 Jun 6th – R-13: SCV Chapter RM-6 [Q] HYB Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 12PM
 Jun 8-12th – R-13: AZYLC 2026 [A] Evt., PPMR, Phoenix, AZ - 8AM
 Jun 9th – MOWW: TOP-8 [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
 Jun 9th – R-13: AVCMF [M] HYB Mtg., Marana, AZ - 6PM
 Jun 10th – MOWW: NCSC [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
 Jun 14th – R-13: PS Chapter [M] Mtg., Seattle, WA - 6PM
 Jun 16th – MOWW: VAC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
 Jun 16th – R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 4:30PM
 Jun 18th – R-13: ALOV Post 132 [M] Evt., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
 Jun 26th – R-13: Summer Conf. [A] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 4:30PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: SEPT 5th (HYB)**MEETING
LINK****MEETINGS:** (Formats: HYB "membership" & VCC "staff")**EVENT:** RM-1: SCV Chapter Regular Meeting - 12PM**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire**PROGRAM:** OY 2026 SCV Annual First Meeting Program**AGENDA:** "QTR-1 SCV Chapter Working Luncheon Activity"

NOTE: "Local Chapter staff meetings (SM) are programmed on a quarterly ("QTR") every 3-month intervals on the 4th Saturday of the designated month) and alternating chapter fellow companion regular hybrid/locale membership meetings ("RM") on selected months without scheduled special events or staff meetings on either the 1st or 2nd Saturday of the designated month).

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Air →



Ascendant Paris to hold European-flavored Bastille Day flyover with nuclear undertones

The symbolism is notable as all four participating countries have signed up for some variation of France's promised forward nuclear-deterrence scheme.



Leonardo, Raytheon tour in-flight control of IdZlema drone from a M-346 jet trainer

Can China's latest air-to-air missile take on its US equivalent? Definitely maybe, experts say.

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Land →



As one Australian Army brigade bulks up with armor, its fuel and ammo needs spike

The formation is expected to burn through 300,000 liters of diesel per day during high-intensity operations, compared with 40,000 liters previously.

Israel sells Spyder air defense systems to Romania for \$2.3 billion

Tank maker KNDS plans stock market listing, Germany to buy 40% stake

US Army's 'Tropic Lightning' Division ponders transformation lessons from Philippine war games

Size matters: KNDS pitches long-barreled artillery for 66-kilometer base range

Pentagon →

In a first, Trump will travel aboard Qatar-donated Air Force One

Trump will travel to North Dakota on Wednesday for the aircraft's inaugural presidential use over a week after its commissioning flights began.



101st soldiers use drones to drop grappling hooks, breach razor wire

The Army should treat drones like ammo, one officer said, estimating a brigade needs between 1,000 to 1,500 drones per week in sustained combat operations.



The Pentagon's research infrastructure is 'deteriorating,' study finds

Pentagon research has been hampered by backlogged security clearances, limited funds to build or refurbish labs and a slow and difficult hiring process.

Trump meets munitions makers amid push to replenish weapons stockpiles

Pentagon negotiators are pressing contractors to move much faster to boost output.

Gen. Christopher Donahue to unexpectedly relinquish command of Army Europe and Africa

U.S. Army Gen. Christopher Donahue will unexpectedly relinquish command next week after just 18 months in the role, the Pentagon confirmed Wednesday.

Naval →



Japanese torpedo sends US ship to the ocean floor during Valiant Shield exercise

The USS Jansaw was sent to the ocean floor during a multinational SINKEX exercise.



Poland awards \$4.8 billion A26 submarine deal to Saab

Romania bolsters Black Sea fleet with Turkish-built corvette

Philippines deploys US-made Triton naval drones in its western waters to scout for intruders

Germany scraps F126 frigates program, pivots to Meko warships amid cost and contractor chaos

Space →



US Army astronaut tapped for NASA's Artemis III mission

Germany touts pan-German space command amid European push to supplant US tech

US Air Force looks to convert offshore oil rigs into rocket recovery platforms

US Space Command provides update on phased headquarters relocation to Alabama

ICEYE to double radar satellite capacity by late 2027 as demand surges

The company's goal is to ramp up production to two satellites a week as it responds to surging demand from European militaries.

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Pentagon's growing role as an investor draws new scrutiny on Capitol Hill

Senate lawmakers are proposing guardrails on defense equity investments as the department takes larger stakes in strategically important companies.

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MISSION
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- Free to download and free to use! Available 24/7

IMPACT
Our technology and volunteer support network enables impact at scale for the military and veteran community, wherever they are.

- 27,000+ downloads
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"YOU BREATHED LIFE INTO ME WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING I NEEDED IT."
-Objective Zero Community Member, 2025

PROGRAM CONTACTS:

AJROTC Events – For an update on local Rio Rico HS Army JROTC activities and information please contact LTC Arturo Roque, USA (ret.) at aroque@scv35.org
Program Website <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcrriorico/>

JUNE - UNIT ACTIVITIES ON SUMMER RECESS

NJROTC Events – For an update on local Sahuarita HS Navy JROTC activities and information please contact Commander Bradley Roberson, USN (ret.) at broberson@sahuarita.k12.az.us

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10	11 WOW [W] HYB	12 AVMC [M] HYB	13 NCSC [M] VCC TVAC [M] VCC	14 AAP-UAP [A] EVT AZYL BOD [W] VCC	15 UAFROTC [A]	16 ARMED FORCES [A] DAY
17	18 GELP [M] HYB WOW [W] HYB	19 VAC [M] VCC MGM CH [M] HYB	20 EXCOM [Q] VCC	21 AZYL BOD [W] VCC	22 AAP-UAP [A] EVT	23
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HQ MOWW MEMORIAL DAY - ALEXANDRIA, VA						

June 2026

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14	15 FLAG DAY PS CH [M] VCC MTG	16 GELP [M] HYB WOW [W] HYB	17 VAC [M] VCC MGM CH [M] HYB	18 GASPCOYWG [Q]	19 ALOV P-132 [M] MTG	20 JUNETEENTH
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FATHER'S DAY WOW [W] HYB USCG AUX BD AMERICA 250 VCC R-13 Spring Conference						

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JUNE PRAYERS

Psalm 121:1-3,7-8

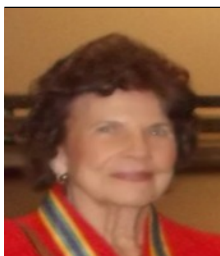
"I lift my eyes to the hills--from where will my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. He will keep your going out and your coming in from this time and forevermore."

Matthew 25:31,35-37,40

"....for I was hungry and you gave me food. I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me'. Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food....and the king will answer them, "Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

As we approach the 250th anniversary of our nation's founding it is fitting to remember and give thanks for the many blessings given to us by God. Both of these passages from scripture give a blueprint for how we can respond to God's benevolence. In the first one, we are assured of God's constant care and grace. In the second, we are given insight on how God wants us to treat our fellow human beings. Throughout the scriptures we are encouraged to show love, mercy, kindness, patience, encouragement, humility, justice, and many other good qualities to others. In everything we do, we should give thanks and praise to Almighty God for all he has done for us.

Blessings to all,
Chaplain Jean



Our Chapter welcomes fellow MOWW companion HPM Gloria Jean Nelson, who has transitioned over from the former Catalina Mountains Chapter in East Tucson. Jean served three years as the chapter's commander and chaplain. Jean has graciously accepted to fill our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter (AZ-193) Chaplain position vacancy. In anticipation of her welcoming, our Chapter Newsletter will now provide a dedicated Chaplain's Corner page segment in every monthly edition beginning with this edition.

COMPANION CORNER

Companion Membership Anniversaries

May Anniversaries:

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| • John J. Blythe, PM (39 years) | Ken Robinson, PM (11 years) |
| • John H. Carter, PM (79 years) | Catherine E. Sears, HPM (37 years) |
| • Jeffrey Coberly, RM (3 year) | Sam H. Sharp, PM (49 years) |
| • Theodore L. Cogut, PM (19 years) | William R. Sterling, PM (22 years) |
| • Virgil Compton, PM (39 years) | Homer B. Tilton, PM (47 years) |
| • Maxine Guy, PM (41 years) | Lona L. Waddell, PM (21 years) |
| • Vernon P. Harms, HPM (24 years) | Stephen M. Walmsley, PM (31 years) |
| • Denise L. Harris, RM (3 year) | Edward H. Wilkie, PM (49 years) |
| • Mark B. Higgins, PM (80 years) | Kit K. Workman, RM (3 year) |
| • Reuben Horner, PM (45 years) | |
| • Tya E. Irskens, PM (20 years) | |
| • Henry A. Johnson, PM (69 years) | |
| • Ralph G. Johnson, PM (42 years) | |
| • Richard O. Kiser, PM (48 years) | |
| • Lloyd R. Logan, Jr., PM (47 years) | |
| • Edward W. Marsh, PM (49 years) | |
| • Hardin W. Masters, PM (62 years) | |
| • Karl S. McKenzie, RM (3 year) | |
| • Benjamin S. Mesick, PM (46 years) | |
| • George A. Post, PM (40 years) | |

Companion Birthday Celebrations

May Birthdays:

- Joseph S. Bean, PM (remembered on the 27th)
- Nathan R. Butikofer, RM (celebrated on the 20th)
- Benjamin P. Coppock, PM (remembered on the 2nd)
- Dennis L. Harris, RM (celebrated on the 22nd)
- Jay A. Hess, RM (celebrated on the 9th)
- Ann S. Hollis, PM (celebrated on the 28th)
- Willie Jordan, RM (celebrated on the 6th)
- Daniel S. Kilpatrick, RM (celebrated on the 31st)
- Hazel E. Larimore, HPM (remembered on the 15th)
- Quentin H. Miller, PM (remembered on the 9th)
- Simran Patil, PM (celebrated on the 27th)
- George A. Post, PM (remembered on the 12th)
- Deena D. Reem-Robinson, HPM (celebrated on the 20th)

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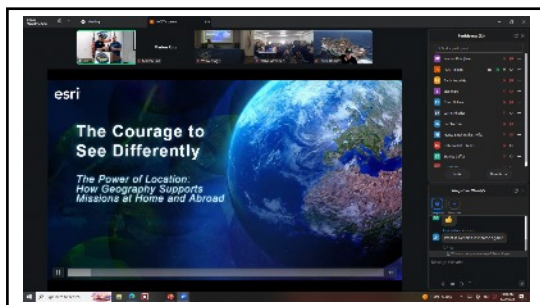
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| • Ben L. Andersen, PM (46 years) | Harry O. Reuse, PM (41 years) |
| • Guy A. Bake, PM (23 years) | Howard R. Roe, PM (43 years) |
| • Hugh Belden, PM (50 years) | William R. Sterling, PM (22 years) |
| • James G. Blue, PM (65 years) | Ira G. Scott, PM (48 year) |
| • Louis A. Chaboya, PM (21 years) | Richard M. Simpson, PM (14 years) |
| • William G. Downey, PM (49 years) | Claudia L. St. Clair, HPM (9 year) |
| • Pauline A. Eisele, PM (21 years) | Burnes O. Starks, PM (37 year) |
| • Duvi R. Frantz, HPM (10 years) | Homer B. Tilton, PM (47 years) |
| • James R. Frantz, PM (10 years) | Charles A. Ulery, PM (45 years) |
| • Charles J. Hornisher, PM (39 years) | Kirk D. Wallendorf, PM (5 years) |
| • Julia E. Jacks, HPM (34 years) | Wallace A. Weaver, PM (41 years) |
| • Richard M. Jones, III PM (1 year) | Charles A. Ulery, PM (45 years) |
| • Edward J. Kloos, PM (46 years) | Maurice W. Wiley, PM (46 years) |
| • Hazel E. Larimore, HPM (37 years) | |
| • Robert A. McMullen, PM (30 years) | |
| • Pedro Najera, PM (41 years) | |
| • Roy A. O'Bannon, PM (49 years) | |
| • E. S. Olsen, PM (41 years) | |
| • Ellsworth M. Pershing, HPM (46 year) | |
| • Kyanna K. Petz, PM (1 year) | |

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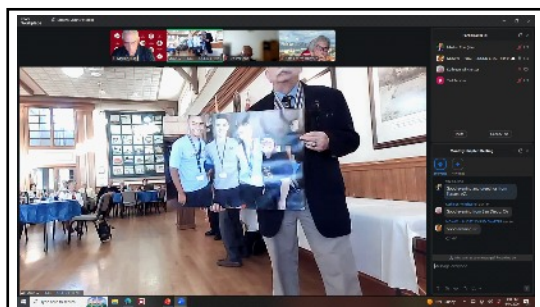
- Frances C. Burrows, HPM (remembered on the 23rd)
- Richard D. Clifton, PM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Jeffrey Coberly, RM (celebrated on the 25th)
- Robert W. Dalrymple, PM (remembered on the 10th)
- John A. Devine, PM (remembered on the 1st)
- Theodore J. Dreveniak, PM (remembered on the 2nd)
- David F. Fagergren, PM (celebrated on the 5th)
- Erik Fagergren, PM (celebrated on the 21st)
- Thomas F. Gross, RM (celebrated on the 27th)
- Donald S. Hopkins, PM (remembered on the 22nd)
- William Rustin Kern, RM (remembered on the 23rd)
- Richard C. Leander, Jr., HPM (celebrated on the 26th)
- Peter M. Leander, HPM (celebrated on the 1st)
- James I. McArthur, PM (remembered on the 8th)
- Robert L. Munson, RM (celebrated on the 15th)
- Ken Robinson, PM (celebrated on the 20th)
- Marlon Ruiz, PM (celebrated on the 15th)
- Francisco J. Trejo, RM (celebrated on the 30th)
- Randy Velarde RM (celebrated on the 9th)
- Mary E. Wallendorf, PM (celebrated on the 12th)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



R-13: WOW [W] HYB MTG - JUNE 2026

The Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) non-profit organization is our broadest hybrid supported cross-state lines veterans service organizational partnerships. WOW meets weekly throughout the calendar year each Monday morning at 9:30 AM and supports a litany of local community support activities. Based out of neighboring central California, WOW's mission focuses on food / clothing drives, planned field trips for fellow members and hosting special events throughout the year. WOW also provides great presentations.



R-14: PS Chapter [M] HYB MTG - JUNE 2026

Our chapter received a special invitation from our sister Puget Sound Chapter in Region XIV (R-14), Washington State - to attend and participate in (via online ZOOM hybrid meeting coordination) their final OY2025 regular membership meeting where Companion Caroline Nielsen, Capt, USCG (ret) would be installed as the new R-14 Commander for the upcoming OY2026 activity season. Other Companions were also recognized for their many activity achievements and contributions during the OY2025 season.



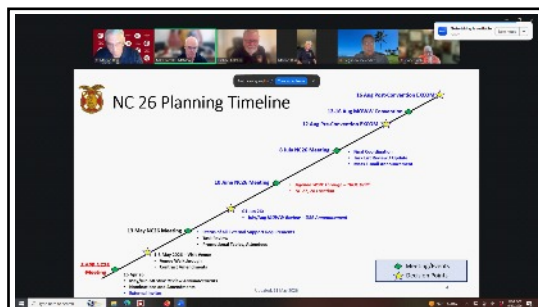
R-13 AZYLC 2026 [A] Conference - JUNE 2026

Our Region XIII annual Arizona Youth Leadership Conference 2026 (AZYLC 2026) was planned and successfully launched a month earlier during OY2025 (the week of 8-12 June) in collaboration once again with the Arizona National Guard Bureau - who graciously provided the conference facilities at the Papago Park Military Reservation training location in east central Phoenix. While event attendance was lower than expected, the curriculum activities and program was superb and received wonderful feedback.



R-13 SCV Chapter RM-6 [Q] Meeting - JUNE 2026

Our Chapter hosted its last regular membership locale-on line hybrid meeting for the OY2025 activity season on Saturday, the 6th of June at the Casa Del Rio Mexican Restaurant in east Tucson. The business meeting included a working luncheon which reviewed and discussed the last few coordination items from the OY2025 Chapter Working Calendar, finishing up any end-of-year (EOY) reports and checklist items due to HQ MOWW and celebrating companion birthdays with a cake treat. Our chapter achieved all CAP goals for the year.



MOWW: NCSC [Q] VCC MTG - JUNE 2026

Given the many fellow Companions serving in prominent HQ MOWW staff planning positions throughout the Order, our chapter is very well represented on many major Order coordination projects and annual initiatives. One such action is involving R-13 on current R-8 annual national convention venue coordination efforts, as last year's host of this event in Tucson, Arizona. In its final coordination phase, this year's national convention in San Antonio, Texas promises to be another planning success - while preparing for OY2026.



R-13: AZYLC 2026 [A] Banquet - JUNE 2026

AZYLC 2026 culminated with its usual Banquet dinner program which brought together program participants, staff, presenters, parents, and support organizations together in camaraderie and to strengthen partnerships, introduce new program supporters, and recognize performance excellence in a wonderful social setting - as student delegates prepared to depart the conference location the following morning. Program highlighted included, a guest speaker, and award recognition of of top student delegate performers.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

The Base Isn't There

Soon after my Army retirement in 1969 Marie, my wife, and I built with our own hands a hexagon house on the American shore of wide, ocean-like Lake Huron. For a few days each summer we recharged batteries there: listening to Lake Huron waves, impulses coming perhaps a hundred miles from Canada's Lake Huron shore, or watching the sun show up on the straight-line watery horizon. On this summer, more than decade ago, I asked Nicholas, our grandson, for a tour of the nearby former Air Force base, now entirely a civilian enterprise. Decades earlier



I was based there; and a few years ago Nick worked there for an environmental remediation company, checking

for residues of perfluorochemicals from long-past foam-tests. The tests rated foam that had been a fire suppressant for plane crashes. Nick pointed out groundwater monitor wells his team had installed. How unusual and how neat — grandson and grandpa had had quite similar experiences: We both had worked at that base and after my military time I had directed placement of monitor wells — at Arizona's Morenci Copper Mine — after being hired by the mining company to start up their environmental department. Over the years, the airbase underwent many name changes. Established in 1923 as Loud-Reames Aviation Field, it was renamed Camp Skeel in 1924. When I was stationed there in 1951

It was Oscoda Air Force Base, after the adjacent town name — Oscoda. In 1953, it got its last name: Wurtsmith Air Force Base, for Michigander General Paul Wurtsmith, killed in 1946 when his B-25 crashed on Cold Mountain in North Carolina. Wurtsmith — now a town facility — what a change from the days when I was there doing group and individual weather briefings! It was then home for F-86's of the 63rd Fighter Interceptor Squadron where I briefed former MOWW Catalina Mountains Chapter member and world's third jet ace, Ralph "Hoot" Gibson, among many others. After my time there the base switched from fighters to B-52 bombers. And now, those one-time B-52 hangars are used in maintenance of large, private-company cargo aircraft. Retirees and others live in two-story homes made from barracks or in ranch-style homes where hospital buildings had been. I asked Nick to take me to the alert hangar where, standing at a lectern and with the squadron commander sitting in the front row, I had given the entire squadron of F-86-pilots their weather briefings; and to my weather station where I had prepared the forecasts. We did find the alert hangar — its roof a giveaway, but decorative siding now covered the corrugated steel sides. Its steel man door, now behind a low addition, had clanged when I closed it while going to meet the assembled pilots. My weather station was gone. As we left I thought the town made good use of a once-great airbase, but I wanted it to be as it was when young people were there guarding America from possible Soviet Union bombers. TLC



We welcome fellow Santa Cruz Valley Chapter - 193 companion CWO (RET) Theodore L. "Ted" Cogut, USA to our monthly newsletter writing staff contributor team for the new year. Ted transferred his chapter membership affiliation over to our chapter from the former Catalina Mountains Chapter which operated out of east Tucson until this past June 2022 when they ceased operations. Ted was also a very active chapter newsletter article writer for the CM Chapter, contributing regularly to the "Ted's Page" monthly entry where he routinely provided very interesting and entertaining articles for that publication. With the addition and 2023 launching of Ted's Page to our monthly publication, we hope will further enhance our publication's outreach among our chapter readership and general public outreach appeal. As always, our staff welcomes every opportunity to continue to deliver our MOWW award-winning publication and most importantly your inputs and feedback.

JUNE IN HISTORY

June 1

Birthday - Founder of Utah and patriarch of the Mormon church Brigham Young (1801-1877) was born in Whittingham, Vermont. Called the "American Moses," he led thousands of religious followers across the wilderness to settle over 300 towns in the West, including Salt Lake City, Utah.

Birthday - Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962) was born in Los Angeles (as Norma Jean Mortensen). Following an unstable childhood spent in foster homes and orphanages, she landed a job as a photographer's model which led to a movie career. She later married baseball legend Joe DiMaggio. Beneath her glamorous movie star looks she was fragile and insecure and eventually succumbed to the pressures of Hollywood life. She died in Los Angeles from an overdose of sleeping pills on August 5, 1962. Best known for *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (1953), *The Seven Year Itch* (1955), *Bus Stop* (1956), *Some Like It Hot* (1959), and *The Misfits* (1961).

June 2

Birthday - Marquis de Sade (1740-1814) was born in Paris. He was a military leader, governor-general, and author, whose acts of extreme cruelty and violence resulted in the term *sadism* being created from his name to describe gratification in inflicting pain.

June 3

June 3, 1937 - The Duke of Windsor married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France. As King Edward VIII, he had abdicated the British throne in December of 1936 amid tremendous controversy to marry Simpson, an American who had been divorced. Following the wedding, the couple lived in France and had minimal contact with the British Royal family. The Duke died in Paris on May 28, 1972, and was buried near Windsor Castle in England.

June 3, 1972 - Sally Jan Priesand was ordained a rabbi thus becoming the first woman rabbi in the U.S. She then became an assistant rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City.

June 3, 1989 - Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, leader of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, died. On February 1, 1979, after 15 years in exile, he had staged a triumphant return to Iran which led to the downfall of the Shah. Khomeini then reorganized the government on Islamic principles. On November 11, 1979, a group of students loyal to Khomeini seized 66 hostages in the American Embassy in Teheran after the former Shah had entered the U.S. for medical treatment. Thus began an international political crisis lasting until January 20, 1981, when they were released.

Birthday - Confederate president Jefferson Davis (1808-1889) was born at Todd County, Kentucky. After the Southern states formed the Confederacy in 1861, he hoped to be named commander of the Confederate military forces but was instead chosen to be president, serving until 1865. Following the Civil War, he was imprisoned but never brought to trial. He died at age 81 in New Orleans.

June 4

June 4, 1944 - During World War II in Europe, Rome was liberated by the U.S. 5th Army, led by General Mark Clark. Rome had been declared an open city by German Field Marshal Albert Kesselring amid Allied concerns the Germans might stage a Stalingrad-style defense that would devastate the historic 'Eternal' city.

June 4, 1972 - An express train packed with more than 600 people rammed into a stalled train at full speed in the main station of Jessore, Bangladesh, killing 76 and injuring over 500 persons.

June 4, 1989 - The Chinese government ordered its troops to open fire on unarmed protesters in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. The protest had started on April 16 as about 1,000 students marched to mourn the death of Hu Yaobang, a pro-reform leader within the Chinese government. Despite government warnings, pro-reform and pro-democracy demonstrations continued for a month drawing ever-larger crowds of young people, eventually totaling over a million persons. On May 13, three thousand students began an eight-day hunger strike. The government imposed martial law on May 20 and brought in troops. On June 2, in their first clash with the People's Army, demonstrators turned back an advance of unarmed troops. However, in the pre-dawn hours of June 4, the People's Army, using tanks, machine-guns, clubs and tear gas, opened fire on the unarmed protesters. Armored personnel carriers then rolled into the square crushing students still sleeping in their tents.

Geo Challenge Trivia

Name the sea that is bordered by Europe, Africa, and Asia.

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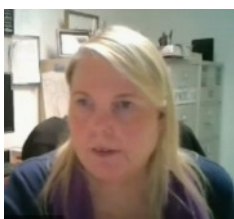
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We thank City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Commissioner Ms. Terry Byron for sharing and distributing local veteran community upcoming activities and events notifications. Commissioner Byron is currently serving a two-year term on the Mayor's City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Committee Office, tasked along with her fellow commissioners who represent veteran organizations throughout the city and southern Arizona Pima County. Terry is also very active throughout the year as a member of the Tucson Marine Corps. League, Nighthawk-72 Marine Detachment in west Tucson and the township of Marana, Arizona. She also served on the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation - Marana, as one of its founding members, charged with the upkeep, preservation and continued fundraising efforts in support of newest dedicated military veterans cemetery final burial site and its perpetual continued beautification. She also maintains the veterans lounge at TIAP.

