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COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Spring is in the air, as March arrives. AS everyone is already aware, we are now preparing for our annual ROTC/JROTC awards event support cycle which runs from mid-March through early May. As a quick reminder, we are also now in our Chapter "peak recruitment window" so let's all keep an extra eye out for recruitment opportunities, as we provide awards season services through our community and beyond. With our current 200% Chapter recruitment achievement still leading our category Order-wide, let's make the most of our current recruitment achievement, as we continue trying to reach a historic 300% recruitment milestone by the end of June.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our current Chapter financials third quarter (QTR-3: JAN-FEB-MAR) account fund balances are as follows. The chapter CHASE bank account balance, as of the end of February shows SAVINGS - \$610.07 USDs / CHECKING - \$644.01 USDs. The Chapter AZYLC Program Fundraising Campaign US Bank account balance increased slightly showing \$4,038.89 USDs. Our Chapter has received notification from HQ MOWW that we will be receiving our annual Perpetual & Memorial Fund Distribution Fund payout, based upon around \$18.00 USDs per member this operating year. The payments will begin arriving in mid-March through early April. These expected funds will help replenish our Chapter funding availability for the remainder of the current operating year.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

The months of March and April will be busy times for our Chapter. Our Chapter annual ROTC/JROTC awards support season will be approaching in a couple of weeks. IF we have the same number of support requests, it will once again take "all hands on deck" to meet all demands for medal package development, certificate and award citation preparations, and requested presenters as well. We are also already working on supporting this year's R-13 AZYLC program request and assistance to identify, select, and submit a total of 12 student delegates, which includes servicing added out-of-state awards support requests from Utah and central New Mexico. As if that was not enough, as June approaches there will be continued demands on the usual Chapter closeout reports, awards package submissions, and other last minute closeout meetings.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

- Feb 1st – R-13: Four Chaplains [A] Event, Tucson, AZ - 1:00PM
- Feb 2nd – R-13: Feb (4) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
- Feb 7th – R-13: UAV [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:00AM
- Feb 7th – R-13: GELP Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 12PM
- Feb 10th – R-13: AVMCF [M] HYB Mtg., Marana, AZ - 6PM
- Feb 11th – R-13: TVAC [M] HYB Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 6PM
- Feb 12th – R-13: AZYL INC BOD [W] VCC Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 6PM
- Feb 14th – RM-4: SCV Chapter [Q] Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 12:00PM
- Feb 15th – R-13: TVAC [P] Fundraiser, Tucson, AZ - 4:30PM
- Feb 17th – MOWW: VAC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Feb 17th – R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 4:30PM
- Feb 19th – R-13: ALOV Post 132 [M] Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- Feb 21st – R-13: MOAA CMC [M] Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 10:30AM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: FEB 14th (HYB)

MEETING LINK

MEETINGS: (Formats: HYB "membership" & VCC "staff")

EVENT: RM-4: SCV Chapter Regular Meeting - 12PM

ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

PROGRAM: OY 2025 SCV Annual Valentines Day Program

AGENDA: "QTR-3 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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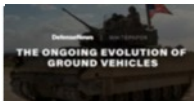
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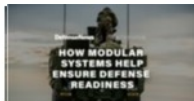
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Learn how a Modular Open Systems Approach avoids proprietary lock-in, how ease of sourcing replacement parts helps ensure readiness, and more.

Air



B-21 Raider completed 'close-proximity flight' with KC-135 tanker, US Air Force confirms

The event represents a precursor step toward validating capabilities essential for the B-21's long-range, penetrating strike role.

Norwegian F-35s intercept Russian spy aircraft during NATO drill

Japan shrugs off CICAIP delays, fast-tracks export rules for future warplane

Australia deploys early-warning aircraft to the Middle East amid Iran attacks

US Air Force seeks sources for Stand-in Attack Weapon compatible with F-47, B-21

Land



Patriot air defense interception is costly. Here's how it works

The system has become a key tool for protecting bases and infrastructure from aerial attacks, but at a high cost.

US Army plans research center to boost explosives production

Norway's elite Arctic soldiers still dig their own snow caves to hide from drones

US Marine Corps pursues thermal coats to hide troops from heat sensors

Iran war may force US to shift missile defenses from South Korea, Seoul says

Pentagon

The Pentagon wants to field laser weapons at scale within 3 years

Amid waves of Iranian drone attacks, the U.S. Defense Department is pushing to finally field high-energy laser weapons in the next 36 months.



Ukraine's top drone units to bring frontline lessons to Washington this month

Some of Ukraine's best-known drone military commanders and experts will be visiting Washington later this month to brief policymakers and defense leaders.



These are Ukraine's \$1,000 interceptor drones the Pentagon wants to buy

Ukraine spent years perfecting cheap drone killers. After burning through billions in missiles in three days, the U.S. and its allies are asking for help.

Pentagon says it is labeling Anthropic a supply chain risk 'effective immediately'

The Trump administration is following through with its threat to designate the AI company as a supply chain risk.

Despite air dominance, US 'can't stop everything' Iran fires, Hegseth says

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth acknowledged on Wednesday that some Iranian air attacks may still hit their targets despite U.S. air superiority over Iran.

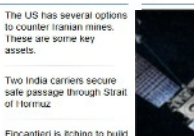
Naval



Two India carriers secure safe passage through Strait of Hormuz

European allies tell Trump 'no', 'no' and 'no' on help to force open Hormuz Strait

Trump in recent days explicitly linked U.S. involvement in NATO and support to Ukraine to efforts by allies to send warships to the Strait of Hormuz.



SpaceX and Blue Origin abruptly shift priorities amid US 'Golden Dome' push

DOD eyes commercial satellites that can spy on other satellites

SWORD training platform key to US space superiority, program head says

Space Force looks to expand West Coast heavy launch capabilities

VIDEOS



The impact of US interceptors on the Iran war | Defense News Weekly Full Episode 3.17.26

Since the beginning, part of the war in Iran has been a contest of Iranian missiles and drones versus U.S. interceptors. How is the matchup shaping out?

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Defense officials spent years developing the framework to help commanders better assess and mitigate civilian harm during military operations.

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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 Arturo Roque, USA (ret.) at aroque@scv35.org
 Program Website <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

- 04 FEB Welcome to the Nest Event, RRHS, Rio Rico, AZ
- 04 FEB Welcome to the Nest Color Guard Detail, RRHS, Rio Rico, AZ
- 07 FEB Tubac Art Festival Event Support, Tubac, AZ
- 07 FEB Santa Cruz Valley River Cleanup Public Service, Rio Rico, AZ
- 07 FEB Army JROTC Marksmanship Championship, Rio Rico, AZ
- 10 FEB JLAB Level II Academic Testing Competition, Rio Rico, AZ
- 18 FEB Rio Rico Community Area Cleanup Public Service, Rio Rico, AZ
- 25 FEB Local Advisory Council (LAC) Escort Detail, Rio Rico, AZ
- 27 FEB Tombstone HS To Tough to Die Marksmanship, Tombstone, AZ
- 28 FEB Tombstone HS To Tough to Die Raider Meet Competition, 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

- 01 FEB Area 20 Regional Orienteering Meet, Irwindale, CA
- 06 FEB Alhambra JROTC Orienteering Meet, Buckeye, AZ
- 07 FEB Area 20 Regional NJROTC Field Meet, Sahuarita, AZ
- 28 FEB Tombstone Marksmanship Match, Tombstone, AZ
- 28 FEB Tombstone Raider Meet, Tombstone, AZ

National Cancer Prevention Month, observed in February, raises awareness about lifestyle choices and preventive measures that can significantly reduce cancer risk.

Purpose and Significance

National Cancer Prevention Month is dedicated to educating the public about steps to reduce the risk of developing cancer. Studies indicate that about 40% of cancer cases in the U.S. are preventable, and nearly half of cancer deaths are linked to



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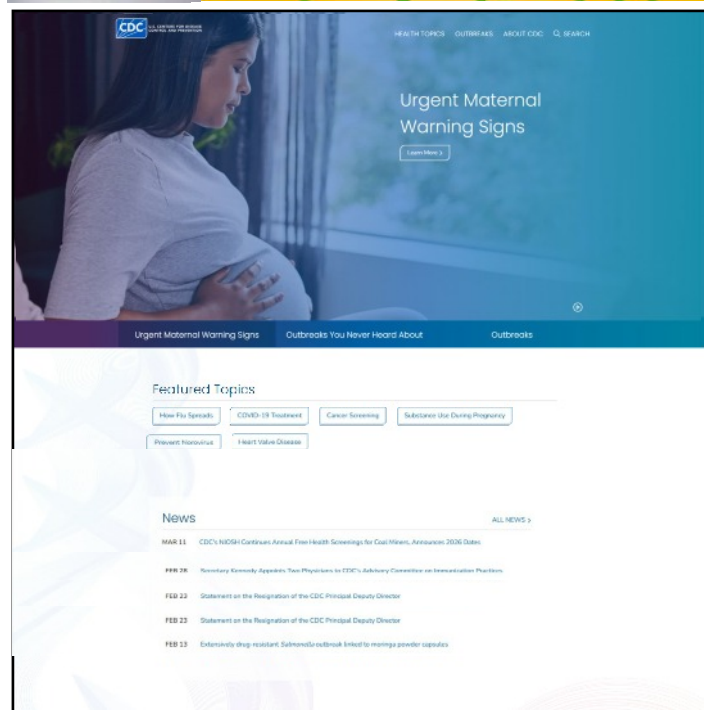
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January 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 UAV [M] VCC
4	5 WOW [W] HYB	6 THREE KINGS DAY YLCP [M] VCC	7	8 CAC [Q] VCC	9	10 WV CH [M] MTG GELP CH [M] HYB
11	12 MLK, JR. DAY WOW [W] HYB	13 AVMCF [M] HYB	14 TVAC [M] VCC NCSC [M] VCC	15 ALOV P-132 [M] MTG	16 SCV CH [A] MOC	17 MOAA [M] MTG
18 MVC [M] MTG	19 WOW [W] HYB	20 VAC [M] VCC PVAFCS [M] VCC MGM CH [M] HYB	21	22 TOP-8 [Q] VCC	23 R-13 CONF [A] VCC	24 CS CH [M] HYB
25	26 WOW [W] HYB	27	28 MVC [M] LUNCH	29 TOP-3 [P] VCC YLCP [M] VCC	30	31

February 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 TVAC [A] EVENT	2 WOW [W] HYB	3	4	5	6	7 UAV [M] VCC GELP [M] HYB
8	9 WOW [W] HYB	10 AVMCF [M] HYB	11 NCSC [M] VCC TVAC [M] VCC	12 AZYL BOD [W] VCC	13	14 VALENTINES DAY WV CH [M] MTG RM-4 SCV [A] HYB
15 TVAC [A] EVENT	16 WOW [W] HYB	REGION-VI SPRING CONFERENCE				21
22 WASHINGTON'S BD	23 WOW [W] HYB	24	25 MVC [M] LUNCH	26 AZYL BOD [W] VCC	27 EXCOM [S] VCC	28 SM-3 SCV [Q] VCC DS [A] EVENT



<https://www.cdc.gov/>

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Psalm 91 "excerpts" (N.B. This Psalm is often referred to as the "Soldier's Psalm")

1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High will rest in the shadow of Shaddai.

2 I will say of the LORD, "He is my refuge and my fortress; my God, in whom I trust."

3 For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler, and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his feathers. Under his wings you will take refuge. His faithfulness is your shield and rampart.

5 You shall not be afraid of the terror by night, nor of the arrow that flies by day;

6 nor of the pestilence that walks in darkness, nor of the destruction that wastes at noonday.

7 A thousand may fall at your side, and ten thousand at your right hand; but it will not come near you.

8 You will only look with your eyes, and see the recompense of the wicked.

9 Because you have made LORD your refuge, and the Most High your dwelling place,

10 no evil shall overtake you; no plague shall come near your dwelling.

Read more at: https://www.lords-prayer-words.com/topics/soldiers_prayer.html#psalm



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****January Anniversaries:**

- Arnold V. Anderson, PM (39 years)
- Dolores R. Bahti, HPM (23 years)
- Leo J. Boice, PM (41 years)
- Shannon D. Brown, PM (47 years)
- Robert W. Dalrymple, PM (50 years)
- Jacquelynn R.W. Egan, HPM (13 years)
- Charles E. Galloway, PM (23 years)
- Ralph D. Gibson, PM (48 years)
- Maurice J. Halper, PM (46 years)
- Willie Jordan, RM (1 year)
- Anthony L. Kadous, HPM (39 years)
- Calvin J. Kadous, PM (41 years)
- Scott C. Kadous, HPM (39 years)
- Thomas C. Kadous, PM (39 years)
- Walter B. Kadous, HPM (39 years)
- Alton L. McCormick, III, PM (34 years)
- John F. Newall, PM (47 years)
- Vern T. Pall, PM (32 years)
- Simran Patil, PM (5 years)
- Dale V. Pederson, PM (45 years)
- Marcus A. Peel, PM (43 years)
- D'Anne L. Pientka, HPM (26 years)
- Dolores R. Rivas, HPM (23 years)
- Donald R. Schessler, PM (30 years)
- Herman D. Schiller, PM (37 years)
- Irving D. Schneider, PM (40 years)
- K. W. Schoenwether, PM (60 years)
- Ronnie D. St. Clair, PM (9 years)
- William F. Stevens, PM (37 years)
- David L. Swartz, PM (38 years)
- Patrick G. Timberlake, HPM (39 years)
- George H. Walters, PM (41 years)
- Henry L. Woodson, PM (39 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations**January Birthdays:**

- Barbara J. Cataldo, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- Jose Chacon-Quintero, RM (celebrated on the 9th)
- Theodore L. Cogut, PM (celebrated on the 3rd)
- Thomas J. Faires, PM (remembered on the 24th)
- Arnold J. Jabobsen, RM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Anthony L. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 15th)
- Thomas C. Kadous, PM (celebrated on the 15th)
- Alton L. McCormick, III, PM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Gloria J. Nelson, HPM (celebrated on the 18th)
- Bradley W. Roberson, RM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Anthony G. Sarah, HPM (celebrated on the 24th)
- Matthew R. Tank, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Kit K. Workman, RM (celebrated on the 27th)

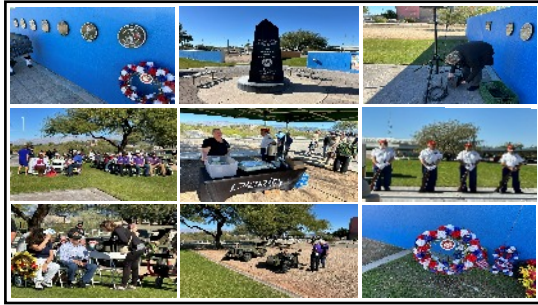
Companion Membership Anniversaries**February Anniversaries:**

- Arthur J. Alley, PM (37 years)
- William F. Applegarth, PM (10 years)
- Thelma H. Castle, PM (41 years)
- D. L. Christy, Jr., PM (31 years)
- Donna M. Coleman, HPM (22 years)
- Daniel D'Antimo, PM (46 years)
- John A. Devine, PM (15 years)
- Hiram W. Earle, PM (48 years)
- Joe E. Gonzalez, PM (36 years)
- Thomas F. Gross, RM (4 years)
- Eugene D. Janes, PM (45 years)
- Carol A. Kadous, HPM (23 years)
- William H. King, PM (42 years)
- William W. King, PM (47 years)
- James I. McArthur, PM (20 years)
- Fay R. McCormick, PM (34 years)
- John C. Morton, PM (48 years)
- Edward R. Murphy, PM (60 years)
- Thomas B. Murphy, PM (37 years)
- James W. Preble, PM (39 years)
- William J. Ratsch, PM (32 years)
- Deena D. Ream-Robinson, HPM (4 year)
- Bradley W. Roberson, RM (8 years)
- Adriana Y. Ruiz, HPM (12 years)
- Christian A. Ruiz, HPM (12 years)
- Nicole M. Ruiz, HPM (12 years)
- Larry W. Rumans, PM (23 years)
- Yvonne B. Sitzmann, HPM (34 years)
- Philip E. Snyder, PM (46 years)
- Lawrence Spyker, PM (46 years)
- Ann F. Stewart, HPM (32 years)
- Paul A. Street, PM (46 years)
- Donald W. Tyrrell, PM (75 years)
- Robert W. Von Werne, PM (29 years)
- Rex E. Wigham, PM (48 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations**February Birthdays:**

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

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



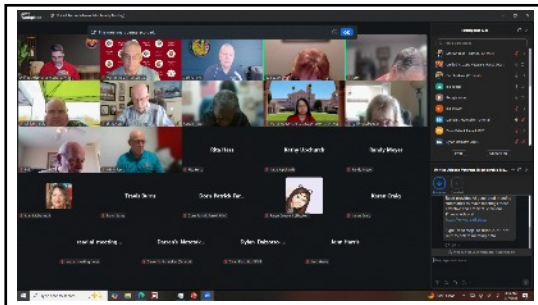
R-13: TVAC [A] Four Chaplains Ceremony - FEB 2026

The City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Commission (TVAC) is a local veterans community support committee, part of the Tucson Mayor’s office, commissioned with managing all local veteran community support activities and associated events. The TVAC is comprised of city commissioned local veteran service organization representatives of their respective organizations who serve two-year terms, in service of the TVAC and its prescribed responsibilities. The body meets year-round, except during the months of May, June and July.



R-13: WOW [W] HYB MTG - FEB 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 California, WOW mission focus is on food / clothing drives, planned field trips for elderly fellow veterans members and coordinating special events. WOW represents veterans, community and charities.



R-13: UAV [M] VCC MTG - FEB 2026

The United Arizona Veterans (UAV) non-profit organization is our most expansive hybrid supported integral veteran and civic-minded community “prime” SCV Chapter Outreach Program partnership. UAV meets monthly via online ZOOM services on the first Saturday at 9:30 AM for 2 hours. UAV provides timely updates from veterans services presentations and updates, to local community and state local government representative Q&A sessions. The Arizona Veterans Affairs Healthcare System (SAVAHCS) is a monthly contributor.



R-13: WV Chapter [A] MOC Event - FEB 2026

Our Santa Cruz Valley (SCV) Chapter 193 attended the annual West Valley Chapter Massing of the Colors in Sun City West (west Phoenix, AZ). The event offered a pleasant program filled with a live band, special guest speakers and plenty of local community and youth leadership organization support. Among the special guest attending were the Rosie the Riveters local Chapter with one member celebrating their 100th birthday. All MOWW Chapters were represented, along with regional and department leadership representatives.



R-13: AVMCF [M] HYB MTG - FEB 2026

The Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation, Inc. (AVMCF) is a non-profit organization created to provide funding and support property upkeep of the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana, Arizona. The cemetery is the 100th such final resting place for local veterans and authorized family members, managed by the Arizona Department of Veterans Services and locally funded and maintained by the local community through the AVMCF. Several veteran-related ceremonies are held at the cemetery.



RM-4: SCV Chapter [M] HYB MTG - FEB 2026

The Santa Cruz Valley (SCV) Chapter 193 is the only remaining local MOWW Chapter operations in southern Arizona. It is based out of Green Valley, Arizona (south of the City of Tucson). While classified as a medium category chapter operation). The chapter services all southern Arizona, the neighboring state of Utah (during peek annual ROTC-JROTC awards recognition season), and serves as a backup award support services provider to JROTC programs in central New Mexico (serving in the Albuquerque area).

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

Washington's Birthday

Just when this forecaster mastered Selfridge Field's weather peculiarities, he was being transferred. On 22 February 1957, we drove from Michigan to New Jersey's McGuire Air Force Base. Marie saw Washington's Birthday as a good omen, as it would be. On my previous overseas tour, to Saudi Arabia, like any military wife with husband overseas, she had to handle a myriad of chores *but also this*: our grade-school daughters, Leta, Willa, and Pamela, caught the childhood diseases, then *her mother died*, next she contacted the Red Cross — could Ted's tour be slightly shortened to see his deathly ill father? It was shortened and I



got to see Dad just in time. As with my future Vietnam tours her letters gave no hint of tough-going. So it was comforting that she and the girls were with me, this time. I had flown in an Air Force C-54 on several occasions but Marie and our girls had never been in a plane of any kind. In that day, you *did* think of crash potential when you climbed into a plane. At 7,000 feet, we flew

900 miles over the Atlantic. Casually, I said continental air flowing over the warmer ocean would cause turbulence at our level. There *was* turbulence. Over the even warmer Gulf Stream the C-54 began bouncing in a more non-ignorable way. I glanced at my charges. They were models of composure. Middle daughter, eight-year-old Willa, gave one of her two box lunches to a nervous-looking civilian who sat next to her. This seemed to put him at ease, he probably thinking if a little girl could keep composure he could too. A six-hour flight and the C-54 landed at Kindley Air Base — on *Bermuda!* Hurricane forecasts were a new, gratifying challenge. As for the family, there wasn't time enough to enjoy all of the island's charms. On another gratifying challenge, I am sent to Strategic Air Command. We looked down from an airliner B-707 on 22 February 1960. Bermuda was fading away. I believe this was the island's first commercial jet flight. Celebrating the occasion in placid 30,000-foot air, stewardesses served steak dinner on nice china and poured and repoured champagne into the adults' crystal-like glasses. Air travel was nice in that day. **Notes:** This is a reprint of 2/2015 Ted's Page In the Catalina Mountains newsletter. Photo shows a VC-137B, presidential version of airlines' Boeing 707. **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.

FEBRUARY IN HISTORY

February 1

February 1, 1960 - In Greensboro, North Carolina, four African American students sat down and ordered coffee at a lunch counter inside a Woolworth's store. They were refused service, but did not leave. Instead, they waited all day. The scene was repeated over the next few days, with protests spreading to other southern states, resulting in the eventual arrest of over 1,600 persons for participating in sit-ins.

February 1, 2003 - Sixteen minutes before it was scheduled to land, the Space Shuttle *Columbia* broke apart in flight over west Texas, killing all seven crew members. The accident may have resulted from damage caused during liftoff when a piece of insulating foam from the external fuel tank broke off, piercing a hole in the shuttle's left wing that allowed hot gases to penetrate the wing upon re-entry into the Earth's atmosphere. This was the second space shuttle lost in flight. In January 1986, *Challenger* exploded during liftoff.

Birthday - Hattie Caraway (1878-1950) the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, was born in Bakersville, Tennessee. Her husband became the U.S. Senator from Arkansas. Following his death in 1931, she filled the remainder of his term, then was elected herself, serving a total of 14 years.

Birthday - Hollywood director John Ford (1895-1973) was born in Cape Elizabeth, Maine. Known for *The Grapes of Wrath* and *The Searchers*, he also served in World War II as chief of the Photographic Unit of OSS, and earned two Academy Awards for documentaries made during the war.

February 2

February 2, 1848 - The war between the U.S. and Mexico ended with the signing of the [Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo](#). In exchange for \$15 million, the U.S. acquired the areas encompassing parts or all of present day California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Colorado, Wyoming, and Texas. The treaty was ratified on March 10, 1848.

February 2, 1990 - In South Africa, the 30-year-old ban on the African National Congress was lifted by President F.W. de Klerk, who also promised to free Nelson Mandela and remove restrictions on political opposition groups.

Birthday - Irish novelist and poet James Joyce (1882-1941) was born in Dublin, Ireland. His works include; *Dubliners*, *A Portrait of the Artist as a Young Man*, *Ulysses*, and *Finegan's Wake*.

February 3

February 3, 1865 - A four-hour peace conference occurred between President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President [Alexander Stephens](#) at Hampton Roads, Virginia. The meeting was unsuccessful as President Lincoln insisted there could be no armistice until the Confederates acknowledged Federal authority. The Confederates wanted an armistice first. Thus the [Civil War](#) continued.

February 3, 1870 - The 15th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, guaranteeing the right of citizens to vote, regardless of race, color, or previous condition of servitude.

February 3, 1913 - The 16th [Amendment](#) to the U.S. Constitution was ratified, granting Congress the authority to collect income taxes.

February 3, 1943 - An extraordinary act of heroism occurred in the icy waters off Greenland after the U.S. Army transport ship *Dorchester* was hit by a German torpedo and began to sink rapidly. When it became apparent there were not enough life jackets, [four U.S. Army chaplains](#) on board removed theirs, handed them to frightened young soldiers, and chose to go down with the ship while praying.

Birthday - The first female physician in the U.S., Elizabeth Blackwell (1821-1910) was born near Bristol, England. As a girl, her family moved to New York State. She was awarded her MD by the Medical Institute of Geneva, New York, in 1849. She then established a hospital in New York City run by an all-female staff. She was also active in training women to be nurses for service in the American Civil War.

Geo Challenge Trivia

If winters are a little chilly where you live, imagine what it would be like to live in the American town that has the coldest winters. Can you name this place?

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

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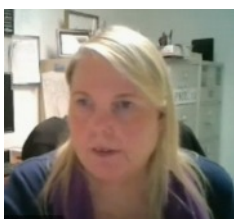
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We thank City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Commissioner Ms. Terry Byron for sharing and distributing local veteran community upcoming activities and events notifications. Commissioner Byron is currently serving a two-year term on the Mayor's City of 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.

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If you have questions regarding MOWW membership, or how to financially contribute to the Order, contact MOWW National Headquarters, or a Chapter in your local area. See MOWW web site for membership application form or to review Chapter locations at www.militaryorder.net



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