

**COMMANDER**

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

**CHAPTER STAFF NOTES**

**ADJUTANT**

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

**COMMANDER'S REPORT:**

Hello to everyone and salutations from Rio Rico, Arizona. While my duties with the Rio Rico Unified School District is already transitioning to the summer recess and summer school mode, the same is definitely not the case with our local Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 community support service operations. We are now in the "home stretch" as they say and hope to close as strong (if not stronger) than we started last 1 JULY 2022. This year's ROTC-JROTC Awards Support Program was challenging, as we were faced with servicing new added schools to our chapter operations while trying to preserve our stellar support operations with our partners in neighboring Utah. I wish to share my deepest gratitude to all those this year who helped out with medal package distribution and presentations at the various schools. As you will all read in this month's Chapter Newsletter "Chapter-in-Action" segment we were able to not only meet those challenges but also surpass our usual stellar service performance, having handed out an impressive 44 JROTC medals between 8 Arizona and 7 Utah high schools, and 3 ROTC medals at the University of Arizona and 1 ROTC medal at the University of Utah in Salt Lake City. WE also want to welcome our three newest SCV Chapter fellow companions; LTC (RET) Jeffrey Coberly, USA, CWO5 (RET) Karl (Scott) McKenzie, USA, and Lt Col (RET) Denise L. Harris, USAF. While Jeff and Denise have been added to our Chapter Satellite operations in Utah, Scott will be helping us locally in southern Arizona. We now turn our sights upon securing and submitting our AZYLK 2023 summer program commitment of a total of 12 student delegates. WE should have all the applications for review by the end of this coming week or by 15 MAY (which ever comes first). As the end of the current operating year gets closer, I would like to share my personal thanks to one and all for a great first year as your commander, and I look forward to serving as your chapter commander once again for the upcoming 2023-2024 operating year.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

As of the writing of this status report, our Chapter CHASE BANK account shows the following balance amounts, checking \$547.96 USDs and savings \$12,746.96 USDs. As anticipated, with the added replenishment of our Chapter Awards Support Program outreach and support services supply inventory needs. All available medal and other materials had to be replenished to meet the increased demands (in addition to the added USPS mailing/shipping cost associated with servicing out of state ROTC and JROTC program requests). The only "still outstanding" chapter financial business to be tended to before we close out the current 2022-2023 operating year is the establishing the SCV Chapter AZYLK Fund account and the pending transfer of funds earmarked for this purpose before the end of JUNE 2023. In summary, our chapter has performed well and managed to conduct all of its stated operational goals within the confines of our "small chapter" budgetary constraints.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:**

We are now entering the most critical quarter of every operating year (OY) – that of successfully submitting all required "end-of-OY" reports and national awards package submissions. As has been the case in previous years, our chapter has once again qualified to submit for the coveted General of the Armies (GAS) John J. Pershing Chapter of the Year National Award. While the chapter is to be commended for all the great community support outreach efforts, historical operational milestones, and outstanding chapter recruitment performance, it all falls by the waste-side if we fail to file all the required documentation and comply with the numerous OY "closeout" administrative reporting requirements by the allotted suspense period of 1 JUNE 2023, which is a mere 24 days away as of the writing of this newsletter status report entry. We have diligently collected all the data we need to compile and complete the required reports, so we ask for your patience and cooperation should we ask anyone for added information during the report completion process. Also keep in mind that some of our chapter fellow companions are also serving in other MOWW national capacities, so their availability to assist our chapter administrative and managerial needs may not be possible at times. Regardless, we will meet all deadlines, as time and workload may permit. I also want to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we still have two scheduled chapter meetings before we end the current OY. Our SCV Chapter 193 (QTR-4 – ZOOM ONLY Video Conference Call (VCC) staff meetings will be on the fourth Saturday of this month (SAT, 27 MAY @ 11AM – virtual online) and our last SCV Chapter 193 (AM-4: HYBRID/face to face/locale) general membership meeting is scheduled for the first Saturday of next month (SAT, 3 JUNE @ 11:30AM – Casa Del Rio Mexican Restaurant in east Tucson). I would also like to extend my sincerest thanks to everyone who has helped this year to place our chapter at its strongest national awards contender submission position ever this year. God Bless you all and may he keep everyone safe. Until next month.

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**MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD**

- Apr 01<sup>st</sup> – AM-4: SCV Chapter HYBRID Mtg, Tucson, AZ - 11:30AM
- Apr 01<sup>st</sup> – VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Apr 03<sup>rd</sup> – VSO-1: APR (4) WOW VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
- Apr 12<sup>th</sup> – VSO-3: VAC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Apr 13<sup>th</sup> – R-13: QTR-3 VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Apr 15<sup>th</sup> – MOAA: CM Chapter Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 11:30AM
- Apr 15<sup>th</sup> – GELP Chapter Monthly HYBRID Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: VAC Monthly VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – MGM Chapter Monthly HYBRID Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – AAP: UofA NROTC Awards Event, Tucson, AZ - 7AM
- Apr 19<sup>th</sup> – AAP: FWHS AJROTC Awards Event, Tucson, AZ - 6PM
- Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> – MIAP: Bi-Annual Burial Ceremony, Marana, AZ - 10AM
- Apr 28<sup>th</sup> – AAP: RRHS AJROTC Awards Event, Rio Rico, AZ - 6PM

**NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG:** JUN 3<sup>rd</sup> (HYBRID) ZOOM LINK

**LOCALE:** (HYBRID & VCC formats due to COVID-19 limitations)

**EVENT:** AM-5: SCV Chapter Membership Meeting - 11AM

**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

**PROGRAM:** HYBRID Meeting Activity "Chapter Membership"

**AGENDA:** "QTR-4 SCV Chapter Staff-Companion-Event Activity"

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

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Submit comments to [marlon.ruiz@earthlink.net](mailto:marlon.ruiz@earthlink.net) or call (520) 780-7107 and leave a message



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Two sources confirmed to Defense News that the president has chosen Gen. Brown to succeed Army Gen. Mark Milley as the nation's top military officer.

Industry devises plans to keep helicopter fleet capable for decades
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US airman to visit Australia in June for F-7 Wedgetail training
Air Force prepares to retire U-2 spy planes in 2026

Land



New Zealand military plays catchup in pandemic aftermath
Evacuating Sudan: An amphibious gap and missed opportunity
Marines want 31 amphibious ships. The Pentagon disagrees. Now what?
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Pentagon

Pentagon seeks to ease China's green tech chokehold amid GOP criticism
The Pentagon is trying to scale back China's outsized influence on the critical materials needed to produce electric vehicles and build solar panels.



US, Philippines vow joint defense 'anywhere in the South China Sea'
Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. made the rounds in Washington seeking to deepen the alliance amid concerns over Chinese aggression.



US cyber leaders look to AI to augment network activities
If planes can fly and land using autopilot, ARCYBER boss Lt. Gen. Mark Barrett said, it is "not scary to run a network in an automated way."



Generative AI providing fuel for hackers, DISA Director Skinner says
Generative AI is "one of the most disruptive" technological developments in a "very long, long time," DISA's Lt. Gen. Robert Skinner said.



Connectivity will 'make or break' US military use of AI, official says
The Pentagon is pursuing seamless networking through a connect-everything campaign known as Joint All Domain Command and Control, or JADC2.

Naval



Fleet forces chief wants to make a smaller Navy more lethal
The operational — and political — benefits of Turkey's new warship
Chinese navy ships head to Singapore for joint drills
Israeli firm reveals unmanned submarine BlueWhale
Tense face-off: Philippines confronts China over sea claims



Lockheed Martin reorganizes space business
The national security space business will be led by Mark Demaree, who previously oversaw Lockheed's internal Joint All Domain Command and Control efforts.

Raytheon, Lockheed to compete for Space Force satellite ground system
How three space agencies are collaborating on next-gen missile warning
Space Force eyes 'outernet' for better data flow in orbit
'Victory Nox' mission to push Space Force closer to on-demand launch

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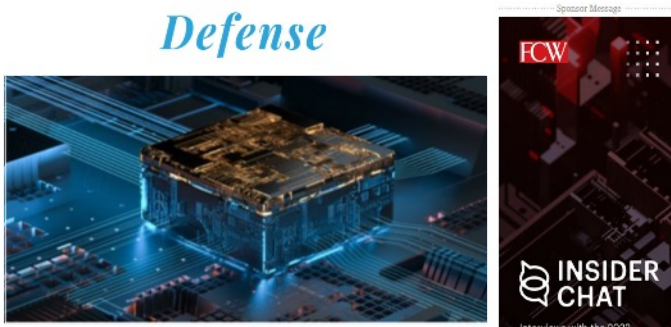
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TSP Returns Staged Monthly Positive For April
Workforce: Podcast: A Lot Of Managers Don't Like Working With Gen Z

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**NOTABLE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**



Contact the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter and your local district youth leadership development organizations today for a complete listing of scheduled activities in your local community and surrounding areas.

**ACTIVITY ACCOLADES:**



**PROGRAM CONTACTS:**

**AJROTC Events** – For an update on local Rio Rico HS Army JROTC activities and information please contact LTC Ronnie St. Clair at [rstclair@scv35.org](mailto:rstclair@scv35.org) Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

- 03 MAY Color Guard for Rio Rico HS Golden Hawk Awards, Rio Rico, AZ
- 05 MAY Color Guard for Rio Rico HS Prep Assembly, Rio Rico, AZ
- 06 MAY Trip for Rio Rico HS JROTC Seniors, Tucson, AZ
- 07 MAY Color Guard for Rio Rico HS Senior Baccalaureate, Rio Rico, AZ
- 11 MAY Color Guard for the Rio Rico HS Graduation Parade, Rio Rico, AZ
- 18 MAY Color Guard for the Rio Rico HS Graduation Ceremony, Rio Rico, AZ

**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](mailto:broberson@sahuarita.k12.az.us)

- 05 MAY Color Guard - State of the District, Sahuarita, AZ
- 15 MAY Color Guard - WGHS Awards Night, Sahuarita, AZ
- 18 MAY Color Guard - SHS Awards Night, Sahuarita, AZ
- 24 MAY Color Guard - SHS Graduation, Sahuarita, AZ
- 25 MAY Color Guard - WGHS Graduation, Sahuarita, AZ
- 29 MAY Color Guard Memorial Day Activities, Sahuarita, AZ

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April 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30						1 SCV Ch. HYB MTG UAV VCC MTG
2	3 WOW Weekly VCC	4 R-13: AZYLCC VCC	5	6 MAC VCC MTG	7	8 WV Ch. MTG
9 Former POW DAY	10 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly VCC	11	12 VAC VCC MTG	13 R-13 Conf. VCC	14	15 MOAA: CMC MTG GELP HYB MTG
16	17 WOW Weekly VCC	18 MGM CH VCC MVAC VCC	19 AAP Events	20 AAP Events TOP-8 VCC MTG ALOV Post 132 MTG	21 UAP Events	22 CS Chapter HYB MLAP BI-ANNUAL
23	24 WOW Weekly VCC	25	26 UAP Event AAP Event	27	28 AAP Event	29

May 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 WOW Weekly VCC	2 VFW Monthly MTG	3 UAP Event	4 MAHC VCC MTG UAP Event	5 CINCO DE MAYO UAP Event	6 UAV VCC MTG
7	8 WOW Weekly VCC	9	10 VAC VCC MTG UAP Event	11	12	13 WV CH MTG
14 Happy Mother's Day	15 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly VCC	16 MOW VAC VCC MGM CH VCC	17	18 TOP-8 VCC MTG ALOV Post 132 MTG	19 UAP Event	20 GELP CH HYB R-2 SPRING CONFERENCE
21	22 WOW Weekly VCC	23	24	25	26	27 SCV Ch. Staff VCC
28	29 Memorial Day 2023 WOW Weekly VCC	30	31			

**Health & Public Safety**

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC 2025. Saving Lives. Protecting People.™

**FEATURED TOPIC**  
**COVID-19 Public Health Emergency**  
CDC is shifting from an emergency response to incorporating COVID-19 activities into routine public health practice.

**CDC 24/7: Saving Lives, Protecting People**

**FEATURED**

- Asthma Awareness**: Learn how to control your asthma to reduce and prevent asthma attacks.
- Protect Your Health**: Here are 10 questions you can use to understand fungal infections.
- Learn the Signs. Act Early**: Act early if you're concerned about your child's development.
- Emergency Water Supply**: Learn how to prepare, store, and use a water supply for an emergency.

**CDC IN ACTION**

- CDC Response**: Learn how CDC is responding to COVID-19 pandemic.
- SDOH**: CDC's work addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).
- Training & Education**: Locate quality trainings and continuing education.
- STEM at CDC**: Science, technology, engineering, & math disciplines.

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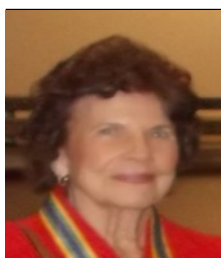
Psalm 27:1

"The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?"

We have all heard the maxim "Where there is life,  
there is hope." Hope is vital to life.

Hope is powerful! With hope we can expand,  
grow, and reach out. Hope can see light where  
Darkness lives and can fill aching hearts with a  
million candles. It is the medicine of the mind that  
keeps us going. Hope is eternal! As long we  
remember to trust God and live in the hope of  
God's promises, nothing is impossible.

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**

**April Anniversaries:**

- Howard G. Annas, PM (42 years)
- Kenneth L. Baxter, PM (22 years)
- Edward E. Boyles, PM (43 years)
- Lorraine J. Braach, PM (43 years)
- Kenneth R. Bruce, PM (31 years)
- William E. Corson, PM (28 years)
- Jeremiah R. Dooley, PM (51 years)
- Theodore J. Dreveniak, PM (35 years)
- George C. Dyer, PM (46 years)
- Alexander L. Galli, PM (45 years)
- J. W. Haney, PM (45 years)
- Donald W. Hickman, PM (36 years)
- Philip A. Hoffman, PM (36 years)
- Ramon W. Howe, PM (42 years)
- William T. Hunt, PM (46 years)
- Gloria M. Kerwin, HPM (28 years)
- Robert L. Lawrence, PM (43 years)
- Arthur W. Lynch, PM (45 years)
- Robert D. McCrary, PM (18 years)
- John E. Miller, PM (38 years)
- Henry S. Moulthrop, PM (46 years)
- Herbert R. Oxnam, PM (43 years)
- Monfurd K. Peyton, PM (46 years)
- James L. Roberts, PM (43 years)
- William H. Schmidt, PM (42 years)
- George G. Shoemaker, PM (41 years)
- William J. Sitzmann, PM (33 years)
- Vernon H. Vallet, PM (43 years)
- Hoyt S. Vandenberg, PM (42 years)
- Patricia S. Zimmermann, HPM (20 years)

**Companion Birthday Celebrations**

**April Anniversaries:**

- Ira W. Austin, PM (remembered on the 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Guy A. Bake, PM (celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Kenneth L. Baxter, PM (celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Donna M. Coleman, HPM (celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Virgil P. Compton, PM (remembered on the 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- George C. Dyer, PM (remembered on the 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Duvi R. Frantz, HPM (celebrated on the 26<sup>th</sup>)
- Joel M. Greenberg, PM (celebrated on the 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Donald W. Kautz, PM (celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (remembered on the 21<sup>st</sup>)
- James D. Laird, Jr., PM (celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Gregory T. Largen, RM (celebrated on the 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Lynda A. Linker, PM (celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Ronald L. McCreey, PM (remembered on the 26<sup>th</sup>)
- John T. Myers, PM (remembered on the 6<sup>th</sup>)
- E. S. Olsen, PM (remembered on the 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Jeremy F. Pitaniello, RM (celebrated on the 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Harry O. Reuse, PM (remembered on the 29<sup>th</sup>)
- Anthony R. Schaeffer, PM (celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Hector Simon, III RM (celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup>)

**Companion Membership Anniversaries**

**May Anniversaries:**

- John J. Blythe, PM (36 years)
- John H. Carter, PM (76 years)
- Theodore L. Cogut, PM (16 years)
- Virgil Compton, PM (36 years)
- Maxine Guy, PM (38 years)
- Vernon P. harms, HPM (21 years)
- Mark B. Higgins, PM (77 years)
- Reuben Horner, PM (42 years)
- Tya E. Irskens, PM (17 years)
- Henry A. Johnson, PM (66 years)
- Ralph G. Johnson, PM (39 years)
- Richard O. Kiser, PM (45 years)
- Lloyd R. Logan, Jr., PM (44 years)
- Edward W. Marsh, PM (46 years)
- Hardin W. Masters, PM (59 years)
- Benjamin S. Mesick, PM (43 years)
- Jeremy F. Pitaniello, RM (1 year)
- George A. Post, PM (37 years)
- Ken Robinson, PM (8 years)
- Anthony G. Sarah, HPM (34 years)
- Catherine E. Sears, HPM (34 years)
- Sam H. Sharp, PM (46 years)
- William R. Sterling, PM (19 years)
- Homer B. Tilton, PM (44 years)
- Lana L. Waddell, PM (18 years)
- Stephen M. Walmsley, PM (25 years)
- Edward H. Wilkie, PM (46 years)

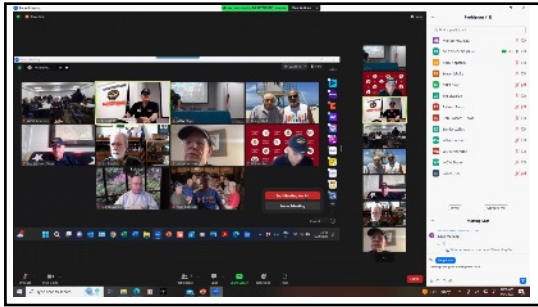
**Companion Birthday Celebrations**

**May Anniversaries:**

- Joseph S. Bean, PM (remembered on the 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Benjamin P. Coppock, PM (remembered on the 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Jeremiah R. Dooley, PM (celebrated on the 31<sup>st</sup>)
- William L. Gill, PM (remembered on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Jay A. Hess, RM (celebrated on the 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Ann S. Hollis, PM (celebrated on the 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Quentin H. Miller, PM (remembered on the 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Simran Patil, PM (celebrated on the 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Deena D. Reem-Robinson, HPM (celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Bruce E. Rianda, PM (celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Hazel E. Larimore, HPM (remembered on the 15<sup>th</sup>)
- George A. Post, PM (remembered on the 12<sup>th</sup>)



**CHAPTER-IN-ACTION**



**VSO-1: WOW Weekly VCC MTG - APR 2023**

Our Chapter is a weekly online participant of the southern California-based veteran and supportive local community civilian civic group and veteran services coalition in the state. They host weekly online video conference call hybrid meetings from southern California. Within their organization ranks are fellow veterans representative of every conflict and war era, along with over 20 veteran service organizational representatives (including the MOWW). WOW agenda caters to senior membership historical service memoir preservation.



**MOAA: CM Chapter Monthly Meeting - APR 2023**

The Santa Cruz Valley Chapter also maintains great veteran services organization community relations with the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). We are most active with the newest MOAA local chapter addition, barely having received their official charter at the beginning of this calendar year. We also occasionally attend the sister chapter in east Tucson as well. Both chapters are somewhat engaged with youth leadership and mentorship activities, as both our organizations take pride in supporting ongoing activities.



**VSO-3: VAC Monthly VCC MTG - APR 2023**

The Santa Cruz Valley Chapter takes great pride in representing the MOWW in the City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Committee. Our chapter representative actively participates every month in the scheduled online video conference call one-hour session, where over twenty local veteran service organizations are also committee members. The committee plays a vital role in local southern Arizona veteran community services advocacy and keeping local government official abreast of veteran support and events.



**R-13: QTR-3 Staff VCC Conference - APR 2023**

The Santa Cruz Valley Chapter participated the the third quarterly Region XIII online video conference call (VCC) session, hosted by the region commander on the evening of Thursday, 13 APR @ 6PM local AZ MST. The online VCC business meeting staff gathering was attended by all chapter commanders or their duly appointed representative and informally discussed chapter activities and those critical coordination events pending, as we entered into the fourth and final quarter of the current 2022-2023 operating year.



**MIAP: Bi-Annual Veteran Burial Ceremony - APR 2023**

Our Chapter attended once again the bi-annual (Spring) Veterans Military Burial Ceremony, hosted by the local Mssiig in America Project (MIAP) veterans non-profit civic organization which has as its primary mission the identification, collection and proper burial of unclaimed fellow veteran cremation remains discovered throughout the country and forgotten by family members. The most recent ceremony provided an official military burial with full military honors to 19 fellow deceased veterans.



**R-13: AAP-UAP ROTC-JROTC Awards Season - APR 2023**

Our Chapter had another very successful ROTC-JROTC Awards Support Services Program (ASSP) season, in APR and MAY of the current 2022-2023 operating year. In all 17 academic institution ROTC and JROTC programs in southern Arizona and throughout the neighboring state of Utah were serviced (presenting or mailing out a total of 44 JROTC and 4 ROTC medal packages (27 JROTC / 3 ROTC in southern Arizona, and 17 JROTC / 1 ROTC in the state of Utah). We also recruited four new chapter companions.

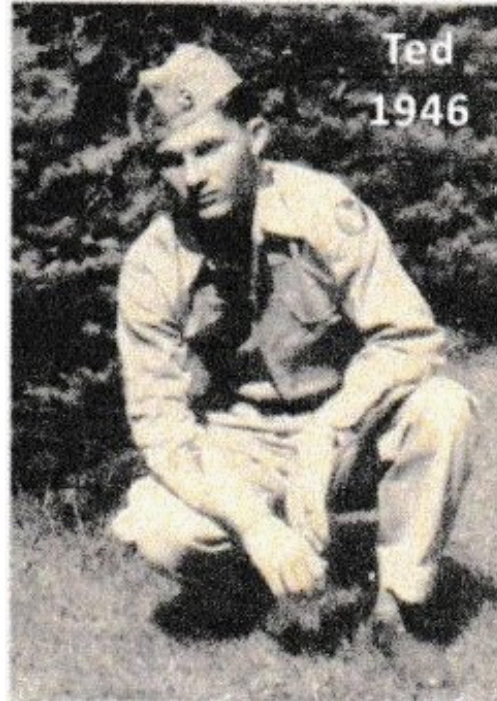
## MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

# Weather Observer School

In the spring of 1946, I was selected for Weather Observer School at Chanute Field, Illinois. The German army had surrendered in the European Theater of Operations, and General Eisenhower returned to Washington to be Army Chief of Staff. In the Pacific Theater, in Tokyo Bay the Japanese had surrendered to General MacArthur aboard the battleship Missouri, and here in the American Theater there was no longer much concern about enemy submarines lurking offshore. But because there were isolated holdouts in the Pacific islands, uncertainty in the Balkans, and intentions of the Soviet Union unknown, World War Two was officially ongoing.

The students at Weather Observer School were a mixture of enlistees and draftees with a year or less service. Among the enlistees, one might be an 18-monther, the shortest enlistment choice, or a three-year termer who thought military service might extend into career length, and a few who had committed to a sort of compromise, a two-year term. I was a three-year enlistee. If you chose three years you had your choice of overseas theater and Army branch. I chose the European theater and the Army Air Corps. The Army Air Corps was then the most technical branch so I wanted to avoid being sent to the ground combat arms, the Infantry and artillery. As the Scottish poet Robert Burns famously said, things don't turn out in ways planned. **"The best laid plans o' mice an' men gang aft agley."** I was never sent to the European Theater and after 16 active and two Ready Reserve years in the Air Corps and USAF, I would be in the Army artillery, all those years in weather work though in varied meteorological specialties.

Some of us came from the Midwest, close enough to make it home over weekends. Others went sightseeing over Saturday and Sunday. It was then perfectly safe to hitchhike. Because wearing civilian clothes was not then allowed and a man in uniform found it easy to get rides, I often hitchhiked home. On Monday mornings,



tired from the trip, an instructor's loud-speaker voice made it difficult to stay awake. If a student began to nod off, a corporal carrying a shiny swagger stick proudly patrolled the desk rows and gently tapped that desk with the stick. I had been lucky in not

being so embarrassed until one Monday morning after a tiring hitch-hiking trip, 300 miles home to Michigan and back, I tried everything I could think of to stay awake but just when I could no longer fight it, while I sat there conspicuously sound asleep, his stick smashed loudly onto my desk. That did alert me, and he then stepped a few rows back, watching, no doubt thinking of making a more forceful response at the next violation. He really didn't need to keep an eye on me. I stayed awake, not wanting to see him cry should his prized swagger stick crash itself into toothpicks at my desk.



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.



## MAY IN HISTORY

### May 1

**May 1st** - Observed as May Day, a holiday and spring festival since ancient times, also observed in socialist countries as a workers' holiday or Labor Day.

**May 1, 1707** - Great Britain was formed from a union between England and Scotland. The union included Wales which had already been part of England since the 1500's. The United Kingdom today consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

**May 1, 1960** - An American U-2 spy plane flying at 60,000 feet was shot down over Sverdlovsk in central Russia on the eve of a summit meeting between President [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#) and Soviet Russia's Premier Nikita Khrushchev. The sensational incident caused a cancellation of the meeting and heightened existing Cold War tensions. The pilot, CIA agent Francis Gary Powers, survived the crash, and was tried, convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison by a Russian court. Two years later he was released to America in exchange for an imprisoned Soviet spy. On his return to America, Powers encountered a hostile public which apparently believed he should not have allowed himself to be captured alive. He died in a helicopter crash in 1977.

**May 1, 2004** - Eight former Communist nations and two Mediterranean countries joined the European Union (EU) marking its largest-ever expansion. The new members included Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, along with the island of Malta and the Greek portion of the island of Cyprus. They joined 15 countries already in the EU, representing in all 450 million persons.

**Birthday** - Irish-born American labor leader Mary 'Mother' Jones (1830-1930) was born in County Cork, Ireland. She endured misfortune early in life as her husband and four children died in the yellow fever epidemic of 1867. She also lost all of her belongings in the Chicago Fire of 1871. She then devoted herself to organizing and advancing the cause of Labor, using the slogan, "Join the Union, boys." She also sought to prohibit child labor. She remained active until the very end, giving her last speech on her 100th birthday.

**Birthday** - World War II General Mark Clark (1896-1984) was born in Madison Barracks, New York. He commanded the U.S. Fifth Army which [invaded Italy](#) in September of 1943, fighting a long and brutal campaign against stubborn German opposition.

**Birthday** - African American Olympic athlete Archie Williams (1915-1993) was born in Oakland, California. Williams, along with Jesse Owens, defeated German athletes at the 1936 Berlin Olympics and helped debunk Adolf Hitler's theory of Aryan racial superiority. Williams won a gold medal in the 400-meter race. After the Olympics, he went on to earn a mechanical engineering degree from the University of California-Berkeley but faced discrimination and wound up digging ditches. He later became an airplane pilot and trained Tuskegee Institute pilots including the black air corp of World War II.

### May 2

**May 2, 2011** - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East. Bin Laden had ordered the coordinated aerial attacks of September 11th, 2001, in which four American passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons. Two jets had struck and subsequently collapsed the 110-story Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York, while another struck the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C. A fourth jet also headed toward Washington had crashed into a field in Pennsylvania as passengers attempted to overpower the hijackers on board.

**Birthday** - Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903) was born in Carpino, Italy (as Gioacchino Pecci). He was elected Pope in 1878 at age 67 and lived to govern the church another 25 years, laying the foundation for modernization of Church attitudes toward a rapidly industrializing and changing world.

## Geo Challenge Trivia

Name the country that was founded in 1291. It has four official languages and has the fourth highest per capita income in the world.

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We thank United Arizona Veterans, Board of Directors - Secretary Officer *Mrs. Carol Culberson*, for providing this public veteran service organization event announcement flyer in support of such a great community support cause. Carol is a retired Navy Captain, Reserve Intelligence, in 2003, with 36 years of service. Civil Service employee for 33 years with the US Navy in Japan, US Army in Kansas, Forest Service and Internal Revenue Service in California, Arizona and Colorado. She provides business training programs to working women, and educational history programs open to the public. She is a leader in Federally Employed Women, Retired Federal Employees, Naval Reserve Association, Cactus WAVES, and Naval Order of the U.S. She is also active in Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Cross Roads Methodist Church. As a Big Sister, Carol has mentored three young women. As Church Team Leader, she serves meals to the homeless in Phoenix.



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