

COMMANDER

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Greetings to all our fellow companions, chapter patriots, partnered veteran service organization and civic organization affiliate colleagues and supportive readership. As we continue to fulfill our scheduled community support commitments, activities, and events I wish to extend once again my sincerest collective appreciation for all the support received by you all this year. Almost halfway into the current 2023-2024 Activity Season we find ourselves in great shape and proceeding ever forward and productively, in not just meeting but also exceeding, our stated chapter goals for the year. In this month's newsletter edition, not only will you get a glimpse of our rather heavy activity scheduled for the current pre-Holiday season, but also everyone can all be very proud of what has been accomplished thus far for the current operating year. Our chapter Adjutant Officer's report will add some further chapter activity and performance updates, as to not only what has been accomplished to date (since we began current operating year [OY] activities from last July), but also where we find ourselves presently. Also of even greater reporting consideration is addressing where we are headed in anticipation of the new year and second half of our current OY cycle. Again, my sincerest congratulations for a job well done and for any even better second half in the 2024 calendar year.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Greetings to all. As of this newsletter update reporting, our chapter account standings are as follows; SCV Chapter 193 CHASE BANK – CHECKING: \$668.14 USDs and SAVINGS: \$140.87 USDs. The newly established SCV Chapter 193 US BANK AZYLC FUND is currently at a balance of \$5,059.48 USDs. Current account balances are not unusual for this time of the operating year, as chapter administrative material supply orders and the replenishment of our chapter award package inventories consume most of the initial residual chapter funding reserves, leading into the operating year midway point. Current chapter expenditures include the purchase of event awards for our already executed chapter scheduled activities and special events for the first half of the operating year to date. Also factored into our chapter budgeting and expenditures process is the anticipated funding replenishment that will occur in the months of December of this year (i.e., the Country Fair White Elephant non-profit annual grant donation) and March of the coming new calendar year (i.e., the annual MOWW Perpetual & Memorial Fund Distribution payout), which provides the remaining funding necessary to finish out the rest of the anticipated operating year regular chapter operational expense requirements up to the operating closeout in June 2024.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Hello everyone. As we rapidly approach the end of the first half of our current 2023-2024 Activity Season and operating year midpoint, we have already recruited two new chapter fellow companions, placing us at one-third recruitment completion percentile entering the latter half of the operating year. We are still looking to recruit another four new companions before the end of the current operating year to be 100% for our chapter growth goal for the year. With having just hosted our chapter's second annual Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance 2023 in East Tucson (MOC), the first weekend of November, we are also halfway towards completion of our stated "two-hosted MOC" event goal milestone for the current operating year. Our upcoming next hosted MOC event is scheduled for the first month of the new calendar year for January 2024 in the township of Sahuarita-Green Valley, Arizona. We are also currently assisting with transitioning the former COL Stephens – Apache Trail Chapter hosted MOC annual event in Tempe, Arizona at Marcos De Niza HS. The Phoenix Chapter in central Arizona has offered to host this second MOC for them for the month of December of this year. In all, our chapter has hosted or supported a total of four MOC events during the first half of the operating year, with two more to be either hosted or supported by our chapter for the second half of the 2023-2024 operating year. AS always, please visit the Region XIII website at www.MOWWSCV.com and our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/MOWWSCV/ often to keep up with activity and event coverage. Lastly, if any fellow companion has not yet already done so, please visit the national www.MOWW.org website and review your contact information and register your personal profile at the new MOWW Online platform before the end of this calendar year. To find out more about the new MOWW Online forum, please contact Mr. Justin Hiller at the national headquarters at: HQ MOWW/DA (703) 683-4911, EXT.1 / membership@moww.org. Until next month, let's all have a great per-Holiday season.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

- Oct 04th – VSO-1: OCT (5) WOW HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
- Oct 07th – VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Oct 11th – VSO-3: VAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Oct 14th – PE-2: GELP Chapter MOC Event, El Paso, TX - 11AM
- Oct 16th – VSO-4: PVAHCS VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 11:30AM
- Oct 17th – MOWW: VAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Oct 17th – MGM Chapter Monthly HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
- Oct 19th – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 Mtg, Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- Oct 21th – MOAA: CM Monthly Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 11AM
- Oct 24th – VSO-4: SAVAHC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 1PM
- Oct 26th – MOWW: CINC Town Hall Webinar, Virtual, AZ - 1PM
- Oct 27th – SCV Chapter Q-2 VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
- Oct 28th – MIAP: Bi-Annual Burial Ceremony, Marana, AZ - 10AM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: DEC 2nd (RM-HYB) ZOOM LINK

MEETINGS: (VCC "staff" format) & (HYB "membership" format)
EVENT: RM-2: SCV Chapter Membership Meeting - 12PM
ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire
PROGRAM: OY 2023 Activity Season EOY Christmas Meeting
AGENDA: "RM-2 SCV Chapter Christmas Event Activity"

NOTE: "Local Chapter staff meetings 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 ("AM" 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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 Submit comments to marlon.ruiz@earthlink.net or call (520) 780-7107 and leave a message

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SPECIAL FEATURES



Watch: Panel Discussions at AUSA

Defense News hosted a series of events during AUSA 2023 with a variety of military, gov, and industry speakers.



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Defense News spoke with industry leaders from AeroVironment, Anduril, Skydio, GoTenna, Saikidon, DAE Systems, Mercury Systems, and Leidos UK.



Defense News Conference Coverage

Explore editorial coverage of the event along with video clips of the Defense News Conference 2023.

Air



'We missed our mark': Next Racing F-15EX delivery coming in November

Boeing's new timeline to deliver the next F-15EX comes nearly a year after the firm originally planned, and four months behind its revised estimate.

US Navy weapons buyer talks ship production, F-35 upgrade delays

Boeing's P-8 plane had unfair advantage in Canada tender, firms allege

Turkey F-16 sale not a done deal, even with Sweden's NATO bid on track

Kuwait receives four Eurofighter Typhoons

Land



Switzerland becomes newest customer of most advanced Patriot missile

Switzerland becomes the 15th country to buy Patriot Advanced Capability-3 Missile Segment Enhancement weapon.

Army gets first high-power microwave prototype to counter drone swarms

Opinion: A victory in Ukraine will require a manpower division

Lt. Gen. Filit units to prototype targeting device for US Army

Jordan asks US to deploy Patriot air defense systems

Pentagon

Pentagon debuts new data and AI strategy after Biden's executive order

The strategy joins structures recently stood up within the Pentagon to govern data and artificial intelligence.



Senate to vote on top Air Force, Navy, USMC leaders in coming days

Chamber leaders are hopeful they'll soon have a solution to hundreds of other stalled nominations.



US seeks to ramp up munitions production for Ukraine, Israel

Secretary Austin outlined U.S. production constraints and made the case to Congress for more funds to ramp up munitions production for Ukraine and Israel.

House passes Israel military aid bill

The House advanced a \$19 billion Israel aid bill along party lines after Republicans added 193 cuts and more. Dems call for a humanitarian pause.

Submarine sector study looks at busy repair schedule, AUKUS work

The SIB 25 looked at a fuller range of work the submarine industrial base will be asked to do in the coming years and the funding it will need.

US to build new nuclear gravity bomb

Experts say this new higher-yield nuclear bomb appears intended to pave the way for retiring the older US3 megaton bomb.

Naval



Navy takes early steps with Australian, UK vendors on shared sub work

The U.S. Navy is increasing its submarine work with Australian and British firms, even as it weighs passage of four key measures to enable AUKUS.

Britain unveils details on AI defense programs

US Navy submarine branch focuses on developing Project Overmatch

Opinion: What are the takeaways from Ukraine's fight in the Black Sea?

Italy needs quick sale of patrol ships to Indonesia amid China fears

Space



Space Force sees SATCOM awards surging to \$20 billion this fiscal year

The total value of the contracts to be awarded is a significant jump from the \$1.6 billion issued across the portfolio in FY23.

Atlas, other 'troubled' Space Force programs to miss 2023 deliveries

Space Development Agency orders 402 satellites from York Space Systems

Space Force finalizes plan for commercial surge capacity during crisis

Space Force seeks proposals for Project Apollo technology hub

VIDEOS



Watch Chinese fighter jet get within 10 feet of U.S. bomber in-flight

The Pentagon released more footage of Chinese jets approaching dangerously close to U.S. aircraft over the South China Sea.

National Security

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TRENDS: SHUTDOWN TELEWORK TSP USPS 2024 BUDGET



Budgetary limbo could cost the Navy Department \$26B in missing or 'misaligned' funds

Comptroller lays out the price of a full-year continuing resolution if Congress can't pass a 2024 budget.

LAUREN C. WILLIAMS | OCTOBER 10, 2023



The Army doesn't know where a lot of its excess arms and gear are

MARCUS WEISBERGER | OCTOBER 11, 2023



'What am I here for?': Military families frustrated by delayed promotions, withheld raises and lives put on hold

MARCEL FRABELLA, THE 70TH | OCTOBER 10, 2023



Lawmakers, Army headed for a fight over cuts to special operations forces

PATRICK TUCKER | OCTOBER 2, 2023

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Freedom Caucus: Canceled Recess Unless Speaker Is Elected

Jordan Pledges to Unite Republicans as He Seeks Speaker Vote

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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:

NEVER FORGET FOREVER HONOR
Honoring America's Veterans

Join Us for
The 27th Phoenix Veterans Day Parade

Featuring Celebrity Grand Marshal Supermodel Kim Alexis

Saturday, November 11 11 a.m.

Parade heads south on Central at Montebello, crosses east on Camelback, then heads south on 7th Street to Indian School Road

THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

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 Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorio/>

- 04 NOV Hosting the 13th Annual Padilla Raider Challenge, Rio Rico, AZ
- 05 NOV MOWW Masing of the Colors, Tucson, AZ
- 10 NOV Tucson Veterans Day Parade, Tucson, 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 NOV JLAB Academic Test, Sahuarita, AZ
- 04 NOV Rio Rico Raider Meet, Rio Rico, AZ
- 05 NOV MOWW Masing of the Colors, Tucson, AZ
- 08 NOV JLAB Academic Test, Sahuarita, AZ
- 10 NOV Color Guard Marine Corps Birthday Dinner, Sahuarita, AZ
- 11 NOV Green Valley Veteran's Day Ceremonies, Green Valley, AZ
- 15 NOV 3-2-1 Academic Test, Sahuarita, AZ
- 18 NOV Raider National Competition, Molena, GA
- 19 NOV Cat Mountain Orienteering, Tucson, AZ

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

Style Magazine Newswire | 10/26/2023, 3:23 p.m.

The Jason Foundation DEDICATED TO YOUTH SUICIDE AWARENESS AND PREVENTION

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October 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 WOW Weekly HYB	3	4	5 MAHC SURVEY VCC	6	7 UAV VCC MTG
8	9 COLUMBUS DAY WOW Weekly HYB	10	11 TUS VAC VCC NCSC VCC MTG	12 SPC VCC MTG MAHC VCC MTG	13 GELP HYB MTG	14 PHX HYB MTG
15	16 WOW Weekly HYB	17 VAC VCC MTG MGM HYB MTG	18 NCSC VCC MTG CAC VCC MTG	19 ALOV Post 132 MTG	20	21 MOAA- CMC MTG GELP HYB MTG
22	23 WOW Weekly HYB	24 VA: Q-2 SAVAHCS CANVA TUTORIAL	25	26 CINC TOWN HALL	27 SCV CH VCC OTR-2: SM-2 VCC	28 PHX HYB MTG NAM JAM 2023 MIAP- BI-ANNUAL
29	30 WOW Weekly HYB	31 HALLOWEEN 2023				

November 2023						
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19	20 PVAHCS VCC MTG WOW Weekly HYB	21 VAC VCC MTG MGM HYB MTG	22	23 Thanksgiving 2023	24 Native American Day	25 CS HYB MTG PHX HYB MTG
26	27 WOW Weekly HYB	28	29	30		

Health & Public Safety

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FEATURED TOPIC
RSV Prevention
Learn about the symptoms and treatment of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).
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FEATURED

- COVID-19: What you need to know about COVID-19.
- Flu Season: What you need to know this flu season to help prevent illness and stay healthy.
- Diabetes and Your Liver: Discover the connection between type 2 diabetes and your liver.
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors: Remember to check the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector.
- Training & Education: Locate quality trainings and continuing education.
- STEM at CDC: Science, technology, engineering, & math disciplines.
- SDOH: CDC's work addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).

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

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Psalm 95:1-2

"Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

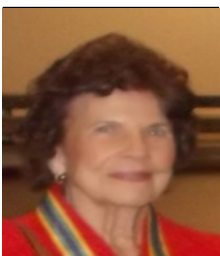
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!"

As God's children , we have much for which to be thankful. Each November we set aside a day to thank the Lord our God for the many blessings he has showered upon us. We gather together with friends and family and celebrate the day with good food and good memories. We should always remember to give thanks and praise for the good things in our lives.

We should be especially thankful that we live in a country of freedom and plenty. We are always grateful to the men and women who serve to protect our liberty. May God be their strength and protector.

Happy Thanksgiving!

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

October Anniversaries:

- Ira W. Austin, PM (32 years)
- Lissette M. Bake, PM (20 years)
- Frederick W. Baum, PM (43 years)
- Don H. Barnhart, PM (37 years)
- Joseph S. Bean, PM (38 years)
- Albert C. Burrows, PM (65 years)
- Fulvio J. Cataldo, PM (32 years)
- Howard S. Coleman, PM (37 years)
- George O. Commenator, PM (43 years)
- Herman R. Jacks, PM (43 years)
- Fred A. Kaps, PM (38 years)
- Scott P. Kellen, PM (37 years)
- Katherine G. Knez-Phillips, HPM (23 years)
- Eugene L. Lash, PM (38 years)
- Peter M. Leander, HPM (21 years)
- Richard C. Leander, PM (23 years)
- Michael J. Masee, PM (19 years)
- Suzanne Ottoy, PM (42 years)
- Harold I. Spencer, PM (38 years)
- Thomas H. St. Clair, PM (44 years)
- Vasilli P. Vannoni, PM (38 years)
- David F. Welch, PM (35 years)
- David A. Williams, PM (17 years)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

November Anniversaries:

- Agnes E. Ballard, PM (33 years)
- Donald S. Ballard, PM (33 years)
- Wayne W. Canwright, PM (38 years)
- Fred J. Cone, PM (39 years)
- Thomas J. Faires, PM (75 years)
- Peter T. Gainas, PM (35 years)
- Jay C. Hess, RM (7 years)
- D. S. Hopkins, PM (31 years)
- William Kitt, PM (40 years)
- George F. Krochi, PM (37 years)
- Eugene L. Lash, PM (33 years)
- Lynda A. Linker, PM (14 years)
- John T. Myers, PM (18 years)
- Gloria J. Nelson, HPM (18 years)
- Margaret A. O'Bannon, HPM (36 years)
- Lyman Phillips, PM (36 years)
- Joann W. Ralyea, PM (34 years)
- Marlon Ruiz, PM (15 years)
- Ferrell D. Sears, PM (45 years)
- Jack E. Summerville, PM (39 years)
- Frances M. Wainwright, HPM (18 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

October Birthdays:

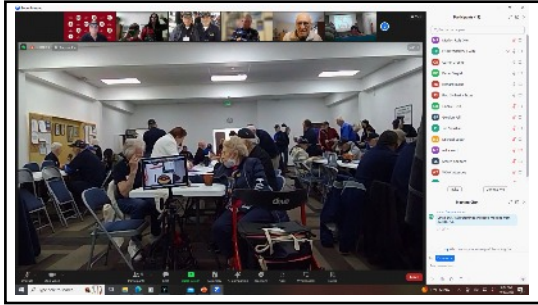
- Howard G. Annas, PM (remembered on the 10th)
- William F. Applegarth, PM (remembered on the 21st)
- Daniel R. Free, PM (celebrated on the 9th)
- Lloyd R. Logan, Jr., PM (remembered on the 9th)
- Thomas E. Ozier, HPM (celebrated on the 16th)
- Adriana Y. Ruiz, HPM (celebrated on the 23rd)
- Larry W. Rumans, PM (celebrated on the 24th)
- Brandine L. Simon, HPM (celebrated on the 2nd)
- David L. Swartz, PM (remembered on the 9th)
- Jorge E. Zequiera, RM (celebrated on the 20th)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

November Birthdays:

- Dolores M. Cataldo, HPM (remembered on the 22nd)
- William E. Corson, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Donald D. Doran, PM (celebrated on the 29th)
- Vernon P. Harms, HPM (celebrated on the 5th)
- Christian A. Ruiz, HPM (celebrated on the 27th)
- Nicole M. Ruiz, HPM (celebrated on the 21th)
- Ronnie D. St. Clair, PM (celebrated on the 26th)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



VSO-1: WOW Weekly VCC MTG - OCT 2023

The Santa Cruz valley Chapter Partnership Program includes a working weekly invitation to participate with our southern CA Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) civilian-community-historians-general aviation industry fellow members. WOW meets consistently weekly at one of various meeting locales and boasts over several hundred standing members from all walks of life. They are very active throughout their local communities, as they participate in many local community charity, fundraising, civic and general aviation support events.



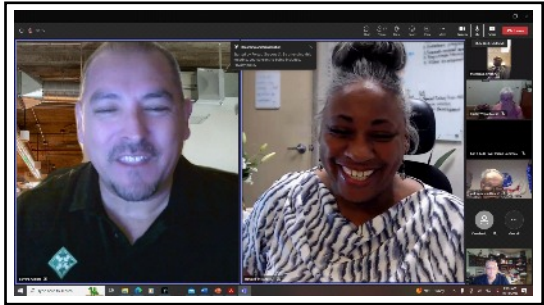
VSO-3: VAC Monthly VCC MTG - SEPT 2023

The City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) meets monthly via online video conference call live streaming and offers an ideal local government community communications network to voice and present all sorts of veteran community inquiries and follow-up legislation opportunities directly with the Mayor's Office. Each monthly meeting provides timely updates on all things veteran related and a practical forum for city veteran-related activities and event project planning. Among the frequent briefs are the local VA healthcare system.



PE-2: GELP Chapter MOC Event - OCT 2023

Our chapter attended the annual Greater El Paso Chapter Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance ceremony event on Saturday, the 14th of October. The yearly ceremony event date was changed from its usual March date to October, which presented some added challenges in getting local civic support and JROTC school district programs to participate this year. Regardless, as you can see by the photos it was a great event with plenty of community support - including a live Army band from nearby Fort Bliss, TX.



VSO-4: PVAHCS VCC MTG - OCT 2023

Using a total AZ state veterans care and support profile framework, the Phoenix counterpart VA Healthcare System central AZ component (along with three other equivalent support teams throughout the state of Arizona) also participate and brief their quarterly veterans support-services activities and events. A fifth VA Healthcare Support Team regional location is currently under development north of rural Phoenix to address and render expanded services to include veteran communities situated on native American tribal lands.



VSO-5: ALOV POST 132 MTG - OCT 2023

Our chapter is also partnered with the most activity local American Legion Post (132) in southern AZ. IT meets monthly but does not offer any online live streaming meetings. The traditional locale monthly meetings normally has between 30 to 50 fellow legionnaire members attending the meetings, who are very active in the local community throughout the calendar year. The organization is open to all military ranks and welcomes private business owners and other professionals who can lend a hand on projects.



MOAA: CM Chapter Monthly MTG - OCT 2023

The Military Officers Association of America is a strictly current, former or retired military officers non-profit veteran services organization. Many local MOWW chapters partner with their local MOAA counterparts and host joint membership meetings and events throughout the operating year. Our chapter currently partners on occasion with several fellow VSO like-minded non-profits, including the two operating MOAA chapters operating in east Tucson and in the Oro Valley, AZ (west Tucson community area).

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

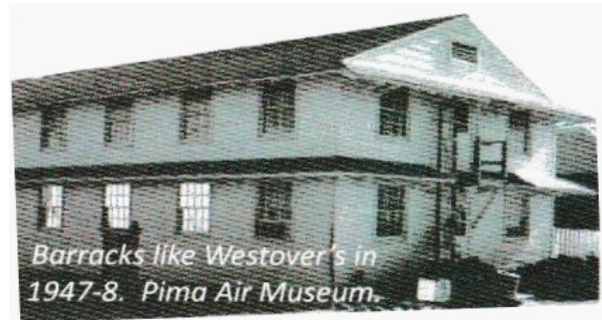
The 0400 Shift

The USAF, created 18 September 1947, was less than a year old and I was back at Westover Field, Massachusetts. Marie, with me during Weather Forecaster School, was now with her parents near Selfridge Field, Michigan, the base assignment I wanted. She awaited arrival of a blessed event, our daughter Willa; I lived in a Westover barracks. C-54 crews from airfields far and near, heavily loaded with supplies, were gathering at Westover for flights to Berlin — the Berlin Airlift whose prospect for success was then doubtful. The big increase in workload brought on by the airlift caused a change in shifts. A fourth forecaster's shift, from 0400 to 1200, was added to the usual three to analyze the 500 millibar chart and, from it, predict flight-level winds to Lajes, Azores. If the radiosonde data plots on the 500 millibar chart, always too few, were entirely missing on the Lajes route, you still drew pressure-height contours, basing them on what you believed the missing plots *should* be. A bad decision and a C-54 might have to ditch in the Atlantic. The hard part: determining pressure pattern change for the C-54's long flight (10 hours) and, with that, its changing winds. The 500 millibar chart was closest standard chart to the C-54s' flight altitude — 17,000 feet. They would fly 2200 miles to Lajes. There, the C54 pilot and navigator had another weather briefing and would have still another at Rhein Main, Germany, for the last leg, the corridor to Berlin Tempelhof where they joined other C-54 and C-47 crews. The C-47's capacity, smaller, did



Radiosonde. Tied to a balloon, it sensed pressure, temperature, humidity. Its tracking gave winds.

carry a lot of critical supplies. We lost no planes on the Lajes route. But on August 24, in my first month back at Westover: “four Americans were killed in a mid-air collision of two C-47s in the fog a few miles from Rhein Main” (from *Daring Young Men*, Richard Reeves highly detailed airlift book). My station record of only 3 minutes between ETA and ATA to Lajes, must have caused this: I was put on the 0400 shift. The old observer friends, always seeking humor as relief from critical work, noted there was no mention of any days off, making us laugh heartily: the reward for having had an envied performance was no days off. In reality, we felt honored to be part of that so-



Barracks like Westover's in 1947-8. Pima Air Museum.

American humanitarian operation — *Berliners had been our enemy only three years earlier*. Lights out in barracks was at 2100. To make sure I wouldn't be late for the 0400 shift, I bought an alarm clock in nearby Springfield. Placing it under my pillow muffled its alarm, keeping barracks' mates on regular shifts from awakening; and I painted a red stripe on the roof-supporting 4X4 post at the foot of my cot to keep me from bumping into it in the dark. Because the C-54 crews took off at all hours, the chowhall set up a midnight breakfast. I went to it and also to the 0700 breakfast, walking to it from my Base Weather map at mid-shift just to sip brain-clearing coffee. Near the end of 1948, the airlift was succeeding, our forecasters had gained much long-flight experience; with all OK, I asked for transfer to Selfridge Field. **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.

NOVEMBER IN HISTORY

November 1

November 1st - All Hallows Day, also known as All Saints Day among Roman Catholics, commemorating those who have no special feast day.

November 1, 1700 - Charles II of Spain died and was succeeded by Philip V, resulting in the War of Spanish Succession.

November 1, 1776 - Mission San Juan Capistrano was founded in California. Each year, the swallows of Capistrano leave their nests there around St. John's Day (October 23rd) and return the following year near St. Joseph's Day (March 19th).

November 1, 1848 - The first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School was founded by Samuel Gregory with just twelve students. In 1874, the school merged with the Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools.

November 1, 1936 - The Rome-Berlin Axis was proclaimed by Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini following a visit to Berlin by Italian Foreign Secretary Ciano.

November 1, 1950 - President Harry S. Truman was the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt by two members of a Puerto Rican nationalist movement.

November 1, 1963 - South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu were [killed in a military coup](#).

November 1, 1993 - The European Union came into existence as a result of the Maastricht Treaty.

November 1, 1995 - The first all-race local government elections took place in South Africa, marking the end of the apartheid system.

November 2

November 2, 1721 - Peter I was proclaimed Emperor of all the Russias.

November 2, 1930 - Haile Selassie was crowned Emperor of Ethiopia.

November 2, 1947 - The first and only flight of Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" flying boat occurred in Long Beach Harbor, California. It flew about a mile at an altitude of 70 feet. Costing \$25 million, the 200-ton plywood eight-engine Hercules was the world's largest airplane, designed, built and flown by Hughes. It later became a tourist attraction alongside the Queen Mary ship at Long Beach and has since been moved to Oregon.

November 2, 1962 - During the [Cuban Missile Crisis](#), President John F. Kennedy announced on TV, "the Soviet bases in Cuba are being dismantled, their missiles and related equipment being crated, and the fixed installations at these sites are being destroyed."

Birthday - American frontiersman Daniel Boone (1734-1820) was born in Berks County, near Reading, Pennsylvania.

Birthday - [James K. Polk](#) (1795-1849) the 11th U.S. President was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He served from March 4, 1845 to March 3, 1849. He declined to be a candidate for a second term, saying he was "exceedingly relieved" at the completion of his presidency.

November 3

November 3, 1534 - King Henry VIII became Supreme Head of the Church of England following the passage of the Act of Supremacy by Parliament.

November 3, 1839 - The first Opium War between China and Britain began after British frigates blew up several Chinese junks.

November 3, 1903 - Panama declared itself independent of Colombia following a revolt engineered by the U.S.

November 3, 1918 - Part of the German fleet mutinied at Kiel in the closing days of [World War I](#).

November 3, 1948 - *Dewey Defeats Truman* banner headline appeared on the front page of the *Chicago Tribune* newspaper. Harry Truman actually defeated Republican candidate Thomas E. Dewey for the presidency.

November 3, 1957 - Soviet Russia launched the world's first inhabited space capsule, Sputnik II, which carried a dog named Laika.

November 3, 1983 - White South Africans voted to allow Indians and "Coloreds" (persons of mixed race) limited power in the government, but continued to exclude blacks.

November 4

Geo Challenge Trivia

True or false. If a straight tunnel were dug from the United States down through the center of the earth then out to the opposite side of the earth, the far end of the tunnel would be in China.

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

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Free training by Phoenix Department of Veterans Affairs morning & afternoon training sessions (*RSVP info below*). Learn to better understand how to refill your VA prescriptions, schedule and see upcoming appointments, send secure messages to your VA health care team, view compensation claim status, manage benefits, review/print documents from your military personnel file (e.g., DD214), and more!

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 - Arizona Department of Veterans Affairs

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