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LTC Patrick C. Stolze,
PH Remembrance

Commander's Corner

The Old Spaghetti Factory, Chandler Fashion Mall is our venue for chapter luncheons from February thru May 2022. Consensus by show of hands at the 21 December 2021 chapter luncheon, confirmed good food & noise-free. We had a record setting 28 attendees. **Please see Page 4** showcasing chapter luminaries in attendance. *Thank You for your continued support!* **AZYLC is a GO**

for 5 through 9 July 2022. If you have not applied your AZ Tax Credit in support of our seminal program, please consider doing so. POC is LTC Dave Lynch, Sr. Vice Commander & Treasurer. **Please read Page 5 & 6** improving your mask protection against the Omicron variant. I up-graded my mask protection purchasing the **Fantigan N95 Face mask** through Costco, **Thanks to COL Christine Mahon** who highly recommended everyone upgrade to the **N95 face mask**, at our 21 December 2021 meeting, The cloth/paper masks do not provide the level of protection needed, against this more highly contagious Omicron variant.

91st CINC LTC Michael A. Okin, MD, USA, Ret. will be our Guest speaker at the 22 January 2022/**4th SATURDAY** chapter luncheon. Please join us in Welcoming him. Our **Spring Awards Season 2022** is in need of member volunteers to present Certificates & medal sets to deserving JROTC cadets at 21 East Valley high schools. Please contact MAJ Lew White of your interest to serve. "It is nobler to serve than to be served."



- ◆ **Fantigan N95 Face mask**
- ◆ **21 December 2021 Chapter Luncheon—Recap**
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Veterans Affairs Program

21 December 2021

Chapter Luncheon Recap Guest Speakers/Honored Guests

The Honor House Graduates Dane Hill & Scott Clark

For the 5th year chapter members hosted two Honor House graduates inviting them to honor their service



and to join us in celebrating the Holiday Season. **Dane Hill** (*top right*) and **Scott Clark** (*top left*) enlightened chapter members on their transitions from military into civilian life. Both proud parents, they Thanked COL Pat Little for her consistent encouragement in their struggles to adapt. Thanks also to the generosity of our chapter members, Staff approved monetary gifts, gift cards & sundries for Mrs. Karen Clark, who accompanied her husband.

Dane was assigned to various Artillery units & Thanked Pat for her continued guidance & encouragement. He is an active supporter of **Veterans For Success** providing the ways & means for fellow veterans, to get whatever they need to succeed: musical instruments, cars & much needed funds for the tools of their trade. He shared they funded a veteran barber who did not have the money to buy his own tools costing \$500-600. You/we can donate on **The Honor House** website to this program, under **Instruments For Success**. He stated he found many, "not listening to veterans thus not providing the tools they need." He said, "it is important to give back." Dane said he at one time was a Cub Scout & Webelos, and was encouraged by our Scouting Program Chair Chuck Mackey's report to members. Dane is a father to a veteran & both his sons were in the Cub Scouts & Webelos and his daughter was a Girl Scout.



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**COL Pat Little-Upah,
Mrs. Karen Clark,
Scott Clark & Dane Hill**

**Photo Credit:
Lt Col George Heileman,
Past Commander &
Treasurer**

Veterans Affairs Program—Continued

Scott was accompanied by his wife Mrs. Karen Clark. A member of the AZ National Guard when deployed as an Apache helicopter pilot, he was severely injured conducting a combat search & rescue mission for another downed aircraft. Their night vision out, weather turning & darkness fell, they hit a 10,000 foot mountain. He & his crew spent 2 1/2 hours evading the enemy, now medically discharged with PTSD & physical injuries. He acknowledged he is a different person than the one that deployed, stating his wife Karen can attest to that. He cited one of two incidents which led to Karen making a VA mental health appointment for him. While in a movie theater, a crashing helicopter triggered his reaction shouting No, no, no. He credited Karen then his friend Jeff, who gave him a Combat Trauma Healing Manual: Christ-Centered Solutions for combat trauma. He now sponsors bible study groups helping other veterans, saying his experience left a “Jesus size hole” in his psyche. He now facilitates four bible groups

per week & is creating more bible groups around the country to include those for children of veterans, who experience their family members PTSD first & second hand. Scott’s humor still intact, “How can you tell someone is an Apache helicopter pilot? He will always tell you.”



COL Patricia Little-Upah The Honor House President & chapter member, Thanked chapter members for our annual Holiday celebration, by inviting Honor House graduates. She updated attendees on the merging of **Veterans First & The Honor House**. She stated the merger “will serve more veterans more effectively.” They will be able to expand their services to include older veterans, home bound and those in hospice care. **CW04 Doug Gray** encouraged members to consider joining ROA & MOAA, fellow organizations serving veterans locally & nationally. He showed members the AZ Republic picture of COL Dick Minor, Phoenix Chapter & MAJ Trujillo front page of the 8 Dec 2021 issue, representing MOWW at the Pearl Harbor Remembrance ceremony. A **Scouting Program** Update was given by **Chair Chuck Mackey** recounting the 53 in-person MOWW Certificates presented by



Chuck & LTC Patrick C. Stolze, Region XIII Commander, at the 11 December 2021, National Scouting Education Association (NSEA) ceremony. An additional 14 Certificates + patches were mailed by Chuck to those not in attendance. These 67 Certificates covered recipients for the 2020 and 2021 awards seasons. **Thank You!**



Veterans Affairs Program—Chapter Luminaries, 21 Dec 2021

(Right) Chaplain Bob Freed &
Lt Col Carol McKnight,
Chapter UAV Liaison.

(Right Below) Craig Cummins,
Adjutant & Alan Jeska.

(Below Left) Mrs. Diane
McDowell, Jr. Vice Commander
& Mrs. Kay Heileman.

(Below Right)
LTC David Lynch, Sr. Vice
Commander & Treasurer.

(Below Left)
Lt Col George Heileman,
Past Commander & Treasurer.



Surgeon's Corner

Self-Testing--Source: Self-Testing

| CDC

Updated Dec. 29, 2021



CDC has updated isolation & quarantine recommendations for the public, and is revising the CDC website to reflect these changes. These recommendations do not apply to healthcare personnel and do not supersede state, local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations.

Summary of Recent Changes

Updates as of December 6, 2021

- Added information on when and why to use a self-test. *Self-testing* is one of several risk-reduction strategies to reduce the chances of COVID-19 transmission. They may be used regardless of vaccination or symptom status.

Previous updates

Key Points

COVID-19 self-tests (also referred to as home tests or over-the-counter (OTC) tests) are one of many risk-reduction measures, along with vaccination, masking, and physical distancing, that protect you and others by reducing the chances of spreading SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19.

Self-tests can be taken at home or anywhere, are easy to use, and produce rapid results.

You can use self-tests, regardless of vaccination status, or whether you have symptoms.

Follow all the manufacturer's instructions for performing the test.

If you test positive, you should isolate and inform your healthcare provider, as well as any close contacts.

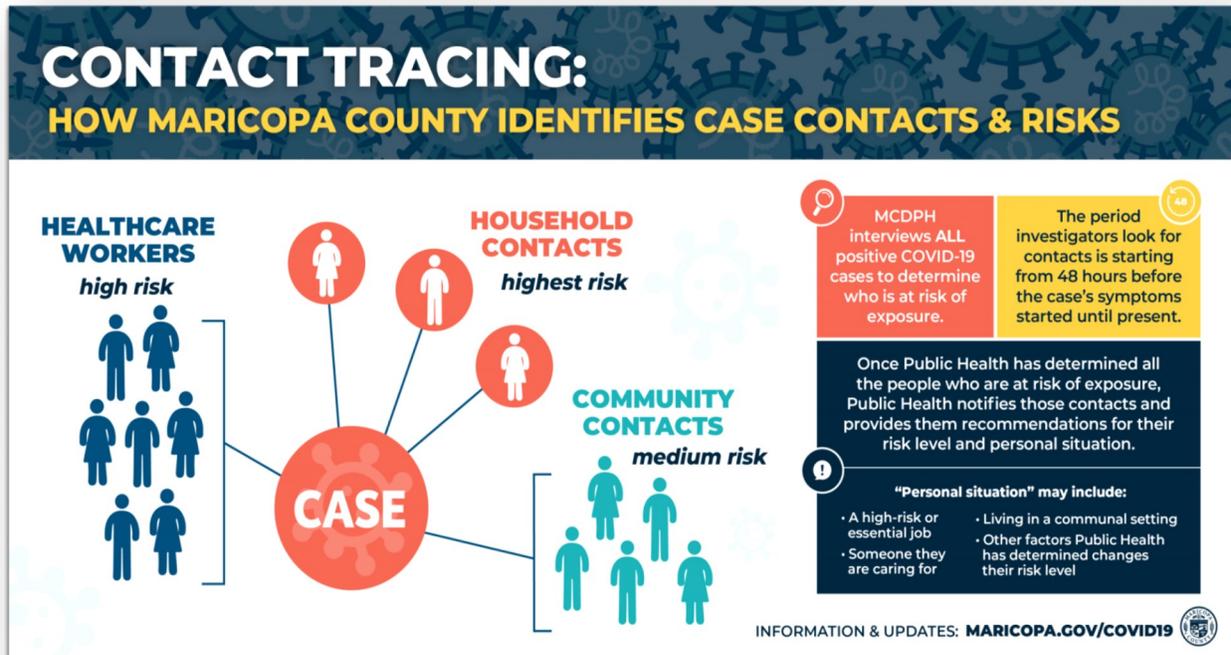
****Consider using a self-test before joining indoor gatherings with others who are not in your household.**

A **positive self-test** result means that the test detected the virus, and you are highly likely to have an infection and should stay home or isolate for 10 days, wear a mask if you could have contact with others, and avoid indoor gatherings to reduce the risk of spreading disease to someone else.

A **negative self-test** result means that the test did not detect the virus and you may not have an infection, but it does not rule out infection. Repeating the test within a few days, with at least 24 hours between tests, will increase the confidence that you are not infected.

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Surgeon's Corner—Continued



How to find testing in Arizona—AZ Republic, January 5, 2022, page 2B.

“For a full list of testing sites in Arizona go to:

<https://www.azdhs.gov/covid19/index.php#everyone-get-tested> or Call the States COVID-19 hotline at (844)542-8201.

County health departments have testing resources, too, including a calendar of testing events. In Maricopa County, free, public walk-up and drive-thru community testing events were scheduled. For information go to <https://www.maricopa.gov/5588/COVID-19-Testing> or call the Maricopa CARES line at (602) 506-6767.”

While attending our January through May 2022 luncheon & Staff meetings, I highly encourage members to convert to the N95 masks asking you to not hesitate to self-quarantine & test yourselves, further protecting our families, friends, & our communities. Only 56% of the Arizona population compared to the nationally vaccinated rate of 61%, have both shots & the booster for protection. Break through illnesses are seen by individuals who have been exposed to their grandchildren. It is not unusual to be symptomatic and not be aware of it, thus furthering exposure to vulnerable populations. Please practice good safety measures.

For the Good of the Order: MAJ Rosanne E. Trujillo, USA, Ret.



Chandler Fashion Mall

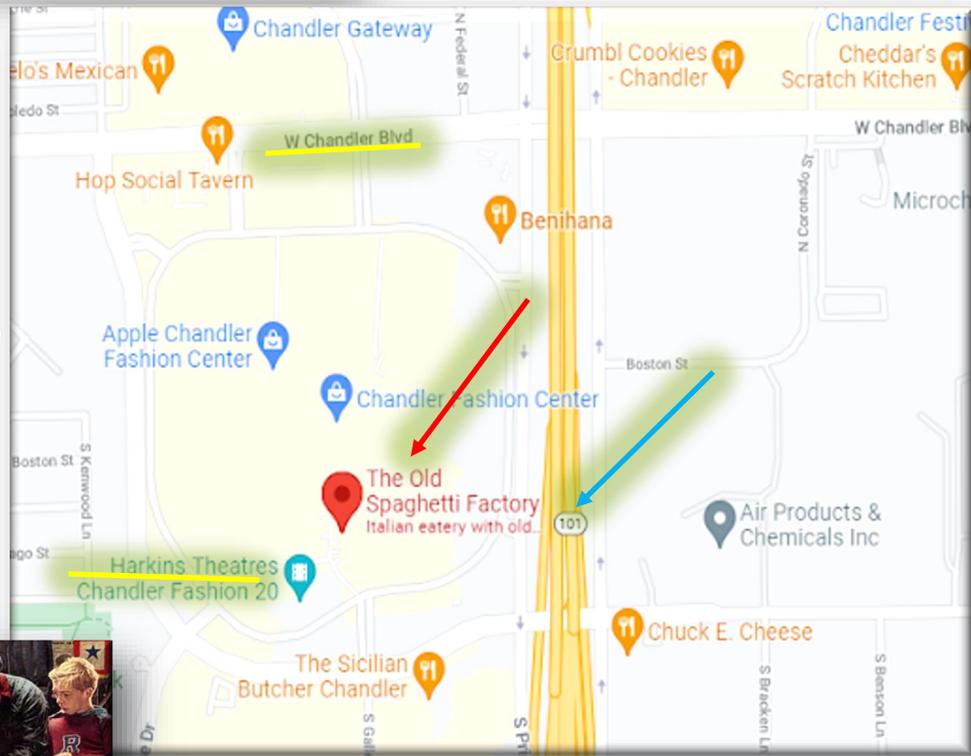
The Old Spaghetti Factory

**3155 West Chandler Blvd #9
Chandler, AZ**

**Apache Trail Chapter Luncheon
NEW Meeting LOCATION**

15 February 2021/3rd TUES

**Apache Trail
Chapter
Luncheon
Meeting
LOCATION For
February thru
May 2022
Luncheon
Meetings**



***Please Invite
an Eligible
New Member!***

Click on this link:

**Menu - Old Spaghetti Factory
(osf.com)**





Scouting Recognition Program

National Eagle Scout Association—Catalina Council. National Eagle Scout Association | Boy Scouts of America, Catalina Council



11 December 2021—Heard Scout Pueblo, Phoenix: Thanks to our **Scouting Recognition Program Chair Mr. Chuck Mackey**, Region XIII Commander, LTC Patrick C. Stolze & Chuck presented MOWW Certificates & patches to 53 Eagle Scout recipients. Fourteen not in attendance, were mailed their Certificates. Since March 2020, the declaration of the COVID-19 pandemic, Delta & Omicron variants, Eagle Scout award ceremonies have been curtailed for safety. This outdoor ceremony covered scouting awards seasons 2020 & 2021. A well-attended Saturday ceremony by parents, family, friends & Grand Canyon Council BSA luminaries, it was a beautiful albeit cold outdoor ceremony, at the Norton Foundation Amphitheater. **Home - Grand Canyon Council (grandcanyonbsa.org)** (Above left) Master of Ceremony, Commissioner Michael Rooney, MAJ Trujillo & Chuck Mackey. **Thank You!**

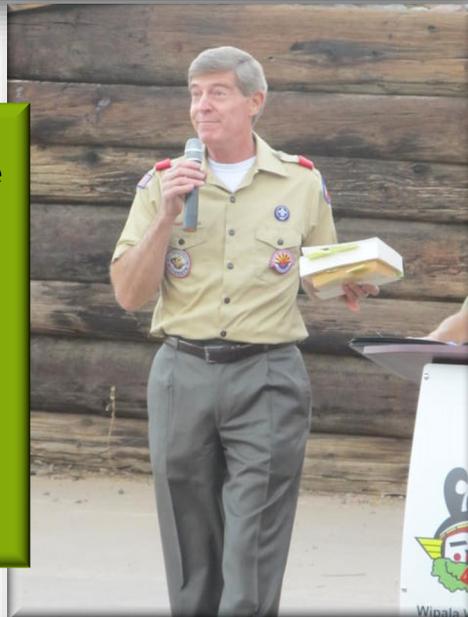
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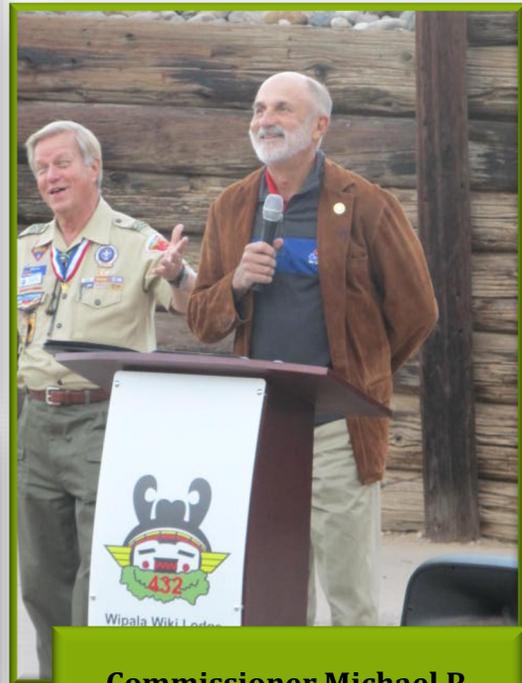
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Mr. Chuck Mackey,
Scouting Recognition
Program Chair &
Region XIII Scouting
Program Coordinator

Scouting Recognition Program—Continued



**City of Tempe
Mayor Hugh
Hallman**
2004—2012
referred to
Abe Lincoln in
his speech to
inspire youth.



**Commissioner Michael R.
Rooney**, Scottsdale attorney
with **Tom**, an NSEA Catalina
Council leader & local lawyer.



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Upcoming EVENTS

- ♦ **22 January 2022/4th SATURDAY, Region XIII & Dept. of Arizona Multi-Business Meeting (MBM)** followed by Apache Trail Chapter Monthly luncheon. 91st CINC LTC Michael A. Okin, guest speaker. Chapter luncheon begins at NOON. **Holiday Inn & Suites, Mesa**, 1600 South Country Club Drive, Mesa, US 60 & Country Club Dr.
- ♦ **15 February 2022/3rd TUESDAY**, Chapter luncheon meeting. **Guest speakers:** Anthony M. Pagliuca, SPD Crisis Intervention Specialist & Ofc. Devon Lines, SPD School Resource Unit with **Police dogs Rocket & Chase**.
- ♦ **15 February 2022/West Valley Arizona Chapter 131 MOC**. 12800 W. Deer Valley Drive, Sun City West, Palm Ridge Rec Center.

HUMOR



“The 6 feet of safe distance makes things tougher for all of us.”



Staff Meetings

2022/1st Friday

@ 11:00 a.m.

Goody's Café

1862 West Baseline Rd.,
Mesa

4 February 2022

4 March 2022

1 April 2022

6 May 2022

