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SANTA CRUZ VALLEY CHAPTER AZ - Chartered October 24, 1985

"IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED"

COMMANDER

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair



Happy Mother's Day to all our fellow companion mothers out there and welcome once again to another packed monthly newsletter edition. With less than two months left in our current 2021-2022 operating year (OY) activity season, our chapter is fully engaged supporting community activities and events. This time of year is particularly busy, as area school districts and colleges request our local chapter support at award ceremonies and end-of-academic year award presentation events and accolade recognition activities

both small and large.

As you read-on in this edition, you can rest assured that our Chapter will be finishing very strong when it comes to supporting local communities throughout southern Arizona. We are particularly excited to share that we have far surpassed our 2021-2022 OY Chapter Action Plan (CAP) stated goals, achieving record-breaking support activities stats in our ROTC/JROTC and Scouting outreach programs. We truly anticipate placing quite well at this year's national convention awards competition with a whopping 300% plus increase in presented Medal of Merit award packages (which successfully supports southern Arizona and the neighboring state of Utah ROTC/JROTC programs and our outstanding "double digit" Eagle Scout Recognition Certificate supported presentations which help set an "all-time" chapter outreach record. You can read more about these stellar accomplishments in our *Chapter-in-Action* segment.

Post pandemic outreach activities are also on the rise, as Region XIII gins up its annual AZYL student delegate application process and once again will offer the signature summer youth leadership/mentorship program after a long two-year COVID-19 hiatus, on the first week of July hosted at the Arizona State University campus in Glendale, Arizona. Our Chapter slate of officers, for the upcoming 2022-2022 OY (Chapter Commander – LTC USA [RET] Ronnie St. Clair, Adjutant Officer – Lt. Col. USAF [RET] Marlon Ruiz, and Treasurer Officer – HPM Mrs. Adriana Ruiz) will be in the running for Chapter elected office, which ensures a healthy succession transfer for the coming OY (while also offering continuity of day-to-day fluid operations and management).

In our next issue, we will provide an "end-of-operating year" (EOY) CAP goals update report, which will highlight how well we have accomplished our seasonal strategic goals for the out-going 2021-2022 OY activity season which will conclude the last day of June 2022. Portions of our review will figure prominently in our Chapter Activity Report data, to be presented at our Region XIII Spring Conference, scheduled for Saturday, the 18th of June. The conference will be a fully integrated hybrid and face-to-face meeting venue – featuring a very robust audio-visual transmission component this year.

Many will also note that our Chapter veteran service organization partnerships have also grown this year (i.e., our Chapter established new partnerships with the local MOAA – Catalina Mountains Satellite Chapter in Saddlebrooke, AZ and most recently is in the final stages of establish an initial outreach partnership with the local Order of the Daedalians non-profit in east Tucson. We also have fully integrated the newly stood up MOWW Chapter Patriot Program within our local Chapter this year and have already incorporated two fellow "patriots" into our chapter outreach efforts and have identified a third (and possibly fourth) recipient of this honor for the first two quarters of the upcoming 2022-2023 OY. Well, all the shared good news should keep us all busy until we meet again next month. Don't forget to continue to support our Region XIII website at: www.MOWWSCV.com and our Facebook page at: www.facebook.com/MOWWSCV/ Until next month, God bless you all.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

Apr 16th – MOAA CMCS Monthly Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 11AM
 Apr 19th – MGM Chapter VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 7PM
 Apr 21st – MOWW IPC Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 2PM
 Apr 21st – ALOV Post 132 Monthly Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
 Apr 23rd – MIAP Bi-Annual Ceremony, Marana, AZ - 10AM
 Apr 23rd – BSA Court of Honor Ceremony, Tucson, AZ - 4PM
 Apr 30th – SCV Chapter QTR-4 VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
 May 02nd – MAY (5) WOW Weekly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
 May 07th – UAV Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
 May 11th – NCS Committee VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
 May 11th – VAC Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
 May 17th – CSAT Chapter Monthly Mtg., Mesa, AZ - 11AM
 May 17th – MGM Chapter VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 7PM

NEXT QTR SCV CHAPTER MTG: 1st QTR (30 JUL)

TBD

LOCALE: (HYBRID event format due to COVID-19 restrictions)

EVENT: SCV Chapter QTR-1 VCC Event - 11AM

ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

PROGRAM: 1st QTR "SCV Chapter Staff & Companion Meeting"

AGENDA: 2022-2023 OY - "Introduce Chapter Action Plan Goals"

NOTE: "Local Chapter meetings are programmed on a quarterly basis (one quarterly meeting every 3-month interval on the 4th Saturday of the designated month), except when special events supersede activities"

PRESS THE LINK BOX ON THE UPPER RIGHT CORNER TO GO TO THE ZOOM MEETING SESSION

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

FEATURED VETERAN PROGRAM

DROP ZONE

Congressman Andy Biggs

Arizona's Fighting Fifth District

The One-Stop Event For Veterans Services and Senior Benefits!

WHERE:

**Tri-City Baptist Church
2211 West Germann Road
Chandler, AZ 85286**

Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM

Featuring on-site access to the following:

- HAIRCUTS
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- HELP FILING A VA CLAIM
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- VETERANS SERVICE ORGANIZATIONS
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COMPANION CORNER

Companion Membership Anniversaries

Congratulations and remembering all our past and present following companions for their continued support and organizational loyalty.

April Anniversaries:

- **Howard G. Annas**, Perpetual Membership (41 years)
- **Kenneth L. Baxter**, Perpetual Membership (21 years)
- **William E. Corson**, Perpetual Membership (27 years)
- **Theodore J. Dreveniak**, Perpetual Membership (34 years)
- **George G. Shoemaker**, Perpetual Membership (40 years)

May Anniversaries:

- **Virgil P. Compton**, Perpetual Membership (35 years)
- **Maxine X. Guy**, Perpetual Membership (37 years)
- **Vernon P. Harms**, Perpetual Membership (20 years)
- **Lloyd R. Logan**, Perpetual Membership (43 years)
- **George A. Post**, Perpetual Membership (36 years)
- **Ken Robinson**, Perpetual Membership (7 years)
- **William R. Sterling**, Perpetual Membership (18 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

A “shout out” to all those fellow companions celebrating a “Happy Birthday” or being remembered on their birth date.

April Birthdays:

- **Ira W. Austin**, Perpetual Membership (remembered on the twenty-first of the month)
- **Guy A. Bake**, Perpetual Membership (celebrated on the first of the month)
- **Kenneth L. Baxter**, Perpetual Membership (celebrated on the tenth of the month)
- **Donna M. Coleman**, Hereditary Perpetual Membership (celebrated on the fourth of the month)
- **Virgil P. Compton**, Perpetual Membership (remembered on the second of the month)
- **Duvi R. Frantz**, Hereditary Perpetual Membership (celebrated on the twenty-sixth of the month)
- **Joel M. Greenberg**, Perpetual Membership (celebrated on the twenty-second of the month)
- **Robert D. Kellogg**, Perpetual Membership (remembered on the twenty-first of the month)
- **Gregory T. Largen**, Regular Membership (celebrated on the twenty-fourth of the month)
- **Lynda A. Linker**, Perpetual Membership (celebrated on the first of the month)
- **E. S. Olsen**, Perpetual Membership (remembered on the fifth of the month)
- **Harry O. Reuse**, Perpetual Membership (remembered on the twenty-ninth of the month)
- **Hector Simon, III**, Regular Membership (celebrated on the twentieth of the month)

May Birthdays:

- **Joseph S. Bean**, Perpetual Membership (remembered on the twenty-seventh of the month)
- **Benjamin P. Coppock**, Perpetual Membership (remembered on the second of the month)
- **William A. Gill**, Perpetual Membership (remembered on the first of the month)
- **Jay A. Hess**, Perpetual Membership (celebrated on the ninth of the month)
- **Ann S. Hollis**, Regular Membership (celebrated on the twenty-eighth of the month)
- **Simran Patil**, Perpetual Membership (celebrated on the twenty-seventh of the month)
- **Deena D. Ream-Robinson**, Hereditary Perpetual Membership (celebrated on the twentieth of the month)
- **Hazel E. Larimore**, Hereditary Perpetual Membership (remembered on the fifteenth of the month)
- **George A. Post**, Perpetual Membership (remembered on the twelfth of the month)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



Annual Region XIII Awards Support Program - con't

Continuing our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter support service efforts, that kicked off the 2021-2022 ROTC/JROTC awards season from last month, we have successfully supported and serviced 11 academic institutions thus far this season in April and scheduled to support another 9 academic institutions in May, for a total of 37 ROTC/JROTC Medal of Merit packages presented this operating year. It has definitely turned out to be our busiest season ever for our chapter, as we stand a great chance of being very competitive at the national convention.



Bi-Annual MIAP Burial Ceremony - APR 2022

The Santa Cruz Valley Chapter participated in this year's first of two Missing in America Program non-profit Military Honors Burial Ceremony held at the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery grounds in Marana, Arizona on Saturday, the 23 of April commencing at 10AM. The MIAP organization partners with local government, state and national government agencies to help identify military veteran remains not claimed by their families and who are then provided a final resting place and provided full military burial honors with dignity.



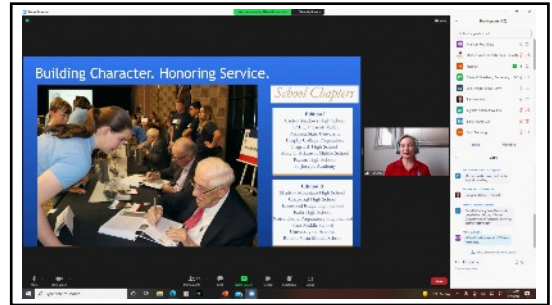
WOW Weekly VCC Meeting - MAY 2022

The Wings Over Wendy's veteran-community partnered organization hosted 5 weekly hybrid online meeting in May of which our Chapter participated in all of them. The organizational membership welcomes fellow military and civilian aviators, aviation affiliates, family members and like-minded partner organizations from both the military veteran and civil aviation community. The most recent WOW meeting included a very interesting online video presentation on the development of the SR-71 and its aviation legacy.



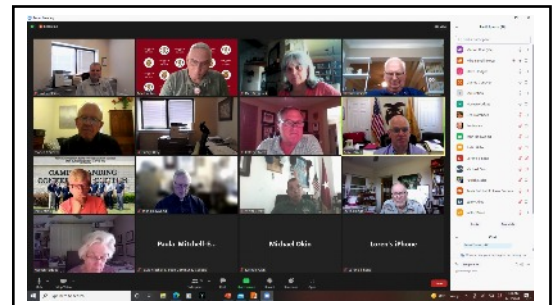
Chapter BSA-GSA Recognition Support Program

The Santa Cruz Valley Chapter shattered another all-time Boy Scouts of America recognition support program, when we presented a total of 27 Eagle Scout Achievement Certificate of Recognition to the Pantano Christian Church Parrish BSA Troop 774 scouting program, during the current operating year. Previous years would only yield being invited to and presenting certificates in the single digits for the last 5 to 10 operating seasons. We are excited about our chances of being very competitive at this years awards.



UAV Monthly VCC MTG - MAY 2022

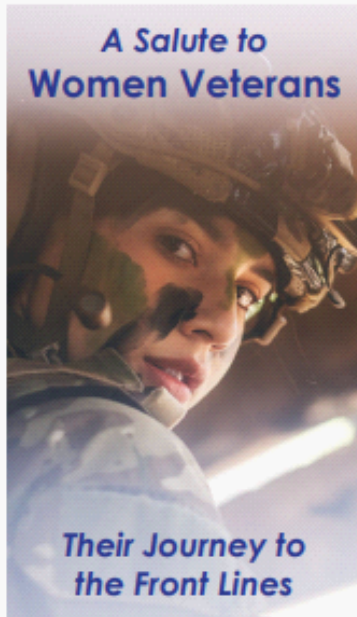
The Santa Cruz Valley Chapter participated in the United Arizona Veterans non-profit organization monthly May online video conference call meeting session. The UAV meets every first Saturday of each month. The UAV is comprised of over 60 partnered VSO and community veteran support charitable organizations. The meeting agenda offered a wonderful presentation on the Veterans Heritage Project, where local veteran service histories are captured through interviews and chronicled for posterity at the Smithsonian in DC.



NCS Committee VCC Meeting - MAY 2022

The National Convention and Seminar Committee met via online video conference call session on Wednesday, the 11th of May to discuss updates to the upcoming Jacksonville, FL national convention venue and to continue negotiation talks on out-year convention planning efforts. Region XIII is considering placing a bid to host a national convention in the southwest sometime for either operating year 2024, 2025 or 2026. The next scheduled online meeting is for 8 June. Region XIII is currently coordinating with the MOWW HQ.

FEATURED COMMUNITY EVENT



SOUTHWEST VETERANS FOUNDATION
A 501c(3) non-profit organization

7th Annual Patriots Ball Sponsorship Form

On behalf of the Southwest Veterans Foundation and Chamber of Commerce, we cordially invite you to join us for the 7th Annual Patriots Ball at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort – Saturday, October 22, 2022

☒ PRESENTING SPONSOR - \$20,000 - Freedom Sponsor

- * Recognition at Pre-Award Reception – Presenting Sponsor
- * 3 Tables with Priority seating – 24 guests
- * Welcome speaking Opportunity to open event
- * Video screen recognition at award dinner
- * Company name & logo on various marketing /publicity materials
- * Full page ad in program book w/prime placement on rear cover

- * Your company link on Chamber website.
- * Invitation to speak at 2 networking events
- * Your link included on newsletters
- * Identified as Presenting Sponsor media release by SWVF
- * Signage recognition on ballroom

☐ Hero Sponsor - \$12,000

- * 2 Tables with priority seating – 16 guests
- * 2 minute video and 3 minute speaking – Title Sponsor
- * Video screen recognition at award dinner
- * Company name & logo on various marketing / publicity materials
- * Full page ad in program book w/Prime placement in program
- * Signage recognition in ball room
- * Link included on newsletter
- * Identified first on new release of sponsors
- * Photo and signed welcome letter featured in the program

☐ Valor Sponsor - \$9,000

- * 2 Tables with priority seating – 16 guests
- * Video screen recognition at award dinner
- * Company name & logo on various marketing / publicity materials
- * Full page ad in program book w/Prime placement in program
- * Signage recognition in ball room
- * Identified on news release of sponsors
- * Link included on newsletter to sponsors website

☐ POW/MIA Sponsor - \$6,000

- * 1 Tables with priority seating – 8 guests
- * 2 minute video and 3 minute speaking – Title Sponsor
- * Video screen recognition at award dinner
- * Company name & logo on various marketing / publicity materials
- * ½ page color ad in program book w/Prime placement in program
- * Signage recognition in ball room

☐ Warrior Sponsor - \$4,000

- * 1 Table – seating for 8 guests
- * Company name & logo on various marketing / publicity materials
- * ½ page color ad in program book w/Prime placement in program
- * Signage recognition in ball room

☐ Eagle Sponsor - \$2,000

- * 1 Table – seating for 8 guests
- * Company name & logo on various marketing / publicity materials
- * ½ page color ad in program book

☐ Honor Sponsor - \$1,500 (Non-Profit)

- * 1 Table – seating for 8 guests
- * ½ page color ad in program book

☐ Supporting Sponsor - \$250

- * Supporting sponsors all listed on 1 page in program book

Sponsor Billing Information

First Name: _____
Last Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone/Mobile: (____) _____
Email: _____

Please mail registration form with payment to:
Southwest Veterans Foundation
3820 W. Happy Valley Rd., Suite 141-455,
Glendale, AZ 85310

Mail checks payable to Southwest Veterans Foundation

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Tom Sheets at 602.677.2961 or t.sheets@swvcc.org

Sponsor Payment Information

Payment Type: ☐ Credit Card ☐ Check#: _____
Cardholders Name: _____
Credit Card #: _____
Card Type: _____ Exp. Date: _____
Zip Code: _____

The Southwest Veterans Foundation and Chamber of Commerce appreciate your support of our veterans owned businesses and veterans support initiatives.

We are planning on having a great night and look forward to seeing you there!

MAY IN HISTORY

May 1

May 1st - Observed as May Day, a holiday and spring festival since ancient times, also observed in socialist countries as a workers' holiday or Labor Day.

May 1, 1707 - Great Britain was formed from a union between England and Scotland. The union included Wales which had already been part of England since the 1500's. The United Kingdom today consists of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

May 1, 1960 - An American U-2 spy plane flying at 60,000 feet was shot down over Sverdlovsk in central Russia on the eve of a summit meeting between President Dwight D. Eisenhower and Soviet Russia's Premier Nikita Khrushchev. The sensational incident caused a cancellation of the meeting and heightened existing Cold War tensions. The pilot, CIA agent Francis Gary Powers, survived the crash, and was tried, convicted and sentenced to 10 years in prison by a Russian court. Two years later he was released to America in exchange for an imprisoned Soviet spy. On his return to America, Powers encountered a hostile public which apparently believed he should not have allowed himself to be captured alive. He died in a helicopter crash in 1977.

May 1, 2004 - Eight former Communist nations and two Mediterranean countries joined the European Union (EU) marking its largest-ever expansion. The new members included Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, along with the island of Malta and the Greek portion of the island of Cyprus. They joined 15 countries already in the EU, representing in all 450 million persons.

Birthday - Irish-born American labor leader Mary 'Mother' Jones (1830-1930) was born in County Cork, Ireland. She endured misfortune early in life as her husband and four children died in the yellow fever epidemic of 1867. She also lost all of her belongings in the Chicago Fire of 1871. She then devoted herself to organizing and advancing the cause of Labor, using the slogan, "Join the Union, boys." She also sought to prohibit child labor. She remained active until the very end, giving her last speech on her 100th birthday.

Birthday - World War II General Mark Clark (1896-1984) was born in Madison Barracks, New York. He commanded the U.S. Fifth Army which invaded Italy in September of 1943, fighting a long and brutal campaign against stubborn German opposition.

Birthday - African American Olympic athlete Archie Williams (1915-1993) was born in Oakland, California. Williams, along with Jesse Owens, defeated German athletes at the 1936 Berlin Olympics and helped debunk Adolf Hitler's theory of Aryan racial superiority. Williams won a gold medal in the 400-meter race. After the Olympics, he went on to earn a mechanical engineering degree from the University of California-Berkeley but faced discrimination and wound up digging ditches. He later became an airplane pilot and trained Tuskegee Institute pilots including the black air corp of World War II.

May 2

May 2, 2011 - U.S. Special Operations Forces killed Osama bin Laden during a raid on his secret compound in Abbottabad, Pakistan. The raid marked the culmination of a decade-long manhunt for the elusive leader of the al-Qaeda terrorist organization based in the Middle East. Bin Laden had ordered the coordinated aerial attacks of September 11th, 2001, in which four American passenger jets were hijacked then crashed, killing nearly 3,000 persons. Two jets had struck and subsequently collapsed the 110-story Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York, while another struck the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C. A fourth jet also headed toward Washington had crashed into a field in Pennsylvania as passengers attempted to overpower the hijackers on board.

Birthday - Pope Leo XIII (1810-1903) was born in Carpino, Italy (as Gioacchino Pecci). He was elected Pope in 1878 at age 67 and lived to govern the church another 25 years, laying the foundation for modernization of Church attitudes toward a rapidly industrializing and changing world.

Geo Challenge Trivia

Test your knowledge of geography with these Geo Challenge trivia questions.

A commercial jet will fly from Atlanta, Georgia to Tokyo, Japan and will make a stop at the international airport that is closest to the midpoint of the flight. At what airport will the plane make its stop? (Hint: use the calculator)

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

FEATURED PARTNER VSO EVENT



VA



U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs
Veterans Health Administration
National Center for Healthcare
Advancement and Partnerships

VHA partners with OnStar to support Veterans in crisis

Veterans with OnStar-equipped GM vehicles and active subscriptions can now receive Veteran-informed crisis assistance in their vehicles from OnStar Emergency-Certified Advisors by pressing the red Emergency button and be easily transferred to the Veterans Crisis Line for free, confidential support 24 hours per day, 365 days per year.

The crisis line is staffed by caring, qualified responders – many of whom are Veterans themselves – with the Department of Veterans Affairs who are specially trained in helping Veterans of all ages and circumstances.

Veterans can also download and subscribe to the [OnStar Guardian™ app](#), which gives key OnStar safety services not just while in a vehicle, but anytime through a connected device – such as a phone or tablet.

When planning for future Veteran safety, clinicians can use OnStar safety and security services products as coping strategies and resources as well as educate Veterans and families about using OnStar emergency services when Veterans find themselves in a moment of crisis. VHA has provided education to assist OnStar Emergency-Certified Advisors to determine whether the caller is a Veteran and training resources to help Advisors learn how to better assist Veterans in crisis and their families.

The OnStar red Emergency button and OnStar Guardian™ app are ready and able to support our Veterans.

To learn more about OnStar, visit onstar.com.



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

MOWW MEMBERSHIP

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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 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

www.moww.org