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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:

Season’s Greetings to everyone. Hoping this month’s Chapter Newsletter edition finds everyone in good health and in the best of spirits. Apart from helping to usher in the new calendar year, the month of December also serves as our current operating year midway point and a time to reflect upon how the progress that has been made thus far regarding our stated Chapter Action Plan (CAP) goals. Our Adjutant’s CAP summary customarily is published in the January edition which will come out next month. For now, suffice to share with you all that we are one-third into our Chapter operating year recruitment efforts with four more pending Chapter recruitments needed to meet our designated annual “total of six new Chapter fellow companions” to accomplish our stated CAP goal in that respect. Speaking of recruitment, please note that there will be an across-the-board recruitment amount dues increase that will enter into effect on the first of the new year. Please refer to the national MOWW website for further details. Regardless of the recruitment pricing increase we are always very appreciative of any fellow companion’s efforts to identify and bring to our Chapter leadership attention any potential new qualified recruitment prospects for consideration. Lastly, at last count, our Chapter is at 74.2 percent on our IRS 501c19 (75 vs 25 veteran-to-civilian percentage status compliance) shortfall. The addition of two newly recruited fellow companions should place us above the 75 veteran percentage threshold which will also allow us to come off our current Chapter recruitment of only military service recruitment candidate restriction. On behalf of yours truly and my family, we want to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and most joyous Happy New Year 2024.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Hello everyone. As of December 2023, our Chapter banking balances are as follows; CHASE Checking - \$1,559.45 USDs and Savings - \$2,730.87 USDs. The current balance amounts confirm and reflect a deposit from the Country Fair White Elephant Grant Committee in Green Valley, Arizona of our requested grant amount of \$3,500.00 USDs. Our Chapter AZYLC Fund account remains at \$5,059.48 USDs with no donations having been received to date. Although it is our fondest hope that our Chapter will qualify for and possibly receive an annual MOWW P&M Dividend payout this coming year, prospects continue to fade. This means that our Chapter will need to step up and identify an additional annual MOWW Chapter Activity funding source to help replenish the anticipated void left by the annual MOWW P&M fund payout of years past. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year 2024.

ADJUTANT’S REPORT:

Merry Christmas to everyone. Our Chapter recruitment efforts to continue a positive trend, providing an emphatic caveat emphasis to the remarks already provided by our Chapter commander in his comments. We ask every Chapter member to do their due diligence in leaving no stone unturned in identifying and reporting fresh recruitment leads whenever possible. All other Chapter Action Plan stated goals continue as scheduled for completion by the end of our current operating year on the last day of June 2024. As our Treasurer has also highlighted, financial contingency planning efforts will start soon to identify another viable Chapter annual source of grant donation or revenue source to help offset the impact of decreased traditional P&M funding. On that note, we ask every fellow companion to please check your sources for any potential leads we can explore during the remainder of the current operating year. Lastly, in the new year we will begin our Chapter concerted planning efforts to serve as host of the MOWW national convention in August of 2025 (NC25). While much preliminary coordination has been already accomplished (i.e., locking in the convention hotel location and doing a preliminary walk through of the facilities and services) there is still much to be done by way of establishing and locking in our proposed convention tours packages, pricing and service support details. Effective planning and execution will require a total Region XIII combined resources effort that will start in 2024 and continue until event execution in late 2025. Until next month and hoping to see everyone back in the new year. God Bless.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

- Nov 02nd – MOWW: SPC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Nov 04th – VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Nov 06th – VSO-1: NOV (4) WOW HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10:30AM
- Nov 08th – VSO-3: TVAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Nov 10th – MOWW: TOP-8 VCC MTG, Alexandria, VA - 8AM
- Nov 11th – MOWW: Veterans Day Event, Arlington, VA - 10AM
- Nov 16th – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 Mtg, Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- Nov 18th – MOAA: CM Monthly Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 11AM
- Nov 18th – GELP Chapter HYB VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Nov 20th – VSO-4: PVAHCS VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 11:30AM
- Nov 21st – MOWW: VAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Nov 21st – MGM Chapter Monthly HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
- Nov 25th – PHX Chapter HYB VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: FEB 3rd (RM-HYB)

ZOOM LINK

MEETINGS: (VCC “staff” format) & (HYB “membership” format)

EVENT: RM-3: SCV Chapter Membership Meeting - 12PM

ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

PROGRAM: OY 2023 Activity Season Membership Meeting

AGENDA: “RM-3 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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Submit comments to marlon.ruiz@earthlink.net or call (520) 780-7107 and leave a message

COMMITTEE TOPIC NEWS

National Defense

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SPECIAL FEATURES



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Register to Watch CAISRNET will examine the ways AI has already been implemented throughout the DoD, the challenges that the DoD is facing, and more.



Financial Advice for Newlyweds - Money Minute Personal Finance expert Jeanette Mack discusses how finances change when you get married.



Watch: Panel Discussions at AUSA Defense News hosted a series of events during AUSA 2023 with a variety of military, gov, and industry speakers.



Watch On-Demand: DSEI Panel Discussions Defense News spoke with industry leaders from AeroVironment, Aradigm, Skydio, gtelem, Solidron, SAS Systems, Mercury Systems, and Lindos UK.

Air



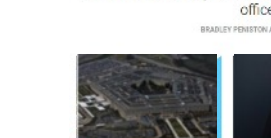
F-35 engine upgrade money could run out in months if budget not passed The Pentagon has also paused negotiations on a performance-based logistics contract for the F-35 after cost and performance estimates underwhelmed.



Newest F-35s stalled by slow production of key parts L3Harris says Viper Shield electronic warfare tool for F-16s meets goal



Ukraine, Mideast conflicts place renewed pressure on Patriot missiles The U.S. Army hopes Congress approves a supplemental funding request with \$750 million to enable a Patriot missile production capacity increase.



Homeland defense interceptor defeats ballistic missile in test US Army receives first long-range Precision Strike Missiles US Army eyes overhaul of theater-level signals intelligence tools

Pentagon

Pentagon eyes successor to Joint Warfighting Cloud Capability contract

"We are firmly committed to multi-cloud, multi-vendor," Pentagon CIO John Sherman said, "and this is what we're going to be doing moving forward."



Zelenskyy asks Congress for more air defenses as Ukraine aid dwindles Zelenskyy faces an uphill battle in Capitol Hill as he asks for more Ukraine aid to unlock air defenses he says are crucial for victory over Russia.



Drones, jammers in Ukraine signal new era of warfare, Del Toro says The U.S. Department of Defense is pouring billions of dollars into the development of drones, electronic warfare and a mix of the two.

Earth-mapping agency seeks more commercial imagery, data suppliers

The Luna A push is meant to meet "the increasing demands for commercial GEOINT," according to Vice Adm. Frank Whitworth.



Acting Pentagon policy head Karlin announces departure Her departure adds to the turnover affecting the Pentagon's No. 3 position amid Sen. Tommy Tuberville's blockade



DISA launches cloud-based electronic warfare planning tool The LMJM-J program supports the Pentagon's pursuit of seamless connectivity, known as Combined Joint All-Domain Command and Control, officials said.

Naval



Lockheed's helicopter-borne jammer 'detests threats' in US Navy test US must dominate in space to win future wars, Marine Corps' Glynn says Swedish military sharpens its focus on submarine tech in 2024



Millennium to apply Victus Nox lessons to missile warning satellites The company in November passed a key design review for the Missile Track, Custody program, which aims to develop a constellation of satellites in MFO.



Budget standoff 'a big deal' for Space Development Agency Will Rocket Cargo work? Data collected in 2024 may hold the answer. Northrop exit from UK satellite bid recasts big ticket Skynet 6 race

VIDEOS



Financial Advice for Newlyweds - Money Minute Personal Finance expert Jeanette Mack discusses how finances change when you get married.

National Security

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Tuberville says he'll drop his hold on most military promotions Alabama senator says he will keep the brakes on some of the most senior officers' nominations.

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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:



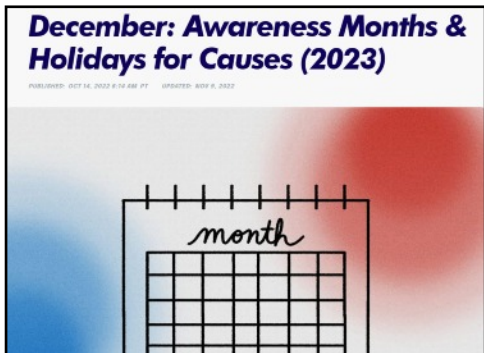
PROGRAM CONTACTS:

AJROTC Events – For an update on local Rio Rico HS Army JROTC activities and information please contact LTC Ronnie St. Clair at rstclair@scv35.org Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

- 2-3 DEC Fiesta De Tumacacori, Tumacacori, AZ
- 08 DEC Field Trip to Western Army Aviation Training Site, Casa Grande, AZ
- 15 DEC Southern Regional Marksmanship (3 X 20), Tucson, AZ

NJROTC Events – For an update on local Sahuarita HS Navy JROTC activities and information please contact Commander Bradley Roberson, USN (ret.) at broberson@sahuarita.k12.az.us

- 01 DEC Alhambra Orienteering Meet, Buckeye, AZ
- 02 DEC Clash of Titans NJROTC Field Meet, Thunderbird HS, Phoenix, AZ
- 06 DEC Sahuarita Pearl Harbor Ceremony, Sahuarita HS, AZ
- 08 DEC Army JROTC vs Navy NJROTC Football, Tombstone HS, AZ
- 09 DEC NRA 1 x 60 Standing Competition, Phoenix, AZ
- 09 DEC Annual Naval Ball, Sahuarita HS, AZ
- 15 DEC Color Guard, Sahuarita HS, AZ
- 16 DEC Academic Brain Brawl, Moon Valley HS, AZ
- 16 DEC Area 11 Regional Marksmanship, Sahuarita HS, AZ



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November 2023						
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26	27	28	29	30		
	WOW Weekly HYB					

December 2023						
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New Year's Eve					MOWW SURVEY R-13 QTR-2 VCC	RM-2 SCV HYB UAV VCC MTG
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	WOW Weekly HYB		IPC VCC	PHX MOC-2 CFWE EVENT		Pearl Harbor Day Observance
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
PHX Christmas Event	EXCOM VCC WOW Weekly HYB		NCSC VCC TVAC VCC	SPC VCC MAHC VCC		MOAA: CMC MTG GELP: HYB
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	VAC VCC MGM CH HYB		Winter Solstice ALOV POST 132		
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Christmas Eve	Christmas Day WOW Weekly HYB					

Health & Public Safety

CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

FEATURED TOPIC
Respiratory Illness
 There are actions you can take to protect yourself and others from flu, COVID-19, and RSV.
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FEATURED

- COVID-19: What you need to know about COVID-19.
- Flu Season: What you need to know this flu season to help prevent illness and stay healthy.
- Diabetes and Your Liver: Discover the connection between type 2 diabetes and your liver.
- Carbon Monoxide Detectors: Remember to check the batteries in your carbon monoxide detector.

CDC IN ACTION

- CDC HBCU Alumni at CDC museum: CDC supports HBCUs and public health collaboration.
- Training & Education: Locate quality trainings and continuing education.
- SDOH: CDC's work addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).
- STEM at CDC: Science, technology, engineering, & math disciplines.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Isaiah 9:2 & 6:

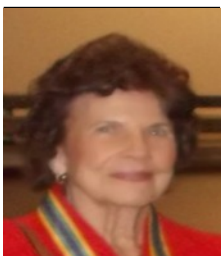
"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined.

For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

This is the season of promise, hope, and anticipation. God's promise for salvation was fulfilled in a lowly stable in Bethlehem and first proclaimed to the poorest of the poor--shepherds in the fields. Wherever we are we still watch for the star and hope to hear the angelic chorus giving the good news. May our hearts be filled with love and good will for all God's people in the same way that God has shown His grace and love to us.

Merry Christmas!!

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

November Anniversaries:

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

Companion Birthday Celebrations

November Birthdays:

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

Companion Membership Anniversaries

December Anniversaries:

- Robert A. Anderson, PM (26 years)
- Ira W. Austin, PM (36 years)
- Franklin Barrett, PM (43 years)
- Thomas P. Bent, HPM (41 years)
- Hamilton R. Caitlin, RM (42 years)
- Christine M. Cataldo, HPM (25 years)
- William L. Cataldo, HPM (26 years)
- Clifford I. Franks, RM (4 years)
- Russell M. Heller, PM (45 years)
- C. E. Kerwin, PM (44 years)
- Vernon A. Langberg, PM (48 years)
- Gregory T. Largen, RM (7 years)
- Lori A. Largen, RM (7 years)
- Albert Leibovitz, PM (7 years)
- William M. McMahon, PM (38 years)
- Robert R. Meier, PM (19 years)
- William H. Montgomery, PM (38 years)
- Connaught O'Sullivan, PM (45 years)
- Elizabeth J. Oxnam, PM (14 years)
- Henry C. Perkins, HPM (55 years)
- Gilbert Procter, PM (44 years)
- Helen I. Rostonowski, PM (45 years)
- Kimberly A. Santo, HPM (33 years)
- Carl C. Sheets, PM (41 years)
- Donald W. Shepperd, PM (27 years)
- Irene M. Stockder, PM (44 years)
- Rose V. Straley, PM (45 years)
- Francisco J. Trejo, RM (4 years)
- John M. Truesdell, PM (64 years)
- Madeline M. Ullom, PM (45 years)
- Lu Helen Van Antwerp, HPM (33 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

December Birthdays:

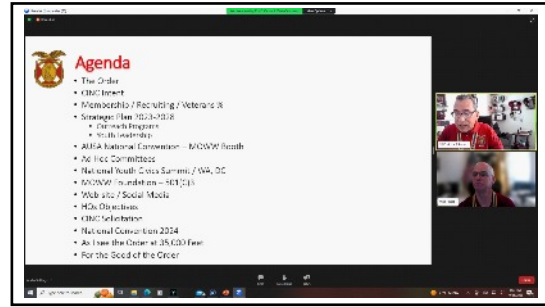
- Agnes E. Ballard, PM (remembered on the 25th)
- Louis A. Chaboya, PM (celebrated on the 14th)
- Robert M. Easton, HPM (celebrated on the 19th)
- Manuel F. Gatica, PM (celebrated on the 2nd)
- Scott C. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- Scott P. Kellen, PM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Katerine G. Knez-Phillips, HPM (remembered on the 16th)
- Andrew P. Meshel, PM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Robert R. Meier, PM (remembered on the 7th)
- Norman W. Richmond, PM (remembered on the 21st)
- Herman D. Schiller, PM (celebrated on the 16th)
- Charles A. Ulery, PM (remembered on the 12th)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



VSO-4: SAVAHCS QTR-2 VCC MTG - OCT 2023

The Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System (SAVAHCS) in Tucson provides general and robust healthcare services and support to local veteran communities throughout southern Arizona and its neighboring rural and urban population centers. SAVAHCS also hosts four quarterly online video conference call ZOOM community team meetings throughout the calendar year. AS an integral SAVAHCS team member, our Chapter participates in all scheduled online meeting forums and group services discussions and updates.



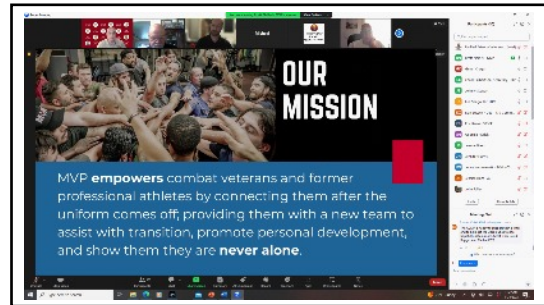
MOWW: CINC Town Hall VCC MTG - OCT 2023

HQ MOWW hosted its second Commander-in-Chief (CINC) online Town Hall video conference call ZOOM session on Thursday, the 26th. Over 100 fellow companions registered (including our very own Regional, department and local Chapter leadership commanders). The online HQ MOWW session went for almost two hours and provided a general organizational update briefing and provided time for a robust and very informative question and answer exchange with those in attendance. OY CINC Town Halls are now standard.



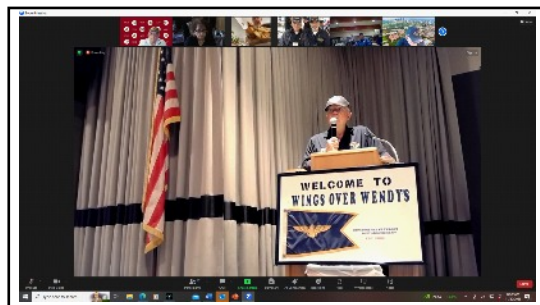
MIAP: Bi-Annual Military Burial Ceremony - OCT 2023

The Missing in America Project (MIAP) veterans support organization was started by Vietnam era veterans and was launched nationwide in January, 2007. MIAP is a registered 501(c)3 Non-profit Corporation. Its intention is to locate, identify and inter the unclaimed remains of American veterans. As one of our Chapter's primary local veteran community partners, the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter actively supports and participates in two bi-annually hosted military burial ceremonies to lay to rest these deserving veterans.



VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC MTG - NOV 2023

The United Arizona Veterans (UAV) registered non-profit organization is perhaps one of our most important veteran community partners. The UAV meets monthly and brings together over 60 local area and national veteran service organizations, community civic-minded veteran community support service organizations and affiliates, and local and state Veterans Affairs federal government agencies and officials in concert to discuss, provide updates and introduce new support program services, initiatives, and state legislative proposals.



VSO-1: WOW Weekly HYBRID MTG - NOV 2023

Our Chapter also has a continued veteran community support partnership with the Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) non-profit organization, comprised of fellow veterans, supportive family, affiliates and military-civilian aviation services and enthusiasts. WOW is based out of neighboring southern California and conducts weekly online hybrid (combined traditional face-to-face and online live streaming) video conference call meeting sessions year round, which provides unique blended military and civilian activities.



MOWW: Annual Veterans Day Ceremony - NOV 2023

HQ MOWW annual traditional face-to-face TOP-8 meetings provided a great opportunity for the organization to participate in local Alexandria, Virginia annual Veterans Day observance ceremonies throughout the national Capitol area. Among to most prevalent are attending the national Veterans Day observance ceremony at Arlington National Cemetery, visiting our MOWW founder's burial site (along with an annual on site remembrance ceremony) and participating in a multitude of other diverse VSO events.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

A Berlin Airlift Christmastime Event

At Westover Field, Massachusetts, on a day in the Christmas season of 1948, the Base Operations (Base Ops) officer, a lieutenant, received a stressful message. As on most USAF bases, Base Ops was immediately next to Base Weather; and completely unlike his usual composed self, the lieutenant ran into Base



Weather, yelling **FORECASTER!** The crisis: A plane inbound over the Atlantic could be running out of fuel, and — it was the *presidential* aircraft. Probably bound for Washington, its pilot called the Atlantic-crossing experts at Westover. Upper air charts were based on radiosonde data and we routinely drew two on a prescribed worldwide midnight and noon Greenwich time schedule, roughly for the 18,000- and 10,000-foot-levels; and for certain aircraft we drew one for about 5,000 feet. (Later, for jet aircraft, we also drew the 300-millibar-pressure chart, roughly 30,000 feet.) I was a fairly new forecaster. Lindbergh had made the first America to Europe flyover only 21 years earlier; yet, this 20-year-old was at ease forecasting for Atlantic flights, having gained much forecasting experience from airlift's heavy traffic. But this was the *presidential* aircraft. If not oxygen equipped, it probably was at 10,000 feet where the component headwind was strong and even

worse above. Should the plane drop to lower altitude? Grabbing a chart plotted with 5,000-foot data, I quickly-drew contours to expose its wind field and from it rapidly made wind forecasts for that height. Air flowing from our cold land would create turbulence over the relatively warm ocean, more so at low heights. At 5,000 feet, the plane would run into particularly rough bumpiness; staying, however, at the present height merely for little more passenger comfort could be disastrous — simply not in the equation. As I jotted the 5,000-foot winds on a note pad, I saw the headwind component was less severe. But was it enough? The lieutenant grabbed the pad, ran to Base Ops, and radioed my 5,000-foot winds to the pilot.

I heard nothing more. I wouldn't know if the pilot dropped to lower altitude, regardless, his calling for wind update was wise. Years later I read in Vice President Barkley's memoir, *That Reminds Me*, that he, not President Truman, was aboard as well as these other VIPs: the military's great friend Bob Hope and Irving Berlin and their wives, also, the showgirls Radio City Rockettes, and magazine cover-girl Jinx Falkenberg. They had been on Bob Hope's Christmas show for the Berlin Airlift troops—and returned, to a young forecaster's great relief, safely.

Notes: Reprinted from Ted's Page of the 12/2014 Catalina Mountains newsletter. The C-118 in the photo likely was the distressed plane, President Truman's Independence, attractively painted to evoke image of an eagle. USAF Museum photo.



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.

DECEMBER IN HISTORY**December 1**

December 1, 1640 - A nationalist revolution in Portugal led to independence from Spain as the Spanish garrisons were driven out of Portugal.

December 1, 1822 - Dom Pedro, founder of the Brazilian Empire, was crowned as the first emperor of Brazil.

December 1, 1918 - Iceland was granted independence by the Danish parliament.

December 1, 1919 - Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman in the British House of Commons.

December 1, 1925 - The Locarno Treaties were signed by France, Belgium and Germany, as a preventative measure to avoid another war, in the aftermath of World War I. Terms of the Locarno Pact were guaranteed by Britain and Italy.

December 1, 1941 - The American Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a U.S. Air Force auxiliary, was founded as Director of Civilian Defense, former New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, signed the formal order. The CAP currently provides aerospace education, a CAP cadet program, and emergency services such as locating missing aircraft.

December 1, 1942 - The Beveridge Report was published in Britain envisioning the welfare state including insurance for the entire population.

December 1, 1955 - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus. Her arrest resulted in a year-long boycott of the city bus system by African Americans and led to legal actions ending racial segregation on municipal buses throughout the South.

December 1, 1988 - Benazir Bhutto was nominated to become prime minister of Pakistan, the first woman to govern a Muslim nation.

December 1, 1989 - Mikhail Gorbachev became the first Soviet Russian leader to visit the Vatican and meet the Pope, thus ending 72 years of strict atheist policy in Communist Russia.

December 1, 1990 - England was connected to mainland Europe for the first time since the Ice Age as engineers digging a railway tunnel under the English Channel broke through the last rock layer.

December 1, 1994 - The head of the U.N. Commission on Rwanda estimated 500,000 deaths had resulted from genocide.

December 2

December 2, 1804 - Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Emperor of France by Pope Pius VII in Paris.

December 2, 1805 - Napoleon defeated Russia and Austria in the Battle of Austerlitz.

Geo Challenge Trivia

Name the country with the world's lowest birth rate. Hint: It also happens to be the world's smallest independent country with an area of just 10 acres.

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

MOWW FEATURED EVENT

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MILITARY ORDER OF THE WORLD WARS



Invites one and all to join us in celebrating the 38th annual
Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance Event 2023 - Sahuarita



When: Friday, 12 January 2024

Where: Sahuarita HS Auditorium Complex (350 W. Sahuarita Rd.)

Time: 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon

MC: Marlon Ruiz, Lt. Col., USAF (RET)

Featuring: Demonstration Teams (SHS NJROTC / RRHS AJROTC)

Attire: Guest informal casual (event photos to be taken)

This signature MOWW event is free and open to everyone. All interested guests and contributing / participating organizations, regardless of "military" or "non-military" affiliation are welcome. We are grateful and encourage all local community service organizations to get involved and be represented with your organizational Honor / Color Guard contingent and/or have your organizational flags / banners displayed have everyone join us in attendance, to show your community solidarity support for all our fellow veterans and local community service and youth leadership and development program participants. We also encourage as many local area resident family and friends of our beloved veterans (whether they previously served or continue to serve currently) to attend this most celebrative and solemn ceremonial and special event program venue that honors and brings together in celebration all who love and cherish our great nation, remembering all those who serve her and those who are inspired by her and may choose to serve her in the foreseeable future.

NOTE: Doors will open beginning at 9:00AM to the general public. For further information or to answer any questions please contact the MOWW Santa Cruz Valley Chapter Commander at (520) 780-7107 or email us at ruizmarlon08@gmail.com at the earliest opportunity, to secure your place for this annual MOWW signature event. Participating organizations in the event program should arrive no later than 8:00AM to 9:00AM, the morning of the event.

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Why MOWW?

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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