



NOVEMBER 2022
NEWSLETTER

The Military Order of the World Wars ~ Phoenix Pacesetter Chapter

WHAT'S NEW: Commander's Time



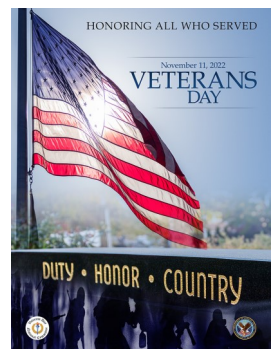
Greetings Companions, Families, and Friends of the Order:

We have had some sad news as we have received notifications of two recently deceased Companions. We lost Miguel Leyva who lived in Yuma. He had been severely ill for a while, and his wife was sending us periodic updates; however, we were recently informed that he passed away this month. Additionally, we also received notice of the loss of Meta Seltzer, who remained very close to many of our Chapter's nurses, past and present. Although these two losses of our Companions leaves us deeply saddened, it also will, unfortunately require us to recruit two more Chapter members to replace them. As you may recall, we normally are required to recruit 4 new members each year to increase our strength. So, now we will need to recruit a total of 6 new members. Jeanne Blaes already recruited Chaplain Butler for us in SEP and we will need to find and recruit 5 more new members. We will need a concentrated effort by all of us to meet our recruiting requirements by the end of JUN 2023. Please try hard to find some new members to join our Chapter. It would be best to recruit sooner rather than later!! I would offer this recruiting tip: consider inviting a well deserving potential member to our DEC gathering and give them the gift of membership to sweeten the deal. See page 3 of this publication for membership information.

Did you know that we are still looking for some volunteers to fill our critical vacancies? I was so excited that new Companion Jim Moye volunteered after our last meeting to take over the Chapter's Treasurer position! What a relief! And now I don't have to worry about a conflict of interest in being both the Chapter President and the Treasurer. A great big THANK YOU to Jim! Here's another recruiting tip I might offer: when you are looking for new members, see if they will also be a good fit for some of our other vacant positions. You never know, they might want to gain some practical experience in researching and maintaining Historical Records, or keeping up with the ever changing guidance on Military and Veterans Law.

On 25 OCT the AZ Youth Leadership, Inc Board and other special invitees participated in a meeting to discuss the potential of conducting an AZYLC in 2023. The New Director, Fred Garnet announced that he had negotiated a draft contract with ASU West, but the costs to hold the Conference have risen significantly. It was evident that we will need to look at what we can do to reduce costs, yet still ensure our AZYLC goals will be met! I will be leading an effort to hold a meeting with the AZYLC Immediate Past Director Jeff Schrade, and the new Director, Fred Garnet to discuss all options that might aid in the reduction Conference costs, without adversely impacting the quality of the educational experience.

On 11 NOV 2022, many of our Chapter Companions joined Debbie and I at the Veterans Day Ceremony held in Carefree at the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion. Debbie and I manned our Chapter's Patriotic Education Table, which also included photo boards of our Massing of the Colors. Other's who joined us included Angie and Ray Boucher, Susan Farrell, Vic



Continued on page 2

| | |
|---|-----|
| Inside this edition: | |
| Commander's Time Christmas Party Vets Day Photos | 1-2 |
| Vets Day Photos Ctd Membership Help Wanted | 3 |
| Medic's Bag | 4 |
| Chaplain's Corner | 5-6 |
| 2023 MOWW National Convention Natl/AZ Legislation | 6 |
| Chapter Leadership Contact Information Future Meeting Dates | 7 |

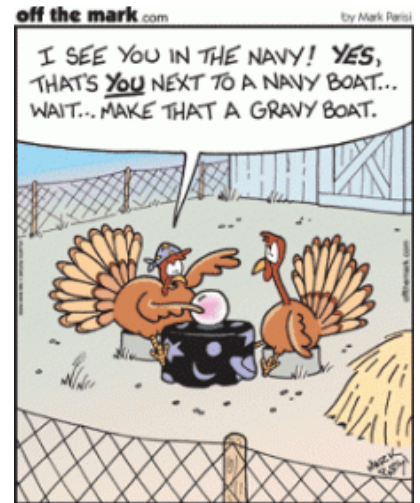
Continued from pg 1

and Sharon Conner and Jeanne Blaes. As is traditional, our table was set up next to the AZ Territorial Chapter of the Association of the US Army's (AUSA) table, which, of course, many of our Chapter's event attendees also belong to. Best of all, our Phoenix Chapter ROTC/JROTC Committee Chair, MAJ/Dr Kirk Loving, brought his Betty Fairfax JROTC HS Color Guard to participate in the Vets Day Ceremony! This was the same group that performed as our lead Phoenix Chapter MOC Color Guard in SEP. What a fantastic job they did! Huge kudos to the Betty Fairfax HS JROTC! Photos of the Care-free Veterans Day Ceremony can be found below.

Save the following date on your Calendar! My wife, Debbie and I will once again be hosting our traditional Phoenix Chapter's Christmas Party on 17 DEC at 11 AM at our home located at 8300 E. Dixileta Drive #276, Scottsdale, AZ 85266. First we will hold a short Chapter meeting, and then the eating and partying begins. To arrive in a timely manner, it is easier if you go to the front gate of Sincuidados Community, which is located at 30600 N. Pima Road. At the main gate, say you are coming to the Minors' party at #276 and they will give you a map to our house. There will be wine and beer available. You are invited to bring a main dish or side dish or dessert. My Son Richard and his son Tristan, both chefs, will be there to cook. Those that were there last year will remember Richard's Lollipop Chicken legs. There will be other main dishes as well. Also, the Chapter will be conducting a wine raffle, so bring some cash to help us grow our Chapter Fund.

Debbie and I will be out of the country from 25 NOV through 9 DEC then hope to see you at our home on 17 DEC!!! We hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving surrounded by friends and family.

CDR Dick Minor



2nd Qtr Chapter Meeting & Chapter Christmas Party ~ 17 DEC 2022



WHAT: 2nd Quarter Phoenix Chapter MOWW Meeting and Chapter Christmas Party

WHERE: Dick and Debbie Minor's home, 8300 E. Dixileta Drive #276, Scottsdale, AZ 85266

WHEN: Saturday, 17 DEC 2022 at 11 AM

The Minor's will have food and drinks prepared, but don't forget, you too are invited to bring a main dish or side dish or dessert to share. The chapter will also conduct a wine raffle, so bring some cash to help us with our Chapter Fund. If you would like to do a gift exchange, you please coordinate with Dick a head of time.

CAREFREE 14TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION ~ 11 NOV 2022:

Many of our Chapter Companions attended the Veterans Day Musical Celebration held at the Sanderson Lincoln Pavilion in Carefree, AZ. Dick and Debbie manned our AZYLC and MOWW Membership Table (see photo right). Other Companions included Susan Farrell, Vic and Sharon Conner, Ray and Angie Boucher, Jeanne Blaes and MAJ/Dr Kirk Loving. They can be seen in other photos continued on the next page.

The Program included: Sgt Rusty Marlen, US Army Korean War Vet and WAC who gave the Pledge of Allegiance. Midshipman 1/C Jim Lednicky, US Navy/ASU graduate student/former Veterans Heritage Project (VHP)

Continued on page 3



CAREFREE 14TH ANNUAL VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION ~ 11 NOV 2022 Continued:

student, spoke to us about how his VHP experience lead him to military service. A very moving key note address was provided by Capt Larry Ernst, USN Retired/Vietnam Veteran . It was entitled "Living the Legacy". Thanks to Vicki Dryer, Gold Star Mom, for sharing memories of her son PFC John "Corey" Johnson, USA, who gave his all in defense of our Nation.



Recruiting viable and active membership for our Phoenix Chapter continues to be a primary goal for our 2023 OY. You can help by recruiting from your friends and families, plus give someone a **Gift of Membership**. Remember, when talking to potential members, make sure that you are able to tell them about the benefits that they will receive as members and let them know of the outreach programs that we are involved in. Also, be aware of the following:

To Join: Have potential members view "The MOWW Movie" at <http://www.moww.org/> and click on the "JOIN US" tab at the top left of the screen. Just fill in the application form dated 18 OCT 2022; new members can use their **credit card** to pay!

Membership Categories:

- ★ Veteran Regular (Annual) Membership @ \$40/year
- ★ Veteran Perpetual Membership (1st year of Commission/Warrant) @ 1 x \$200 or 4 x \$50 quarterly
- ★ Veteran Perpetual Membership @ 1 x \$350 or 4 x \$87.50 quarterly
- ★ Hereditary Regular (Annual) Membership @ \$40/year
- ★ Hereditary Perpetual Membership (age 18-20) @ 1x \$200 or 4 x \$50 quarterly
- ★ Hereditary Perpetual Membership (age 21+) @ 1x \$350 or 4 x \$87.50 quarterly
- ★ Memorial Perpetual @ 1x \$200.00



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED NOW! Will you make a time commitment & volunteer to help our Chapter fill the many vacancies that we have in our Staff & Chair positions? Many of the following positions have been vacant for over a year! **Please, won't you help?**

* **STAFF JAG** Do you know of a current or former civil or military Attorney; someone with a background in legal affairs? **(this is a critical staff position)**

- * **HISTORIAN** Our Historian will capture the history of the Chapter in publications, photos, documents, etc.
- * **COMMITTEE CHAIRS:** MONUMENTS & MEMORIALS, NATIONAL SECURITY, HOMELAND SECURITY, and LAW & ORDER

+_MEDIC's BAG_+ CAN A SUDDEN CHANGE IN THE WEATHER AFFECT YOUR HEALTH?

Can a sudden shift in the weather trigger certain illnesses? Absolutely, says Vikash Modi, M.D., a Brookhaven, GA family medicine physician. In fact, climate change is one of the environmental risk factors most doctors consider when assessing their patients for certain conditions.

“Changes in weather are basically challenges to our immune system and to our musculoskeletal system,” Dr. Modi says. “Our bodies get used to a certain climate, and when those things change suddenly, our body has to try to adapt. Unfortunately, sometimes our bodies have a difficult time adjusting, which can trigger an illness.”



Here are six health conditions that can be triggered by a sudden change in the weather:

1. Infections and illnesses of the upper respiratory tract. “Often we’ll discover that patients are dressing inappropriately,” Dr. Modi says. “They’re not wearing enough layers or they’re wearing too many layers, and so their bodies get overheated or too cold. That can affect their immune response and can trigger upper respiratory infections.” When temperatures are fluctuating, Dr. Modi recommends dressing in light layers. “Dressing in light layers is incredibly important to protect from cold temperatures in the morning and at night, and you’re still able to shed those layers in the warm mid-days or indoor settings,” Dr. Modi says.

2. Chronic sinus and throat issues. Heating and air systems struggle to keep up with fluctuating temperatures, and rapidly alternating heating and cooling systems can dehumidify air. Dehumidified air filled with pollen, dust, mold and mildew is a perfect storm for severe and chronic sinus and throat issues. So it’s important to change heating and air filters every six months. “If your filters haven’t been changed in more than six months, they are likely blowing dust, mold and mildew-ridden air on you and your family while you are at home or work,” Dr. Modi says. Dr. Modi also recommends purchasing a humidifier to add moisture to the air.

3. Seasonal asthma and bronchitis triggered by cold air. Cold air can trigger seasonal asthma or bronchitis. People who have these conditions should be prepared to use an inhaler seasonally to avoid severe and chronic coughing episodes. “There is a physiological response to cold air that causes your airways to close down and tighten up,” Dr. Modi says. “If you have asthma, that response can be dangerous. You’ll see a lot of people who have bronchitis, coughing, wheezing and shortness of breath throughout cold temperatures. So we need to be a little more aggressive with the control of their lung health.”

4. Seasonal allergies from pollen. “Plants get just as confused as people do with the changing weather patterns,” Dr. Modi says. “This means flowers bloom early and release pollen, which can aggravate people with seasonal allergies.”

5. Cold and flu outbreaks. As the weather temporarily improves, it is common for families, co-workers, and school children to gather for group activities. If one person is sick with a cold or the flu, you may see a minor “outbreak” of illness following those gatherings. “When large groups gather together, we all need to be a little more careful about hand hygiene and covering our mouths and noses with coughing and sneezing,” Dr. Modi says. “It’s also important to frequently clean shared spaces to control the spread of infections.”

6. Muscle and joint injuries. When the weather warms up, people are eager to head outdoors. But being extremely active on muscles and joints that have been hibernating during the cold winter months can lead to injuries. “A good rule to remember before jumping into those fun physical activities is to start low and go slow, at least initially,” Dr. Modi says. “It might take a few weeks to shake the rust off. But it will be worth the wait.”

NOTE: Dr. Modi practices at Piedmont Physicians Brookhaven, located at 3925 Peachtree Road Northeast, Suite 300, Brookhaven, GA 30319. You can find this article in its entirety at <https://www.piedmont.org/living-better/can-a-sudden-change-in-the-weather-affect-your-health>

CHAPLAINS CORNER: ELECTIONS ARE FINALLY DONE

"Praise the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 106:1

I believe we are all relieved to have another period of elections done. I was tired of the constant ads and empty promises made by the politicians. Many individuals have told me: I am so glad this election, even these last two years, are over! Recently, on a radio station, they spoke of the hard years we have just endured. Almost as if this time period was the nastiest of all time.

Were these last two years the worst in our lives? I have some deep memories of hardships, but also sweet remembrances of good events and great people. I lost a dear sister and magnificent brother-in-law last year. I also gained three fantastic grandchildren. I am

sure people that lived through the Civil War, WWI or WWII might argue that the 2020's was not so bad. If we would include the years of the Spanish Flu in 1917-1920, and the many pandemics of world history, we find that life is filled with the good and bad. And that is what we find in Psalm 106.

The writer begins with praise and adulation for God, "his love endures forever." (1-5) Then he suddenly shifts with this statement in vs. 6: "We have sinned like our fathers..." What a transition. The psalmist has a purpose to this song of praise for he recounts the deeds of Israel as they were brought out of Egypt and freed from slavery, he tells of the wonders done in that foreign land and rescue from the army of Pharaoh. With a gentle transition, the psalmist makes this accurate statement following verse 6 with verse 7, "Our fathers in Egypt did not understand Your wonders; they did not remember Your abundant kindnesses, but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea."

I hope this catches your attention as it did mine a few weeks ago. I could not get this out of my brain. It rolled over and over: they did not remember! What were they supposed to remember? The implication is that the Israeli's were to reflect and recall all that God did for them in the past year. That was about the length of time it took for Moses to return to Egypt and for God to persuade the Pharaoh, via the 10 Plagues, to let Israel return to their homeland in Palestine. In one year, the entire nation of Israel went from slavery to freedom, from despair to hope, from ignorance of God to full knowledge of His love and compassion, from being weak and frail to mighty and imposing. In one year, God did mighty acts of deliverance and made them a wealthy, prosperous and powerful nation. They **forgot** all God did on their behalf in one year!

The writer describes the power of God through verses 9-11, even including this national celebration and worship of God in verse 12: "Then they believed His words; they sang His praise." When God is good, when He answers our prayers, when all seems well with life, we praise our God. But we are still like the Israelites, "They quickly forgot His works they did not wait for His counsel." (13)

The rest of the Psalm recounts the many failures of the nation of Israel. It speaks of the worst of their history, of their total rejection of God, of turning to child sacrifice and debauchery, of forsaking the One who loves them. If I could look back on the first two years of 2020 with a clear and objective sight, I know that the things that seem the foulest, cruelest and most destructive are also the lessons that God has introduced into my life to teach me of His greatness, compassion, everlasting strength and magnificent love.

Epicurus, the Greek philosopher wrote, "Do not spoil what you have by desiring what you have not; remember that what you now have was once among the things you only hoped for."

So much of what I look forward to in the future is built upon the foundation I build every day, in the right now! I look back at 2020-22, not with despair and dismay, but with the promise that God is present and has a plan for me, for us. The Psalmist writes of the hardships of Israel, of their turning their backs on



Continued on page 6

CHAPLAINS CORNER: *continued from page 5*

God and then concludes with these vital statements: “Nevertheless He look upon their distress when He heard their cry; and He remembered His covenant for their sake, and relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness.” We may forget, but God never does. His memory is clear, accurate and unchangeable. His promises are true and will never be discarded.

This is the God we serve. I am determined to remember God’s abundant kindness and constantly bring to mind His great works on my behalf and stay committed to His good counsel.

Have you reflected on the past year? I challenge you to do so with the caveat that you carefully see where God was at work in your life. He will never leave nor forsake us. Let us dedicate every year to Him.

CHAP Butler

**IT’S TIME TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

Yes, we just finished with the 2022 MOWW National Convention held in Jacksonville, FL. And what a great event it was!! The official photos taken at the 2022 Convention have already been posted to the Convention webpage and final AAR wrap-ups are in motion.

But now ... it’s time to begin preparing for the the 2023 MOWW National Convention, which will be held from 1-6 AUG 2023 in Annapolis, Maryland! So, mark your calendars and keep your eyes open as details will be forthcoming in the New Year.

For more information on the Convention as it becomes available go to the **MOWW CONVENTION** webpage at <https://moww.org/convention/>



2023 MOWW National Convention
Annapolis, Maryland
1-6 August 2023



AZ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: The General Effective Date for the reconvene of the AZ 55th Legislature, 2nd Regular Session was 24 SEP 2022. ADVS Military and Veterans Legislative updates for the 2022 Session can be found posted at <https://dvs.az.gov/about/legislative-updates>. Upcoming / Active AZ Bills can be found at: <https://legiscan.com/AZ> The AZ Legislative calendar can be viewed at <https://www.azleg.gov/>.

AZ VETERAN’S LEGISLATION /2022 ELECTION - PROPOSITION 130: PASSED 63.8% of the VOTE

Voters in AZ have approved Proposition 130, meaning property tax exemptions will be restored for veterans with disabilities in the state, according to the Associated Press.

Property tax exemptions reduce the assessed value of a person’s real estate, thereby decreasing the property taxes they owe. The amount of savings depends on several factors, such as where the person lives, their annual income and how much their property is worth.

Proposition 130 allows property tax exemptions for veterans with disabilities, people with total and permanent disabilities, widows and widowers, regardless of when they became AZ residents. Only one exemption will be allowed per person.

The state Constitution already includes exemptions for each of these groups. But in 1989, the AZ Court of Appeals held that the veteran exemption was unconstitutional because it only applied to veterans who were AZ residents before entering the armed services. Veterans with disabilities have not been able to receive property tax exemptions in the three decades since.

There are more than 110,000 veterans with partial disabilities in AZ, according to the ADVS. The exemption will apply to veterans with disabilities whether or not a disability is related to military service.

In addition to restoring the property tax exemption for veterans with disabilities, Proposition 130 will protect the exemption for widows, widowers and people with total and permanent disabilities from being challenged in court in the future.

It will also give the Legislature the power to determine the amount of the property tax exemptions as needed, rather than having the amounts codified in the Constitution, which would require a referendum to change.

★ Extracted from an article printed on 8 NOV 2022 in the AZ Republic and written by Juliette Rihl



<https://www.facebook.com/militaryorder>
<https://www.moww.org/>
<https://www.mowwscv.com>

**Military Order of the World Wars
 Phoenix Pacesetter Chapter**

Chapter Commander
 COL (Ret) Dick Minor
 (480) 595-8089
 danddminor@aol.com

Pride of the Valley of the Sun!

**"It is nobler
 to serve
 than to be
 served"**



Newsletter Editor
 Jeanne J. Blaes, PhD
 COL (Ret) USA



<http://www.facebook.com/mowwphoenixchapter/>

MOWW Preamble

- To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;
- To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and flag;
- To promote and further patriotic education in our nation;
- Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our national government and the Constitution of the United States;
- To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the armed forces;
- To promote the cultivation of military, naval, and air science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of national security for the United States of America;
- To acquire and preserve records of individual services;
- To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars; and
- To transmit all these ideals to posterity; under God and for our country, we unite to establish ...

The Military Order of the World Wars.

**0Y 2022-23 Chapter Meeting
 Schedule & Important Dates:**

- ◆7 DEC 2022, 7AM ~ Apache Trail MOWW MOC, Marcos de Niza HS, Tempe
- ◆7 DEC 2022, 9AM ~ Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Wesley Bolin Plaza, Phoenix
- ◆17 DEC 2022 ~ Chapter Meeting/Christmas Party, Minor's Home, Scottsdale
- ◆2023 ~ AZYLC 2023, ASU West, Glendale, AZ

**Happy
 Birthday
 November
 Babies!**



Chapter Organizational Leadership Contact Information

| | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|
| COMMANDER | COL (Ret) Richard Minor | (480) 595-8089 | danddminor@aol.com |
| SR VICE CDR / ATTENDANCE | COL (Ret) Jeanne J. Blaes, PhD | (602) 377-8764 | blaesjj@gmail.com |
| JR VICE CDR | Cpt (Fmr) Mike Halpin | (480) 848-0174 | usmcf4gib@yahoo.com |
| ADJUTANT / MARSHALL / MEMBERSHIP | Cpt (Fmr) Mike Halpin | (480) 848-0174 | usmcf4gib@yahoo.com |
| AZYL INC REP | COL (Ret) Jeanne J. Blaes, PhD | (602) 377-8764 | blaesjj@gmail.com |
| TREASURER | COL (Ret) James Moye | (602) 510 4996 | jmoye@cox.net |
| STAFF JAG | Vacant | | |
| CHAPLAIN | CHAP/COL (Ret) Butler | 623-300-8696 | Daniel.Butler@VA.gov |
| HISTORIAN / ARCHIVIST | Vacant | | |
| SURGEON (NURSE) | LTC (Ret) Jeannine Dahl | (480) 945-5517 | colonelrn1@cox.net |
| VETERANS AFFAIRS Chair | LTC (Ret) Vic Connor | (602) 499-7194 | victorc966@cox.net |
| NEWSLETTER EDITOR | COL (Ret) Jeanne J. Blaes, PhD | (602) 377-8764 | blaesjj@gmail.com |