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SANTA CRUZ VALLEY CHAPTER AZ - Chartered October 24, 1985

"IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED"

COMMANDER

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES**ADJUTANT**

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

As we welcome September, our first Santa Cruz Valley Chapter AZ – 193 regular membership meeting is two weeks away. We also remind everyone that our September meetings always are scheduled for the second Saturday of that month, as the annual Labor Day observance precedes the scheduled meeting date. Please refer to the lower corner of this newsletter cover page for more information. Not to steel any thunder from our Adjutant's report, our Chapter fared well again this year in receiving its fair share of national regional and individual accolades – during the annual 2026 national convention awards luncheon. We even had two of our Region XIII chapters (the Colorado Springs Chapter and our very own Santa Cruz Valley Chapter among the top-3 General of the Armies John J. Pershing Chapter of the Year honors in their respective chapter categories. In all our region had thirteen R-13 companions attend the national convention in San Antonio, Texas this year. I believe that is among our region all-time high convention participation attendance records.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our Chapter finances currently are at our usual lows, as we enter the last weeks of our 2026 operating year first quarter of activities and scheduled commitments. Our current Chapter account balances are as follows. Our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter AZ – 193 CHASE Checking and Savings accounts show a remaining balance of \$1,571.53 USDs and \$243.34 USDs. Our US BANK AZYLIC Fundraising (standalone account) shows a current balance of \$4,928.90 USDs. Our annual Patriotic Education grant letter to the Country Fair White Elephant Grant Committee went out this week, which should provide some added grant funding by early December (the final month of the MOWW second quarter and OY2026 mid-point end of calendar year 2026. Our chapter has also completed and satisfied the MOWW required IRS reporting (990n e-postcard acceptance) and notification process back to MOWW HQ and the Treasurer General. Having completed all MOWW IRS reporting requirements, we are also eligible once again for this year's Perpetual & Memorial (P&M) Dividend payout – which usually is announced after the new calendar year around April or May (the end of our 3rd quarter or beginning of the 4th quarter of operations). Our chapter will also be mailing out a \$1,000.00 USDs America 250 Gist Blair Fund approved donation to a joint American Legion Post 36, NSDAR, and MOWW Mural project – to be unveiled in November on this year. Our chapter is sending the donation, which will be replenished by MOWW by the end of September back to our chapter CHASE account. Lastly, a quick reminder that our chapter should be fundraising throughout the entire operating year.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

We want to thank and welcome back all those Chapter companions who attended this year's convention in San Antonio, Texas. As we continue with our first quarter of operations close out at the end of September, we are still holding the ultimate chapter recruitment lead position Orderwide. That means already having recruited our required medium chapter six [6] new companions for the current operational year "again" we are the only operational chapter having achieved this strategic goal in the entire Order. This also means that any added chapter recruitments achieved will continue our forward momentum towards a more ambitious two-hundred recruitment percentage objective for the remainder of OY2026. As our chapter commander mentioned, our chapter again figured prominently placing well within the top 3 award winners in many categories; to include taking third place in its chapter category for the prestigious Pershing Chapter of the Year award – having Colorado Springs take second place for the same award and a member of our own chapter get recognized among the top MOWW recruiters for OY2025. We were also very lucky this year that the Phoenix Chapter decided to not charge any supporting AZYLIC 2025 sponsoring student chapters – as chapter fundraising has been slow this year and the Arizona Youth Leadership, Inc Board of Directors were able to provide and settle all pending AZYLIC 2025 expenses without having any of the sponsorship chapters be required to replenish the spent funds. Please do not let this stroke of good fortune slowdown our continued chapter funding efforts but rather serve as a grand opportunity to further build our funding strength in support of this great youth development opportunity. The 2026 national convention photos have been posted by the photographer online at moww.org and totally free for companion downloads. Please feel free to go to the sight and browse around and download any photos you wish to have. Until next month, let's be safe out there.

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Aug 1st – R-13: UAV [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
 Aug 3rd – R-13: AUG (5) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
 Aug 11th – NC26: Convention Begins [A], San Antonio, TX - 8AM
 Aug 11th – R-13: AVMCF [M] HYB Mtg., Marana, AZ - 6PM
 Aug 12th – NC26: HB [A] Mtg., San Antonio, TX - 4PM
 Aug 12th – NC26: CINC Welcome Buffet [A], San Antonio, TX - 6PM
 Aug 13th – NC26: CINC Remarks [A], San Antonio, TX - 8AM
 Aug 13th – NC26: PCINC Luncheon [A], San Antonio, TX - 11:30AM
 Aug 14th – NC26: Awards Luncheon [A], San Antonio, TX - 11:30AM
 Aug 14th – NC26: VAC [A] Mtg., San Antonio, TX - 1PM
 Aug 15th – NC26: CAC [A] Mtg., San Antonio, TX - 1PM
 Aug 13th – NC26: CINC Banquet [A], San Antonio, TX - 8AM
 Aug 16th – NC26: Convention Emds [A], San Antonio, TX - 12PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: SEPT 12th (HYB)**MEETING LINK****MEETINGS:** (Formats: HYB "combined membership" & VCC "online")**EVENT:** RM-1: SCV Chapter Regular Meeting - 12PM**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire**PROGRAM:** OY 2026 SCV Annual First Meeting Program**AGENDA:** "QTR-1 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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New Delhi wants access to a critical fighter engine technology available to only a handful of countries.



Two US tanker aircraft leave Bulgaria a month after deployment upset Iran

India seeks role in France's sixth-generation fighter program

US Navy leads multinational effort for next-gen Sea Sparrow missile

Land →



European allies team up to buy Polish portable anti-aircraft systems

US Army to end experimental drone battalion in Europe

US Army requests 125,000 GMLRS rockets by 2034



US Marines room for and wide from temporary Darwin base

In hilly southern Lebanon, fighting Hezbollah in the hills becomes a strategic conundrum

In hilly southern Lebanon, local forces are keen to maintain control over areas from which Israeli troops have withdrawn.

Pentagon →

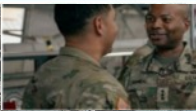
Pentagon awards contract in race to field cheaper interceptors, missiles

The Pentagon awarded a contract to X-Bow Systems in its race to develop a new air-to-air missile for less than \$750,000 per shot.



Pentagon's NATO review preparing troop options for Hegseth by November 6

A Pentagon review of U.S. troop deployments in Europe will create at least four sets of options for Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth by Nov. 6.



US, South Korea to cut length, scope of military drills after Trump order

The U.S. and South Korea will cut short their annual joint military drills and scale back field training after Trump ordered a reduction in participation.

How US military funding propelled China's robot dogs

Chinese company Unitree Robotics based the designs for its most successful robot dogs on innovations fueled by the U.S. military.

US Air Force looks to acquire target drones that can mimic stealth jets

The U.S. Air Force wants to acquire target drones that can mimic the performance of a variety of aircraft, from stealth fighters to small UAVs.

Naval →



US Navy eyes port stops in Africa, India after USS Abraham Lincoln's marathon deployment

The Navy's top admiral says the service is changing how it does pre-deployment stocking and resupply and looking at different places to make port calls.



USS Abraham Lincoln to dock in Thailand next week, Thai official says

Hung Cao taps civilian to stand up Navy industrial base office

Dutch Navy to equip fleet with Destinus C-UMS intercepter drones

The US Navy has bottled operational tempo oracles for years. The Iran war exposed the flaws.

Space →



US Air Force flight to Antarctica turns back after Russian hazardous space activity warning

A U.S. Air Force C-17A Globemaster III taking off from Christchurch, New Zealand, returned after receiving a "potentially hazardous" space activity notice.

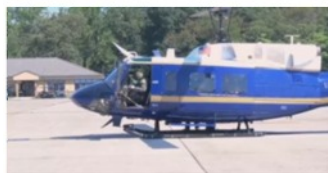


European firms plan anti-aircraft interceptor for 2027 test

Eight NATO allies launch HIALO satellite constellation initiative

ICEYE to double radar-satellite capacity by late 2027 as demand surges

VIDEOS →



Ride the skies over D.C. in a UH-1N Huey with airmen from Joint Base Andrews

Check out the view of the nation's capital seen by Huey pilots and crews who operate over the city daily.

National Security

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Workforce
IRS CEO's call to end advanced leave should be 'null and void,' NTEU says in lawsuit



Oversight
"Glorious violations" of the Hatch Act by senior Trump officials have gone unpunished for months, good government group alleges



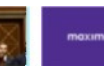
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New CDC chief looks to rebuild a workforce fearful of retaliation



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The Army gave General Dynamics \$533M to build an artillery plant that produced nothing

Instead of making shells, the assembly robots kept failing in bizarre ways—and that's just for starters.

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Sisters in Service Wellness Day

Join us for a day dedicated to your health and wellness. This event is designed specifically for women veterans to access essential health care services, connect with resources and find the support you deserve. Banner Plans & Networks, in proud partnership with Holding the Hope and Veterans Upward Bound, are honored to sponsor this event as part of our unwavering commitment to those who have bravely served our nation. **Your service matters. Your health matters. Your well-being matters.**

Event Highlights	When	September 26, 2025
Health care services		1000 - 1400
• General wellness education • Women's health consultations • Mental health resources • pima.edu/azwc for more information	Where	Pima Community College West Campus Community Room, Building M 2202 W Anklam Road Tucson, AZ 85709-0001

- VA benefits counseling
- Career development opportunities
- Financial planning assistance
- Housing and homelessness prevention

- Stress management workshops
- Nutrition guidance
- Peer support connections

- Meet fellow women veterans
- Share experiences and stories
- Build lasting support networks
- Connect with local veteran organizations

When September 26, 2026

1000 - 1400

Where Yuma Community College West Campus
Community Room, Building M
2202 W Anklam Road
Tucson, AZ 85709-0001

To register, scan the QR code or visit:
<https://forms.cloud.microsoft/4vfmkcy2P2>



Space is limited - register now

Questions?

Contact Shannon Kinne, Complete Care Specialist,
Shannon.Kinne@BannerHealth.com.

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Proudly serving those who served.

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/>

AUG 10 - JROTC parent team meeting, Rio Rico HS, Rio Rico, AZ
AUG 26 - JRHS Open House, Rio Rico HS, Rio Rico, AZ
AUG 27 - Football CG Detail, Rio Rico HS, Rio Rico, AZ
AUG 28 - Rattler Cross-Country Invitational Meet CG Detail, Rio Rico, AZ

AUG 19 - Cyber Academic Brain Brawl, SHS, Sahuarita, AZ
AUG 28 - Color Guard FB vs WGHS, SHS, Sahuarita, AZ

August is National Immunization Awareness Month in St. Lawrence County



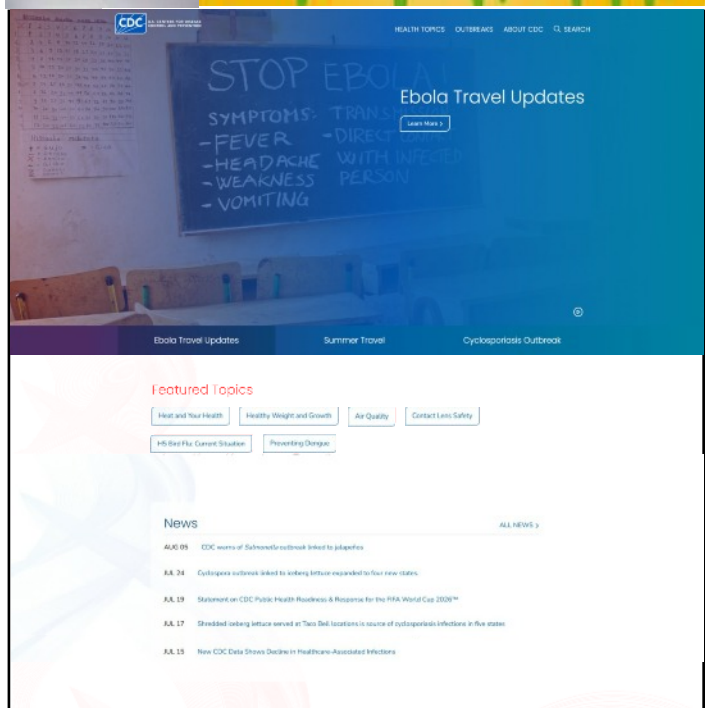
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2026 MOWAN NATIONAL CONVENTION - SAN ANTONIO, TX						
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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

AUGUST PRAYERS

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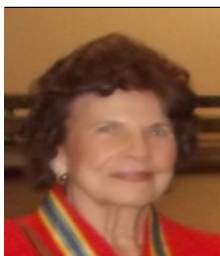
Life often presents us with crossroads, moments where the path forward seems unclear, and the weight of decisions can feel overwhelming. In these times, turning to prayer offers a profound source of comfort, clarity, and divine direction. It is in these quiet conversations with our Heavenly Father that we can lay down our anxieties and seek His wisdom, which is always greater than our own understanding. This practice is not about finding easy answers, but about cultivating a deeper trust in God's perfect plan, knowing He guides our steps with love and purpose.

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth." (3 John 1:2)

This verse beautifully expresses a holistic desire for well-being, encompassing spiritual, physical, and emotional health. It shows that God cares not just about our inner spiritual life but also about our overall prosperity and health. This isn't about worldly riches, but a flourishing that comes from a soul aligned with God's purposes. In our daily lives, this verse reminds us to pray for and pursue a balanced life where our spiritual health underpins our physical and emotional state, trusting that God desires our complete well-being as we seek Him.

Blessings to all,

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

July Anniversaries:

- James W. Cocke, PM (49 year)
- Franklyn M. Feliciano, PM (44 years)
- Adam T. Free, PM (21 years)
- Daniel R. Free, PM (21 years)
- Joel M. Greenberg, RM (8 years)
- Warren A. Grossetta, PM (49 year)
- Laird Guttersen, PM (49 year)
- Fred S. Hanna, PM (49 years)
- Ronald A. McCreery, PM (41 years)
- David I. Miller, PM (41 years)
- Billie L. Stephens, PM (23 years)
- Matthew R. Tank, PM (42 years)
- Pierce W. Timberlake, HPM (44 years)
- Michael S. West, PM (42 years)
- Carl F. Wright, PM (47 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

July Birthdays:

- James E. Adams Jr., RM (celebrated on the 22nd)
- Myles K. Beck, PM (celebrated on the 7th)
- George W. Biggs, PM (remembered on the 2nd)
- Fred J. Cone, PM (remembered on the 20th)
- John T. Curtis, Sr., RM (celebrated on the 3rd)
- Bobby J. Edwards, RM (celebrated on the 14th)
- Allen P. Goodman, PM (celebrated on the 20th)
- Robert E. Johnson, PM (remembered on the 16th)
- Carol A. Kadous, HPM (remembered on the 3rd)
- Charles R. Macon, PM (remembered on the 23rd)
- Roland H. Mapes, PM (remembered on the 28th)
- Michael J. Massee, PM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Fay R. McCormick, PM (remembered on the 1st)
- Karl S. McKenzie, RM (celebrated on the 21st)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (remembered on the 19th)
- Richard L. Simpson, PM (celebrated on the 25th)
- Claudia M. St. Clair, HPM (celebrated on the 10th)
- Frances M. Wainwright, HPM (remembered on the 18th)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

August Anniversaries:

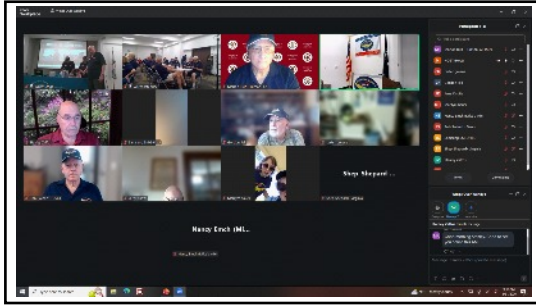
- Dolores M. Cataldo, PM (25 years)
- Fluvio J. Cataldo, PM (33 years)
- Stephen W. Christy, HPM (30 years)
- Richard D. Clifton, PM (25 years)
- Donald D. Doran, PM (43 years)
- David Fagergren, PM (18 years)
- Erik Fagergren, PM (18 years)
- William A. Gill, PM (38 years)
- Frank G. Huston, PM (70 years)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (34 years)
- Eugene L. Lash, PM (41 years)
- Quentin H. Miller, PM (40 years)
- Thomas E. Ozier, PM (39 years)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (25 years)
- Bruce E. Rianda, PM (23 years)
- John Seatvet, PM (48 years)
- Sabrina L. Wolfe, PM (39 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

August Birthdays:

- Cory R. Christoffer, RM (celebrated on the 9th)
- Franklyn M. Feliciano, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- James R. Frantz, RM (remembered on the 14th)
- Maxine X. Guy, PM (remembered on the 14th)
- Fred A. Kaps, PM (remembered on the 3rd)
- John S. McCain, PM (remembered on the 29th)
- Robert D. McCrory, PM (remembered on the 4th)
- Pedro Najera, PM (celebrated on the 8th)
- Herbert R. Oxnam, PM (remembered on the 11th)
- Harold I. Spencer, PM (remembered on the 5th)
- Robert W. Von Werne, PM (remembered on the 12th)

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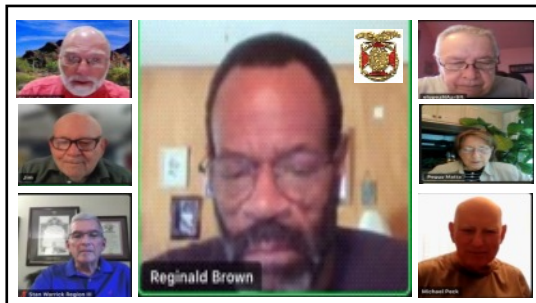
R-13: WOW [W] HYB MTG - AUG 2026

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 central California, WOW's mission focuses on food / clothing drives, planned field trips for fellow members and hosting special events throughout the year. WOW also provides great presentations.



NC26: ENTERTAINMENT & TOURS - AUG 2026

This year's 2026 National Convention was filled with a weeklong offering of informative meetings, seminars, semi-formal awards recognitions, awesome subject matter expert invited speakers, wonderful tour packages, and culminated with our traditional CINC Banquet newly elected 94th commander in chief (CINC) installation ceremony and a post executive committee meeting on the morning after the conclusion of the convention venue - where the newly installed CINC met official with his OY2026 EXCOM team.



NC26: VAC [A] PRESENTATION - AUG 2026

Our Chapter is very active and a monthly contributor to the national MOWW Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC). Representative committee members represent all ten Regions and their corresponding geographical area veterans affairs-related activities, events, initiatives, and projects throughout the entire operating year that runs from 1 JULY to 30 JUNE of the subsequent calendar year. VAC activities include general support to veteran throughout local communities and non-profits and civic organizations dedicated to his mission.



NC26: PRE-CONVENTION EXCOM [A] MTG - AUG 2026

The 2026 National Convention (NC26) in San Antonio, Texas kicked off its meeting series with the customary pre-convention executive committee meeting (EXCOM) before welcoming all the arriving participants. CINC David Worley ran the meeting and thanked everyone for a very fruitful OY2024-2025 two year tenure as the 93rd commander in chief. A highlight of the meeting was recognizing fellow companions appointed EXCOM member CWO4 David McCuiston and VCINC Joe Kirlin III for their great work.



NC26: AMERICA 250 [A] PRESENTATION - AUG 2026

During this year's MOWW national convention in San Antonio, Texas there was a presentation briefing provided by VCINC Joe Kirlin III, USA on all the America 250 projects that had been submitted and executed throughout the operating year (to include the very first such project offered as part of the previous 2025 national convention venue in Tucson, Arizona - where the first MOWW granite stone memorial had been installed and unveiled at the Marana Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery, displaying the new MOWW logo signage.



NC26: CINC BANQUET [A] EVENT - AUG 2026

This year's 2026 national convention culminated with a spectacular Banquet dinner and Gala event. The night's program featured MG Patrick Henry Brady, a highly decorated Vietnam War veteran and Medal of Honor recipient who was this year's MOWW Distinguished Service Award recipient and keynote speaker. A solemn and heartfelt POW-MIA missing man table of honor ceremony was also rendered by CINC David Worley, Lt Col USAF and the 94th commander in chief was formally installed ending the event.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

The Berlin Airlift

Words as I remember them from a then popular song, expressed how we felt upon graduation from Weather Forecaster School in 1948. “The pavement always stayed beneath my feet before....” Briefing crews of the four-propellered C-54s was my first assignment as a weather forecaster, certified in Special Orders by 8th Weather Squadron. Those indomitable airmen flew planes loaded with supplies, coal, potatoes, clothing – whatever it was believed the residents of Berlin needed for survival. It was called “Project Vittles” by President Truman. What a first forecasting assignment!

I had thought they might have broken me in gradually. But that was just the way it was and it was all right. Taking responsibility was what I had signed up for. We were briefing the crews at Westover Field, Massachusetts. They were about to take off for a 2,200-mile flight over the Atlantic to a refueling stop at Lajes Airfield, Island of Terceira, Azores. That airfield was notorious for having awful crosswinds.

This was before the vast Improvement In communications improvement In communications .Every navigator and pilot in the C-54s had one calculation dominating his thoughts: the point of no return. If their radio connection revealed Lajes was truly then having crosswinds too high for a safe landing, they would return to Westover at the precise time their fuel usage and navigation indicated they had reached that critical point over the Atlantic, the PONR.



The Soviet Union had intended to starve Berliners into submission as they reportedly had done to a million or more Ukrainians in the 1930s. At a heavy cost in supplies, and in air crew fatalities at the difficult landing site in Berlin, a victorious nation saved the population of a city it had just defeated in war. Photo shows entrance to the meteorology school. 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.

AUGUST IN HISTORY

August 1

August 1, 1838 - Slavery was abolished in Jamaica. It had been introduced by Spanish settlers 300 years earlier in 1509.

August 1, 1944 - Anne Frank penned her last entry into her diary. "[I] keep on trying to find a way of becoming what I would like to be, and what I could be, if...there weren't any other people living in the world." Three days later, Anne and her family were arrested and sent to Nazi concentration camps. Anne died at Bergen-Belsen concentration camp on March 15, 1945, at age 15.

August 1, 1944 - The Warsaw Uprising began as the Polish Home Army, numbering about 40,000 Polish patriots, began shooting at German troops in the streets. The Nazis then sent eight divisions to battle the Poles, who had hoped for, but did not receive, assistance from the Allies. Two months later, the rebellion was quashed.

Birthday - *Star-Spangled Banner* author Francis Scott Key (1779-1843) was born in Frederick County, Maryland. After witnessing the British bombardment of Fort McHenry on the night of September 13-14, 1814, he was enthralled to see the American flag still flying over the fort at daybreak. He then wrote the poem originally entitled *Defense of Fort McHenry* which became the U.S. National Anthem in 1931.

Birthday - *Moby Dick* author Herman Melville (1819-1891) was born in New York.

August 2

August 2, 1776 - In Philadelphia, most of the 55 members of the Continental Congress signed the parchment copy of the Declaration of Independence.

August 2, 1923 - President Warren G. Harding died suddenly in a hotel in San Francisco while on a Western speaking tour. His administration had been tainted by the Teapot Dome political scandal and his sudden death prompted many unfounded rumors. He was succeeded the next day by Calvin Coolidge.

August 2, 1939 - Albert Einstein wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt concerning the possibility of atomic weapons. "A single bomb of this type carried by boat and exploded in a port, might very well destroy the whole port together with some of the surrounding territory." Six years later, on August 6, 1945, the first Atomic Bomb, developed by the U.S., was dropped on the Japanese port of Hiroshima.

August 2, 1990 - The Iraqi army invaded Kuwait amid claims that Kuwait threatened Iraq's economic existence by overproducing oil and driving prices down on the world market. An Iraqi military government was then installed in Kuwait which was annexed by Iraq on the claim that Kuwait was historically part of Iraq. This resulted in Desert Shield, the massive Allied military buildup, and later the 100-hour war against Iraq, Desert Storm.

August 3

August 3, 1492 - Christopher Columbus set sail from Palos, Spain, with three ships, *Nina*, *Pinta* and *Santa Maria*. Seeking a westerly route to the Far East, he instead landed on October 12th in the Bahamas, thinking it was an outlying Japanese island.

Birthday - War correspondent Ernie Pyle (1900-1945) was born in Dana, Indiana. His syndicated column offered sympathetic insights into the experiences of common soldiers during World War II. He received a Pulitzer Prize for his reports of the bombing of London in 1940 and later war reports from Africa, Sicily, Italy and France. He was killed by machine-gun fire near Okinawa in the South Pacific on April 18, 1945.

Birthday - Gray Panthers founder Maggie Kuhn (1905-1995) was born in Buffalo, New York. After she was forced into mandatory retirement at age 65, she founded the Gray Panthers organization to fight age discrimination and succeeded in the banning of mandatory retirement in most professions.

Geo Challenge Trivia

Name the sea that is bordered by Europe, Africa, and Asia.

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

FEATURED MOWW REPORT

MEET THE NEW NATIONAL LEADERSHIP



Lieutenant Colonel Marlon Ruiz, USAF (RET) was elected as the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) National 94th Commander-in-Chief. He is a 27-year Air Force veteran who flew Boeing B-52Gs and Hs, achieving Master Bombardier, Chief of Bomber Training Flight during Operation DESERT SHIELD, and bomber combat mission commander during Operation DESERT STORM. After the first Gulf War, he was assigned to Headquarters Twelfth Air Force as its Latin America Program Manager, where he also served in multiple Joint USAF, USSOUTHCOM, and US Government interagency deployed assignments. He served a critical role in military and law enforcement counternarcotics operations, ensuring his deployed team executed all tasks and operations effectively and safely. Assignments included serving as a Lockheed P-3 Orion aircrew member with US Customs and Border Protection's ELINT and HUMINT drug smuggling surveillance tracking mission over Central and South America coastline and Amazon jungle illegal narcotics trafficking activities, serving as an in-country translator and negotiator, to include anti-FARC (Fuerzas Armadas Revolucionarias de Colombia) terrorist operations. Colonel Ruiz has two bachelors of education degrees and a master's degree in aviation business administration and management. He was a senior AFJROTC academic instructor with Nogales High School in southern Arizona and a defense contractor with C2 Technologies, Inc., an internationally recognized leader in education and immersion training. He serves as a Commissioner with the Tucson Mayor's Office Veterans Affairs Committee. Since joining MOWW in 2008, Colonel Ruiz served in every MOWW elected and appointed position of responsibility, including three terms as Vice Commander-in-Chief. He is currently concluding his second term as Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief. His tenure as MOWW's Commander-in-Chief will focus on reinvigorating our national MOWW Education and Training Committee and Program, coupling that vital effort with a holistic education and training program experience at all levels of companion engagement and growth.



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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
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TO TRANSMIT ALL THESE IDEALS TO POSTERITY;
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If you answered YES to any of these questions, you are in good company, because the members of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) say YES to all of them. Some of you might even say, "I want to become involved, how do I join, how do I help?"

Well, there are several ways you can help—the main way is to join the Order, if eligible. Consider supporting the Order by contributing financially to its efforts if you are not eligible to join.

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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