

COMMANDER

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Welcome back companions. Hopefully everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and we are all ready to take on our second half of the current MOWW OY 2025 season. Looking at the Chapter Work Calendar, we have already “hit the ground running” as they say – having already hosted our second of two Massing of the Colors – Service of Remembrance Ceremony event and our Region XIII Winter Conference last month. In a few weeks we will enter one of our busiest recruitment windows – the annual ROTC and JROTC End-of-Academic-Year awards event planning and support season. Let’s make the most of our current recruitment achievement, as we try to reach an historic 300% recruitment milestone.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Happy belated New Year 2026 to everyone. Our current Chapter financials third quarter (QTR-3: JAN-FEB-MAR) account fund balances are as follows. The chapter CHASE bank account balance, as of the end of January shows us at SAVINGS - \$1,110.07 USDs / CHECKING - \$544.01 USDs. The Chapter AZYLC Program Fundraising Campaign US Bank account balance is \$3,888.87 USDs. Our Chapter has received notification from HQ MOWW that it is eligible once again for the annual Perpetual & Memorial Fund Distribution Fund payout, to be scheduled in later March and early April 2026. These expected funds will stabilize our Chapter funding through to the end of the current operating year.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Welcome back and Happy New Year 2026. Our R-13 AZYLC nominee for National Youth Civic Summit Program consideration will be coming due to national by the end of this month. We have already begun receiving early end-of-year (EOY) ROTC and JROTC program awards support invites and requests. By next month we will begin sorting out this years awards program event support schedule and prepping for ROTC and JROTC awards medal package build up and delivery through southern Arizona and the neighboring supported states of Utah and central New Mexico – so stay tuned for further updates. On the “tail end” of the usual awards season, we will also be preparing for our MOWW OY2025 annual closeout and usual reporting cycle activities, as June approaches. Please keep your Chapter leadership informed of any developments.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

- Jan 3rd – R-13: UAV [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
- Jan 5th – R-13: Jan (4) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
- Jan 6th – MOWW: YLCPE [M] ADHOC, Virtual, AZ - 6:30PM
- Jan 8th – MOWW: CAC [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 1PM
- Jan 10th – R-13: GELP Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 12PM
- Jan 13th – R-13: AVMCF [M] HYB Mtg., Marana, AZ - 6PM
- Jan 14th – R-13: TVAC [M] HYB Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 6PM
- Jan 15th – R-13: ALOV Post 132 [M] Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- Jan 16th – R-13: SCV Chapter [A] MOC-2 Evt., Sahuarita, AZ - 10AM
- Jan 17th – MOAA: CMC [M] Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 10:30AM
- Jan 20th – MOWW: VAC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Jan 20th – R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 4:30PM
- Jan 23th – R-13: Winter Conference [A] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: FEB 14th (HYB)

MEETING LINK

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

EVENT: RM-4: SCV Chapter Regular Meeting - 12PM

ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

PROGRAM: OY 2025 SCV Annual Valentines Day Program

AGENDA: “QTR-3 SCV Chapter Working Luncheon Activity”

NOTE: “Local Chapter staff meetings (SM) are programmed on a quarterly (“QTR”) every 3-month intervals on the 4th Saturday of the designated month) and alternating chapter fellow companion regular hybrid/locale membership meetings (“RM”) on selected months without scheduled special events or staff meetings on either the 1st or 2nd Saturday of the designated month).

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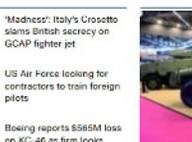


Whitepaper: How Modular Systems Help Ensure Defense Readiness
Learn how a Modular Open Systems Approach avoids proprietary lock-in, how ease of sourcing replacement parts helps ensure readiness, and more.

Air



US Air Force eyes improved comms with bombers after Midnight Hammer
If the Air Force doesn't improve communications with bombers during critical operations, Lt. Gen. Arrighetti said, "that is a foul on all of us."



'Madness': Italy's Crosetto slams British secrecy on GCAP fighter jet
US Air Force looking for contractors to train foreign pilots
Boeing reports \$565M loss on KC-46 as firm looks forward to replacing



Italy gets first Lynx fighting vehicles, due to reshape the army
New Trophy deal expands defensive suite's Leopard 2 A8 tank user base
Army's next-gen tank has 'Formula 1' cockpit, top general says

Pentagon



Iran puts 'fingers on trigger' as US armada arrives in Middle East
Iranian officials asserted that the nation's armed forces stand ready "to immediately and powerfully" counter any aggression by U.S. forces.



Rubio to warn of military action if Venezuela strays from US goals
Though Rubio said the U.S. is not at war with Venezuela, he noted the administration would not rule out additional military force if needed.



US base commanders to have more say in defeating drone intrusions
Installation commanders are required to submit counter-drone defense plans for their bases within 90 days.



Flags honoring Danish troops at US embassy reinstalled after outcry
Flags honoring Danish veterans killed in Afghanistan had been removed by staff at the U.S. embassy in Copenhagen, sparking public outcry.



Critics see 'chilling effect' of DOD crackdown on small biz deals
'It'd hate to see the baby thrown out with the bathwater,' one executive said of the Trump administration's scrutiny of small-business R&D programs.



Why the US Army must focus on winning the first battle of the next war
U.S. Army Secretary Daniel Driscoll writes that the service, despite raising standards and eliminating barriers in 2025, has "only scratched the surface."

Naval



Newest Ford-class carrier USS John F. Kennedy heads to sea for testing
New naval power and propulsion facility opens in South Carolina
Turkey, Qatar deepen defense ties with multiple deals at naval expo



Turkey's STM lays the keel of the first ship for the Portuguese navy
The marked Turkey's first military ship export to a European Union and NATO member state.
Uulgata approves Naval Strike Missile buy amid Black Sea buildup



Space Force looks to expand West Coast heavy launch capabilities
Space warfare in 2026: A pivotal year for US readiness
Space Force wants advanced tech for space-based interceptors

VIDEOS



Leonardo DRS cuts the ribbon on new submarine propulsion system plant in South Carolina
As pressure mounts from the Pentagon and White House for more ships, faster, Leonardo DRS opens a new facility to build power systems for submarines.

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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:

2026 Piastewa Fallen Heroes Memorial Silent Auction

And Indian Fry Bread Dinner
Friday, January 9th, 2026
 Tony F. Soza-Ray Martinez American Legion Post 41
 715 South 2nd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85003
 Dinner Tickets for sale at event: \$15.00 per dinner
 Silent Auction starts at 6:00 pm and ends 9:00pm
 DJ Music During Dinner and after Auction

PROGRAM CONTACTS:

AJROTC Events – For an update on local Rio Rico HS Army JROTC activities and information please contact LTC Arturo Roque, USA (ret.) at aroque@scv35.org
 Program Website <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

- 09 JAN NRA Youth Air Rifle 3 PAR 3X20 Competition, Rio Rico, AZ
- 16 JAN MOWW SCV Chaptreer MOC-2 Event, Sahuarita, AZ
- 23 JAN RRHS Hawkeye Shootout 3x20 Competition, Rio Rico, AZ
- 24 JAN Red Mountain HS Fitness Raider & Color Guard Comp., Rio Rico, 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

- 16 JAN CMP 3P State Marksmanship Match, Phoenix, AZ
- 16 JAN MOWW Massing of the Colors, Sahuarita, AZ
- 18 JAN Green Valley Band Concert, Sahuarita, AZ
- 23 JAN Rio Rico Marksmanship Match, Phoenix, AZ
- 30 JAN Color Guard SHS Winter Assembly, Sahuarita, AZ



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December 2025						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 WOW Weekly HYB	2	3	4 PCOV VCC MTG	5 PHX CH MOC	6 UAV VCC MTG
7 MGM CH HYB	8 WOW Weekly HYB	9 AVMCF HYB	10 NCSC VCC MTG TVAC HYB	11 CFWE Grant Awards EXCOM VCC MTG	12	13 MOAA CMC MTG RM-3: SCV CH HYB
14 MARANA VC MTG	15 WOW Weekly HYB	16 VAC VCC MTG PVAHCS HYB	17 SCOUT COH EVENT	18 ALOV POST 132	19	20 GELP CH HYB
21 WINTER SOLSTICE	22 WOW Weekly HYB	23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27 PHX CH HYB
28	29 WOW Weekly HYB	30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE			

January 2026						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
				1 NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 UAV [M] VCC
4	5 WOW [W] HYB	6 THREE KINGS DAY YLCPE [M] VCC	7	8 CAC [Q] VCC	9	10 WV CH [M] MTG GELP CH [M] HYB
11	12 MLK, JR. DAY WOW [W] HYB	13 AVMCF [M] HYB	14 TVAC [M] VCC NCSC [M] VCC	15 ALOV P-132 [M] MTG	16 SCV CH [A] MOC	17 MOAA [M] MTG
18 MVC [M] MTG	19 WOW [W] HYB	20 VAC [M] VCC PVAHCS [M] VCC MGM CH [M] HYB	21	22 TOP-8 [Q] VCC	23 R-13 CONF [A] VCC	24 CS CH [M] HYB
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- JAN 22 United States Completes WHO Withdrawal
- JAN 14 Let's Up Super Green supplement powders linked to new Sahuarita outbreak
- JAN 04 CDC Acts on Presidential Memorandum to Update Childhood Immunization Schedule

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Micah 1:8

"He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God."

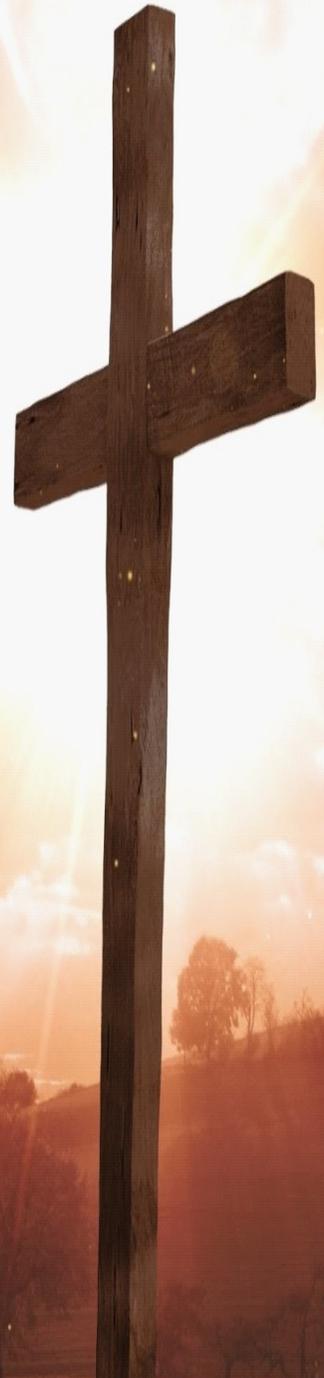
1 Corinthians 13:13

"And now faith, hope and love abide, these three: and the greatest of these is love."

The gift of love we receive from God goes far beyond our wildest dreams. We can have wealth, friends, many possessions, but if we don't have love in our hearts, love for God and for fellow human beings, we have nothing.

It is like a big, black hole that can't be filled. With faith and hope, we can fill our hearts with the light of God's pure love. And when we have love for one another, we may get a glimpse of what heaven is like. Love never ends!

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

December Anniversaries:

- Robert A. Anderson, PM (28 years)
- Ira W. Austin, PM (38 years)
- Franklin Barrett, PM (45 years)
- Thomas P. Bent, HPM (43 years)
- Christine M. Cataldo, HPM (27 years)
- William L. Cataldo, HPM (28 years)
- Hamilton R. Catlin, RM (44 years)
- John T. Curtiss, Jr., RM (2 years)
- Clifford I. Franks, RM (6 years)
- Russell M. Heller, PM (47 years)
- Calvin J. Kadous, PM (40 years)
- C. E. Kerwin, PM (46 years)
- Vernon A. Langberg, PM (48 years)
- Albert Leibovitz, PM (50 years)
- William M. McMahon, PM (41 years)
- Robert R. Meier, PM (21 years)
- William H. Montgomery, PM (40 years)
- Connaught O'Sullivan, PM (47 years)
- Elizabeth J. Oxnam, PM (16 years)
- Henry C. Perkins, HPM (57 years)
- Gilbert Procter, PM (46 years)
- Helen I. Rostonowski, PM (47 years)
- Kimberly A. Santo, HPM (35 years)
- Carl C. Sheets, PM (43 years)
- Donald W. Shepperd, PM (29 years)
- Irene M. Stockder, PM (46 years)
- Rose V. Straley, PM (47 years)
- Francisco J. Trejo, RM (6 years)
- John M. Truesdell, PM (66 years)
- Madeline M. Ullom, PM (47 years)
- Lu Helen Van Antwerp, HPM (35 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

December Birthdays:

- Agnes E. Ballard, PM (remembered on the 25th)
- Thomas Brown, RM (celebrated on the 6th)
- Louis A. Chaboya, PM (celebrated on the 14th)
- Robert M. Easton, HPM (celebrated on the 19th)
- Kenneth O. Field, RM (celebrated on the 10th)
- 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)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

January Anniversaries:

- Arnold V. Anderson, PM (39 years)
- Dolores R. Bahti, HPM (23 years)
- Leo J. Boice, PM (41 years)
- Shannon D. Brown, PM (47 years)
- Robert W. Dalrymple, PM (50 years)
- Jacquelynn R.W. Egan, HPM (13 years)
- Charles E. Galloway, PM (23 years)
- Ralph D. Gibson, PM (48 years)
- Maurice J. Halper, PM (46 years)
- Willie Jordan, RM (1 year)
- Anthony L. Kadous, HPM (39 years)
- Calvin J. Kadous, PM (41 years)
- Scott C. Kadous, HPM (39 years)
- Thomas C. Kadous, PM (39 years)
- Walter B. Kadous, HPM (39 years)
- Alton L. McCormick, III, PM (34 years)
- John F. Newall, PM (47 years)
- Vern T. Pall, PM (32 years)
- Simran Patil, PM (5 years)
- Dale V. Pederson, PM (45 years)
- Marcus A. Peel, PM (43 years)
- D'Anne L. Pientka, HPM (26 years)
- Dolores R. Rivas, HPM (23 years)
- Donald R. Schessler, PM (30 years)
- Herman D. Schiller, PM (37 years)
- Irving D. Schneider, PM (40 years)
- K. W. Schoenwether, PM (60 years)
- Ronnie D. St. Clair, PM (9 years)
- William F. Stevens, PM (37 years)
- David L. Swartz, PM (38 years)
- Patrick G. Timberlake, HPM (39 years)
- George H. Walters, PM (41 years)
- Henry L. Woodson, PM (39 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

January Birthdays:

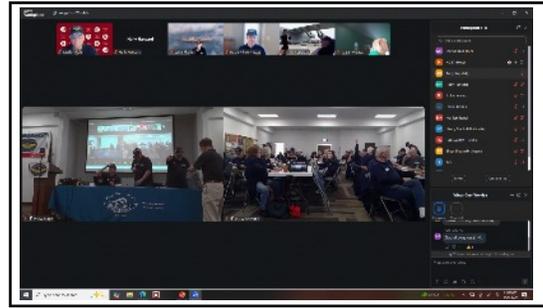
- Barbara J. Cataldo, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- Jose Chacon-Quintero, RM (celebrated on the 9th)
- Theodore L. Cogut, PM (celebrated on the 3rd)
- Thomas J. Faires, PM (remembered on the 24th)
- Arnold J. Jabobsen, RM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Anthony L. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 15th)
- Thomas C. Kadous, PM (celebrated on the 15th)
- Alton L. McCormick, III, PM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Gloria J. Nelson, HPM (celebrated on the 18th)
- Bradley W. Roberson, RM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Anthony G. Sarah, HPM (celebrated on the 24th)
- Matthew R. Tank, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Kit K. Workman, RM (celebrated on the 27th)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



R-13: UAV [M] VCC MTG - JAN 2026

The United Arizona Veterans (UAV) non-profit organization is our most expansive hybrid supported integral veteran and civic-minded community “prime” SCV Chapter Outreach Program partnership. UAV meets monthly via online ZOOM services on the first Saturday at 9:30 AM for 2 hours. UAV provides timely updates from veterans services presentations and updates, to local community and state local government representative Q&A sessions. The Arizona Veterans Affairs Healthcare System (SAVAHCS) is a monthly contributor.



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

The Wings Over Wendy’s (WOW) non-profit organization is our most broadest hybrid supported cross-state lines veterans service organizational partnerships. WOW meets weekly throughout the calendar year each Monday morning at 9:30 AM and supports a litany of local community support activities. Based out of neighboring California, WOW mission focus is on food / clothing drives, planned field trips for elderly fellow veterans members and coordinating special events. WOW represents veterans, community and charities.



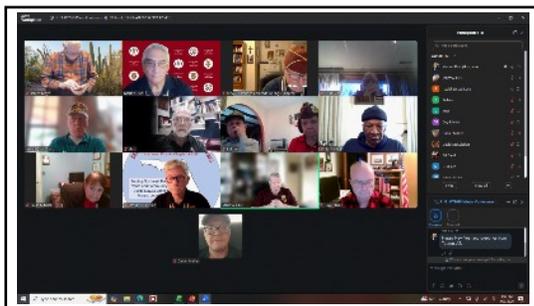
R-13: SCV Chapter [A] MOC-2 Event - JAN 2026

Our Santa Cruz Valley (SCV) Chapter 193 hosted its second annual Massing of the Colors - Service of Remembrance Ceremonial event on Friday, the 16th. The event is co-hosted with the town of Sahuarita Unified School District and the Sahuarita High School Navy JROTC program. This annual event helps usher in the Martin Luther King observance weekend and is entirely planned and executed by the cadets - as it provides practical real-world local community event planning OJT and an opportunity to showcase the program.



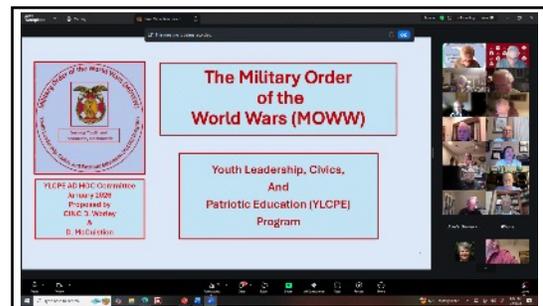
R-13: MOAA CM Chapter [M] MTG - JAN 2026

The Military Officers Association of America local Catalina Mountains Chapter in Saddlebrooke, AZ is also partnered with our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 seasonal community support operations - as mutual support efforts strengthens both Chapters on common activity and event planning projects throughout our MOWW operational year schedule. It is also a great source for recruitment and retention efforts throughout the year and has become literally a mission outreach-centric “force-multiplier” for both MOWW and MOAA operations.



R-13: WINTER CONFERENCE [A] VCC MTG - JAN 2026

Our MOWW Region XIII (R-13) southwestern annual Winter Conference was hosted by our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 via online ZOOM video conference call meeting format on the evening of Friday, the 23rd of the month. All regional, department and local chapter commanders, staff and representatives participated; along with special invited guest presenters CAPT Ed Gantt, USN (ret) - NYCS Program Director, CWO4 David McQuiston, USN (ret) - YLCPE Ad Hoc Committee Chair, along with CinC Lt Col David Worley.



MOWW: YLCPE [M] VCC MTG - JAN 2026

The Santa Cruz Valley (SCV) Chapter 193 is an active contributor in the development of the Youth Leadership, Civics, Patriotic Education (YLCPE) Ad Hoc Committee. The CinC mandated committee is currently exploring improvements to our traditional MOWW Patriotic Education engagement strategy and execution architecture and focuses more curriculum emphasis on civics education and personal character development - in addition to its 50/30/20 leadership/patriotism/entrepreneurship youth development.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

One of Our Own

It's 24," I said, hating to admit it but he had asked, and the truth was that that really was my handicap. I was just a bogey golfer, but I played the game anyway, really enjoying and believing, erroneously, that I would get much better at it. He thought for a few seconds and then said, "That's about mine too," though I sensed his probably was better. He was being nice. We were at the Davis/Monthan Air Force Base in Tucson, waiting for our tee-off times at the Air Force's 50th anniversary golf tournament.

I first met him in the early 1950s, while serving as a weather forecaster at Air Defense Command's Oscoda Air Force Base in northern Michigan. Ralph "Hoot" Gibson was then a first lieutenant or captain. He had just returned from the Korean War where he shot down five Mig-15s and was the base celebrity, the world's third jet ace. To me, he seemed to be what we envisioned in a fighter pilot. Fearless, and also giving close attention to detail.

Of course, as we chatted on the golf course I reminded him of the Cadillac convertible he used to drive around the base, thinking that to buy a Cadillac convertible he had to be uncommonly rich, but he said that the city of Mt. Carmel, Illinois, his hometown, had provided it to him as a gift. No doubt, they were proud of his achievement. Back in Oscoda, in the

early 50s, I briefed Gibson on the early 50s, I briefed Gibson on the weather for many of his flights but the one that I remember most vividly seemed to highlight his character. It occurred on the day he was to fly to Washington for some commemorative event during which I assumed he would climb into his F-86, land in Washington, and be honored for his Korean War service.



After describing the cloud conditions he would encounter en route, I said he would surely enjoy flying on that day as he'd be well above the cloud buildups over the Alleghenies. "I'm not going to do the flying," he said, "I'm going commercial air." Surprised that he would bother to check on the weather when he was not responsible for the flight, I then said: "Not having to do the driving, you'll enjoy the flight even more."

"Oh no," he quickly replied, "they won't let you wear a parachute." Gibson would continue his illustrious career, becoming commander of the Thunderbirds aerobatic team and would retire as a colonel. Greatly missed, he passed on to Glory on January 2, 2009, a fellow member of the Catalina Mountains MOWW chapter. **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.

JANUARY IN HISTORY

January 1

New Year's Day - The most celebrated holiday around the world.

January 1, 1502 - Portuguese explorers landed at Guanabara Bay on the coast of South America and named it Rio de Janeiro (River of January). Rio de Janeiro is currently Brazil's second largest city.

January 1, 1660 - Samuel Pepys began his famous diary in which he chronicled life in London including the Great Plague of 1664-65 and the Great Fire of 1666.

January 1, 1776 - During the [American Revolution](#), George Washington unveiled the Grand Union Flag, the first national flag in America.

January 1, 1801 - Ireland was added to Great Britain by an Act of Union thus creating the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland.

January 1, 1863 - The [Emancipation Proclamation](#) by President Abraham Lincoln freed the slaves in the states rebelling against the Union.

January 1, 1877 - Queen Victoria was proclaimed Empress of India.

January 1, 1892 - Ellis Island in New York Harbor opened. Over 20 million new arrivals to America were processed until its closing in 1954.

January 1, 1901 - The Commonwealth of Australia was founded as six former British colonies became six states with Edmund Barton as the first prime minister.

January 1, 1915 - During [World War I](#), the British Battleship *Formidable* was hit by a torpedo in the English Channel, killing 547 crewmen.

January 1, 1942 - Twenty six countries signed the *Declaration of the United Nations*, in Washington, D.C., reaffirming their opposition to the Axis powers and confirming that no single nation would make a separate peace.

January 1, 1958 - The EEC (European Economic Community) known as the Common Market was formed by Belgium, France, West Germany, Italy, Luxembourg and The Netherlands in order to remove trade barriers and coordinate trade policies.

January 1, 1959 - Fidel Castro seized power in Cuba after leading a revolution that drove out Dictator Fulgencio Batista. Castro then established a Communist dictatorship.

January 1, 1973 - Britain, Ireland and Denmark became members of the Common Market (EEC).

January 1, 1975 - During the Watergate scandal, former top aides to President Nixon including former Attorney General John Mitchell, Domestic Affairs Advisor John Ehrlichman and Chief of Staff H.R. Haldeman, were found guilty of obstruction of justice.

January 1, 1979 - China and the U.S. established diplomatic relations, 30 years after the foundation of the People's Republic.

January 1, 1993 - Czechoslovakia broke into separate Czech and Slovak republics.

January 1, 1999 - Eleven European nations began using a new single European currency, the Euro, for electronic financial and business transactions. Participating countries included; Austria, Belgium, Finland, France, Germany, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

Birthday - American Patriot Paul Revere (1735-1818) was born in Boston, Massachusetts. Best known for his ride on the night of April 18, 1775, warning Americans of British plans to raid Lexington and Concord.

Birthday - Betsy Ross (1752-1836) was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She was a seamstress credited with helping to originate and [sew the Stars and Stripes](#) flag of America in 1776.

January 2

January 2, 1905 - The Russians surrendered to the Japanese after the Battle of Port Arthur during the Russian-Japanese War. A peace conference was later held in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, with President Theodore Roosevelt serving as a mediator.

Geo Challenge Trivia

Is it typical for it to snow in Hawaii during most years?

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

FEATURED MOWW EVENT



Four Chaplains 83rd Annual Memorial Service

February 1, 2026
1 pm

Kino Veteran's Memorial Park
Watch livestream on
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[Facebook.com/EastLawnPalms](https://www.facebook.com/EastLawnPalms)

Contact Terry Byron 520-982-0023 if you would like to place a wreath
or need additional information.



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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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