



# "THE TRAIL BLAZER NEWS"

The Military Order of the World Wars -- MOWW  
**Colonel Billie L. Stephens Apache Trail Chapter 207**  
*Serving Youth, Community and Nation for 32 Years*  
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## Commander's Corner

*Thanks all* chapter members & Staff who attended the 21 September & 23 October 2021, In-Person luncheons, our first since October 2020. It was great to see all of you to begin our new Activity year. We are averaging 17 in attendance

which is very encouraging! It was my privilege to present CW04 Douglas Gray with this year's MOWW National Citation at the September luncheon. Doug has been a Perpetual Member of our chapter for over 20 years and has faithfully attended every chapter luncheon & Massing of the Colors. His continued support, camaraderie with chapter members & new ideas to benefit our chapter, continue to be much appreciated. *Happy Birthday Apache Trail*

*Chapter!!* We celebrated our 32nd birthday on 19 October 2021.

During our 23 October luncheon I showcased an original poster display of photos sent to me during the 2020 COVID-19 quarantine, by LCDR Dan Germond, USCG, Ret. Thanks to his generosity, he shared many good memories in his journeys to Flagstaff, NAU & his philanthropic organization, **Revere America**. He continued to *Serve Youth, Community and Nation* during 2020 & the COVID-19 pandemic. We miss his enthusiasm & always positive energy at our monthly luncheons. Please see page 7 for the poster.

**Guest speakers** for the **November 2021** luncheon will be MACV-SOG/Vietnam veterans Mr. Nick Brokhausen & Mr. Jeff Miller. Both authors of their most recent book, *Vagabonds: Tourists in the Heart of Darkness*, c2021. Trailer: YouTube Ep. 92, aired May 7, 2021: **Two Special Forces soldiers adventures as "security advisors."** **Ep. 92 - YouTube & We Few: US Special Forces in Vietnam**, C-SPAN Book TV, aired June 19, 2018 **[We Few] | C-SPAN.org**.

*Please join me in Welcoming them!*



- ◆ **AZHOF 2021**—  
LTC Patrick C. Stolze, USA, Ret.
- ◆ **21 Sept 2021**  
Chapter Luncheon—Recap
- ◆ **ASU ROTC Program Awards 2021**
- ◆ **23 October 2021 Luncheon, 32nd Birthday**—Recap
- ◆ **15th ABL Law Conference**-Recap
- ◆ **Member Acknowledgement**

## Member Acknowledgement



AZ Secretary of State Katie Hobbs, LTC Patrick C. Stolze with AZ Dept. of Veterans' Services Director Wanda Wright, Col., USAF (Ret.)

The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Class of 2021 inducted one of our own on 15 October 2021, at the Talking Stick Resort and Convention Center, Scottsdale, Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community.

**LTC Patrick C. Stolze, USA, Ret.** Past Chapter Commander, Gold Patrick Henry Award recipient 2019, and current Region XIII & Dept. of AZ Commander, was inducted.

COL Christine Mahon, chapter member and AZHOF 2017 recipient, served as LTC Stolze escort to the podium.

Four hundred fifteen attendees had the honor of witnessing this ceremony, which was preceded by a **Tribute to Warriors** by the Yellow Bird Dancers. Family, friends and luminaries from across the state watched as 16-2021 recipients and 3-2020 recipients received this honor.

The **Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV)**, is a consortium of 62 veterans' organizations throughout the state. The UAV has sponsored this ceremony each year since 2000. The **Induction Ceremony Committee** included two Apache Trail Chapter members: COL Pat Little-Upah, AVHOF 2014) and Lt Col Carol McKnight, Unified Arizona Veterans, Director & UAV Chapter Liaison.

"The Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame-AVHOF, recognizes and honors Arizona veterans who have made significant civic contributions at the local, state, or national level. Honorees are veterans who have honorably served their country and who also serve and inspire their fellow citizens with deeds and accomplishments beyond their military service. The AVHOF is proud to recognize and include Arizona's Medal of Honor recipients."

*Congratulations!*





## Law & Order Program

21 September 2021

Luncheon—Recap

**Guest Speaker:**

Capt. Jeffrey P. Hall, USAF  
(Former) & Attorney-at-Law

**[www.halllegalservices.com](http://www.halllegalservices.com)**

Eighteen chapter members and guests learned the differences between Wills

and Trusts in Capt. Hall's very informative and thought provoking presentation. Reassuring yourself that your affairs are completely in order, may be something you may want to discuss with Capt. Hall. Chapter members asked many specific questions which Capt. Hall was able to answer clearly. Ensuring you have all your estate planning in order, helps not only give you peace of mind, but helps the Executors of your estate, best apply the measures you want to occur. If you believe a Will is sufficient to meet your wishes, please reconsider. It does not prevent you from having to go through Probate. Two chapter members (I'm one of them) did due diligence and the better measure is to consider a Trust. When you estate plan, please have conversations with your family members and consider including MOWW/our chapter as a beneficiary.

For the past 4 years, our chapter has benefited through the COL Roy King Trust & the LTC Edward & Mrs. Diane McDowell Trust. Past Commander of our chapter, LTC McDowell was a strong advocate of members including our chapter in your estate planning. Thanks to COL King & LTC & Mrs. McDowell, our chapter is able to send more delegates to AZYLC. Thank You Capt. Hall for your thought provoking and most informative and educational presentation.

Thanks to LTC Patrick C. Stolze, for inviting Capt. Hall to be our 21 September 2021 guest speaker.

LTC Dave Lynch, Chapter Treasurer with Capt. Jeffrey P. Hall, guest speaker.



## ASU ROTC Program Awards—*Congratulations!*

In September 2021, Capt. Priscilla Ledesma, Education Officer Det 025, provided photos to ROTC/JROTC Program Chair, Maj Lew White. Apache Trail Chapter MOWW awards were presented on our behalf by Lt Col Brandee Harral. Thanks to the ASU AFROTC Staff, for the



opportunity to acknowledge deserving AFROTC cadets.

**Gold Patrick Henry  
presented to  
Cadet Noah Caratao**

Our chapter supports the ASU ROTC Tempe campus which includes the Army & Navy ROTC programs.

**Silver Patrick  
Henry presented to  
Cadet Brandon  
Sarrasin**



**Bronze Patrick  
Henry presented  
to  
Cadet Armand  
Debray**

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## ROTC/JROTC Program

23 October 2021 Luncheon —  
Recap



### Guest Speaker:

**Lt Col Brian P. Walker**

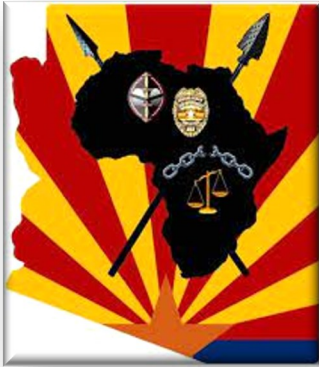
Senior Aerospace Instructor & Dept.  
Chair, Mesa High School

Nine years at Mesa High School, Lt Col Walker gave a very informative & realistic view of challenges faced by Lt Col Walker, MSgt Caldwell & students during COVID-19. He joined the military at 18 year old looking for a way to pay for college. He observed he is like a Father Flanigan to his students, a mentor. Originally believing he came to teach & inspire, he found his work more humbling. He realized teaching 14-18 year old youth there is a “substantial difference,” stating they are “still teenagers.” Students come from working class broken families, experiencing behavioral issues & struggling with self harm and suicidal thoughts and actions.

Lt Col Walkers stated students “did not adapt well” during COVID-19 using the virtual environment. March thru June 2020 was Summer break at Mesa HS. August 2020 they moved to video conferencing finding students becoming lazy, then transitioning to 1/2 days using AV. In October 2020 Mesa HS was FT In-person then migrated back to virtual. In January 2021 they were on-line again, his observation: teaching hybrid is very hard to conduct. Lt Col Walker stated students need the structure, routine & many struggled with mental health. He highlighted social media continues whatever bullying students are experiencing 24/7. Both MSgt Caldwell & Lt Col Walker are extremely busy with the curriculum they have fine tuned & are lauded for regularly.

**“Cadet Guide, Part I of II (Cadet Operations)** published August 2021, provides students with: **“The Cadet Honor Code:** I will not lie, cheat or steal, nor will I tolerate those among us who do.” **The US Air Force Mission Statement:** “Integrity First, Service before Self & Excellence in all we do.” **The Air Force JROTC Cadet Creed** and guidelines on: Department, Grading, Cadet Boards & Staff meetings, and Special & Co-Curricular Activities. *Thank You for your continued leadership & selfless service!*





## Public Safety and Law & Order Program

### 15th Annual 2021 ABLA Law Criminal Justice Conference— Recap

<https://www.arizonaable.org>



Thanks to ABLA President Geoffrey Heard for his invitation to our chapter, to attend the **15th Annual 2021 ABLA Conference via ZOOM**. This year's theme was "*Community and Law Enforcement "What's Going On?"*" A panel led by Retired City of Phoenix Municipal Court Judge Carol Berry, included AzABSE President & Founder Ms. Zel Fowler, and National Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc. (Phoenix Chapter), Ms. Donna Williams Esq. ABLA is a 501 © 3 organization in our valley.

*"ABLE's mission is to educate and promote a positive image of law enforcement employees to the community, to invest in the youth of our community through partnerships in order to further their law enforcement careers; and to actively recruit qualified candidates from the African American community at large to pursue careers in law enforcement and throughout the criminal justice industry."* President Heard emphasized that ABLA is open to anyone interested in law enforcement regardless of ethnicity.

The 21 October 2021/Wednesday panel encouraged youth in attendance, to, as Surprise Police Chief Benny Pina emphasized become the, "good people who want their community to become better," and to, "consider diversity of thought." Students interested in law enforcement, criminal justice & social work, were encouraged to "stay focused, it is not easy & your path will work out with dedication, hard work & perseverance," said retired Judge Berry. Judge Berry is on the ASU Advisory Board for the ASU Center for the Study of Race and Democracy, Tempe Campus. **[Home | Center for the Study of Race and Democracy \(asu.edu\)](#)**

President Heard presented four awards: **Supervisor of the Year Award** to Tempe PD Chief Jeffrey Glover & Avondale Chief of Police Mimo Espinoza (former MC); **The Ted Hutchinson Community Service Award** to Mr. Larry Clark Ross Sr., a much admired & respected educator for over 25 years who passed in September 2021. **The Wells Hanbury Volunteer of the Year Award** to Mr. Paul Lemon, Avondale PD, & **four deserving students** received \$1,000 ABLA scholarships towards their education: Mr. Christine McMullin; Ms. Milan Harris; Ms. Zyra Myers and Ms. Serenity Smith. *Thanks to Pres. Heard for the invitation!*



## Member Acknowledge- ment



**Mr. Chuck Mackey, Scouting Program Chair**, received two much deserved awards from the Detroit 2021 August MOWW Conference: **2nd Place, Scouting Program & the MOWW-BSA "Square Knot" award**. The Square Knot is a significant award as the requirements for eligibility are daunting. Mr. Mackey's credentials for this award include: "Currently registered in a Scouting leadership position at the Unit, District or Council level; or as a Chartered Organizational Representative (COR); or as a District/Council Member-



at- Large; or as a Unit/District/Council Commissioner." Mr. Mackey is also our **Region XIII Scouting Program Chair**. *Congratulations & Thank you for your service!*

Poster tribute to LCDR Daniel Germond  
& Happy 32nd Birthday  
Apache Trail Chapter!



**Patriotic Education Program  
Phoenix Chapter MOC —12 Sept 2021**



**Remembrance Table**

Mrs. Debbie Kerr-Minor, MAJ Trujillo, Mr. Chuck Mackey & COL Christine Mahon, Apache Trail chapter. **West Valley Chapter** leadership. MSgt Jeanne Erickson, Mrs. Joanne Stolze & LTC Patrick C. Stolze, **Region XIII Cdr.** LTC Stolze & **Phoenix Chapter Commander** COL Richard Minor. CW04 Robert & Mrs. Joy Ozier (his left), **Catalina Mountain Chapter.**



## Chapter History

### MOWW Historian General & CPT Pinson Memorial Chapter 233, Jr. Vice Commander, Irving, TX



**Phone conversation** with LTC Arthur B. Fowler, USA, Ret., in August 2021.

Thanks to Historian General LTC Fowler, Apache Trail Chapter's 31+ years of history, will at some point be archived in the Hoover Institution, Stanford University. Collection 65029 for the period 1876 to 2010 is described as:

"Biographical data on members, chapter histories, minutes, convention proceedings, memoirs, printed matter relating to American military activities, especially World War I, World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam activities." Background: "Patriotic American organization of former military officers." It consists of, "341 manuscript boxes, 15 oversize boxes, 6 card file boxes, 1 oversize folder (150 linear feet)" and is the "Collection is open for research."

The Junior Vice Commander of the CPT Pinson chapter, LTC Fowler said of 41 members, they are lucky to get 12 attendees at chapter luncheons. They currently meet at the Uno China Restaurant. Their Chapter Commander for the past 3 years and going into his 4th year, COL Vincent Freeman is leaving them for Hawaii, foregoing his 4th year in command. He said the Dallas chapters has 380 members. LTC Don Munson from that chapter has advised they often have 80 members or more attend each monthly luncheon at \$30 per person. In terms of size, the Dallas chapter is the largest, followed by the Plano/Ft. Worth chapters and then Irving in Texas, according to LTC Fowler.

LTC Fowler recently got his First Pfizer shot for COVID-19 pending his second. Asked why he did not get it sooner, he was reticent due to a bad flu shot experience years ago, having double vision for 6 weeks. I thanked him for getting his shots!!

LTC Fowler says there is a strong Czech population in Texas, and he speaks conversational Czech. He claims it is the 3rd most spoken language in Texas.

**For the Good of the Order:** MAJ Rosanne E. Trujillo, USA, Ret., Commander



Volunteers are  
Welcome for  
several programs.

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Upcoming  
**EVENTS**

- ◆ **5 November 2021**/Friday, **In-Person** Staff Meeting @**11:00 a.m.**, **Goody's Café.**
- ◆ **7 November 2021**/Sunday, **Catalina Mountain Chapter MOC.** Tucson Woman's Club, 6245 East Bellevue St., Tucson, AZ. Starts at 2:00 PM.
- ◆ **11 November 2021**/**Phoenix Veteran's Day Parade.** Montebello & Central Avenue, Phoenix. Start Time: 11:00 a.m.
- ◆ **11 November 2021**/**East Valley Veteran's Day Parade, Mesa, AZ.**
- ◆ **14 November 2021, Royal Air Force Memorial Service,** City of Mesa Cemetery.
- ◆ **16 November 2021**/**3rd TUESDAY, Chapter luncheon meeting.** Venue TBD. **Guest speakers:** Mr. Nick Brokhausen & Mr. Jeff Miller, Authors.
- ◆ **23 November 2021**/**Tuesday. 32nd JROTC & Armed Forces Career Officer Day (AFCOD) Expo & Luncheon,** McCormick Ranch Golf Club, 7505 East McCormick Pkway, Scottsdale. Start time: 10:30 a.m.
- ◆ **7 December 2021**/Friday. **Apache Trail Chapter & Marcos de Niza HS Massing of the Colors.** Please see flyer for details.
- ◆ **7 December 2021**/**Tuesday. Pearl Harbor Remembrance.** Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix

Humor



“As I suspected, there’s nothing wrong with you. But I’d like to keep ordering tests till something turns up.”