

COMMANDER

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Greetings to everyone from Rio Rico, Arizona. As we get ready to end the first quarter of the current 2023-2024 operating season, I would like to thank you all for your continued support. At our first Santa Cruz Valley (SCV) Chapter meeting in east Tucson, we had a great time during our lunch business meeting and got caught up on our chapter business activities and accomplishments as of the beginning of the current season back in July. As briefed by our Adjutant, there are still some unfinished coordination items to be completed from our last activity season, so we need to address these before we can proceed forward with our scheduled activities and events for the current season. We hope that we will be able to square away these remaining coordination items before the end of September and the conclusion of our first quarter of chapter operations. I also want to take this opportunity to welcome our newest chapter fellow companion, CPT (fmr) Juan Miguel Trevino, USA into our SCV Chapter family. With his regular membership now submitted to national for processing, we still have five [5] more new chapter memberships to go to meet our current operating year recruitment goal, so let's all pitch in and do our part to "leave no stone unturned" in identifying current and prior military service friends, family, and acquaintances to help shore up our membership for the remainder of the activity season.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of the posting of this newsletter report entry we have the following SCV Chapter 193 CHASE Bank Account balances; CHECKING: \$ 1,170.30 dollars and SAVINGS: \$5,510.31 dollars. There still is a payout transfer pending of \$5,059.48 dollars to be completed from the savings account current balance to establish the new SCV Chapter 193 US Bank AZYLC Fund Account (DATE / TIME / LOCATION TBD). Upon completion of the establishment of the new US Bank AZYLC Fund Account, the anticipated remaining CHASE savings account balance will be \$450.83 dollars. The submitted Country Fair White Elephant Grant Committee request payout is anticipated for early December of this calendar year (which also coincides with the end of our second quarter of the current 2023-2024 OY). Receiving this annual grant funding from our grant committee Green Valley, AZ partners will help replenish of chapter CHASE savings account and hopefully get us back into the GREEN on all our current budget line-item balances.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Fellow companions, I am happy to report that we are off to a great chapter activity season (regarding our performance objectives and stated goals thus far). As briefed by our chapter commander, we already have a newly recruited fellow companion on the books for the current OY. We are also in the process of coordinating the transfer of another former Catalina Mountains Chapter fellow companion, currently listed under the BG Bultman Chapter back east - back to our local chapter membership roster. It is our hope to be able to add MAJ Peter Najera, USA to our chapter membership roster before the end of the current calendar year. As great as adding a newly transferred fellow companion may sound, the anticipated addition does not count towards our current 2023-2024 OY chapter recruitment numbers. We will still be required to find five more new prior military service fellow companions to meet our designated medium chapter growth quota of six new companions. I also want to highlight that adding just two more to our designated five remaining recruited companions to our roster this OY (for a total gain of eight newly recruited prior military service companions), we would also be caught up on our IRS 75% military versus 25% civilian membership non-profit compliance goal as well. For now, let's concentrate on achieving our "six newly recruited chapter fellow companions for the OY" aspirations. Wishing everyone a great fall season and hoping for the onset of cooler temps in the forecast. Until next month.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

- Aug 01st – MOWW: NC23 Annapolis, MD Begins - 8AM
- Aug 05th – VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Aug 07th – MOWW: NC23 Annapolis, MD Ends - 8AM
- Aug 07th – VSO-1: AUG (4) WOW VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
- Aug 15th – MOWW: VAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Aug 15th – VSO-4: PVAHCS VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 11:30AM
- Aug 15th – MGM Chapter Monthly HYBRID Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
- Aug 17th – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 Mtg, Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- Aug 19th – GELP Chapter Hybrid Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Aug 26th – PHX Chapter Monthly HYBRID Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10AM
- Aug 28th – MOWW: NC25 Tucson, AZ Site Prep - 7:30AM
- Aug 29th – MOWW: NC25 Tucson, AZ Site Visit Begins - 12PM
- Aug 30th – MOWW: NC25 Tucson, AZ Site Visit Ends - 8AM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: OCT 28th (VCC) ZOOM LINK

- MEETINGS:** (VCC "staff" format) & (HYBRID "membership" format)
- EVENT:** QTR-2: SCV Chapter Staff Meeting - 1PM
- ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire
- PROGRAM:** OY 2023 Activity Season Initial Planning Meeting
- AGENDA:** "SM-1 SCV Chapter Staff Planning 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

COMMITTEE TOPIC NEWS

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Air

Lockheed's new F-16 training center in Romania could train Ukrainians... Romania considers joining French-led Mistral procurement program

Land

General Dynamics pitches updated 'Foxhound' for British Army needs... Estonian robotics firm offers new variant to help in Ukraine

Space

Sweden seeks details on missile systems to upgrade Amphibious Corps... State Dept. OKs \$4B sale of missile defense command system to Poland

Pentagon

Production of key munition years ahead of schedule, Pentagon says... The 150mm rounds have been a case study or sorts for sustaining production...

China, Russia will use cyber to sow chaos if war starts, Pentagon says... The strategy describes China as a 'broad and pervasive' cyber espionage threat...

Freedom Caucus derails Pentagon spending bill, foreshadowing shutdown... Republican leaders pulled votes on the defense spending bill after failing to secure Freedom Caucus support...

AUKUS agreement requires submarine production boost, Franchetti says... She laid out the submarine production role needed for AUKUS at her Senate hearing...

Eilon Musk blocking Starlink to stop Ukraine attack troubling for DoD... Top Air Force official says DoD may need to be more explicit in future defense contracts...

GOP defense budget's abortion, diversity limits draw Biden veto threat... The political animosity represents another serious division with less than three weeks to go before a federal funding lapse triggers a partial shutdown.

Naval

Australian, UK and US tech companies already reaping AUKUS benefits... French-British underwater drone proves de-mining ability, says Thales... Dutch Navy improves radar adds Tomahawk missile to fleet

Space

US selects initiative for space security force in decades... The Victus Nox mission, Latin for 'conquer the night,' was meant to demonstrate the ability to rapidly acquire, build, integrate and launch a satellite.

How two SATCOM companies are responding to Starlink's dominance... Space Force aims for more efficient operations with 'integrated' units... Northrop partners with UK firm building semiconductors in space

VIDEOS



See through the eyes of the British Challenger... The Challenger tank's new imaging system was on display at DSEI 2023. Check out how it works.

National Security

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

Workforce: GOP hopeful promises to eliminate 1.3M federal jobs... Workforce: Agency leaders defend telework approach... Management: Consolidated USPS facilities not yet delivering on improved working conditions... Pay & Benefits: Fed retirement and survivor benefits... Pay & Benefits: Political scientist sees shutdown as 'likely'... Showroom Contact: Bridging the dots gap

Government Executive NEWS MANAGEMENT OVERSIGHT DEFENSE TECH PAY & BENEFITS WORKFORCE INSIGHTS LEADERSHIP VOICES

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DOD lag on enacting business system recommendations may slow clean audit, GAO says

The Defense Department has still yet to fully implement 18 recommendations that the watchdog said could facilitate the decades-long pursuit of completing an enterprise-wide audit.

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Budget delays could 'slow roll' Air Force's digital infrastructure plans... Uncertainty at the top blurs Marine Corps' work on 2025 budget... The Navy is drowning in data it doesn't know what to do with

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Trump: Biden Not 'Too Old' to Be President, Just 'Grossly Incompetent'... Former President Donald Trump plans to show a decision between President Joe Biden's age and the question of his fitness for office in a new interview with 'The Daily Caller'.

McCarthy Directs House Committees to Open Biden Corruption Inquiry... House Speaker Kevin McCarthy said he will ask to open a formal impeachment inquiry into President Joe Biden.

Rand Paul Questions McConnell's Health Despite Doctor's OK... Sen. Rand Paul said he will support the diagnosis of Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell after J. Scott Cooper, M.D., said he is confident that McConnell is fit to serve.

HOMELAND SECURITY... https://inlandsecurity.com/

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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:

September 11
Phoenix VA Health Care System
9/11 Remembrance Ceremony
Monday, September 11
10 - 11 a.m.
Carl T. Hayden VA Medical Center
Canteen Patio (near the Employee Entrance)
650 E. Indian School Road, Phoenix, AZ 85012
Featuring the Thunderbird High School NJROTC and Senior Vocal Ensemble.

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/>

- 09 SEPT Marksmanship @ Flowing Wells HS, Tucson, AZ
- 15 SEPT Marksmanship @ Sahaurita HS, Sahuarita, AZ
- 18 SEPT Color Guard Naturalization Ceremony, Tumacacori, AZ
- 22-23 SEPT Marksmanship @ Rio Rico HS, Rio Rico, AZ
- 23 SEPT Orienteering @ Cholla HS, Vail, AZ
- 30 SEPT Raider Challenge @ Sahaurita HS, Sahuarita, 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 SEPT Color Guard, USSVI National Convention, Oro Valley, AZ
- 01 SEPT Color Guard Football vs Deer Valley, Sahuarita, AZ
- 08 SEPT Color Guard Football vs Maricopa, Sahuarita, AZ
- 11 SEPT Green Valley/Sahuarita 9/11 Ceremonies, Green Valley, AZ
- 13 SEPT Academic Team Cyber Brain Brawl, Sahuarita, AZ
- 16 SEPT Sahuarita Marksmanship Competition, Sahuarita, AZ
- 22-23 SEPT Rio Rico Marksmanship Competition, Rio Rico, AZ
- 23 SEPT Tucson Orienteering Club Meet, Tucson, AZ
- 27 SEPT Academic Team Cyber Brain Brawl, Sahuarita, AZ
- 29 SEPT SHS Homecoming Parade, Sahuarita, AZ
- 29 SEPT Color Guard Football vs Empire, Sahuarita, AZ
- 30 SEPT Sahuarita Beast Raider Meet, Sahuarita, AZ



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August 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4 USCG Birthday	5 UAV VCC
MOWW NATIONAL CONVENTION 2023 - ANNAPOLIS, MD						
6	7 WOW Weekly VCC	8	9	10 DoD BIRTHDAY	11	12
13	14 CODE TALKER DAY WOW Weekly VCC	15 VAC VCC MTG MGM CH VCC	16	17 ALOV Post 132 MTG	18	19 GELP CH HYBRID
20	21 WOW Weekly VCC	22	23	24	25	26 PHX CH HYBRID CS CH HYBRID
27	28 WOW Weekly VCC	29 USMCR BIRTHDAY	30 NC25 SITE	31		UAV VCC MTG

September 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2 UAV VCC MTG
3	4 WOW Weekly HYB	5	6 IPC VCC MTG	7 SPC VCC MTG MAHC VCC MTG	8	9 RM-1, SCV HYB
10 PHX CH MOC	11 9-11 Observance WOW Weekly HYB	12	13 VAC VCC MTG NCSC VCC MTG	14 TOP-8/RC VCC	15	16 GELP HYB MTG
17	18 WOW Weekly HYB	19 VAC VCC MTG MGM HYB MTG	20	21 R-7 CONF PVAHCS VCC ALOV Post 132 MTG	22	23 PHX HYB MTG
24	25 R-7 Staff VCC WOW Weekly HYB	26	27	28 R-13 QTR-1 VCC	29	30



Health & Public Safety

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Health Topics: Travelers' Health, Outbreaks, Data & Stats, Publications, About CDC

FEATURED TOPIC: COVID-19
What you need to know about COVID-19.

FEATURED:

- HPV Vaccines: Children benefit from HPV vaccination throughout their lifetime.
- RSV Prevention: Learn about the symptoms and treatment of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).
- Connecting Conversations: Build connections with youth. Ask about their interests, feelings, and lives.
- Saving Babies' Lives: Learn more about a new test to help babies with rare genetic disease.
- COVID-19 Response: Learn about the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
- 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

Excerpts from Psalm 55

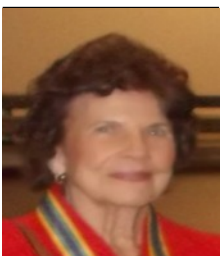
"Give ear to my prayer, O God: do not hide yourself from my supplication.

Attend to me and answer me; I am troubled in my complaint. I am distraught by the noise of the enemy... Cast your burden on the Lord, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved."

We live in turbulent times. It seems there is war or unrest in nations all across the globe, including our own country. As God's people, we have a responsibility to promote justice and peace wherever we may be. It's not an easy path, but if we don't stand up for what is good and right, who will. Let us continue to pray for the leaders of this great country. May they seek God's wisdom in all decisions they make. We pray always for our women and men in uniform stationed all over the world, that God will protect them as they serve to protect us. We pray for nations torn by conflict and continue to pray for an end to terror of all kinds. May the God of love and mercy hear our prayers and supplications.

Grace and peace 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

August Anniversaries:

- Dolores M. Cataldo, PM (23 years)
- Fluvio J. Cataldo, PM (31 years)
- Stephen W. Christy, HPM (28 years)
- Richard D. Clifton, PM (23 years)
- Donald D. Doran, PM (41 years)
- David Fagergren, PM (16 years)
- Erik Fagergren, PM (16 years)
- William A. Gill, PM (36 years)
- Frank G. Huston, PM (68 years)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (32 years)
- Eugene L. Lash, PM (39 years)
- Quentin H. Miller, PM (38 years)
- Thomas E. Ozier, PM (37 years)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (23 years)
- Bruce E. Rianda, PM (21 years)
- John Seatvet, PM (46 years)
- Sabrina L. Wolfe, PM (37 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

August Anniversaries:

- 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)
- Bobby J. Edwards, RM (celebrated on the 14th)
- Frank M. Feliciano, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Clifford I. Franks, RM (celebrated on the 26th)
- James R. Frantz, PM (remembered on the 14th)
- Paul B. Jenkins, HPM (celebrated on the 31st)
- Robert E. Johnson, PM (remembered on the 16th)
- Kyle C. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 3rd)
- Peter M. Leander, PM (celebrated on the 12th)
- Roland H. Mapes, PM (remembered on the 28th)
- Michael J. Masee, PM (celebrated on the 4th)
- John S. McCain, PM (remembered on the 29th)
- Robert D. McCrory, PM (remembered on the 4th)
- Pedro Najera, PM (celebrated on the 8th)
- Jane Pall, HPM (celebrated on the 29th)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (remembered on the 19th)
- Carl c. Sheets, PM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Richard L. Simpson, PM (celebrated on the 25th)
- Claudia M. St. Clair, PM (celebrated on the 10th)
- Herbert R. Oxnam, PM (remembered on the 11th)
- Michael S. West, PM (celebrated on the 28th)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

September Anniversaries:

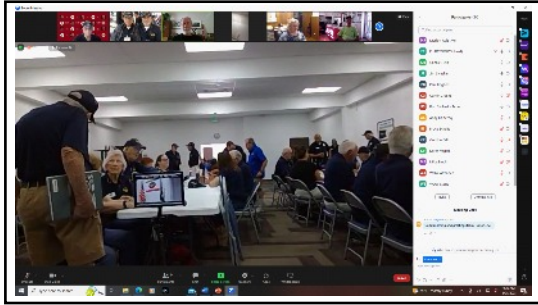
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| • Myles K. Beck, PM (45 years) | Alan B. Thomas, PM (46 years) |
| • Frank E. Bentley, PM (44 years) | Mary E. Wallendorf, PM (15 years) |
| • Frances B. Burrows, HPM (36 years) | Porter B. Williamson, PM (46 years) |
| • Robert C. Carr, PM (63 years) | Merlin R. Wyatt, PM (46 years) |
| • Constance M. Hash, PM (42 years) | |
| • Jean G. Higgins, HPM (36 years) | |
| • Ray R. Hoke, PM (37 years) | |
| • James D. Hunsaker, PM (45 years) | |
| • Chester H. Jensen, PM (46 years) | |
| • Richard C. Leander, Jr., HPM (21 years) | |
| • Vincent M. Lockhart, PM (36 years) | |
| • Charles R. Macon, PM (40 years) | |
| • Roland H. Mapes, PM (40 years) | |
| • John S. McCain, PM (31 years) | |
| • John H. Montgomery, PM (46 years) | |
| • Lawrence N. Robinson, PM (34 years) | |
| • Thomas P. Salyer, PM (46 years) | |
| • William R. Stephens, PM (17 years) | |
| • Sheryl S. Sweet, PM (45 years) | |

Companion Birthday Celebrations

September Birthdays:

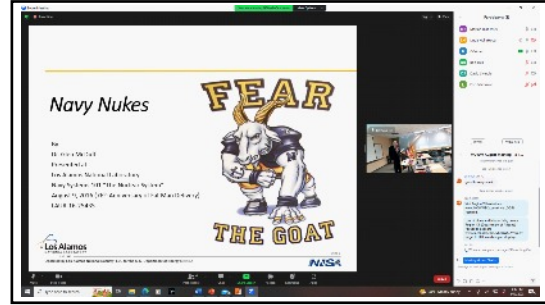
- Stephen W. Christy, HPM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Lori A. Largen, RM (celebrated on the 20th)
- Vern T. Pall, PM (celebrated on the 20th)
- Lymon Philips, PM (remembered on the 20th)
- Virginia L. Sanborn, HPM (celebrated on the 23rd)
- Kimberly A. Santo, HPM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Catherine E. Sears, HPM (remembered on the 3rd)
- Donald W. Shepperd, PM (celebrated on the 14th)
- Thomas H. St. Clair, PM (remembered on the 17th)
- William R. Stephens, PM (remembered on the 13th)
- Kirk D. Wallendorf, PM (celebrated on the 18th)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



VSO-1: WOW Weekly VCC MTG - AUG 2023

The Wings Over Wendy’s non-profit organization (MOWW VSO partner) conducts weekly hybrid live streaming membership meetings in southern California. It gathers a significant combined participation audience of predominantly military-commercial aviation enthusiast, historians, military service aviators and “all-ranks” military veteran community and civic group representatives involved in all sorts of community support philanthropy activities. The group has over 100 members of which most attend the weekly sessions.



MG Miles Chapter Hybrid MTG - AUG 2023

The MG Miles Chapter usually conducts its seasonal Chapter meetings on the second and/or third week monthly from July to June of each activity season. The Chapter is considered the Region XIII “GOLD Standard” when it comes to its extraordinary invited speaker program. Regular membership meetings are hosted the third Tuesday of each month. The SCV Chapter manages and archives all the presentations electronically for Region XIII and can make them available upon demand to fellow chapters requesting them.



MOWW: NC25 Tucson, AZ Site Visit - AUG 2023

Our Region XIII National Convention Tucson, AZ - 2025 (NC25) Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 Planning Team hosted a convention pre-event site visit by the MOWW Chief of Staff and HQ Staff Member Mr. Justin Hiller 28-30 AUG. The purpose of the visit was to get a “boots on the ground” first-hand visit of the proposed event Desert Diamond Casino Hotel accommodations, facilities, and services. The visit also included a “one-day” orientation of some of the proposed conference tour packages provided by the Tourism Office.



VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC MTG - SEPT 2023

The United Arizona Veterans (UAV) kicked off their new operating year meeting season with a great presentation from the Arizona State University Office for Veteran and Military Academic Engagement (OVMAE). The presenter was COL (ret) Wanda Wright, USA - Director, OVMAE who was also one of the most recent inductees into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fall - Class of 2023. The UAV is a valued Arizona Veterans Community supporter and exceptional Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 Veterans Affairs engagement partner.



RM-1: SCV Chapter HYBRID MTG - SEPT 2023

Our chapter hosted its first 2023-2024 operating year regular membership hybrid meeting in east Tucson on 9 SEPT @ 12PM at the Casa Del Rio Mexican Restaurant. A presentation was offered by Soulistic Hospice Non-Profit, which shared their expansive services to the local veterans community and southern Arizona in general. Both presenters received Certificates of Appreciation, in gratitude for spending their afternoon with our chapter fellow companions. We truly value this community partnership.



Phoenix Chapter MOC Event - SEPT 2023

Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 attended and supported the Phoenix Chapter 58th Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance Ceremony MOWW signature event this operating year (in partnership with the local B.P.O.E. Phoenix Elks Lodge Club #335) on the afternoon of Sunday, 10 SEPT. The event is hosted in relation to and the annual 9-11 observance nation-wide. Our chapter represented southern Arizona, along with the West Valley Chapter from west Phoenix. Many youth and civic organizations attended.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

Back to Weather Work at Westover Field

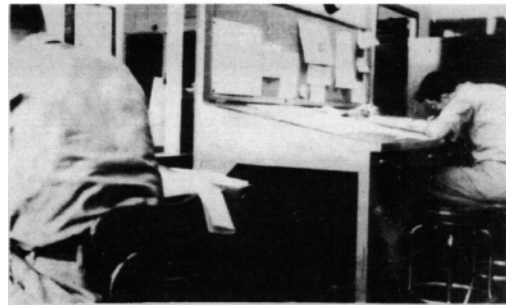
I arrived back at Westover Field in August 1948. Westover was the same old place but my duties now as a flight weather forecaster had put me in with another group. Just as in all other Air Force weather stations, my old friends, the weather observers, were still busy estimating cloud cover and visibility, as well as recording measured weather variables: wind, wet and dry bulb temperatures which they calculated into dew points and relative humidities, station pressure from which they arrived at sea level pressure and altimeter settings. And when not doing that, they plotted with a fine-point fountain pen all that data in an elaborate code to make as small a plot as possible on a large paper map.



At the Selfridge Field instrument shelter, Sgt. George Popadines turns a crank hidden by his hand. It will twirl a thermometer mounted inside. To promote evaporation, a water-soaked gauze covers the thermometer's end. After twirling, the thermometer will show a "wet bulb temperature" reading, 1949.

They inked all that information around a preprinted dot denoting the precise location of the weather station and its call letters. (The call-letter tag specifying location of today's commercial airline destination on your checked bag, such as TUS for Tucson, probably originated with the weather services' need for weather station identifications on hand-plotted paper weather maps.) Even though containing all that information and more, the plot had to be small in order to accommodate, and make amenable for analysis, the vast field of similar data from weather stations, military and civilian, received

by teletype, that covered the map. The map would represent the entire United States and part of the adjacent oceans. This was what was called the "synoptic chart" or surface weather chart.



Two weather observers plot maps in Westover Field Base Weather. Furniture is standard USAAF weather station. Observer at extreme right is Cpl. Oulette. Papers tacked to display panel would be shift schedules, weather codes, etc. January 1947

There were also upper air charts having less plotted data that were just as or more significant to a forecaster. The plotted data points actually were checked for size. All that information, fully describing the station's current weather, had to be so compactly plotted as to fit under a dime. Rivalry for plotting neatness between observers led them to buy, with their own money, a fine point fountain pen, often an Esterbrook. I had been gone seven months, six months of Weather Forecaster School followed by a 30-day end of course furlough. I would now be analyzing and drawing meaningful isobaric, frontal, and thermal lines on the maps the observers produced. Within the station, the forecaster was in charge of the shift. The observer was almost always of lower military rank; the Air Force couldn't have operated without the observer. These old friends in the observing group welcomed me back and wished me well in my new job as weather forecaster. I would be breaking into forecasting at a critical time. The forecaster group was now deeply involved in the Berlin Airlift weather requirements. **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.

SEPTEMBER IN HISTORY

September 1

September 1, 1715 - The "Sun King" (King Louis XIV of France) died. He had ruled since the age of five and was succeeded by his 5-year-old great-grandson Louis XV.

September 1, 1939 - At 5.30 a.m., Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.

September 1, 1969 - Military officers overthrew the Libyan government. The Libyan Arab Republic was then proclaimed under Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

September 1, 1983 - Korean Air Lines Flight 007 was shot down by a Russian fighter jet while on route from New York to Seoul, killing all 269 persons on board. The Boeing 747 reportedly strayed 100 miles off course over secret Soviet Russian military installations on the Kamchatka Peninsula and Sakhalin Island. It crashed in the Sea of Japan.

Birthday - *Tarzan of the Apes* creator Edgar Rice Burroughs (1875-1950) was born in Chicago. Before becoming a novelist, he was as a correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*.

Birthday - Boxing champ Rocky Marciano (1923-1969) was born in Brockton, Massachusetts (as Rocco Francis Marchegiano). He fought Jersey Joe Walcott for the heavyweight title on September 23, 1952, and knocked him out. In 1956, he retired as the only undefeated heavyweight champion. He died in a plane crash in 1969.

September 2

September 2, 31 B.C. - Roman legions under Augustus Caesar defeated Mark Anthony's naval force at Actium.

September 2, 1666 - The Great Fire of London began in a bakery in Pudding Lane near the Tower. Over the next three days more than 13,000 houses were destroyed, although only six lives were believed lost.

September 2, 1752 - The British ended their use of the Julian calendar, switching instead to the Gregorian calendar, resulting in a major adjustment as Wednesday, September 2, was followed by Thursday, September 14. The correction resulted in rioting by people who felt cheated and demanded the missing eleven days back.

September 2, 1789 - The third Presidential cabinet department, the U.S. Treasury, was established by Congress.

September 2, 1864 - During the American Civil War, Atlanta was captured by Sherman's Army. "Atlanta is ours, and fairly won," General William T. Sherman telegraphed President Lincoln.

September 2, 1870 - Napoleon III surrendered to the Prussians during the Battle of Sedan, resulting in the fall of the Second French Empire.

September 2, 1923 - The first elections were held in the Irish Free State after achieving independence from Britain.

September 2, 1930 - French aviators Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte made the first non-stop flight from Europe to the USA.

September 2, 1945 - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Bay.

September 2, 1945 - Ho Chi Minh proclaimed the independence of Vietnam and the establishment of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

September 2, 1962 - Soviet Russia agreed to send arms to Cuba, leading to the October Missile Crisis after the shipments were discovered by the U.S.

September 2, 1963 - Alabama Governor George Wallace forcibly halted public school integration by encircling Tuskegee High School with state troopers.

Birthday - Christa McAuliffe (1948-1986) was born in Boston (as Sharon Christa Corrigan). On January 28, 1986, the 37-year-old high-school teacher, the first "ordinary citizen" in space, died with six crew members in the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion.

September 3

September 3, 1783 - The Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Ben Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.

September 3, 1833 - The *New York Sun* newspaper first appeared, marking the beginning of the 'penny press,' inexpensive newspapers sold on sidewalks by newspaper boys. The paper focused on human interest stories and sensationalism and by 1836 was the largest seller in America with a circulation of 30,000.

September 3, 1838 - Anti-slavery leader Frederick Douglass began his escape from slavery by boarding a train in Baltimore dressed as a sailor. He rode to Wilmington, Delaware, where he caught a steamboat to the free city of Philadelphia, then took a train to New York City where he came under the protection of the Underground Railway network.

September 3, 1939 - Great Britain and France declared war on Nazi Germany after its invasion of Poland two days earlier.

Geo Challenge Trivia

Find the geographic midpoint for the winners of the depicted 12 U.S. presidential elections (1964-2008). Use the capital city of the home state for each winning candidate. Candidates who won two elections will be counted twice.

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

MEET YOUR NEW REGION XIII COMMANDER



CAPTAIN (FMR) MICHAEL J HALPIN, USMC

is a graduate of the University of New Mexico, Class of 1974 with BA in History. Upon graduation Michael reported to USMC Officer Candidate School in Quantico, VA, graduating as a 2nd LT. His training continued in Quantico at The Basic School where all Marines Officers are trained to lead Marines in ground combat, no matter the MOS assigned to them. He was designated an Air Defense Control Officer MOS, assigned to Marine Air Defense Control school in 29 Palms CA. Graduating as Honor Graduate he was assigned to Marine Air Control Squadron 7 of the 3d Marine Air Wing at Camp Pendleton, CA. He was designated a Senior Air Director (SAD), responsible for overseeing air defense operations in the squadron assigned area. He served 11 years on active duty.

He was recruited into the MOWW in 1995 and has held positions as Chapter Commander, Region Commander, and Youth Leadership Conference Commander. He continues to serve as the Phoenix Chapter Adjutant in addition to serving as Leadership Instructor and Adjutant for the Arizona Youth Leadership Conference.

perpetual member of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA) and American Legion, the Chair of the League of United Latin American Citizen (LULAC) Veterans Charter, a proud Lion International of Caguas, Puerto Rico and an active advocate and supporter of service members and veterans of our Nation. A proud Companion, veteran, and selfless server. Married forty-five years to Francisca. Father of three sons Frances, Victor, and Cristina, and grandfather of six grandsons Julian, Emma, Sofia, Adrian, Daniel, and Noah.



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