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"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:
Welcome back! We hope everyone has taken the opportunity to enjoy the "MOWW mission downtime and enjoyed a long very well-deserved summer recess. As we kick off the new 2026 operating year (OY2026) activity season, there are still some old OY2025 planned activities on our chapter working calendar. Next month companions from our Chapter will be headed east to San Antonio, Texas to attend this year's annual MOWW national convention during the week of 11th through the 16th of August. I want to thank our Adjutant for his diligence and hard work in preparing and submitting the necessary required reports and national committee awards package paperwork to ensure our Chapter is duly represented. As we head to Texas, our expectations are high that we will fair well again this year on our share of national award recognition in grand fellowship with other companions from around the country and abroad. We look forward to our next post-convention report. Until then, please keep properly hydrated and safe during your current travels and continued summer activities.

TREASURER'S REPORT:
Our Chapter finances are off to a great start for OY2026. Please refer to our OY25 end-of-year (EOY) Chapter Action Plan Report for June 2026 (Figure-1) graphic, where the finance committee posted an OY2026 remaining San Cruz Valley Chapter AZ – 193 combined (CHASE Checking and Savings) bank account balance of $1,928.86 USDs after the OY2025 June 2026 closeout. As we begin the new year the combined remaining funds were once again consolidated and reallocated using the current Chapter Budget Plan template for OY2026 (to be presented and approved at our next Chapter regular membership meeting in September. The Finance Committee is also currently preparing to close out all pending AZYLC 2026 summer program remaining payout balance expenditures. There is a current US Bank account balance of $4,928.90 USDs remaining in the standalone AZYLC Program Fundraising account earmarked for the anticipated payout commitment. We are also currently drafting this year's annual Chapter grant request letter to the Green Valley Country Fair White Elephant Grant Committee non-profit organization requesting OY2026 AZYLC program funding support donation to help replenish this account (to be mailed NLT early September).

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:
Our Chapter MOWW national convention delegation will be traveling to San Antonio during the weekend prior to the convention venue start on 11-16 August. We anticipate a full week of activities, meetings, and reconnecting with fellow companions. I will take notes and report back to the chapter membership on our next monthly newsletter JUL-AUG 2026 edition. I take this moment to thank everyone for a fantastic OY2025 and very hopeful for continued success for the OY2026 activity season. For now, please be safe during your travels and keep an eye on the "soon to be upon us" annual monsoon season throughout the southwest. Until next month.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

Jul 4th – R-13: UAV [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
Jul 6th – R-13: JUL (4) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
Jul 6th – MOWW: PCOYWG [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
Jul 8th – MOWW: CAC [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11:30AM
Jul 9th – MOWW: NCSC [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
Jul 14th – R-13: AVMCF [M] HYB Mtg., Marana, AZ - 6PM
Jul 16th – R-13: ALOV Post 132 [M] Evt., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
Jul 19th – R-13: Marana VC [M] Mtg., Marana, AZ - 4PM
Jul 21st – MOWW: VAC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
Jul 21tst – R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 4:30PM
Jul 22nd – MOWW: NFC [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10AM
Jul 23rd – MOWW: MOWWF [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10AM
Jul 25th – R-13: CS Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: SEPT 5th (HYB) MEETING LINK

MEETINGS: (Formats: HYB "membership" & VCC "staff")
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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Submit comments to marlon.ruiz@earthlink.net or call (520) 780-7107 and leave a message

COMMITTEE TOPIC NEWS

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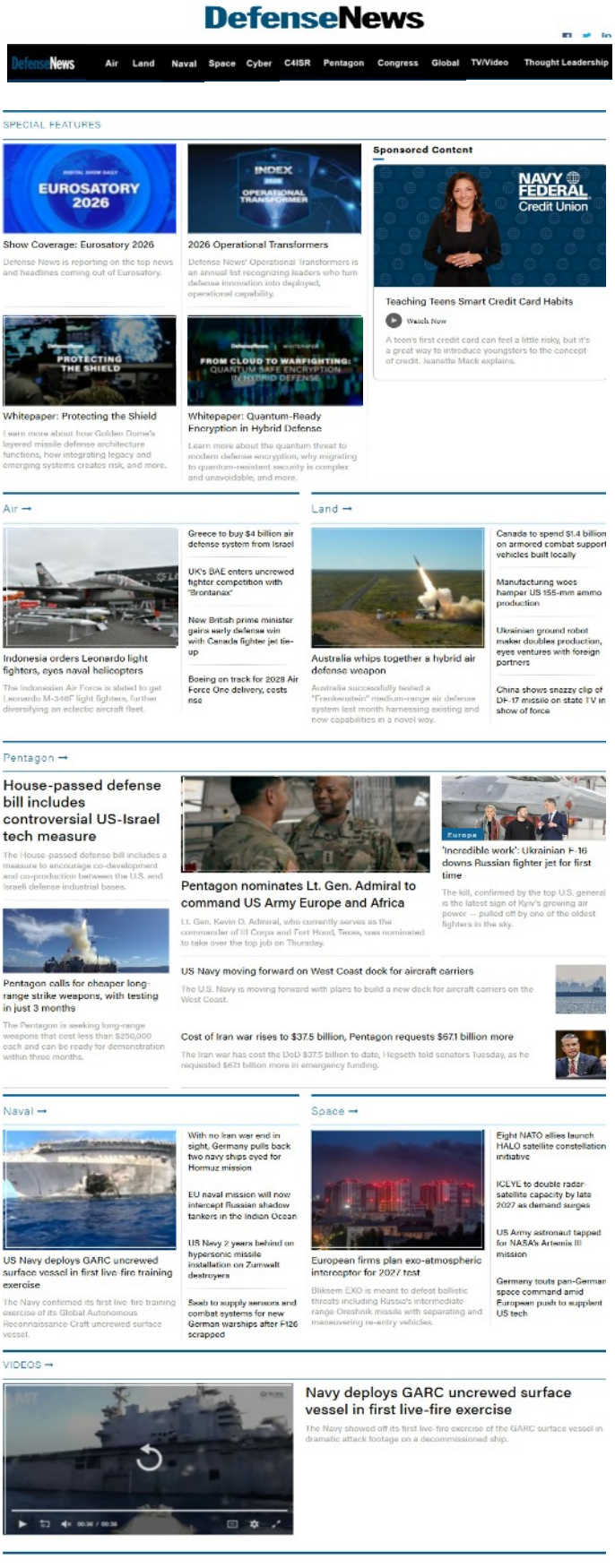

National Security

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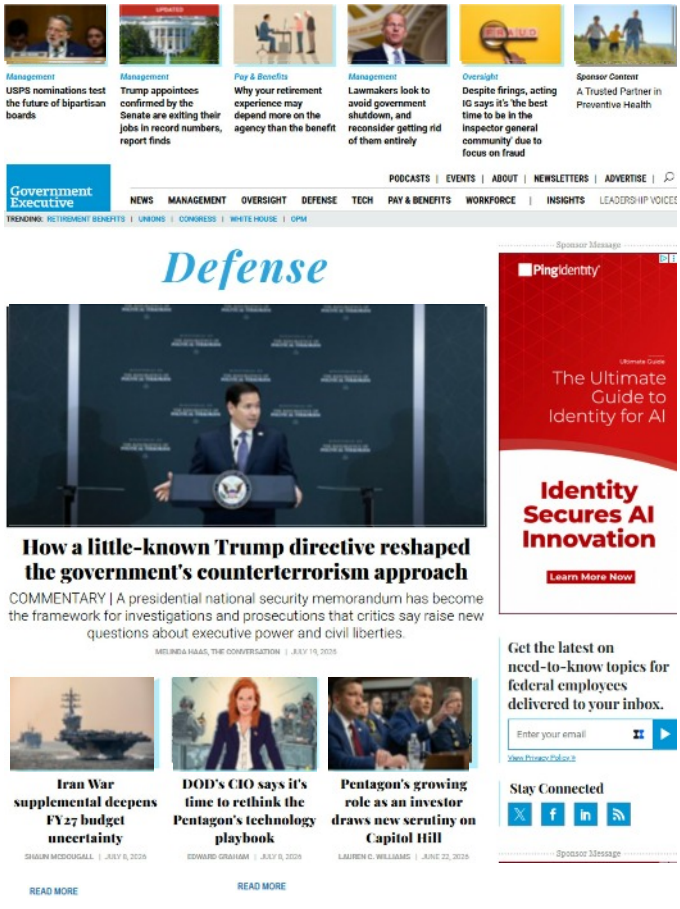

Homeland Security & Public Safety

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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/

JUNE - UNIT ACTIVITIES ON SUMMER RECESS

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

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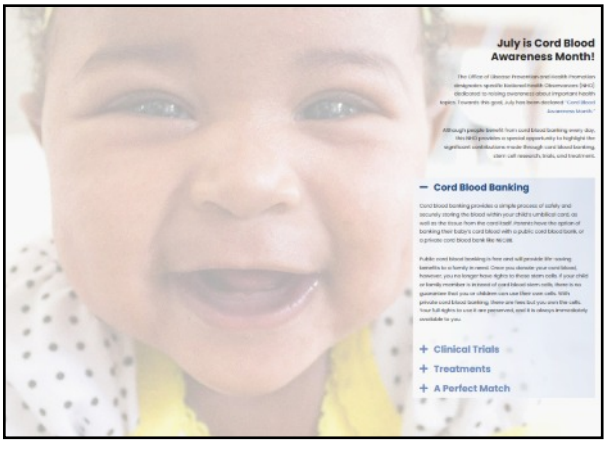

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June 2026

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21 FATHER'S DAY	22 WOW [W] HYB	23 USCG AUX BD	24 AMERICA 250 VCC	25	26 R-13 Spring Conference	27
28	29 WOW [W] HYB	30				

MOWW R-13: AZYLC 2026 - PPMR, AZ

July 2026

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12	13 WOW [W] HYB	14 AVMCF [M] HYB	15	16 ALOV P-132 MTG	17	18
19 R-13: MVC [M] MTG	20 GELP CH [M] HYB WOW [W] HYB	21 VAC [M] VCC MGM CH [M] HYB	22 NFC [Q] VCC	23 MOWWF [Q] VCC	24	25 PHX CH [M] HYB CS CH [M] HYB
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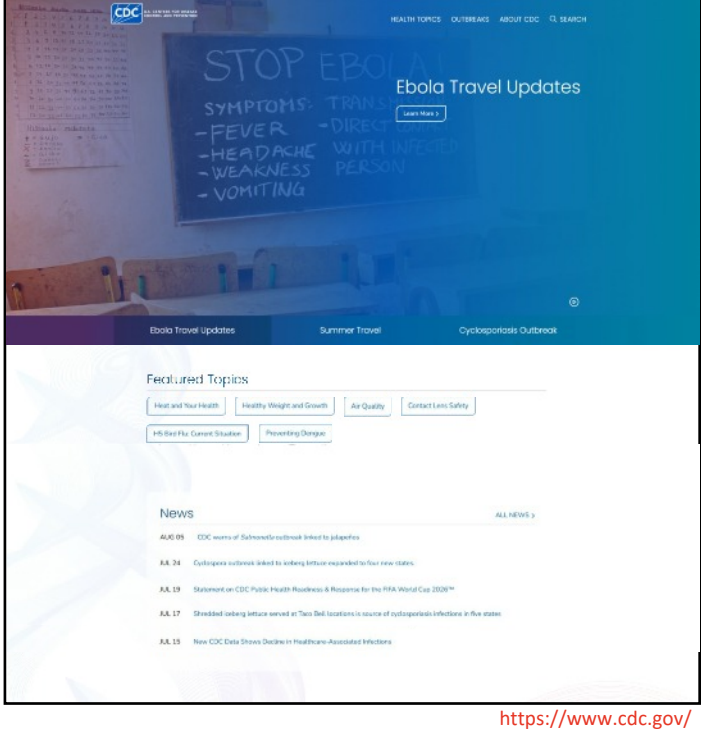

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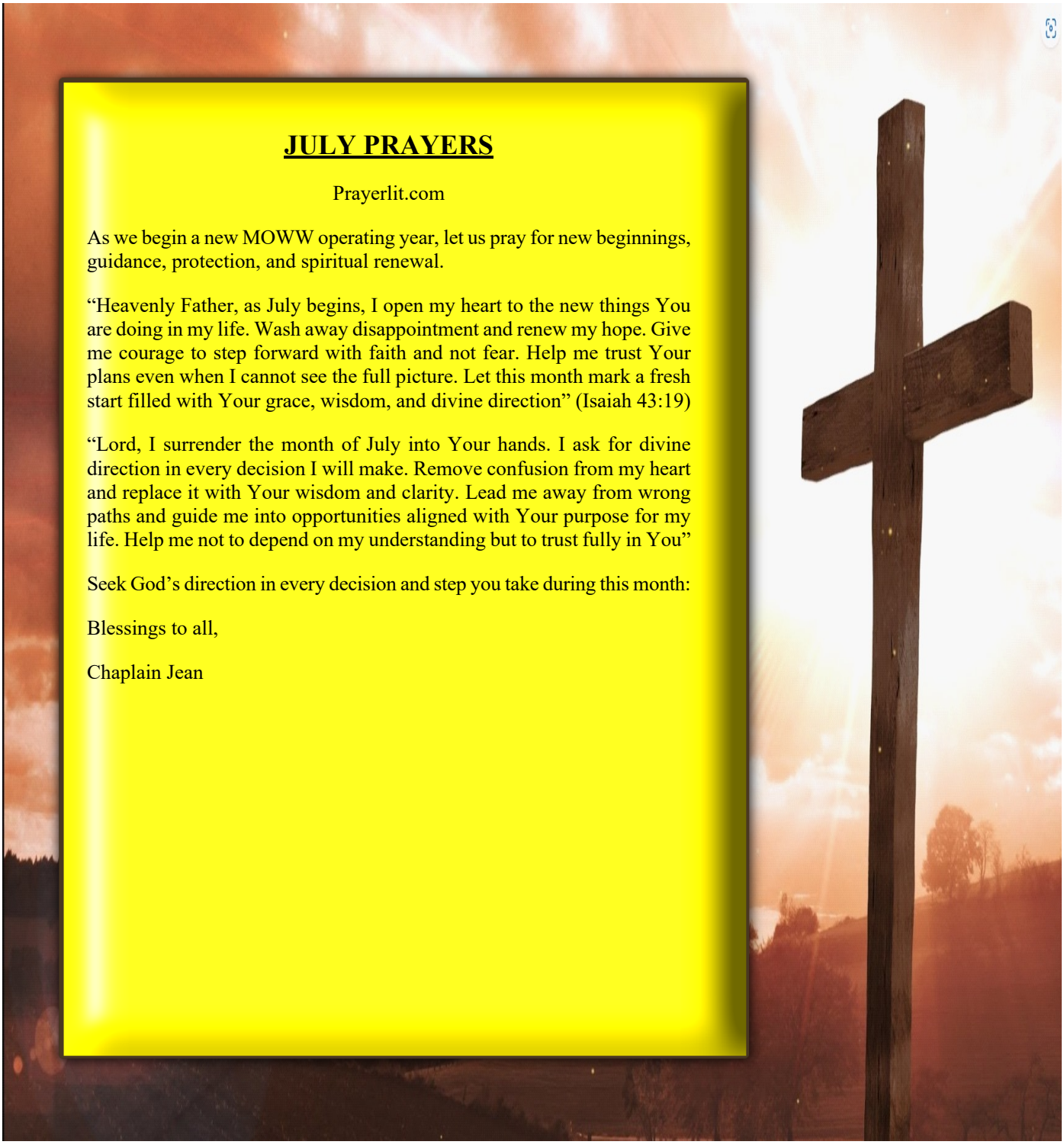

JULY PRAYERS

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As we begin a new MOWW operating year, let us pray for new beginnings, guidance, protection, and spiritual renewal.

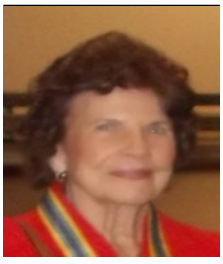
"Heavenly Father, as July begins, I open my heart to the new things You are doing in my life. Wash away disappointment and renew my hope. Give me courage to step forward with faith and not fear. Help me trust Your plans even when I cannot see the full picture. Let this month mark a fresh start filled with Your grace, wisdom, and divine direction" (Isaiah 43:19)

"Lord, I surrender the month of July into Your hands. I ask for divine direction in every decision I will make. Remove confusion from my heart and replace it with Your wisdom and clarity. Lead me away from wrong paths and guide me into opportunities aligned with Your purpose for my life. Help me not to depend on my understanding but to trust fully in You"

Seek God's direction in every decision and step you take during this month:

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

June Anniversaries:

- **Ben L. Andersen**, PM (46 years)
- **Guy A. Bake**, PM (23 years)
- **Hugh Belden**, PM (50 years)
- **James G. Blue**, PM (65 years)
- **Louis A. Chaboya**, PM (21 years)
- **William G. Downey**, PM (49 years)
- **Pauline A. Eisele**, PM (21 years)
- **Duvi R. Frantz**, HPM (10 years)
- **James R. Frantz**, PM (10 years)
- **Charles J. Hornisher**, PM (39 years)
- **Julia E. Jacks**, HPM (34 years)
- **Richard M. Jones**, III PM (1 year)
- **Edward J. Kloos**, PM (46 years)
- **Hazel E. Larimore**, HPM (37 years)
- **Robert A. McMullen**, PM (30 years)
- **Pedro Najera,** PM (41 years)
- **Roy A. O'Bannon,** PM (49 years)
- **E. S. Olsen,** PM (41 years)
- **Ellsworth M. Pershing**, HPM (46 year)
- **Kyanna K. Petz,** PM (1 year)
- **Harry O. Reuse**, PM (41 years)
- **Howard R. Roe**, PM (43 years)
- **William R. Sterling**, PM (22 years)
- **Ira G. Scott**, PM (48 year)
- **Richard M. Simpson**, PM (14 years)
- **Claudia L. St. Clair**, HPM (9 year)
- **Burnes O. Starks**, PM (37 year)
- **Homer B. Tilton**, PM (47 years)
- **Charles A. Ulery**, PM (45 years)
- **Kirk D. Wallendorf**, PM (5 years)
- **Wallace A. Weaver**, PM (41 years)
- **Charles A. Ulery**, PM (45 years)
- **Maurice W. Wiley**, PM (46 years)

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

June Birthdays:

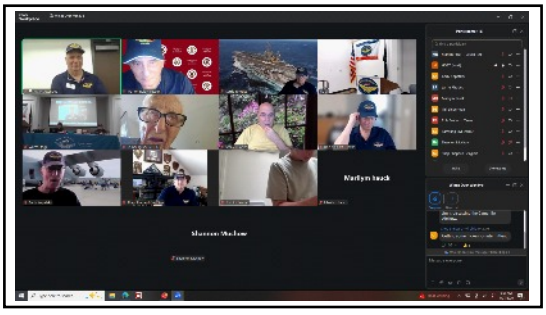
- **Frances C. Burrows**, HPM (remembered on the 23rd)
- **Richard D. Clifton**, PM (celebrated on the 4th)
- **Jeffrey Coberly**, RM (celebrated on the 25th)
- **Robert W. Dalrymple**, PM (remembered on the 10th)
- **John A. Devine**, PM (remembered on the 1st)
- **Theodore J. Dreveniak**, PM (remembered on the 2nd)
- **David F. Fagergren**, PM (celebrated on the 5th)
- **Erik Fagergren,** PM (celebrated on the 21st)
- **Thomas F. Gross**, RM (celebrated on the 27th)
- **Donald S. Hopkins**, PM (remembered on the 22nd)
- **William Rustin Kern**, RM (remembered on the 23rd)
- **Richard C. Leander, Jr.**, HPM (celebrated on the 26th)
- **Peter M. Leander**, HPM (celebrated on the 1st)
- **James I. McArthur**, PM (remembered on the 8th)
- **Robert L. Munson**, RM (celebrated on the 15th)
- **Ken Robinson**, PM (celebrated on the 20th)
- **Marlon Ruiz**, PM (celebrated on the 15th)
- **Francisco J. Trejo**, RM (celebrated on the 30th)
- **Randy Velarde** RM (celebrated on the 9th)
- **Mary E. Wallendorf**, PM (celebrated on the 12th)

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)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION

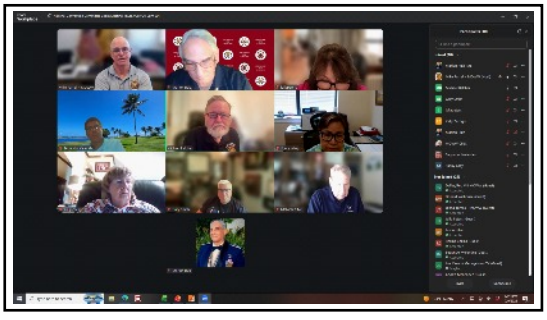


R-13: WOW [W] HYB MTG - JULY 2026

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.

MOWW: CAC [Q] VCC MTG - JULY 2026

The MOWW Council of Area Commanders (CAC) is an upper management executive committee (EXCOM) position comprised of all Regional Commanders of our Order. The Crporate management and has oversight coordination authority among the ten geographical regions which contain the entire operational site picture to include all Departments and Chapter grassroots activities throughout the continental United States and two off-shore chapters operating in the state of Hawaii in the Pacific and Puerto Rico in the Caribbean Sea.

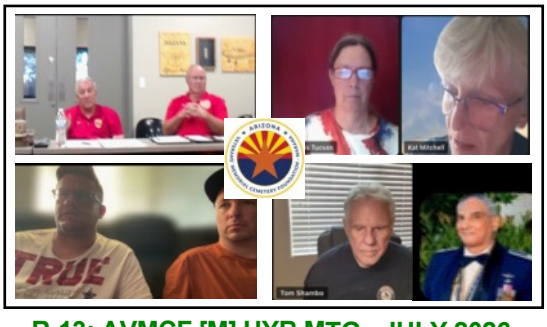


MOWW: NCSC [Q] VCC MTG - JULY 2026

Region XIII - Santa Cruz Valley Chapter - 193, having hosted last year's annual MOWW National Convention in Tucson, is on this year's standing National Convention & Seminar Committee (NCSC). Duties include serving as an advisor and consultant to this year's convention host (Region VIII and the Dallas Chapter) who will be hosting our next upcoming national convention venue in San Antonio, Texas. Online national convention registration is currently open, with its closure towards the end of July 2026.

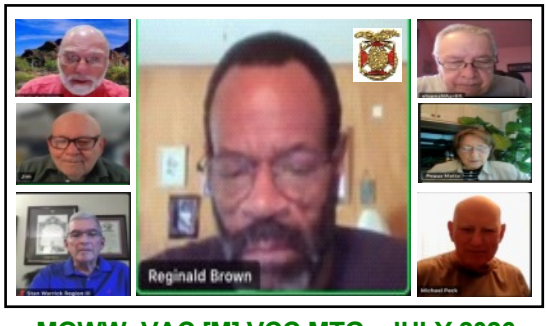
MOWW: NFC [Q] VCC MTG - JULY 2026

Our Chapter also has a representative serving on the MOWW National Finance Committee (NFC) as its vice Chairman - as per his official duties as the currently standing senior vice commander-in-chief of our Order. The NFC meets quarterly and manages all MOWW financial services to include; periodic finance quarterly reports, investment portfolio status, and addressing any upper MOWW management financial matter concerns. The NFC is comprised of contractor services providers and several leadership elements of our Order.



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

Our Chapter represents MOWW Region XIII southern Arizona community outreach interest through its partnership with the local Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation (AVMCF), in the neighboring township and rural community of Marana, AZ. While our MOWW representative is not a member of the board, he is invited to contribute to key community discussions, relating to local veteran community matters of mutual interest to both our Order and the local dedicated military veterans memorial cemetery grounds.



MOWW: VAC [M] VCC MTG - JULY 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.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

Vietnam Pilots

To be cool and calm in Vietnam was the expected norm, regardless of the tactical situation. Once, during my second VN tour, when returning from the DMZ on a visit to one of the seven sections under my operational control, two warrant officer pilots dropped me and my topnotch technician down to an isolated refueling point, not like your neighborhood gas station, just a fuel tank resting on the ground in the middle of nowhere with no one, especially no Americans, in sight. While refueling their Huey, the pilots got an emergency call. They quickly dropped the refueling hose and said they had to leave but would be back. My tech and I waited there for three or four hours which seemed like five or six days. I did wonder, without saying it, how close enemy patrols might be, and could those 18- or 19-year-old WO's be shot down or be so preoccupied as to forget we were there? They came back, of course, and had several infantry troops they had picked up, probably from a hot LZ (landing zone). My tech and I climbed aboard the Huey and sat on its smooth floor. We had no safety belts, they Were being used by the retrieved infantrymen as they should have been. With them aboard, the Huey had a heavy load which I knew could be a density-altitude problem in that high-temperature Vietnam air. But the WO pilots knew the Huey could handle it. They also knew it would be wise, in that area, to gain altitude quickly. With no preliminary horizontal

WO Pilots in Vietnam
Photo: Ted C.

motion, they zoomed the Huey vertically n imitation of a just-fired moon rocket. The infantrymen ho-hummed while I, at the lift-off jolt, grabbed my tech's arm to prevent a real chance of his sliding out the wide-open door-less doorway. As cool as the two WO pilots and the infantrymen, he did think, probably incorrectly, that I was too. **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.

JULY IN HISTORY

July 1

July 1st - Canada Day, a national holiday in Canada, formerly known as Dominion Day, commemorating the confederation of Upper and Lower Canada and some of the Maritime Provinces into the Dominion of Canada on July 1, 1867.

July 1, 1862 - President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of $600-$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over $10,000. Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.

July 1, 1863 - Beginning of the Battle of Gettysburg during the American Civil War.

July 1, 1893 - President Grover Cleveland underwent secret cancer surgery aboard a yacht owned by his friend, Commodore E.C. Benedict. The surgery was performed on a cancerous growth in his mouth. The entire left side of his jaw was removed along with a small portion of his soft palate. A second, smaller operation was performed on July 17th. Cleveland was then fitted with a rubber prosthesis which he wore until his death in 1908. The secrecy was intended to prevent panic among the public during the economic depression of 1893.

July 2

July 2, 1776 - The Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution, originally introduced on June 7, by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia: "Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved. That it is expedient forthwith to take the most effectual measures for forming foreign Alliances. That a plan of confederation be prepared and transmitted to the respective Colonies for their consideration and approbation."

July 2, 1788 - Congress announced the United States Constitution had been ratified by the required nine states and that a committee had been appointed to make preparations for the new American government.

July 2, 1881 - President James A. Garfield was shot and mortally wounded as he entered a railway station in Washington, D.C. He died on September 19th.

July 2, 1917 - A race riot occurred in St. Louis, Missouri, resulting in an estimated 75 African Americans killed and hundreds injured. To protest the violence against blacks, W.E.B. DuBois and James Weldon Johnson later led a silent march down Fifth Avenue in New York.

July 2, 1964 - President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race in public accommodations, publicly owned or operated facilities, employment and union membership and in voter registration. The Act allowed for cutoff of Federal funds in places where discrimination remained.

Birthday - The first African American on the U.S. Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993) was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Nominated by President Johnson, he began his 24-year career on the High Court in 1967.

July 3

July 3, 1775 - During the American Revolution, George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

July 3, 1976 - The raid on Entebbe airport in Uganda occurred as an Israeli commando unit rescued 103 hostages on a hijacked Air France airliner. The jet had been en route from Tel Aviv to Paris when it was hijacked by pro-Palestinian guerrillas. Three hostages, seven hijackers and twenty Ugandan soldiers were killed during the rescue.

July 3, 1988 - Iran Air Flight 655 was destroyed while flying over the Persian Gulf after the U.S. Navy Warship *Vincennes* fired two surface-to-air missiles, killing all 290 passengers aboard. A subsequent U.S. military inquiry cited stress related human failure for the mistaken identification of the civilian airbus as an enemy F-14 fighter jet.

July 4

July 4, 1776 - The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

July 4, 1863- Vicksburg, the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, surrendered to General Grant and the Army of the West after a six week siege. With the Union in control of the Mississippi, the Confederacy was effectively split in two, cut off from its western allies.

July 4, 1882 - The "Last Great Buffalo Hunt" began on Indian reservation lands near Hettinger, North Dakota as 2,000 Teton Sioux Indians in full hunting regalia killed about 5,000 buffalo. By this time, most of the estimated 60-75 million buffalo in America had been killed by white hunters who usually took the hides and left the meat to rot. By 1883, the last of the free-ranging buffalo were gone.

Birthday - Novelist and short-story writer Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864) was born in Salem, Massachusetts. His works included; *The Scarlet Letter, The House of the Seven Gables* and *The Blithedale Romance.*

Geo Challenge Trivia

Which major US city has had its name most drastically shortened from the time of its original settlement to the present?

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

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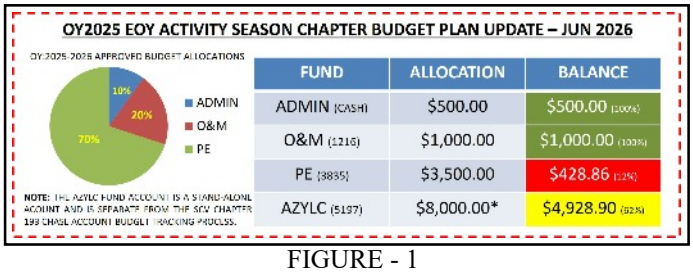
OY2025 CHAPTER ACTION PLAN END-OF-YEAR REPORT



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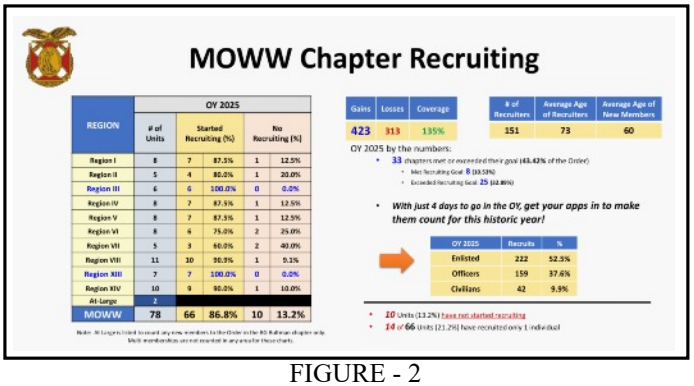

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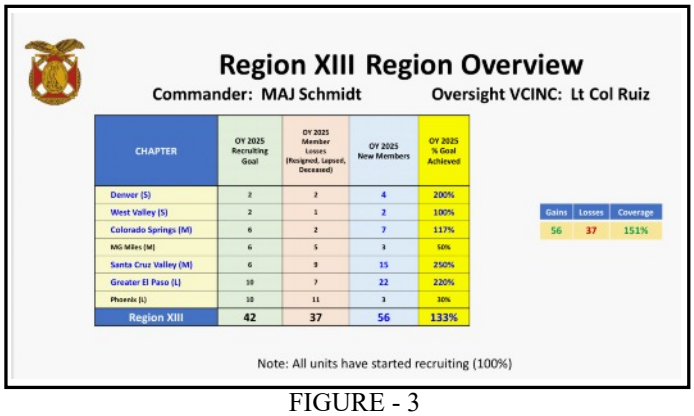

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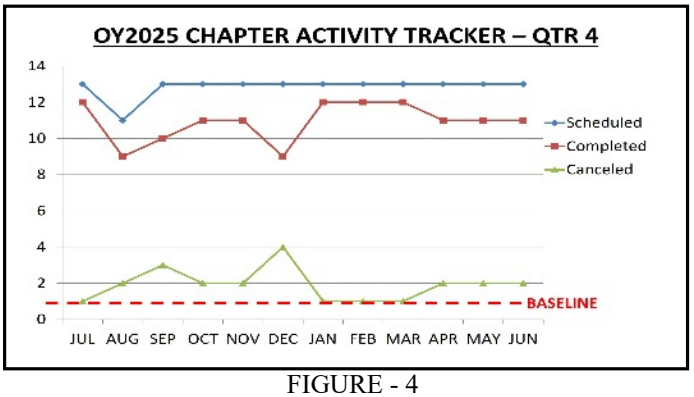

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General Summary: Our Chapter succeeded in accomplishing all of its stated 2025-2026 MOWW activity season goals for OY2025, as listed below in this EOY report. Major accomplishments include; surpassing our our OY2025 six newly recruited chapter membership goal by 250% - which was also an all time high historical chapter recruitment milestone record for a single operating year. Our fundraising and budget allocation management were also successful, gaining enough funding support to meet all operational commitments and having some funding left to carry over into the new OY2026 season. All "*" asterisk highlighted strategic goals are highlighted as high priority strategic goals for our Order.

Strategic Goal One (SG-1): Consistently develop and deliver attractive, and high-impact community outreach programs and activities.

- ✓ Are chapters increasing the number of Companions who are actively involved in chapter outreach programs? (SG-1) *
- ✓ Are chapters annually increasing the number of community outreach programs not previously performed? (SG-1) *
- ✓ Do Chapters have a viable Patriotic Education program? (SG-1) *

Strategic Goal Two (SG-2): Expand our impact through alliances and strategic partnerships with organizations that align with our mission.

- ✓ Have Chapters increased the number of Alliances and Partnerships established with local veteran and non-veterans organizations that align with the MOWW mission? (SG-2) *

Strategic Goal Three (SG-3): Increase visibility of the Order at the national and local community levels through focused communication, marketing strategies and local community engagement.

- ✓ Do Chapters have a dedicated social media presence? (SG-3) *

Strategic Goal Four (SG-4): Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW Membership.

- ✓ Have all Chapters met/exceeded EXCOM established national recruiting goals? (SG-4) *
- ✓ Have Chapters increased the number of new Companions recruited (excluding membership renewals and reinstatements)? (SG-4) *
- ✓ Has the total number of individual Companion-sponsors of new members increased from the previous operating year? (SG-4) *
- ✓ Have 85% of Regular and Hereditary Members renewed their membership? (SG-4) *
- ✓ Have all chapters equaled or exceeded a 75% veteran-Companion threshold? (SG-4) *
- ✓ Have Chapters held at least one general Chapter meeting per quarter? (SG-4) *
- ✓ Have Chapters increased their average number of Chapter Companions attending regular Chapter meetings (excluding guests)? (SG-4) *

Strategic Goal Five (SG-5): Increase revenues ensuring adequate financial resources to fulfill the Order's mission.

- ✓ Do chapters conduct annual fundraising drives? (SG-5) *

Strategic Goal Six (SG-6): Increase the number of Chapters and strengthen existing Chapters.

- ✓ Do chapters recognize Companions and Patriots with recognition awards and certificates? (SG-6) *
- ✓ Do chapters have a viable succession plan? (SG-6) *
- ✓ Have Chapter Commanders prepared Companions to assume Chapter leadership roles? (SG-6) *

We thank fellow SCV Chapter companion and current Adjutant Officer Lt Col (RET) Marlon Ruiz, USAF for compiling and presenting the EOY Chapter Activity Plan Update Report - which offers a timely administrative and operational management summary of how we did throughout the OY2025 chapter activity season. Fellow companion Ruiz is currently serving his fifth term as an MOWW Vice Commander-in-Chief (VCINC) and second consecutive year as a senior VCINC (with oversight responsibilities for the entire southwest geographical Region XIII and west coast Region XIV areas). Lt Col Ruiz will be running for MOWW Commander-in-Chief at this year's 2026 annual MOWW National Convention in San Antonio, Texas in August.

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Is National Security a concern of yours? Is it important to you, for everyone living in America to understand how this Country was founded and the great history it has to tell? Do you believe that our young people need a chance to learn and experience leadership and civics? Do you feel that it is important that every citizen get a chance to not only meet, but ask questions of community, military, and business leaders? Are you concerned that the youth of America do not know how to honor our Flag or understand and respect our democratic principles? Do you agree that "Freedom is not free"?

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 your 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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