**COMMANDER**

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

**CHAPTER STAFF NOTES****ADJUTANT**

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

**COMMANDER'S REPORT:**

Greetings to everyone. As we enter March, we also kick off our annual Region XIII ROTC-JROTC Awards Support Program (R-13 ASP) operations – where we begin receiving requests for both prior year returning school clients and newcomer school operations added to our growing support roster. This year we hope to equal (if not surpass) last year's support services to all those schools preparing to recognize their top performance ROTC and JROTC program cadets. Our chapter has a great awards support program track record – increasing its clientele every year, as the word gets out from satisfied school customers to their ROTC and JROTC program peers. Let's all give it our best effort this year to deliver a much well deserved MOWW Award of Merit support effort by signing up to serve as award presenters at schools in your local community and to also support those who will be sorting and preparing award packages to be mailed out to all those out-of-state programs we support.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Hello, everyone. As of the writing of this Treasurer report, our chapter finds itself doing well financially, even as this time of year we typically spend whatever remains of our operating year funding in meeting our growing R-13 ASP ROTC-JROTC awards support request demands. We are currently engaged in supporting both traditional local southern Arizona ROTC and JROTC school programs and also have been picking up added request from out-of-state schools in Utah and New Mexico as well. As a consequence our available remaining funds and account balance usually reflects a steady depletion trend (due to continuous award medal, citations, certificates, and folder supplies being in high demand to fulfill all our requested award presentation event commitments. This leads me to remind all companions that chapter fundraising continues year-round and to consider doing our part to help replenish some of the partial Patriotic Education funding (as may be needed) to at least keep us operating through the end of June. That shared, we are not quite there yet and we do have some funding to at least get us through this year's ROTC and JROTC awards presentation event season. Should that trend change, then we will re-evaluate our funding situation, as we transition to the next operating year cycle on 1 July of this year.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:**

Hi everyone, as our Chapter Commander highlighted, we are now into our yearly ROTC-JROTC awards support season. I would like to add that although the busiest chapter engagement season, it is also a great time to prepare, identify, and increase our annual end-of-operating year recruitment efforts. Last year we were able to recruit an additional 6 new chapter companions because of our proactive ROTC-JROTC awards support and event attendance engagement opportunities and recruitment acumen follow through. All those joining our chapter operations last year have enhanced this year's recruiting possibilities and they have all been asked to identify and sign up all of their local program senior NCOs (E-7 through E-9) as new MOWW Chapter Sponsored Companions who can serve as MOWW representatives at their own schools and act as MOWW award proxy presenter, where due to their distant geographical area location, it makes MOWW award presenter participation and attending these far off events not feasible. As I address this topic, the MOWW Chapter Sponsorship Application Worksheet PDF "online fillable forms" are beginning to arrive on my desk for further MOWW HQ sponsored membership processing. Most new chapter companions (from this single sourcing effort alone) will further expand our very successful Chapter Expeditionary Outreach Program efforts in areas where no MOWW Cadre nor Chapter currently exist. Until our next edition, let's all be safe out there!

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Feb 01<sup>st</sup> – VSO-2: UAV Monthly [M] VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM  
 Feb 01<sup>st</sup> – RM-4: SCV Chapter [P] HYB Mtg., Tucson AZ - 12PM  
 Feb 01<sup>st</sup> – VSO-1: Feb (4) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10AM  
 Feb 02<sup>nd</sup> – TVAC: Four Chaplains Ceremony [A], Tucson, AZ - 1PM  
 Feb 11<sup>th</sup> – R-13: WV Chapter MOC Event [A], Surprise, AZ - 12PM  
 Feb 12<sup>th</sup> – VSO-3: TVAC [M] VCC Mtg. [M], Virtual, AZ - 6PM  
 Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – R-13: GELP Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., El Paso, AZ - 11AM  
 Feb 16<sup>th</sup> – VSO-8: Marana Veterans Club [M] Mtg., Marana, AZ - 4PM  
 Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: VAC VCC MTG [M], Virtual, AZ - 9AM  
 Feb 18<sup>th</sup> – R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 4PM  
 Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – R-13: Special Election [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6:30PM  
 Feb 20<sup>th</sup> – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 Mtg. [M], Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM  
 Feb 26<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: NFC Mtg. [M], Virtual, AZ - 11:30AM

**NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: JUN 7<sup>th</sup> (HYB)****MEETING  
LINK****MEETINGS:** (Formats: HYB "membership" & VCC "staff")**EVENT:** RM-6: SCV Chapter Membership Meeting - 12PM**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire**PROGRAM:** OY 2025 SCV Regular Membership Program**AGENDA:** "QTR-4 SCV Chapter Working Luncheon Activity"

**NOTE:** "Local Chapter staff meetings (SM) 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 membership meetings ("RM") 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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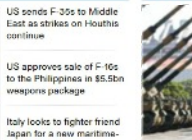


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**Could this device help catch Osprey clutch problems before disaster?**  
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**US sends F-35s to Middle East as strikes on Houthi continue**  
US approves sale of F-16s to the Philippines in \$5.5bn weapons package  
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**US Army aiming for next hypersonic missile test in December**  
US Army punches the gas on Next-Gen Command-and-Control  
Army eyes artificial intelligence to enhance future Golden Dome  
Army to make new missile defense railers after year of troubleshooting

## Pentagon

**Hegseth to visit Panama as Trump says US is 'reclaiming' its canal**  
The Trump administration has discussed the Panama Canal as part of its goal to expand America's territory.



**Trump fires several national security officials over loyalty concerns**  
The move comes soon after far-right activist Laura Loomer urged Trump to purge staffers she deemed insufficiently committed to his MAGA agenda.



**Defense Innovation Unit unveils advanced manufacturing marketplace**  
Through the marketplace, DIU aims to reduce barriers that make it hard for advanced manufacturing firms to integrate with the defense supply chain.



**Trump fires 4 star general heading NSA, US Cyber Command**  
Gen. Tim Haugh had served as director of the National Security Agency and headed U.S. Cyber Command since 2023.



**Watchdog to investigate Hegseth's sharing of airstrike info on Signal**  
The Defense Inspector General's Office will look into whether the defense secretary improperly shared sensitive information on the commercial app.



**In first, Hegseth to skip multinational meeting on Ukraine support**  
The April 11 meeting will mark the first time the coalition will gather without America's secretary of defense participating.

## Naval



**US shipbuilding in a 'perpetual state of crisis,' watchdog says**  
Aussie spy planes worked overtime during nearby Chinese naval drills  
Senate confirms Phelan as next Navy Secretary  
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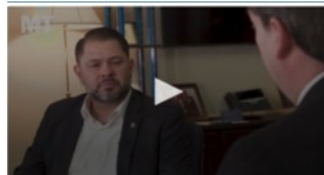


**Space Force issues \$13.5 billion in contracts to 3 launch firms**  
The awards are part of the service's National Security Space Launch program, which it uses to acquire nearly all military space launches.



**Space Force adds Rocket Lab, Stoke Space to launch vendor pool**  
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**Sen. Ruben Gallego to block VA nominations until plans to cut staff are dropped**

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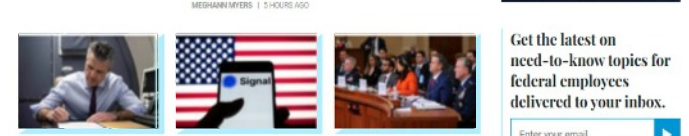
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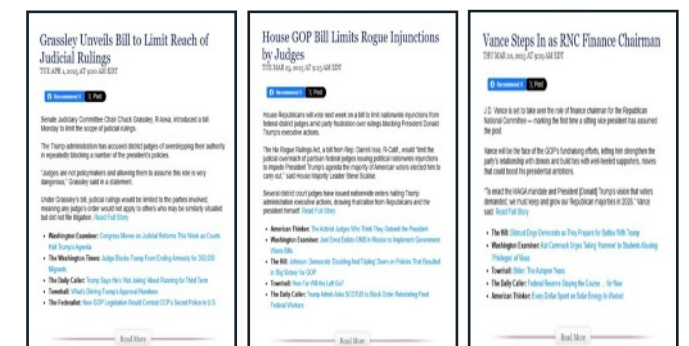


**Hegseth gives Defense leaders less than two weeks to lay out staffing cuts, changes**  
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Contact the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter and your local district youth leadership development organizations today for a complete listing of scheduled activities 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/jrotcrriorico/>

- 03 MAR Coatimundi MS (NJR Honor Society) Saber Guard, Rio Rico, AZ
- 03 MAR JR National Honor Society Ceremony Color Guard, Rio Rico, AZ
- 04 MAR RRHS Baseball Concessions, Rio Rico, AZ
- 08 MAR JROTC State 3x20 Competition (Ben Avery), Rio Rico, AZ
- 10 MAR RRHS Baseball Color Guard, Rio Rico, AZ
- 17 MAR Marksmanship Badge Qualification, Rio Rico, AZ
- 24 MAR RRHS Cadet Challenge, Rio Rico, AZ
- 29 MAR Coconino HS Raider Event, Rio Rico, AZ
- 29 MAR Coconino HS Rifle Marksmanship Event, Rio Rico, AZ
- 31 MAR US Army Recruiting Station - Physical Fitness Trng, 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)

- 01 MAR Super Brawl NJROTC Academic Meet, Glendale, AZ
- 05 MAR National Academic Exam, Sahuarita, AZ
- 08 MAR Tucson Orienteering Meet, Pima County
- 10 MAR Tucson Orienteering Meet, Pima County
- 15 MAR Navy National Orienteering Invitational, Birmingham, AL

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## February 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
						1  UAV VCC MTG RM-4 SCV CH MTG
2  FOUR CHAPLAINS ANNUAL EVENT	3  TOP-3 VCC MTG WOW Weekly HYB	4	5	6  TOP-8 VCC MTG	7	8
9	10  TOP-3 VCC MTG WOW Weekly HYB	11  AVMCF MTG WV CH MOC	12  NCSC VCC MTG TVAC VCC MTG	13  R-13: AZYL BOD VCC MTG	14  VALENTINE'S DAY	15  GELP CH HYB
16  VSO-8: MVC MTG	17  PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	18  VAC VCC MTG MGM CH VCC MTG	19  R-13: SPECIAL STAFF ELECTION	20  ALOV POST 132 MTG	21	22  MOAA CMC MTG
23	24  TOP-3 VCC MTG WOW Weekly HYB	25	26  NFC QTR VCC MTG	27  COY WG VCC MTG	28  SPC VCC MTG	

## March 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	31  WOW Weekly HYB					1  UAV VCC MTG
2  US Medical Corp Birthday	3  WOW Weekly HYB	4	5	6  EXCOM VCC MTG	7	8
9  Daylight Savings	10  TOP-3 VCC MTG WOW Weekly HYB	11  AVMCF MTG WV CH MOC	12  TVAC VCC MTG	13	14	15  MVC PARADE GELP CH HYB MOAA CMC MTG
16  VSO-8: MVC MTG	17  PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	18  VAC VCC MTG MGM CH VCC MTG	19  COY WG SBC VCC	20  ALOV P-132 MTG	21  R-13 Q3 VCC MTG	22  PHX CH HYB MTG
23	24  TOP-3 VCC MTG WOW Weekly HYB	25  Metal of Honor Day NFC QTR VCC MTG	26  NCSC VCC MTG	27  COY Q3 VCC MTG	28  SPC VCC MTG	29  Vietnam VET Day VVA LUNCHEON



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## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

**From Isaiah 43:**

"Do not fear for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior."

"I am with you." This promise is found throughout scripture; in times of uncertainty and turmoil God is telling us we will not be abandoned. God shows his love and faithfulness by assuring us of His unwavering presence, protection, and provision. When we are in the midst of trouble and hardship, God is there to comfort. When we experience happiness, God is there to rejoice with us. When we have doubts, we should remember God's reassuring promise: "I will never leave you or forsake you." We are safe in God's loving arms.

**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****February Anniversaries:**

- Arthur J. Alley, PM (36 years)
- William F. Applegarth, PM (9 years)
- Thelma H. Castle, PM (40 years)
- D. L. Christy, Jr., PM (30 years)
- Donna M. Coleman, HPM (21 years)
- Daniel D'Antimo, PM (45 years)
- John A. Devine, PM (14 years)
- Hiram W. Earle, PM (47 years)
- Joe E. Gonzalez, PM (35 years)
- Thomas F. Gross, RM (3 years)
- Eugene D. Janes, PM (44 years)
- Carol A. Kadous, HPM (22 years)
- William H. King, PM (41 years)
- William W. King, PM (45 years)
- James I. McArthur, PM (18 years)
- Fay R. McCormick, PM (33 years)
- John C. Morton, PM (47 years)
- Edward R. Murphy, PM (59 years)
- Thomas B. Murphy, PM (36 years)
- James W. Preble, PM (38 years)
- William J. Ratsch, PM (31 years)
- Deena D. Ream-Robinson, HPM (3 year)
- Bradley W. Roberson, RM (7 years)
- Adriana Y. Ruiz, HPM (11 years)
- Christian A. Ruiz, HPM (11 years)
- Nicole M. Ruiz, HPM (11 years)
- Larry W. Rumans, PM (22 years)
- Brandine L. Simon, HRM (6 years)
- Hector Simon III, RM (6 years)
- Yvonne B. Sitzmann, HPM (33 years)
- Philip E. Snyder, PM (45 years)
- Lawrence Spyker, PM (45 years)
- Ann F. Stewart, HPM (30 years)
- Paul A. Street, PM (45 years)
- Donald W. Tyrrell, PM (74 years)
- Robert W. Von Werne, PM (28 years)
- Rex E. Wigham, PM (47 years)

**Companion Membership Anniversaries****March Anniversaries:**

- James E. Adams, Jr., RM (4 years)
- George W. Biggs, PM (30 years)
- Robert F. Clark, PM (46 years)
- Benjamin P. Coppock, PM (35 years)
- Elwess F. Dyer, PM (48 years)
- Robert M. Easton, HPM (20 years)
- Bobby J. Edwards, RM (4 years)
- Theodore J. Falter, PM (5 years)
- Manuel F. Gatica, PM (21 years)
- Travis R. Gay, PM (48 years)
- Robert G. Harris, PM (46 years)
- James A. Hart, PM (48 years)
- Beverly B. Haskins, HPM (35 years)
- Ron J. James, PM (4 years)
- Robert E. Johnson, PM (41 years)
- George M. Jones, PM (48 years)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (40 years)
- Alan L. Leander, HPM (23 years)
- Chrysande J. Levesque, PM (37 years)
- William R. Lipscomb, PM (48 years)
- George E. Marley, PM (25 years)
- David J. McInroy, PM (46 years)
- Richard J. Meyer, PM (48 years)
- Terrance L. Moynihan, PM (38 years)
- Harold W. Mueller, PM (36 years)
- Eugene J. Murphy, PM (46 years)
- Charles H. Pritchard, PM (48 years)
- Lawrence O. Ransom, PM (42 years)
- C. E. Reid, PM (48 years)
- Ralph H. Richards, PM (35 years)
- Norman W. Richmond, PM (42 years)
- Virginia L. Sanborn, HPM (10 years)
- Kimberly Smith, PM (33 years)
- Fred M. Zimmermann, PM (45 year)

**Companion Birthday Celebrations****February Birthdays:**

- Lissette M. Bake, HPM (celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Kenneth R. Bruce, PM (celebrated on the 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Fluvio J. Cataldo, PM (remembered on the 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Theodore J. Falter, PM (celebrated on the 13<sup>th</sup>)
- Ron J. James, PM (celebrated on the 18<sup>th</sup>)
- George M. Jones, PM (remembered on the 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Robert A. McMullen, PM (celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Joann W. Ralyea, PM (celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Donald R. Schessler, PM (celebrated on the 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Steven G. Spiece, RM (celebrated on the 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Companion Birthday Celebrations****March Birthdays:**

- Robert A. Anderson, PM (remembered on the 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Dolores R. Bahti, HPM (remembered on the 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Robert F. Clarke, PM (remembered on the 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Adam T. Free, HPM (celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup>)
- Julio C. Gonzales, RM (celebrated on the 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Calvin J. Kadous, HPM (remembered on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Robert G. Kales, PM (remembered on the 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Alan L. Leander, HPM (celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Richard C. Leander, PM (remembered on the 8<sup>th</sup>)
- Edward W. Marsh, PM (remembered on the 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Brandon M. Moore, RM (celebrated on the 31<sup>st</sup>)
- Robert R. Ozier, PM (remembered on the 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Dolores R. Rivas, HPM (celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup>)
- George G. Shoemaker, PM (celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>)

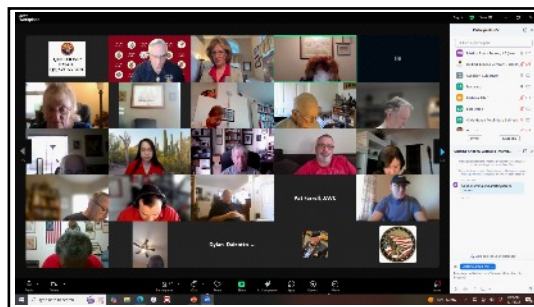


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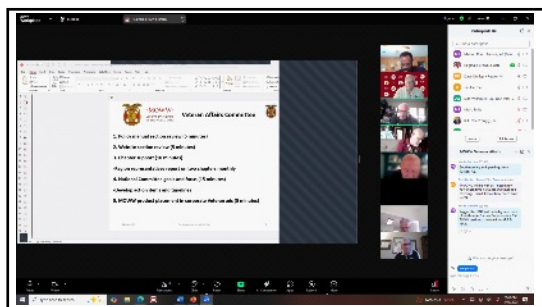
**VSO-1: WOW Weekly HYB MTG - MAR 2025**

The Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) non-profit organization is among our most supported cross state lines veterans service organizational partnerships. WOW meets weekly each Monday morning at 9:30 AM (PST). While they are mostly active servicing their local community throughout central and southern California tending to food / clothing drives and planning field trips and attending special events, their hybrid format meetings helps propagate military service heritage and shares aviation history and legacy with younger generations.



**VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC MTG - MAR 2025**

Our bedrock VSO partnership outreach efforts involve supporting and attending monthly (Phoenix-based) United Arizona Veterans (UAV) non-profit organization online meetings. They meet monthly via ZOOM live streaming and have over 60 VSOs, veteran community partners and associated civic organizational support members. They also manage the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame program and serve as active advocates for all veteran causes with community, local government and associated veterans causes agencies.



**MOWW: VAC Monthly VCC MTG - MAR 2025**

Our Chapter attended the monthly MOWW Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) online ZOOM video conference meeting for the month of March. The committee meeting agenda includes reports and updates on veteran-related support services and projects hosted and/or attended by MOWW regional chapters. It is an ideal online venue to compare activities across the MOWW stateside operational landscape having chapter companions on occasion collaborate on projects and activities across regional CONUS communities.



**MOAA: CM Chapter Monthly MTG - MAR 2025**

Our chapter also participates in many partnered veteran services organization (VSO) community activities. One of the most pronounced is attending monthly fellow VSO MOAA Chapter meetings in Saddlebrooke, AZ. The MOAA Catalina Mountains Chapter has only been operating for less than five years and really appreciates the assistance provided through the assistance of our local Santa Cruz Valley Chapter fellow companions who are also participating members of that organization. MOAA JROTC program support is underway.



**R-13: Francis Gary Powers Jr. Book Signing - MAR 2025**

Our chapter was invited to a book signing event sponsored by the Saddlebrooke Veterans Club on 17 March. The event featured the son of the legendary Francis Gary Powers who's U-2 spy plane was shot down by an soviet S-2 missile battery, while flying a CIA special intelligence gathering mission over Cuban airspace. Mr. Gary Powers, Jr. made himself available to the attending audience to answer questions and to purchase a personally autographed copy of his latest publication - "Spy Pilot" a collaboration between Powers and Keith Dunnivant.



**R-13: VVA Annual Luncheon - MAR 2025**

Our chapter attended the 2025 Vietnam Veterans Day annual observance, hosted by the Tucson Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) chapter veterans service organization on 29 March. The day's activities began with a wreath-laying ceremony in the morning at Kino Veterans Park and culminated with a luncheon event at the Desert Diamond Casino Hotel Conference Center. The program offered a luncheon buffet, audio-video guest speaker presentations and recognition awards for those present.

## MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

*I Leave Selfridge Field, Michigan*

In January 1951, my father-in-law took Marie and I in his 1940 DeSoto to the Michigan Central Station in Detroit, 33 miles from our home near Selfridge Field, Michigan where I would begin the first leg of the trip to Saudi Arabia, a one-year assignment. At that time, military on change of station went by train. I had briefed Marie on the intricacies of the oil-fired furnace I had installed in the new utility room, a part of the house extension made by my dad and my father-in-law with the help of brother Joe and brother-in-law Bob Nordstrom, all of them volunteers in the house enlargement project done while I was away at the High Altitude Forecasting School. They were sterling examples of the help military members needed from their families. As a last minute thought, I reminded Marie: "Don't forget to have the oil changed in the car every 1,000 miles." That was the norm for cars at that time, and it would be the source of much family laughter in subsequent years. It then made me think of how our lives were about to change. Marie would now have to take care of everything by herself. I would have a bunk in a

bunk in a Quonset hut. The station and train were crowded. As Marie and I tried to keep stiff-upper-lip goodbyes, a conductor guided me to a seat. The train would take me to Hartford, Connecticut, and from



there a bus to Westover Field, Massachusetts, my well-remembered first military home. I was last assigned there in 1949, making over-the-Atlantic flight forecasts for heavily loaded C-54s carrying supplies for the Berlin Airlift. I will write about Saudi Arabia in subsequent articles, but now I jump far ahead and my return to our home near Selfridge Field, at the end of that Saudi Arabian tour. Upon that return, this was one of the first things Marie proudly said: "I handled everything okay, I changed the oil in the car every 500 miles!" That was our first nice car. I was then a staff sergeant and having money to buy it had been most difficult. Heart warmingly, I now laughed in relief. My military spouse, typically efficient, had made certain we would not have to search for the car's replacement money, at least for awhile. **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.

**MARCH IN HISTORY****March 1**

**March 1, 1781** - Formal ratification of the Articles of Confederation was announced by Congress. Under the Articles, Congress was the sole governing body of the new American national government, consisting of the 13 original states. The Articles remained in effect through the Revolutionary War until 1789, when the current U.S. Constitution was adopted.

**March 1, 1932** - The 20-month-old son of aviation pioneer Charles A. Lindbergh was kidnapped from his home in Hopewell, New Jersey. The Lindberghs then paid a \$50,000 ransom. However, on May 12, the boy's body was found in a wooded area a few miles from the house.

**March 1, 1961** - President John F. Kennedy established the Peace Corps, an organization sending young American volunteers to developing countries to assist with health care, education and other basic human needs.

**March 1, 1974** - Seven former high-ranking officials of the Nixon White House were indicted for conspiring to obstruct the investigation into the Watergate break-in. Among those indicted; former chief of staff H.R. Haldeman, former top aide John Ehrlichman, and former attorney general John Mitchell.

**Birthday** - American band leader Glenn Miller (1904-1944) was born in Carilinda, Iowa. His music gained enormous popularity during the 1940's through recordings such as *Moonlight Serenade* and *String of Pearls*. On December 15, 1944, his plane disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris where he was scheduled to perform.

**March 2**

**March 2, 1943** - During World War II in the Pacific, a Japanese convoy was attacked by 137 American bombers as the Battle of Bismarck Sea began. The convoy included eight destroyers and eight transports carrying 7,000 Japanese soldiers heading toward New Guinea. Four destroyers and all eight transports were sunk, resulting in 3,500 Japanese drowned, ending Japanese efforts to send reinforcements to New Guinea.

**Birthday** - American soldier and politician Sam Houston (1793-1863) was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia. As a teenager he ran away and joined the Cherokee Indians who accepted him as a member of their tribe. He later served as a Congressman and Governor of Tennessee. In 1832, he became commander of the Texan army in the War for Texan Independence, defeating the larger Mexican army in 1836 at the Battle of San Jacinto. He then served as Senator and Governor of the new state of Texas but was removed in 1861 after refusing to swear allegiance to the Confederacy.

**March 3**

**March 3, 1913** - A women's suffrage march in Washington D.C. was attacked by angry onlookers while police stood by. The march occurred the day before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration. Many of the 5,000 women participating were spat upon and struck in the face as a near riot ensued. Secretary of War Henry Stimson then ordered soldiers from Fort Myer to restore order.

**Geo Challenge Trivia**

The legendary city of Timbuktu was renowned for centuries for its remoteness and great wealth--the roofs of the city were supposed to be made of gold. Does Timbuktu really exist or is it just a myth?

For the answer to this riddle or question go online to <http://www.geomidpoint.com/challenge.html>



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