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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 enter the next-to last month of the current 2023-2024 operating year, I wish to thank all our chapter fellow companion family for the support provided this season. At our last regular membership meeting, we identified and confirmed the chapter leadership slate of officers for the upcoming 2024-2025 operating year. Our congratulations and gratitude to all those who have agreed to continue to serve our chapter membership for the new year. It also fills me with personal pride that our chapter seems to be headed for yet another outstanding operational year – having accomplished splendidly all of its stated 2023-2024 Chapter Action Plan goals. Among the most notable, is having completed its stated chapter annual recruitment goal of six new chapter companions for the current operating year, having been reinstated back to its full recruitment activity status by achieving and subsequently surpassing the desired IRS 501c19 "veterans-to-non-veteran" 75 to 25 percentage ratio challenge, and posturing the chapter to prominently be very competitive for this year's GAS Pershing Chapter of the Year national award consideration.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of the publishing of this financial report, the current Chapter accounts are as follows; CHASE BUSINESS ACCOUNT – Checking: \$1,836.36 USDs and Savings: \$620.94 USDs respectively. All account balance information has been reconciled and annotated. It is also worth mentioning that there is a pending MOWW P&M Dividend payout yet to be electronically deposited into the account in the amount of \$1,568.94 USDs (based upon the HQ MOWW tabulation of 293 perpetual & memorial fellow companions x the per companion distribution of \$5.35 USDs). While our chapter spent a total of \$878.53 USDs in online MOWW Store awards and decorations inventory replenishment efforts to help meet the increased R-13 ASP materials and support services in the month of April, our chapter account finds itself in excellent shape headed into its final two months of operations – with a total of \$4,026.24 USDs in available ADMIN, O&M, and PE funds for the remainder of the 2023-2024 operating year.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Our chapter is currently in the final stages of a very successful annual ROTC-JROTC awards recognition season – having provided award materials and support services to a total of 25 (23 JROTC / 2 ROTC) academic institutions and a total of 62 (56 JROTC / 6 ROTC) medal packages along with accompanying award citations and gold embossed citation folders, and a total of 48 awarded MOWW Certificates of Appreciation between two JROTC school programs. Other GAS Pershing Chapter of the Year national award considerations include; having achieved our 100% quota goal of newly recruited fellow companions six [6 required] for the current 2023-2024 operating year (of which all are former veterans), and still having an additional three [3] new chapter recruited fellow companion applications yet to be processed for the upcoming 2024-2025 operating year which begins on 1 JULY. Our Chapter was only one of two local chapters (in the entire MOWW organization) to conduct two [2] chapter hosted Massing of the Colors – Service of Remembrance Ceremony signature events. Hot on the heels of a very successful annual ROTC-JROTC awards season, we are now in the pre-Arizona Youth Leadership Conference (AZYLC 2024) summer program student delegate candidate and nomination application window. As a standing member of the Arizona Youth Leadership, Inc. (AZYLC, Inc) IRS 501c3 non-profit organization, our chapter plans to provide this year's AZYLC 2024 summer program which at least thirteen [13] student delegate sponsored participation slots (comparable to our sponsorship contribution last year for AZYLC 2023) to a more diverse JROTC program, Scouting / Explorer participants, and participating academic institution student scholars. Until next month's report, I echo our chapter commander's congratulations to all who have contributed to our success this operating year.

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Mar 02nd – VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
 Mar 04th – VSO-1: MAR (4) WOW HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10:30AM
 Mar 07th – MOWW: EXCOM VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 12PM
 Mar 08th – R-13: AZYL, Inc. VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
 Mar 13th – R-13: TVAC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
 Mar 15th – R-13: AZYL, Inc. VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
 Mar 16th – MOAA: CM Chapter Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 11:30AM
 Mar 18th – VSO-4: PVAHCS VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11:30AM
 Mar 19th – MOWW: VAC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
 Mar 19th – R-13: MGM Chapter HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
 Mar 21st – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 Mtg, Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
 Mar 27th – MOWW: IPC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 1PM
 Mar 29th – R-13: Q-3 SCV Chapter Staff VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 7PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: APR 6th (RM-HYB)**ZOOM
LINK****MEETINGS:** (VCC "staff" format) & (HYB "membership" format)**EVENT:** RM-4: SCV Chapter Membership Meeting - 12PM**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire**PROGRAM:** OY 2023 Activity Season Membership Meeting**AGENDA:** "RM-4 SCV Chapter AZYLC 2024 Fundraising"

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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COMMITTEE TOPIC NEWS

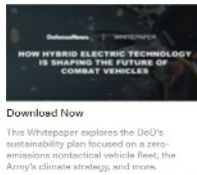
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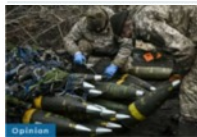
Options

Now is not the time to scale back on the B-21 bomber program.

As the US Air Force fleet keeps shrinking, can it still win wars?

US Air Force stages daylight with AI-fighter jet

Land



While the world watches Israel and Iran, Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine is at a crossroads.



US Army aims to complete multidomain task force structure by FY28

True Velocity sure Sig Secure, alleging stolen trade secrets

Ellis to succeed Ray as director of Army Network Cross-Functional Team

Pentagon

Congress sends Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan aid package to president's desk

After months of delays, Congress passed a \$85 billion package that includes funds to arm Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan.



DIU Director Doug Black said he doesn't foresee any issues with quickly putting to work the \$600 million in FY-24 funding Congress provided in March.



House passes contentious Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan aid package

The House advanced President Joe Biden's foreign aid request for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan six months after Congress first received the proposal.



While the issue is often raised by commercial firms, the official told the Defense Innovation Board it is also a challenge for international allies.

House to hold separate votes on Ukraine, Israel, Taiwan aid

The chamber will hold three separate votes on Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan aid bills that mirror legislation the Senate has already passed.

To expand the US Navy's fleet, we must contract

After decades of corporate consolidation, the perennial near savings toward consensus that the U.S. defense-industrial base must once again expand.

Naval



Naval Supply Systems Command is turning its focus to boosting surface ship readiness, after a submarine effort informed by the aviation community's wins.



South Korea's HHI inks deal to build four ships for Peru's Navy

U.S. submarine push for two submarines despite US Navy seeking just one

Navy, senators argue over who is to blame for a two-small fleet

Space



China has now established an Information Support Force, with President Xi Jinping present at its inaugural ceremony in Beijing.

How L3Harris is shoring up its small satellite supply chain

How the Space Force is making its systems more resilient

Space Development Agency satellites poised to track first missile test

US must lose transparency without realistic prospects for cooperation in space



VIDEOS



Not even a bullet through the mouth could stop this soldier in Vietnam

2nd Lt. Walter Joseph Marm found himself outnumbered 7 to 1. "We thought we were in another Little Bighorn," Marm recalled. "Surrounded and outnumbered."

National Security

<http://www.govexec.com/defense/>



Workforce Biden announces first tranche of Climate Corps jobs with hopes of securing thousands into federal service



Workforce OPM has new tools to fight improper health insurance enrollments



Workforce State, Defense departments announce deal to expand military spouse access to remote work jobs



Management Introducing the 2024 Government Hall of Fame inductees



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Defense



How to fix the military's software SNAFU

Too many of its apps are built on code riddled with vulnerabilities—and distributed by the Pentagon itself.

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The Pentagon wants to help boost cybersecurity for small contractors

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Hawley, Cotton Call for National Guard Over College Gaza Protests

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GOP Sen. Josh Hawley and Sen. Tom Cotton of Arkansas called on President Joe Biden Monday to deploy the National Guard to colleges where pro-Palestinian protesters have staged sit-ins and other disruptive activities to focus public attention on the conflict in the Middle East.

Cotton called on the Biden administration to "break up the pro-Palestinian groups on American campuses" and "send the National Guard to take control of the situation for keeping the New York National Guard."

And Hawley pointed to a "New York Times" article that said the National Guard is not authorized to protect Jewish Americans. "Send Full Story"

• Washington Examiner: Major Campus Protest Organizers Have Ties to Left-Wing Groups

• Fox News: Joe Biden Has 10 Days to End Pro-Palestinian Groups on Campuses

• The Daily Caller: Sen. Tom Cotton Says He's Asking President to Send in the Guard to Stop Pro-Palestinian Groups on Campuses

• The Daily Caller: Sen. Josh Hawley Calls for National Guard to Take Control of Campuses

• American Thinker: The Young Leftists Are Coming to Campus



NATO Allies Prepare for Trump Presidency

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Protein President Andrew Cuomo joined the list of foreign leaders sending a path to Donald Trump over the week, in the latest campaign announcement of the President's return to a second term as president of the United States.

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Speaker Johnson to Offer Separate Measures on Ukraine, Israel

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House Speaker Mike Johnson revealed on Monday night he'll propose to pass separate measures on the ways to send aid to Israel, Ukraine, and Taiwan.

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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:

Veterans Mental Health Community Forum

Join the Office of Senator Sinema & the Veterans Medical Leadership Council for solution-oriented discussions that will educate, enrich connections, and encourage collaborations that promote veterans' access to mental health services

May 10, 2024
9:30am - 2:30pm

BREAKFAST & LUNCH PROVIDED

USAA, 1 Norterra Dr.
Phoenix, AZ 85085

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Registration is required

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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/jrotcriorico/>

26 APR RRHS Raider Obstacle/One Rope Bridge Challenge, Rio Rico, AZ
29 APR RRHS Senior JROTC Trip, Sierra Vista, 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 APR NJROTC Awards Night, SHS, Sahuarita, AZ
04 APR Color Guard Indoor Percussion, Sahuarita, AZ
06 APR Gadsden Brain Brawl, Anthony, NM
13 APR Color Guard Kiwanis Track Meet, Tucson, AZ
13 APR SHS 5K Race, Sahuarita, AZ
14 APR GV Band Concert, Sahuarita, AZ
15 APR Middle School Track Meet, Sahuarita, AZ
17 APR Color Guard NRA Dinner, Sahuarita, AZ
26 APR Rio Rico Raider Challenge, Rio Rico, AZ



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March 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31 Easter Sunday					1	2 UAV VCC MTG
3 US Navy Reserve & Medical Corp Birthday	4 WOW Weekly HYB	5	6	7 MOWW: EXCOM	8 R-13: AZYL VCC	9
10 Daylight Savings	11 WOW Weekly HYB	12	13 R-13: TVAC VCC	14	15 R-13: AZYL VCC	16 GELP CH MOC MOAA CMC MTG
17 St. Patrick's Day	18 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	19 MOWW: VAC VCC MGM CH VCC	20 MOWW: IPC VCC	21 MOWW: TOP-8 VCC ALOV POST 132	22 R-13: AZYL VCC	23
24	25 Medal of Honor Day WOW Weekly HYB	26 MOWW: SVC VCC MOWW: MAHC VCC	27	28 R-13: SCV CH STAFF VCC	29 Vietnam Veterans	30 PHX CH - AZYL HYB

April 2024

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 WOW Weekly HYB	2	3	4	5 GOLD STAR SPOUSE DAY R-13 AZYL VCC	6 UAV VCC MTG SCV CH RM-4 MTG
7	8 WOW Weekly HYB	9 FORMER POW DAY CINC TOWN HALL	10 NCSC VCC MTG TVAC VCC MTG	11	12 R-13 AZYL VCC	13 MIAP BI-ANNUAL
14 USAF RESERVE BD	15 CAC & PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	16 MOWW: VAC VCC MGM CH VCC	17	18 ALOV POST 132	19 R-13 AZYL VCC	20 GELP CH MOC MOAA CMC MTG
21	22 WOW Weekly HYB	23 USA RESERVE BD VFW POST 12222	24 IPC VCC MTG	25	26 R-7 SPG CONFERENCE	27
28	29 WOW Weekly HYB	30 R-13 AZYL VCC				



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CDC IN ACTION

CDC HBCU Alumni at CDC museum

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CDC's work addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).

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Psalm 8:1-3-9

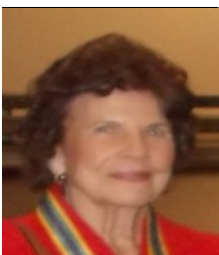
"O Lord, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have established; O, Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth."

Once again, we have seen the mighty hand of the Lord in the heavens above us. The eclipse of April 8 was truly amazing! It created an eerie twilight as it moved across the country, spooking animals and leaving normally crabby people exclaiming in awestruck wonder. It is also amazing that people of all walks of life can come together as one to marvel at the works of God's hand.

We don't look up often enough to see the heavens are full of God's wonders. Every dawn and sunset is astonishing in beautiful light and color. Clouds move silently across the sky and stars glitter in the dark night. As we contemplate the many wonders of God's creation, we give thanks for God's light that always overcomes darkness. Our God is an awesome God, his wonders to behold!

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

March Anniversaries:

- James E. Adams, Jr., RM (3 years)
- George W. Biggs, PM (29 years)
- Robert F. Clark, PM (45 years)
- Benjamin P. Coppock, PM (34 years)
- Elwess F. Dyer, PM (47 years)
- Robert M. Easton, HPM (19 years)
- Bobby J. Edwards, RM (3 years)
- Theodore J. Falter, PM (4 years)
- Manuel F. Gatica, PM (20 years)
- Travis R. Gay, PM (47 years)
- Robert G. Harris, PM (45 years)
- James A. Hart, PM (47 years)
- Beverly B. Haskins, HPM (34 years)
- Ron J. James, PM (23 years)
- Robert E. Johnson, PM (40 years)
- George M. Jones, PM (47 years)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (38 years)
- Alan L. Leander, HPM (21 years)
- Chrysande J. Levesque, PM (36 years)
- William R. Lipscomb, PM (47 years)
- George E. Marley, PM (24 years)
- David J. McInroy, PM (45 years)
- Richard J. Meyer, PM (47 years)
- Terrance L. Moynihan, PM (37 years)
- Harold W. Mueller, PM (35 years)
- Eugene J. Murphy, PM (45 years)
- Charles H. Pritchard, PM (47 years)
- Lawrence O. Ransom, PM (41 years)
- C. E. Reid, PM (47 years)
- Ralph H. Richards, PM (34 years)
- Norman W. Richmond, PM (41 years)
- Virginia L. Sanborn, HPM (9 years)
- Kimberly Smith, PM (32 years)
- Fred M. Zimmermann, PM (44 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

March Birthdays:

- Robert A. Anderson, PM (remembered on the 3rd)
- Dolores R. Bahti, HPM (remembered on the 11th)
- Robert F. Clarke, PM (remembered on the 20th)
- Adam T. Free, HPM (celebrated on the 10th)
- Calvin J. Kadous, HPM (remembered on the 1st)
- Robert G. Kales, PM (remembered on the 14th)
- Alan L. Leander, HPM (celebrated on the 8th)
- Richard C. Leander, PM (remembered on the 8th)
- Edward W. Marsh, PM (remembered on the 22nd)
- Robert R. Ozier, PM (celebrated on the 21st)
- Dolores R. Rivas, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- George G. Shoemaker, PM (celebrated on the 1st)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

April Anniversaries:

- Howard G. Annas, PM (43 years)
- Kenneth L. Baxter, PM (23 years)
- Edward E. Boyles, PM (44 years)
- Lorraine J. Braach, PM (44 years)
- Kenneth R. Bruce, PM (32 years)
- William E. Corson, PM (29 years)
- Alexander L. Galli, PM (46 years)
- J. W. Haney, PM (46 years)
- Donald W. Hickman, PM (37 years)
- Philip A. Hoffman, PM (37 years)
- Ramon W. Howe, PM (43 years)
- Donald W. Hickman, PM (37 years)
- William T. Hunt, PM (47 years)
- Gloria M. Kerwin, HPM (29 years)
- Robert L. Lawrence, PM (44 years)
- Arthur W. Lynch, PM (46 years)
- Robert D. McCrory, PM (19 years)
- John E. Miller, PM (39 years)
- Henry S. Moulthrop, PM (47 years)
- Herbert R. Oxnam, PM (44 years)
- Monfurd K. Peyton, PM (47 years)
- James L. Roberts, PM (44 years)
- William H. Schmidt, PM (43 years)
- George G. Shoemaker, PM (42 years)
- William J. Sitzmann, PM (34 years)
- Steven G. Spiece, RM (0 years)
- Vernon H. Vallet, PM (44 years)
- Hoyt S. Vandenberg, PM (43 years)
- Patricia S. Zimmermann, HPM (21 years)

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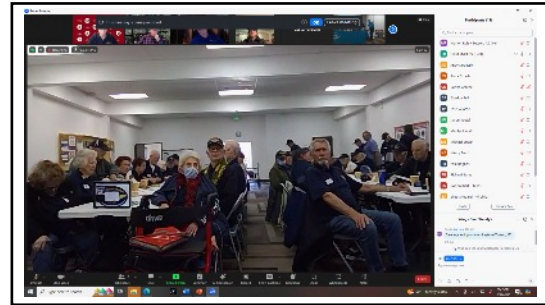
- Ira W. Austin, PM (remembered on the 21st)
- Guy A. Bake, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Kenneth L. Baxter, PM (celebrated on the 10th)
- Donna M. Coleman, HPM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Virgil P. Compton, PM (remembered on the 2nd)
- George C. Dyer, PM (remembered on the 17th)
- Duvi R. Frantz, HPM (celebrated on the 26th)
- Joel M. Greenberg, PM (celebrated on the 22nd)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (remembered on the 21st)
- Gregory T. Largen, RM (celebrated on the 24th)
- Lynda A. Linker, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Ronald L. McCreery, PM (remembered on the 26th)
- John T. Myers, PM (remembered on the 6th)
- E. S. Olsen, PM (remembered on the 5th)
- Jeremy F. Pitaniello, RM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Harry O. Reuse, PM (remembered on the 29th)
- Hector Simon, III RM (celebrated on the 20th)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



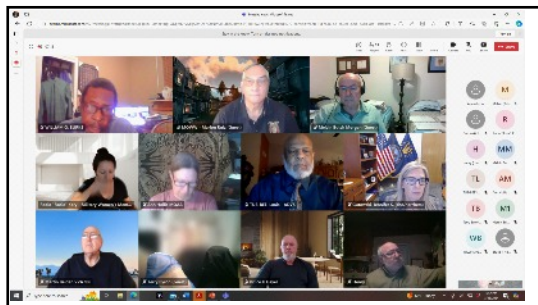
VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC MTG - MAR 2024

Our chapter is a standing member of the United Arizona Veterans (UAV) non-profit service organization which brings together every veteran community partner and support service provider in central Arizona. Standing members include traditional veteran service organizations, civic veteran causes private and state support providers, and individual philanthropic activities in support of general veteran community issues, initiatives, and projects. The UAV also provides oversight for the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame.



VSO-1: WOW Weekly HYB MTG - MAR 2024

The Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) non-profit community advocacy/military and general aviation enthusiast-historical organization operates out of central California and meets weekly year-round. Through its ambitious weekly hybrid (meets at a locale and also provides simultaneous live meeting streaming video conference call services) meetings the organization founded in 2002 offers very broad services and activities, affiliated with aviation-based topics of interest. Our chapter has been a standing member since 2010.



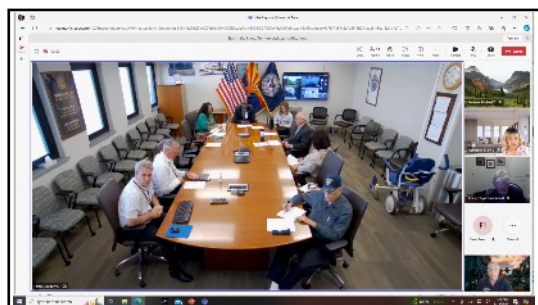
VSO-3: TVAC Monthly VCC MTG - MAR 2024

Our chapter is a standing member of the City of Tucson Mayor's Office Veterans Affairs Committee (TVAC) where most local veteran service organizations provide an organizational representative and who are officially appointed to a two-year service term. The TVAC provides timely coordination and veteran community situational awareness directly to the City of Tucson relating to all veteran community issues, event planning, and veteran support services throughout southern Arizona.



MOAA: CM Chapter Monthly MTG - MAR 2024

Our chapter prides itself in developing fellow veteran community and service organization (VSO) opportune partnerships which collectively serve to enhance robust support services throughout southern Arizona. One such VSO community association is our MOWW partnership with the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) where each organization provides complimenting support capabilities and veteran community involvement. Our companions belong to each others' organizations as well.



VSO-4: PVAHCS QTR-3 VCC MTG - MAR 2024

Our chapter is an active member and contributor to the Phoenix Veterans Affairs Healthcare System council, which meets quarterly throughout the year and conducts hybrid (in person combined with live online streaming video conference call meeting accommodations). While the PVAHCS concentrates its support services throughout central Arizona, there is an existing southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Healthcare System (SAVAHCS) counterpart which our chapter is also a standing member.



R-13: SUSJ NJROTC Awards Event - APR 2024

Our chapter is having another "banner year" ROTC-JROTC annual awards recognition season for the 2023-2024 operating year. Not only have all existing school partnerships returned this year but we have also added a third state (five new local central New Mexico JROTC programs) to our annual support activities working calendar. Referred to as the Region XIII awards Support Program (R-13 ASP) initiative, our chapter provides award recognition packages throughout southern Arizona, and the entire state of Utah.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

Change of Station

Base Weather had been in a hangar at Westover but at Selfridge it was in one end of the stately-brick base headquarters. There were many familiar things, map tables, lighted tracing table, high-legged stools, facsimile machine, teletypes. Of course, just as at his last base, the forecaster could rely on the gas laws and their meteorological effects such as the dry adiabatic lapse rate, 5.4 degrees F per thousand feet. With a decrease for water vapor, that could predict the altitude of cumulus formation. In addition to small Lake St. Clair, immediately beside Selfridge, an air mass absorbed moisture from the vastly larger Great Lakes, impacting Selfridge from all sides except when airflow was directly from the south. From that direction, industry at close-by Detroit brought condensation nuclei for cloud or fog formation. Identifying incoming weather systems and calculating their movements was basic. This was 1948. I brought from Westover a piece of clear plastic upon which I had etched 12-and 24-hour system movements with concomitant windspeeds, my calculator before calculators. Laid upon a map similar to the geostrophic wind speed scale, the device quickly showed a weather system's next predictable position. Such shortcuts gave me time for careful weather map analysis, briefing pilots, and answering phone calls. Aircraft at Selfridge, a fighter base, were short range as compared to Westover's C-54s. These were the new P-80 and a few remaining P-51s and P-47s of

WWII fame. For routine "milk run" flights, there were the single engine AT-6 and two-engine C-45. The latter a variant of the bombardier trainer AT-11 in which, two years earlier, I had my first flight. I snapped the C-45 photo below at Tucson's Pima Air and Space Museum. For a few weeks until I could find a house, we lived at Marie's parents' home. She, or my father-in-law then on vacation from the Dodge truck factory in Detroit's interior suburb of Hamtramck, drove me 20 miles to the base for my forecaster shifts. Though she was careful to stay only long enough for a "hello" and "good bye" in that busy place, Marie made visits to the weather station to get our mail, temporarily being received there.



One day, with an almost impish and always becoming smile, she burst into Base Weather, saying: "I bought a car!" It was a 1938 Chevrolet, 10 years old but with a retrofitted truck motor. No longer a pretty car, yet it was the most reliable we would ever have, and one we could afford. Marie typified the military spouse, always arriving with solutions. She took the mail and I went back to my map, drawing isobars. Making the next weather map was a continuous process. **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.

APRIL IN HISTORY

April 1

April 1, 1865 - During the American Civil War, Confederate troops of General George Pickett were defeated and cut off at Five Forks, Virginia. This sealed the fate of Confederate General Robert E. Lee's armies at Petersburg and Richmond and hastened the end of the war.

April 1, 1998 - A federal judge in Little Rock, Arkansas, dismissed a sexual harassment case against President Bill Clinton, stating the case had no "genuine issues" worthy of trial. Although President Clinton had denied any wrongdoing, a unanimous ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court in May 1997 allowed the case to proceed, thereby establishing a precedent allowing sitting presidents to be sued for personal conduct that allegedly occurred before taking office.

April 2

April 2, 1513 - Spanish explorer Ponce De Leon sighted Florida and claimed it for the Spanish Crown after landing at the site of present day St. Augustine, now the oldest city in the continental U.S.

April 2, 1792 - Congress established the first U.S. Mint at Philadelphia.

April 2, 1863 - A bread riot occurred in the Confederate capital of Richmond, Virginia, as angry people demanded bread from a bakery wagon then wrecked nearby shops. The mob dispersed only after Confederate President Jefferson Davis made a personal plea and threatened to use force.

April 2, 1865 - General Robert E. Lee informed Confederate President Jefferson Davis that he must evacuate the Confederate capital at Richmond, Virginia. Davis and his cabinet then fled by train.

April 2, 1982 - The beginning of the Falkland Islands War as troops from Argentina invaded and occupied the British colony located near the tip of South America. The British retaliated and defeated the Argentineans on June 15, 1982, after ten weeks of combat, with about 1,000 lives lost.

Birthday - Fairy tale author Hans Christian Andersen (1805-1875) was born in Odense, Denmark. He created 168 fairy tales for children including the classics *The Princess and the Pea*, *The Snow Queen* and *The Nightingale*.

Birthday - French writer Emile Zola (1840-1902) was born in Paris. His works included a series of 20 books known as the *Rougon-Macquart Novels* in which he defined men and women as products of heredity and environment, portraying them as victims of their own passions and circumstances of birth. In his later years, he became involved in resolving the Dreyfus affair, a political-military scandal in which Captain Alfred Dreyfus had been wrongly accused of selling military secrets to the Germans was sent to Devil's Island.

April 3

April 3, 1860 - In the American West, the Pony Express service began as the first rider departed St. Joseph, Missouri. For \$5 an ounce, letters were delivered 2,000 miles to California within ten days. The famed Pony Express riders each rode from 75 to 100 miles before handing the letters off to the next rider. A total of 190 way stations were located about 15 miles apart. The service lasted less than two years, ending upon the completion of the overland telegraph.

April 3, 1865 - The Confederate capital of Richmond surrendered to Union forces after the withdrawal of General Robert E. Lee's troops.

April 3, 1944 - The U.S. Supreme Court ruled 8 to 1 that African Americans can not be barred from voting in the Texas Democratic primaries. The Court stated that discrimination against blacks violates the 15th Amendment and that political parties are not private associations.

April 3, 1948 - President Harry S. Truman signed the European Recovery Program, better known as the Marshall Plan, intended to stop the spread of Communism and restore the economies of European countries devastated by World War II. Over four years, the program distributed \$12 billion to the nations of Western Europe. The program was first proposed by Secretary of State George C. Marshall during a historic speech at Harvard University on June 5, 1947.

April 3, 1995 - Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor became the first woman to preside over the Court, sitting in for Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist who was out of town.

Birthday - American writer Washington Irving (1783-1859) was born in New York City. His works include; *Rip Van Winkle*, *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow* and historical biographies such as the *Life of Washington*.

Birthday - Tammany Hall 'Boss' William M. Tweed (1823-1878) was born in New York City. From 1851 to 1871, his 'Tweed Ring' of political corruption looted millions from New York City, bringing the city to the verge of bankruptcy. Methods included padding city bills by 85 percent and writing checks to non-existent persons and companies. His power was broken after a series of critical editorial cartoons by Thomas Nast were published in *Harper's Weekly* magazine. Tweed was arrested and convicted on charges of larceny and forgery. He died in prison.

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>

COMMUNITY PARTNERED EVENT

1st Annual Charity Gimmick Rallye and Poker Run

Presented by Sun City Lodge N° 72

Location: 18810 N 107th Ave, Sun City



Saturday

April 27, 2024



Open to Everyone!!

This is a FUN Rallye, not a race! Each driver/navigator will be given a set of directions to follow around the Lodge neighborhood, stopping at required checkpoints to get a playing card. (No two cars will have the same directions.)

The Rallye drive is about 10 miles – about one hour.

Prizes will be awarded for the best scores and Poker hands.

Proceeds will be donated to  (a 501(c)(3) charity).

Cost: \$30 per 2-person car (driver & navigator)

\$40 for entire car with "backseat drivers"

(includes hotdogs & hamburgers after event)

4/27/2024 Rallye Schedule:

11:00 a.m. – Registration opens

12:30 p.m. – 30-minute Q&A Session in Dining Room

1:00 p.m. – Rallye Start – Cars depart at 15 to 30 second intervals, heading North or South on N 107th Ave.

After your drive – Dogs & burgers in the Dining Room

Show your Rallye Drive interest by e-mailing to

SunCity72RB@gmail.com.

With your e-mail address, we will send more details of the event.



We thank United Arizona Veterans, Board of Directors - Secretary Officer *Mrs. Carol Culberson*, for providing this public veteran service organization event announcement flyer in support of such a great community support cause. Carol is a retired Navy Captain, Reserve Intelligence, in 2003, with 36 years of service. Civil Service employee for 33 years with the US Navy in Japan, US Army in Kansas, Forest Service and Internal Revenue Service in California, Arizona and Colorado. She provides business training programs to working women, and educational history programs open to the public. She is a leader in Federally Employed Women, Retired Federal Employees, Naval Reserve Association, Cactus WAVES, and Naval Order of the U.S. She is also active in Big Brothers, Big Sisters and Cross Roads Methodist Church. As a Big Sister, Carol has mentored three young women. As Church Team Leader, she serves meals to the homeless in Phoenix.

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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 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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