



JAN-MAR 2025
NEWSLETTER

The Military Order of the World Wars ~ Phoenix Pacesetter Chapter 092

WHAT'S NEW: Commander's Time

Greetings Companions, Families, and Friends of the Order:

Hello, my name is COL (Ret) James (Jim) Moyer. I am the Senior Vice Commander under our former Commander, Jeanne Blaes. Presently, I serve as the Treasurer for the Chapter. I became a member of the MOWW in April of 2022. After 34 years of continuous military service (9 years of active duty, 4 years of National Guard, as a traditional guardsman, and 21 years as a full-time military technician), I retired from military service in April 2005. Shortly afterwards I accepted a civilian position as a Senior Construction Representative, in the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE). I retired from the ACOE in 2018. Some of my MOWW mentors are COL (Ret) Richard (Dick) Minor, COL (Ret) Henry (Will) Worthington, COL (Ret) Jeanne J. Blaes, and LTC (Ret) Neil Erwin. At this time, I do not see myself as the next Commander of the Phoenix Chapter of the MOWW. However, under the direction of LtCol (Ret) Marlon Ruiz, I am willing to perform those duties necessary to keep the Chapter going until a final decision of the future of the Chapter is made.

You may be wondering what has transpired. Effective 22 MAR 2025, Dr. Jeanne Blaes, COL (R) submitted a letter of resignation, stating that she was leaving the Phoenix Chapter Commander position for reasons associated with not occupying a leadership position in the Organization while pursuing a path of political discourse. Jeanne had faithfully served the MOWW Phoenix Chapter for ten (10) years, 2015-2025. She led by example. She was the first one on site and the last one to leave. She readily accepted challenges and exceeded all expectations of her position. She served as the Vice Senior-Commander for COL (Ret) Richard Minor and served as the Commander after COL Minor's, retirement. During her tenure she led and served in a dynamic capacity such as composing highly detailed and informative newsletters, preparing for chapter meetings, making sure that the flags, and banners were in place, preparing the meeting agendas, insuring that there was connectivity for ZOOM participants, and conducting chapter meetings. Outside of the chapter meeting. She organized event activities, such as the Massing of the Colors and representing the MOWW on Veteran's Day Ceremony at the Veteran's National Cemetery in Phoenix and interacting with Wreaths Across America which is celebrated during the Holiday Season. In addition, Jeanne served in key positions in support of students who attended the Arizona Youth Leadership Conference (AZYLC). For obvious reasons Jeanne will be greatly missed by the MOWW organization. Finding a replacement for her will be daunting and challenging. In conclusion, simultaneously Jeanne served as the President of the Arizona Territorial Chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA). The AZ Territorial Chapter is in the neighborhood of 12,600 members (as of Feb 2025). How she managed both organizations and the responsibilities of each a noteworthy and unquestionably remarkable. She has my highest respect for her accomplishments and efforts.

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The 3rd Quarterly Meeting of the Phoenix Chapter is scheduled for Saturday, 22 MAR 2025 beginning at 11 AM. The meeting will be held in the Patriot Room at the American Legion, Post #44, located at 7145 E. 2nd St. Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Lunch to order is available. A draft of the agenda is as follows: Pledge of Allegiance, MOWW Preamble, Introduc-

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-tions of all attendees, to include Zoom Participants, Treasurer's Report, Old Business (where we are and how we got here), New Business (future of the Phoenix Chapter), postponement of the AZYLC, and implementing of AZYLS, Closing Remarks and the identification of the next scheduled Phoenix Chapter Meeting (26 SEP 2025). Please read pg 4 for an update on AZYLC 2025.

Based upon our Chapter's OY 24-25 Action Plan (see page 6 of this NL), we still have quite a few areas that need to be work on. The biggest challenge that we have for this half of OY 2024-25 is to recruit new members. As we are now classified as a large Chapter, we will need to recruit at least 12 new Companions. As the IRS requirement for MOWW, as a 501(c)(19), is to have 75% of our members be Veterans, we will only be allowed to recruit new members who are prior or current military veterans. Presently our Chapter has 293 total Companions with a 152 Living members. Please use the information on page 6 of this NL to help in your recruiting efforts. You may also use the recently released MOWW Recruiting Guide to attract new members. The guide can be downloaded at the following [LINK](#). **Remember that our Chapter is currently offering to sponsor a one-year free membership for any E7, E8, or E9 who would like to join us.** Our Chapter also needs to continue to work on our Community and Outreach programs. If you would like to help us to reestablish a Gold award program affiliation with the Girl Scouts Cactus-Pine Council, please let me know. We hope to continue to actively seek a mentor-partner relationship with the Phoenix Division of the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corps (USNSCC). All assistance would be appreciated.

Please keep in mind our motto of "It is nobler to serve, than to be served. Hopefully you will find some part of our MOWW programs that excite you and move you to volunteer. Our biggest challenge will be to fill our vacant Chapter Leadership positions and find Committee Chairpersons, especially those who will help with our Patriotic Education Program. Feel free to contact me if you are interested in helping us move forward.

Acting Commander, Jim Moye



NOTE: Chapter meetings are normally held quarterly, on the 4th Saturday of the month.

WHAT: Phoenix Chapter MOWW 3rd QTR Meeting/Lunch

WHERE: Patriot Hall, American Legion Post 44, 7145 E 2nd St, Scottsdale, AZ 85251 /Phone: (480) 941-9053

WHEN: Saturday, 22 MAR 2025 at 11:00 AM

You are being invited to a scheduled Zoom meeting:

Topic: Phoenix Chapter Meeting MOWW 3rd QTR OY 2025

Time: Saturday, Mar 22, 2025 11:00 AM Arizona

Join Zoom Meeting

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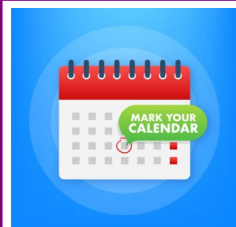
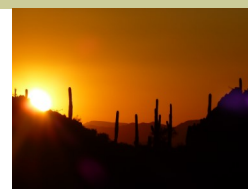
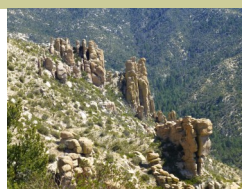
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MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
OUR 2025 MOWW NATIONAL CONVENTION
WILL BE HELD RIGHT HERE IN
TUCSON, ARIZONA



Did you know that our 2025 MOWW National Convention will take place right here in our very own home state? If you have not had a chance to attend a National Convention or have been unable to travel for past Conventions ... NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

So, Mark Your Calendars and Save These Dates!

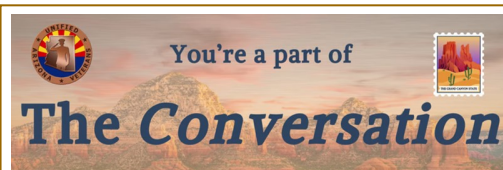
The **2025 MOWW National Convention**, will be held from **5-10 AUG 2024 in Tucson, AZ** at the Desert Diamond Casino located at 7350 S Nogales Hwy in Tucson, AZ 85756

Keep your eyes open as details will be forthcoming in the New Year.

For more information on the Convention as it becomes available go to the **MOWW CONVENTION** webpage at <https://moww.org/convention/>

Area Information as well as Sponsorship opportunities are also listed at the website.

*Contact LtCol Marlon Ruiz at ruizmarlon08@gmail.com if you would like to help or you have sponsorship questions



UNIFIED AZ VETERANS NEWSLETTER & WEBSITE. I encourage all of you to visit and read the UAV's new monthly Newsletter which is a compilation of all of the information provided in it's meetings and by the over 54 Veteran Service Organizations, as well as the AZDVS, State Veterans' Legislative Liaison, and

VAMC's located in our great Grand Canyon State. Please use this publication and refer to the events listed on their Calendar. This wonderful new webpage can be found at <https://uavnewsletter.net/>.



AZ LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: 57th LEGISLATURE, 1st REGULAR SESSION.

The AZ 57th Legislature, 1st Regular Session began on 13 JAN 2025. To read the most recent ADVS Legislative Update for 2025 or to learn more about Veterans and the AZ Legislative process, please go to the following [ADVS LINK](#). Also, you can track "Introduced" bills through the legislative process at AZLEG.GOV at <http://www.azleg.gov/bills/> and even "Request to Speak" to influence votes on the same website. To learn more about the "Request to Speak" program go to the following [LINK](#).

2025 CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE & IMPORTANT DATES

♦ **22 MAR 2025** ~ Chapter/Staff Meeting 3rd QTR Meeting, AL Post #44, Program TBD

♦ **28 JUN 2025** ~ Chapter/Staff Meeting 4th QTR Meeting, AL Post #44, Program TBD

* Have any ideas for our quarterly meeting programs? Contact Jim or Dick with your input!!

AZ YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2025 (AZYLC).

Regrettably ,the Arizona Youth Leadership Conference (AZYLC) for 2025, has been postponed until June of 2026. The Public Affairs Office (PAO) of the Arizona Army National Guard (AZARNG) is aware of this postponement. It was made clear that the intent is to schedule a YLC in June of 2026.

Marlon Ruiz of the Santa Cruz Chapter and who is a officer on the MOWW Region 13 board, has proposed in lieu of a leadership conference (LC), to implement multiple Leadership Seminars (LS). The idea is to conduct one day seminars for JROTC cadets at participating high schools. The seminars will cover topics that are discussed at the leadership conference (LC).

Marlon will make an appearance at our 22 MAR 2025 Chapter Meeting to discuss the conduct of multiple LS's to be held in various places throughout our state.

The reasons for the postponement of AZYLC 2025 are due to the unexpected resignation of key personnel and not being able to identify volunteer personnel who are willing to put in the work required for a YLC.

Planning, organizing, and directing a YLC requires dedicated personnel who are committed to the betterment of the participating youth. A YLC event requires dedicated senior leaders to put in the time and effort to make such an event a reality. Two or three persons should not have to shoulder the load for those who are not committed. The more participants the lighter the load (required tasks) for all concerned. Bottom line if you are not committed and do not care about youth then you should either not volunteer to held or resign if you currently hold a position.



BIRTHDAY WISHES go out to the following Companions/friends who were born in the following months:

January: CW4 Keith McSpadden (2nd), Capt Mike Halpin (3rd), Sandra Garcia (5th), LCDR Dan Germond (6th), Angela Stephens (7th), John Todd (9th), Courtney Lamaster (11th), COL John Replogle (13th), Capt Gavin Holtz (27th).



February: Loriann Kaps-Harnish (4th), SSG Loni Fife (4th), COL Chris Mahon (6th), Carol Erwin (6th), COL Edward France III (9th), LTC Joe Kress (9th), MAJ Mary Martin (11th), MSG Jeanne Erickson (27th), Tristan Minor (27th), and MAJ Jack Rail (27th).

March: Catherine Erickson (1st), Richard Vernon Sr. (6th), Sydney Minor-Cardieri (8th), CAPT Robert Turpin (9th), LTC Napoleon Pisano (10th), Wesley Blaes (13th), Robert Freed (14th), Capt Frank Schmuck (14th), Kristin Moye-Hein (17th), LTC Jeannine Dahl (19th), David Dudas (19th), LTC Mark Turner (20th), Forrest Pickett (20th), CPT Steven Fife (27th), Aleksandr Minor & Mikayla Minor (27th), Emily Stephens (27th), 2dLt Joey Chavez (28th), and COL James Moye (29th).

Happy Birthday to all of you! If anybody's name has been omitted from this list or if you know of a passing, please let our Chapters' Adjutant know so that we may update our records.

2025 STATEWIDE VETERANS STANDDOWN EVENTS. The AZ Veterans StandDown Alliance (AVSA) is a program of the AZ Housing Coalition that holds annual events and resource fairs in 13 of Arizona's 15 counties, including, in the past, the nation's largest event of its kind, the annual Maricopa County StandDown.



These events allow veterans and their families who are experiencing housing instability and homelessness to get and stay connected to supportive services. The list of upcoming 2025 Arizona StandDown events has now been published and is posted at the AHC AVSA webpage at <https://www.azhousingcoalition.org/avsa.html>. Be sure to check this website throughout the year to learn of other upcoming AVSA events.

Here is the current published schedule of **2025 StandDown** Events:

*Maricopa County StandDown - Thursday & Friday, 13-14 MAR 2025, AZ State Fairgrounds, 1826 W McDowell Road, Phoenix, AZ 85007

*Parker StandDown - Friday, 14 MAR 2025, 9:30AM-1:30PM, VFW Post 7061, 516 S Hopi Avenue, Parker, AZ 85344

*Verde Valley StandDown - Thursday, 26 MAR 2025, 9AM-2PM, Cliff Castle Conference Center, 555 W Middle Verde Road, Camp Verde, AZ 86322

*Page StandDown - Wednesday & Thursday, April 23-24, 2025, Page Elks Lodge 2498, 806 Aqua Avenue, Page, AZ 86040

*Kingman StandDown - Friday, May 2, 2025, 10:00am - 2:00pm, Kingman Area Chamber of Commerce (309 E Beale Street, Kingman, AZ 86401)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER.

"Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him." Psalm 37:7

The American Civil War lasted from 1861 to 1865. While more than 600K soldiers died, the effects of that conflict extended far beyond lives lost. After the death of King Saul, Israel was embroiled in a civil war for 7 years. At one point in a battle, an army captain lamented, "Must the sword devour forever?" (2 Sam. 2:26). The conflict had been long and exhausting.

For years Ish-Bosheth had been fighting for his right to be king, but things were not going well. The general of his army had been killed in Hebron (2 Sam. 4:1). There was not much hope of victory left. Two leaders in Ish-Bosheth's army decided to take matters into their own hands. They snuck into Ish-Bosheth's house and killed him in his sleep (vv. 5-6). Cutting off his head and hands as proof of his death, they fled to David's headquarters. They wrongly assumed that by delivering the body of David's rival to him, they would be rewarded.

It is interesting to examine what David did during this time. He did not plot or scheme to claim the throne. He did not kill his rivals. Instead, the author presents David as waiting well: conducting funerals, writing laments, having children, and administering justice. In contrast, Joab, Abner, Rekab, and Baanah were all opportunists, willing to shed blood to advance their cause. David knew that he had been anointed by the Lord and waited for His timing. In accordance with the Law's requirements for the murder of an innocent person, David again dispensed justice.

Often the Christian life is filled with times of waiting for God. These periods of waiting are often the times when we are forced to rely on God the most. David knew this dynamic well. His psalms often encourage us: "Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord" (Ps. 27:14).

Prayer: It is hard to be still and wait. Lord, You move behind the scenes, even when we cannot perceive what You are doing. We ask for Your assurance when we are in waiting periods that You have ordained.

Find this devotional at: <https://www.todayintheword.org/daily-devotional/tragedy-and-triumph/wait-for-the-lord/>





The Military Order of the World Wars - The Phoenix Pacesetter Chapter

Membership

The Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) founding resulted from General of the Armies John J. Pershing's request that his officers continue serving America after their active military service ended following World War I. Since MOWW's establishment in 1919, MOWW members ("Companions") have lived by the Military Order's motto: *"It is nobler to serve than to be served"*.

- MOWW **Outreach Programs** involve the local community, state and nation. They include :

Patriotic Education — ROTC & JROTC Programs — Scouting Program — Monuments & Memorials — National Security — Homeland Security — Law & Order — Veterans Affairs Program

- MOWW members receive the following award-winning **Publications**: the quarterly Officer Review; the Phoenix Pacesetter Chapter monthly Newsletter

- MOWW holds an **Annual Convention** where members convene to exchange ideas, honor selfless service, attend educational workshops and business sessions, and listen to guest speakers.

- **Monthly Luncheons**: The Chapter meets four times a year (SEP, DEC, MAR, JUN) on the fourth Saturday of the month. Currently, we are meeting at American Legion Post #44 located at 7145 E. 2nd St, Scottsdale, AZ 85251. Staff meetings are open to all members with Check-in/Set-up/Meetings starting at 11:00 am. Sometimes items are raffled off at luncheon or a 50-50 raffle is held, with collected funds going to support our Patriotic Education Youth Programs. Guest speaker topics address any one of the Outreach Programs previously mentioned. ***Note:** Due to on-going National

health concerns a Zoom + In-person (Hybrid) format will be the norm for all Chapter meetings

To Join: Have potential members go to <https://moww.org/become-a-companion/>.

Note that our organization is now accepting applications from Officers and Senior Enlisted in the ranks of E-7-E9.

Members can join by filling at the on-line application form and submitting it to National. New members will be contacted by National and asked what Chapter closest to their home address they would like to join.

Hard copy Membership forms may also be handed out by Chapter Sponsor Representatives. It will be important for Sponsors to make sure that new members are the initial Guides for Membership information and gatherings.

Membership Dues may also be renewed on line.

Membership Categories:

*Veteran Regular (Annual) Membership @ \$60/year

*Veteran Perpetual Membership (1st year of Commission/Warrant) @ 1 x \$500 or 4 x \$125 quarterly

*Veteran Perpetual Membership @ 1 x \$200 or 4 x \$50 quarterly

*Hereditary Regular (Annual) Membership @ \$60/year

*Hereditary Perpetual Membership @ 1x \$500 or 4 x \$125 quarterly

*Memorial Perpetual (Veteran & Hereditary) @ 1x \$250.00

****Note:** The above rates are those that were published as of 1 JAN 2024. These rates may have changed since then. Please contact National to confirm the current rates.

2024-2025 CHAPTER ACTION PLAN

Phoenix Chapter (AZ-092) Large Chapter

Strategic Goal (SG) 1. Consistently develop and deliver attractive, and high-impact community outreach programs and activities.

- Improve impactful community activity & event planning, especially those efforts that promote & support civic leadership & pride. Programs include, AZ Youth Leadership Conference, MOCs, & awards recognition/scholarships for Scouts, Elks Antlers, Naval Sea Cadets & JROTC/ ROTC Cadets.
- Develop Chapter Meeting Programs & Speakers/Guests to attract veterans who will join our organization & donate their time, talents, & efforts towards improving the well-being of our Youth, Community, & Nation.
- Advance the Chapter's Patriot Program OY induction & recognition. Integrate a minimum of two (2) community leaders who are not eligible for MOWW membership.
- Branch out Chapter recognition efforts to include Law & Order, First Responders, and Emergency Response personnel.

Strategic Goal (SG) 2. Expand our impact through alliances and strategic partnerships with organizations that align with our mission.

- Sustain and improve upon our internal/external Chapter like-minded organization partnership development.
- Infuse more Chapter Outreach & Networking Program planning in our Chapter Awards & Recognition Program.
- Increase focus on more community participation & involvement in scheduled activities & events.
- Expand upon our partnership efforts with local Officer Association's such as the National Guard Association of AZ, AAAA, Air & Space Forces Association, & other military officer non-profit organizations.

Strategic Goal (SG) 3. Increase visibility of the Order at the national and community levels through focused communication, marketing strategies, and local community engagement.

- Sustain our two (2) Chapter Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance Events (East Valley/Phoenix).
- Increase by 25% our Chapter Information & Publicity program communication engagement efforts.
- Increase by 10% the total Certificates of Appreciation, Special Citations and Special Recognition Awards.
- Increase by 10% current Chapter Advertising & Branding tool and online forum usage capabilities and access.

Strategic Goal (SG) 4. Annually grow engaged and sustainable MOWW membership.

- Meet &/or exceed the designated OY recruiting goal of twelve (12) new fellow companions.
- Recruit only military service-associated new Chapter members to support the IRS 75% / 25% requirement.
- Focus on recruiting past or present E-7, E-8, and E-9 military SMs. Use Chapter funds for trail memberships.
- Review Chapter member database to identify, convert or transfer necessary number of hereditary members to military service category to support the IRS 75% / 25% requirement.
- Expand fellow Chapter companion personal passion development activities/projects of interest opportunities.
- Encourage former Billie Stephens-Apache Trail Chapter fellow companions to actively support our Chapter.

Strategic Goal (SG) 5. Increase adequate financial resources to fulfill the Order's mission.

- Promote the recruiting of regular memberships vs perpetual lifetime memberships.
- Identify & engage in new funding streams to support Chapter programs & activities (emphasis on AZYLC).
- Increase the number of current community civic organization donations received for Chapter activities.
- Seek donations & grants from outside MOWW membership & annual P&M funds distributions.

Strategic Goal (SG) 6. Increase the number of chapters and strengthen existing chapters.

- Improve our leadership succession training program curriculum & internal training checklist.
 - Monitor health & well-being of Companions via meetings, Newsletters, emails & telephone.
 - Identify, highlight, recognize & nominate for awards more stellar Chapter performers.
 - Add more special occasion Chapter recognition events/activities to the OY calendar schedule program.
 - Incorporate more milestone membership & achievement awards into current Recognition Program efforts.
 - Increase utilization of Hub & Spoke OPS services & encourage Cadre mentorship & development.
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MOWW Preamble

- To cherish the memories and associations of the World Wars waged for humanity;
- To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and flag;
- To promote and further patriotic education in our nation;
- Ever to maintain law and order, and to defend the honor, integrity, and supremacy of our national government and the Constitution of the United States;
- To foster fraternal relations among all branches of the armed forces;
- To promote the cultivation of military, naval, and air science and the adoption of a consistent and suitable policy of national security for the United States of America;
- To acquire and preserve records of individual services;
- To encourage and assist in the holding of commemorations and the establishment of memorials of the World Wars; and
- To transmit all these ideals to posterity; under God and for our country, we unite to establish ...

The Military Order of the World Wars.



**MONDAY
17 MARCH 2025**

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