

**COMMANDER**

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

**CHAPTER STAFF NOTES**

**ADJUTANT**

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

**COMMANDER'S REPORT:**

Hello everyone. Hope you all are enjoying the summer vacation recess. I want to take this opportunity to thank you all for a great previous operating year (OY) that just ended last week, with the close of the month of June. As our Chapter representative heads off to attend this year's national convention in Annapolis, MD., we hope he will bring back favorable news regarding this past OY's national awards standings. We are very excited to confirm all the wonderful work put in by you all and I hold high expectations that we will do great once again this year in the national standings. On 1 July we ushered in the new 2023-2024 OY and with that we are currently tending to both the last of our prior OY AZYLC summer program support commitment and also keeping up with our new OY reporting and administrative responsibilities. Our Adjutant will expand upon the upcoming Chapter meeting schedule for the current year and you can take a glimpse of our Chapter Action Plan goals for this year in this newsletter edition. Note that the MOWW stated strategic goals have changed somewhat and our primary focus for this year will be centered on sustaining and building upon our many partnerships and fellow veteran community associations. For now, please keep safe out there and in your travels, for soon we will all be back to our usual Chapter activities in due course.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

Happy Summer everyone. Our current Chapter bank account balance is as follows; CHECKING Acct. 1216 - \$899.78USD and SAVINGS Acct. 3835 - \$12,447.18USD. The MOWW Annual Financial Review FM-21 OY audit was completed, and each account balance has been verified and reconciled. A copy of the FM-21 has been documented and placed into the Chapter historical financial records. The annual (TAX YEAR 2022) IRS Reporting and TG Certification was submitted and accepted online on 5 JULY 2023 and confirmation received by the MOWW Treasurer General (via reply email notification message) on 8 JULY 2023. Chapter annual dues to both Region XIII and the Department of AZ have been tabulated (as per the Chapter BYLAWS) and mailed out to the respective Treasurer Officers. This year's Chapter dues payments were as follows; regional dues (plus an additional H&S program payout (estimated by the R-13 treasurer Officer to come out to \$90.00USD per 7 operational Chapters) totaled \$124.00USD, and the Department of AZ dues was tabulated at \$68.00USD (a total of 68 living Chapter members as of 30 JUNE at \$1.00USD each). The Chapter Budget and Finance Committee members will convene at the first scheduled 2023-2024 OY Chapter Staff meeting (via ZOOM) scheduled for SAT, 22 JULY at 11AM and review/approve the current proposed budget Chapter Budget recommendations for the current 2023-2024 OY. The current Chapter starting FUND balances (for the current OY) is as follows; ADMIN - \$500.00USD (GREEN), O&M - \$750.70 (YELLOW), and PE - total funds depleted (RED), except for the current funds allocated only for AZYLC activities which remains \$12,196.48USD (GREEN), until AZYLC 2023 expenses have been issued for payment and funds withdrawn in the coming months from the total current balance. The only current pending new Chapter financial business is the formal establishment of the Chapter stand-alone dedicated AZYLC Fund account with US Bank.

**ADJUTANT'S REPORT:**

Greetings to all and welcome back to our 2023-2024 OY Chapter activity season. Current Chapter activities include supporting the AZYLC 2023 summer program which kicked off the week of 10 through 14 JULY at the ASU West Campus, up in Glendale, AZ. Following that activity is the MOWW national convention, hosted this year at Annapolis, MD for the week of 1 through 6 AUGUST. All scheduled Chapter Staff (ZOOM only) and Regular Membership (HYBRID) meetings have already been posted on to the Region XIII website Calendar page at ([www.MOWWSCV.com/Calendar](http://www.MOWWSCV.com/Calendar)). Our first Regular Membership traditional locale meeting at the Casa Del Rio Mexican Restaurant is already in the calendar and scheduled tentatively for SAT, 2 SEPTEMBER at 11:30AM until approximately 2:00PM. For the 2023-2024 OY, we will once again host 4 quarterly Chapter Staff meetings and 5 Regular Membership meetings; to also include hosting; 2 signature Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance MOWW events. The regional website Publications section has also been updated, to include the latest MOWW Officer Review national magazine issue online and fresh Gallery photos for everyone's viewing of covered events leading to the final weeks of the previous OY and soon to include added event photos (in both the R-13 website Gallery and Facebook social media platforms from this year's national convention. To visit the Region XIII Facebook page, please go to [www.Facebook.com/MOWWSCV/](http://www.Facebook.com/MOWWSCV/) to view uploaded event video clips and more event photos. The Chapter BYLAWS are currently undergoing a revision and should be ready for review and approval by our first Chapter Regular Membership meeting in SEPTEMBER of the current OY. MOWW HQ asks everyone to frequent the MOWW national website at [www.MOWW.org](http://www.MOWW.org), as membership prices have increased and many new end-user online companion features have been added to the platform. Until next month, let's please be safe out there and enjoy all that the summer months have to offer.

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**MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD**

- Jun 03<sup>rd</sup> - AM-5: SCV Chapter Hybrid Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 11:30AM
- Jun 03<sup>rd</sup> - VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Jun 05<sup>th</sup> - VSO-1: JUN (4) WOW VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
- Jun 07<sup>th</sup> - VSO-6: SAVAHCS QTR-4 VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 1PM
- Jun 13<sup>th</sup> - MOWW: R-13 Spring Conference, Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Jun 15<sup>th</sup> - ALOV Post 132 Monthly Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- Jun 17<sup>th</sup> - GELP Chapter Hybrid Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Jun 19<sup>th</sup> - VSO-4: PVAHCS Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Jun 20<sup>th</sup> - MOWW: VAC Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Jun 20<sup>th</sup> - MGM Chapter Monthly HYBRID Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Jun 21<sup>st</sup> - VFW: Post 12222 Monthly Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6PM
- Jun 22<sup>nd</sup> - MOWW: Membership VCC Tng., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Jun 24<sup>th</sup> - PHX Chapter Hybrid Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10AM

**NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: JUL 22<sup>nd</sup> (STAFF)** ZOOM LINK

**MEETINGS:** (HYBRID "membership" & VCC "staff" formats available)

**EVENT:** QTR-1: SCV Chapter Staff ZOOM Meeting - 11AM

**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

**PROGRAM:** OY 2023 Activity Season Initial Planning Meeting

**AGENDA:** "QTR-1 SCV Chapter Staff-Companion-Event Activity"

*NOTE: "Local Chapter staff meetings are programmed on a quarterly ("QTR" every 3-month intervals on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the designated month).*

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



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Georgia base tapped to host F-35 fighters as A-10 fleet retires

US State Dept. clears \$5.6 billion sale of F-35s for Czech Republic

Pentagon

Congress aims for faster arms sales with defense bills and task force

Senate defense bill pushes for spending over debt ceiling cap

House panel eyes billion-dollar Pentagon fund to push commercial tech

Naval

US Marine Corps wants to further speed up Force Design overhaul plans

Pressed to prove value of amphibious ships, Marines seek to add drones

Aircraft carrier Abraham Lincoln suffers electrical fire in port

In-construction amphibious ship catches fire at Ingalls Shipbuilding

Shipyard employees extinguished a fire onboard the future Roughead, but six people were treated for smoke inhalation

US Marine Corps begins developing smaller pre-positioning ship

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VIDEOS



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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:**



**TWIN ARROWS**

**VETERANS STAND DOWN**

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**THURSDAY . JUNE 29TH . 2023**

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WOMEN VETERANS RECEPTION . 11:30 AM

EVENT INFORMATION: nazveteranstanddowns@aol.com 528.286.7446  
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SOMETHING FOR EVERY VETERAN & THEIR FAMILIES

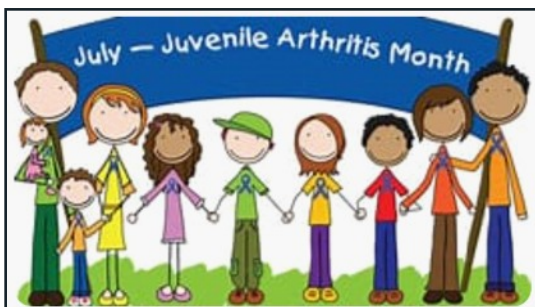
**PROGRAM CONTACTS:**

**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](mailto:rstclair@scv35.org)  
Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcrriorico/>

10-14 JUL AZYLC 2023 Summer Program, ASU West Campus, Glendale, AZ  
19 JUL Color Guard Detail, CTE Event, 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](mailto:broberson@sahuarita.k12.az.us)

4 JUL AZ Color Guard, 4th of July Quail Creek Parade Event, Sahuarita, AZ  
10-14 JUL AZYLC 2023 Summer Program, ASU West Campus, Glendale, AZ



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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

Psalm 107:1

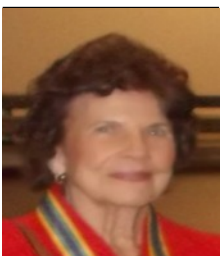
"Give thanks to the Lord for he is good; his love endures forever."

When we see the wonderful things God has done for humankind, praise should flow from us like a river.

Too often we take all of God's blessings and his unfailing love for granted. As people redeemed by God's grace and mercy, we should give thanks for the bounty of his creation. May God's light shine through us as we act in his name.

As we celebrate the birthday of our great nation, let us pray for our military throughout the world. It is through their dedication and sacrifice that we enjoy the freedoms we have today.

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**

**June Anniversaries:**

- Ben L. Andersen, PM (43 years)
- Guy A. Bake, PM (20 years)
- Hugh Belden, PM (47 years)
- James G. Blue, PM (62 years)
- Barbara J. Cataldo, HPM (24 years)
- Louis A. Chaboya, PM (18 years)
- William G. Downey, PM (46 years)
- Pauline A. Eisele, PM (18 years)
- Duvi R. Frantz, HPM (7 years)
- James R. Frantz, PM (7 years)
- Charles J. Hornisher, PM (36 years)
- Julia E. Jacks, HPM (31 years)
- Paul B. Jenkins, HPM (35 years)
- Edward J. Kloos, PM (43 years)
- Hazel E. Larimore, HPM (34 years)
- Andrew P. Meshel, HPM (29 years)
- Pedro Najera, PM (38 years)
- Ray A. O'Bannon, PM (46 years)
- E. S. Olsen, PM (38 years)
- Robert R. Ozier, PM (38 years)
- Ellsworth M. Pershing, HPM (43 years)
- Julie D. Preble, HPM (35 years)
- Harry O. Reuse, PM (38 years)
- Howard R. Rowe, PM (40 years)
- Ira G. Scott, PM (45 year)
- Richard M. Simpson, PM (11 years)
- Burnes O. Starks, PM (34 year)
- Claudia L. St. Clair, HPM (6 year)
- Charles A. Ulery, PM (42 years)
- Kirk D. Wallendorf, PM (2 years)
- Wallace A. Weaver, PM (36 years)
- Maurice W. Wiley, PM (43 years)

**Companion Birthday Celebrations**

**June Anniversaries:**

- Frances C. Burrows, HPM (remembered on the 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Christine M. Cataldo, HPM (celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup>)
- William F. Cataldo, HPM (celebrated on the 7<sup>th</sup>)
- Richard D. Clifton, PM (celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Robert W. Dalrymple, PM (remembered on the 10<sup>th</sup>)
- John A. Devine, PM (remembered on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Theorore J. Dreveniak, PM (remembered on the 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- David F. Fagergren, PM (celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Erik Fagergren, PM (celebrated on the 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Thomas F. Gross, RM (celebrated on the 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Donald S. Hopkins, PM (remembered on the 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Peter M. Leander, HPM (celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Richard C. Leander, Jr., HPM (celebrated on the 26<sup>th</sup>)
- James I. McArthur, PM (remembered on the 4<sup>th</sup>)
- D'Anne L. Pientka, HPM (celebrated on the 18<sup>th</sup>)
- Ken Robinson, PM (celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Marlon Ruiz, PM (celebrated on the 15<sup>th</sup>)
- Williams F. Stevens, PM (celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Francisco J. Trejo, RM (celebrated on the 30<sup>th</sup>)
- Mary E. Wallendorf, PM (celebrated on the 12<sup>th</sup>)

**Companion Membership Anniversaries**

**July Anniversaries:**

- James W. Cocke, PM (46 year)
- Frank M. Feliciano, PM (41 years)
- Freeman P. Fountain, PM (39 years)
- Adam T. Free, PM (18 years)
- Daniel R. Free, PM (47 years)
- Hazel E. Lorimore, PM (44 years)
- Joel M. Greenberg, RM (5 years)
- Warren A. Grossetta, PM (46 year)
- Laird Gutteresen, PM (46 year)
- Fred S. Hanna, PM (46 years)
- Ronald A. McCreery, PM (38 years)
- David I. Miller, PM (38 years)
- Billie L. Stephens, PM (20 years)
- Matthew R. Tank, PM (39 years)
- Pierce W. Timberlake, HPM (41 years)
- Carl F. Wright, PM (44 years)
- Michael S. West, PM (39 years)

**Companion Birthday Celebrations**

**July Anniversaries:**

- James E. Adams Jr., RM (celebrated on the 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- Myles K. Beck, PM (celebrated on the 7<sup>th</sup>)
- George W. Biggs, PM (remembered on the 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- Bobby J. Edwards, RM (celebrated on the 14<sup>th</sup>)
- Robert E. Johnson, PM (remembered on the 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Kyle C. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Peter M. Leander, PM (celebrated on the 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Roland H. Mapes, PM (remembered on the 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Michael J. Massee, PM (celebrated on the 4<sup>th</sup>)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (remembered on the 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Carl c. Sheets, PM (celebrated on the 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Richard L. Simpson, PM (celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Claudia M. St. Clair, PM (celebrated on the 10<sup>th</sup>)

**CHAPTER-IN-ACTION**



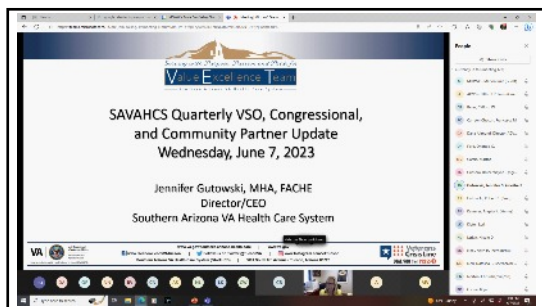
**AM-5: SCV Chapter HYBRID MTG - JUN 2023**

Our Chapter hosted its last of five hybrid regular membership meetings in east Tucson, at the Casa Del Rio Mexican restaurant location on Saturday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June. While we had a great turnout, we still missed not having Jean Nelson, who was fresh out of knee surgery recovering. Virginia Sanborn could not join us due to a recent fall, and Pedro Najera was already on summer recess vacation. In all we had nine fellow companions present and more than enough to conduct the business at hand. We are very grateful to all for the support.



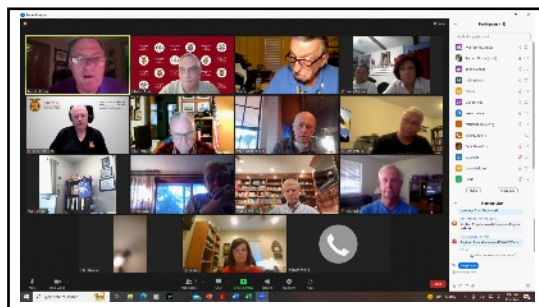
**VSO-1: WOW Weekly VCC MTG - JUN 2023**

The Wings Over Wendy's non-profit organization (MOWW VSO partner) meets weekly in southern California and is a predominantly veteran and local community civilian civic group that brings together aviation professionals, enthusiast and historians at each meeting. Their weekly online video conference call hybrid meetings help preserve military service heritage, history and the legacy moving forward with younger generations which is in tune with our MOWW organizational preamble and values. We are all in this continuous challenge.



**VSO-6: SAVAHCS QTR VCC MTG - JUN 2023**

The Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Health Care System is one of our Chapter partnership jewels. Virtual conference call meetings are hosted online by the SAVAHCS Director/CEO and provides an integral veteran and local community support services collaborative perspective forum from which to receive timely updates, presentations and discussion of veteran issue-related topics. Meetings also include updates on local government legislative proposals on occasion. Our Chapter is a proud alliance contributor.



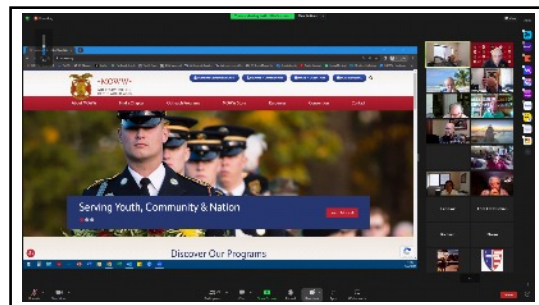
**MOWW: R-13 Spring Conference VCC MTG - JUN 2023**

Region XIII hosted its annual Spring Conference via (online live streaming only) video conference call on the evening of TUE, 13<sup>th</sup> of June at 6PM. The meeting was the last to be hosted by Region Commander Pat Stolze, who would be stepping down at the end of the operating year (OY). While the regional Adjutant and Treasurer officers renewed their commitment to serve in the new OY, the regional commander position would be left vacant and tabled until the new OY. The conference was well attended by all Region leadership.



**VSO-5 ALOV Post 132 Monthly MTG - JUN 2023**

As is commonly the case throughout the country, our local veterans community is comprised of many non-profits and some fellow companions are members of multiple local organizations. Our chapter membership is therefore not unique in that many of our Chapter members belong to many other veteran service organizations (VSO) and civic groups which compete for individual free time and talents. We are associated with the American Legion Post 132 in Oro Valley, AZ - the most active of all operational posts.



**MOWW HQ: Membership VCC TNG - JUN 2023**

Our Chapter participated in the last MOWW Headquarters hosted online Membership Website Training Session (offered to the entire organization membership and particularly for the benefit of any newcomer fellow companions new to the Order and the inner workings of the recently upgraded national website platform and its services. A morning and afternoon session were offered (to cover the entire country demographic diverse time zones and operational chapter schedules. These training sessions rock!



## MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

*Army and Air Force Meteorology Schools*

Marie and I met as B-29 engine parts inspectors in a WWII Detroit war materials production plant. We married and with WWII still officially ongoing, I enlisted in the Army Air Corps. While I was in basic training at Keesler Field, Mississippi, Marie stayed with her parents in Michigan. After basic, I was sent to Chanute Field, Illinois, for Weather Observer School where I rented a room for us in the adjacent town of Rantoul. Immediately following that school, I was placed in the Weather Equipment Teletype Technician School. Its teletype mechanic phase was held at Scott Field, Illinois. There, I rented a room for us in Belleville.

It was then time for me to do weather work and I was sent to 8<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron at Chicopee Falls, Westover Field, Massachusetts, where I edited weather reports sent to us by teletype which I further sent to other weather stations. An AACS (Army Airways Communication Service) sergeant actually did the sending by tapping the reports on a telegraph key.

Meanwhile, WWII was declared officially ended and Army Air Corps/ Air Force made a co-equal military branch, the USAF. As the end of 1947 approached, while in Michigan in a pre-Christmas furlough, I received quite a shock. A telegram arrived from home base, telling me to proceed to Chanute Field, Illinois, to attend



Photo: Half of Forecaster Class 01148. It graduated in July of 1948.



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.

six-month-long Weather Forecaster School Class 01148. A stunning development, it was believed the Air Force's toughest school. Marie joined me after I, once again, rented a room in Rantoul. Though I hoped I might some day be sent to it, I had not requested that school. I believed I was too young; the forecasters I knew were much older. Rank-wise, the class ranged from corporal to top enlisted, master sergeant. There were many ex-flying officers. Class 01148 started out with 100 students. Only about 60 graduated. I was one of the 60 and soon came out on orders as a skilled forecaster (MOS 787), wetting my feet during the Berlin Airlift, forecasting for C-54s, four-propellered planes that carried vitally needed food and other supplies on long flights over the Atlantic to the beleaguered residents of Berlin. More than 50 years later, long after I had graduated, good friend Tom McClung, highly respected in 8<sup>th</sup> Weather Squadron's Operations, confided he had been selected for the class, had believed it too tough, and had declined attendance. I was his alternate. That school had lasting consequences. Marie and I would internalize meteorology. After my military and civilian retirements, I kept a record of beginning and ending of precipitation. My last military jobs were in the Vietnam War in artillery, severely deteriorating my hearing. So, if there was thunder, which I did not hear, Marie would tell me to expect the beginning of rain.



Photo: The other half of Forecaster Class 01148. Sgt. Ted is at extreme right, bottom row.

## JULY IN HISTORY

July 1

**July 1st** - Canada Day, a national holiday in Canada, formerly known as Dominion Day, commemorating the confederation of Upper and Lower Canada and some of the Maritime Provinces into the Dominion of Canada on July 1, 1867.

**July 1, 1862** - President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of \$600-\$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over \$10,000. Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.

**July 1, 1863** - Beginning of the Battle of Gettysburg during the American Civil War.

**July 1, 1893** - President Grover Cleveland underwent secret cancer surgery aboard a yacht owned by his friend, Commodore E.C. Benedict. The surgery was performed on a cancerous growth in his mouth. The entire left side of his jaw was removed along with a small portion of his soft palate. A second, smaller operation was performed on July 17th. Cleveland was then fitted with a rubber prosthesis which he wore until his death in 1908. The secrecy was intended to prevent panic among the public during the economic depression of 1893.

July 2

**July 2, 1776** - The Continental Congress in Philadelphia adopted the following resolution, originally introduced on June 7, by Richard Henry Lee of Virginia: "Resolved, That these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be, free and independent States, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the State of Great Britain is, and ought to be, totally dissolved. That it is expedient forthwith to take the most effectual measures for forming foreign Alliances. That a plan of confederation be prepared and transmitted to the respective Colonies for their consideration and approbation."

**July 2, 1788** - Congress announced the United States Constitution had been ratified by the required nine states and that a committee had been appointed to make preparations for the new American government.

**July 2, 1881** - President James A. Garfield was shot and mortally wounded as he entered a railway station in Washington, D.C. He died on September 19th.

**July 2, 1917** - A race riot occurred in St. Louis, Missouri, resulting in an estimated 75 African Americans killed and hundreds injured. To protest the violence against blacks, W.E.B. DuBois and James Weldon Johnson later led a silent march down Fifth Avenue in New York.

**July 2, 1964** - President Lyndon B. Johnson signed the Civil Rights Act of 1964, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race in public accommodations, publicly owned or operated facilities, employment and union membership and in voter registration. The Act allowed for cutoff of Federal funds in places where discrimination remained.

**Birthday** - The first African American on the U.S. Supreme Court, Thurgood Marshall (1908-1993) was born in Baltimore, Maryland. Nominated by President Johnson, he began his 24-year career on the High Court in 1967.

July 3

**July 3, 1775** - During the American Revolution, George Washington took command of the Continental Army at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

**July 3, 1976** - The raid on Entebbe airport in Uganda occurred as an Israeli commando unit rescued 103 hostages on a hijacked Air France airliner. The jet had been en route from Tel Aviv to Paris when it was hijacked by pro-Palestinian guerrillas. Three hostages, seven hijackers and twenty Ugandan soldiers were killed during the rescue.

**July 3, 1988** - Iran Air Flight 655 was destroyed while flying over the Persian Gulf after the U.S. Navy Warship *Vincennes* fired two surface-to-air missiles, killing all 290 passengers aboard. A subsequent U.S. military inquiry cited stress related human failure for the mistaken identification of the civilian airbus as an enemy F-14 fighter jet.

July 4

**July 4, 1776** - The Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress.

**July 4, 1863**- Vicksburg, the last Confederate stronghold on the Mississippi River, surrendered to General Grant and the Army of the West after a six week siege. With the Union in control of the Mississippi, the Confederacy was effectively split in two, cut off from its western allies.

**July 4, 1882** - The "Last Great Buffalo Hunt" began on Indian reservation lands near Hettinger, North Dakota as 2,000 Teton Sioux Indians in full hunting regalia killed about 5,000 buffalo. By this time, most of the estimated 60-75 million buffalo in America had been killed by white hunters who usually took the hides and left the meat to rot. By 1883, the last of the free-ranging buffalo were gone.

**Birthday** - Novelist and short-story writer Nathaniel Hawthorne (1804-1864) was born in Salem, Massachusetts. His works included; *The Scarlet Letter*, *The House of the Seven Gables* and *The Blithedale Romance*.

**Birthday** - Song writer Stephen Foster (1826-1864) was born in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania. Among his nearly 200 songs were; *Oh! Susanna*, *Camptown Races*, *Swanee River*, *Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair*, and *Beautiful Dreamer*. He died in poverty at Bellevue Hospital in New York.

**Birthday** - Calvin Coolidge (1872-1933) the 30th U.S. President was born in Plymouth, Vermont. He became President on August 3, 1923, after the death of Warren G. Harding. In 1924, Coolidge was elected President but did not run for re-election in 1928.

## 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>



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**2023-2024 CHAPTER ACTION PLAN**  
**Santa Cruz Valley Chapter (AZ-193)**

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

- Continue to improve regional impactful community activity and event planning H&S services and support.
- Build upon our invited Chapter meeting speaker and special invited guest planning efforts.
- Double the SCV Chapter Patriot Program OY induction and recognition goal from two (2) to four (4) recipients.
- Branch out 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 and involvement in scheduled activities and events.
- Expand upon our partnership efforts with the local Warrant Officers Association non-profit services.

*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 hosted SCV Chapter Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance Events offerings.
- Increase by 25% our SCV 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 and/or exceed the designated 4% net recruiting increase of three (3) new Chapter members.
- Recruit three (3) military-associated new Chapter members to support the IRS 75% / 25% requirement.
- Expand fellow Chapter companion personal passion development activities/projects of interest opportunities.
- Continue to incorporate successfully transitioning former CM Chapter fellow companions into our Chapter.

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

- Convert at least two (2) current regular memberships to perpetual lifetime memberships.
- Double the number of current community civic organization donations received for chapter activities.
- Sustain and improve upon our internal/external Chapter outreach and partnership coordination efforts.

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

- Improve upon our leadership succession training program curriculum and internal training checklist.
- Identify, highlight, recognize and nominate for awards more stellar Chapter performers.
- Add more special occasion SCV Chapter recognition events/activities to the OY calendar schedule program.
- Incorporate more milestone membership and achievement awards into current Recognition Program efforts.
- Increase H&S OPS Model services and encourage Cadre and satellite OPS development.

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We thank fellow SCV Chapter companion and current Adjutant Officer Lt Col (RET) Marlon Ruiz, USAF for compiling and presenting our Mid-Year Chapter Activity Plan Update Report - which offers a timely administrative and operational management summary of how we are doing “thus far” halfway through our current 2022-2023 chapter activity season. Fellow companion Ruiz is currently serving his second term as an MOWW Vice Commander-in-Chief for the Order (with oversight responsibilities for the entire southwest geographical Region XIII and the mid-western geographical Region II area of responsibility) and previously served as our chapter commander for 12 years and we are thankful to have him continue to serve our local chapter as our current Adjutant and senior MOWW leadership advisor. Lt Col Ruiz is also serving as our Region XIII committee representative in the national Veterans Affairs Committee, along with his other MOWW higher headquarters corporate responsibilities and commitments.

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*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](http://www.militaryorder.net)*

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