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**“THE CRUZIN’ NEWS”**  
 SANTA CRUZ VALLEY CHAPTER AZ - Chartered October 24, 1985  
**“IT IS NOBLER TO SERVE THAN TO BE SERVED”**

**COMMANDER**

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

**CHAPTER STAFF NOTES**

**ADJUTANT**

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

**COMMANDER’S REPORT:**

Greetings once again to all our fellow companions, fellow veteran service organization partners and supportive community friends and family. As we continue to tie up any end-of-operating year loose ends, by way of reports and national award packages due to MOWW HQ by 1 JUNE 2023, I want to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone for the great year, as your chapter commander. As you will read in our end-of-year Chapter Action Plan final summary recap under our *Featured MOWW Report* segment in this edition, we have once again performed admirably and met all our stated 2022-2023 operating year (OY) goals. Most notably, is our sterling achievement in chapter recruitment and quick adaptation from a small chapter to a current medium chapter operation – with all the challenges that implies. Despite starting off the OY behind the power curb in recruitment and having to redesign a large part of our operational planning efforts, we still managed to progress smartly and catch up (and even surpass) achievements throughout the rest of the OY towards a very successful conclusion – as we head to the national convention in AUG 2023 in Annapolis, MD. I also want to personally commend all the personal efforts from those fellow companions who have participated in our activities and events throughout the year and for becoming more pronounced stakeholders in our chapter’s continued success story this year.

**TREASURER’S REPORT:**

As of this report date our chapter has \$700.86 USDs in checking, and \$12,746.97 USDs in savings. With all expenses accounted for and reconciled, except for the upcoming AZYLC summer program sponsorship payout of 12 student delegates which are to be funded from the savings account, our chapter will end the current operating year in the GREEN. Chapter expenditures will begin once again in the new OY with our Country Fair White Elephant grant-writing campaign in September 2023 and continued efforts to increase our total chapter perpetual membership transitions from their current regular membership status. To date, we already have one fellow companion membership that will be transitioning from regular to perpetual in the next few months and with the increase of our chapter membership numbers hope to increase the P&M Dividend payout consideration for next year. Efforts to the Green Valley The only unresolved pending financial business is the establishment of the Vantage West Credit Union AZYLC Fund Account which has been placed on hold pending the health recovery of key fellow companions recovering from surgical procedures current and unable to be physically present at the required banking institution meeting to formally establish the account in question. Given the current situation, we will pick up this old business during the upcoming new 2023-2024 OY season activity due to begin on 1 July 2023.

**ADJUTANT’S REPORT:**

As we rapidly approach another end to our chapter operational year (OY) I am very happy to report that our chapter has performed very well this OY on all fronts, to include overcoming some potential setbacks initially with recruiting and our augmented administrative challenges converting over to our current medium chapter operations. Having achieved our stated 4% net recruitment increase growth goals, we hope that between accomplishing that milestone and also taking on the hosting of a second annual Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance signature event (thus far the only MOWW chapter in recent history to accomplish this feat in the entire organization) that these accomplishments will be enough to push us to the head of the pack when considering our chapter for the prestigious GAS Pershing Chapter of the Year honors again this year. WE have also submitted a total of six [6] national award packages for consideration this year and an overall chapter award submission presence of seven [7] total national award considerations, if you include our running once again for Chapter Newsletter Award consideration. As already shared in previous reports, I am most proud of the many chapter achievement milestones attempted and accomplished this year. In essence, the more our chapter was challenged, the more opportunities to excel were presented and achieved. Quickly recapping our noteworthy OY milestones started with successfully integrating a total of seventeen [17] former chapter fellow companions into our chapter activities and programs, taking on an additional Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance signature event and executing it in record planning time months before we would usually have to do so, and diligently keep abreast of our chapter recruitment challenges, resulting in overcoming a two fellow companion loss with a five [2] new recruited fellow companion effort that cancelled out the two losses and also guaranteed that we would meet our designated 4% net increase for the OY. Hat’s off to every fellow companion who has contributed to all of our activities and event support efforts. I look forward to working with you all in the coming OY. For now please keep safe during the summer recess months and travel plans. God bless you all.

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**REGION XIII WEBSITE:** <https://www.mowwscv.com/>

**MOWW WEBSITE:** <http://www.moww.org/>

**MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD**

- May 01<sup>st</sup> – VSO-1: MAY (5) WOW VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
- May 02<sup>nd</sup> – VFW: Post 12222 Monthly Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6PM
- May 04<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: MAHC Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 4PM
- May 06<sup>th</sup> – VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- May 10<sup>th</sup> – VSO-3: VAC Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- May 15<sup>th</sup> – VSO-4: PVAHCS Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: VAC Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- May 16<sup>th</sup> – MGM Chapter Monthly HYBRID Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- May 18<sup>th</sup> – ALOV Post 132 Monthly Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: R-2 Spring Conference, Ft. Knox, KY - 9AM
- May 20<sup>th</sup> – GELP Chapter Monthly HYBRID Mtg, El Paso, TX - 11AM
- May 27<sup>th</sup> – QTR-4: SCV Chapter Staff VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- May 31<sup>st</sup> – MOWW: MAHC Monthly VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 4PM

**NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG:** JJN 3<sup>rd</sup> (HYBRID)



**LOCALE:** (HYBRID & VCC formats due to COVID-19 limitations)

**EVENT:** AM-5: SCV Chapter Membership Meeting - 11AM

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

**PROGRAM:** HYBRID Meeting Activity “Chapter Membership”

**AGENDA:** “QTR-4 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 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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Air



Auditors: Future F-35 cooling needs unknown as DoD eyes engine upgrade: "Without defined [cooling and engine] requirements, the F-35 program is at greater risk of repeating prior missteps," GAO said.

Air Force general set to lead Missile Defense Agency

Auditors: Over 1 million F-35 spare parts lost by DoD and Lockheed

See the tech at Malaysia's aerospace, maritime defense expo

Biden picks Brown to be Joint Chiefs chairman

Land



Multiple companies could win work on US Army's Project Linchpin AI

Through Project Linchpin, the service intends to deliver artificial intelligence capabilities across the intel, cyber and electronic warfare worlds

New US Marine unit prepares for major role in the Philippines

Equipment for Ukraine drawn from Kuwait wasn't combat-ready, IG says

US Army may ask defense industry to disclose AI algorithms

US Army receives mixed signals from industry on 'radio as a service'

Pentagon

Debt ceiling agreement locks in Biden's proposed defense budget: The White House and House Republicans reached a debt ceiling agreement that increases the defense budget by 3.2% while cutting non-defense spending.



Biden seeks legislation to invest in Australia, UK defense industries: The Biden administration is asking Congress to make Australia and the UK eligible for U.S. Defense Production Act grants and loans as part of AUKUS.



Pentagon won't pause pursuit of AI, CIO Sinema says: "I've said this in other venues, and I'm going to say it here today, that I know some have advocated for taking a knee for six months," he said. "No."

National Geospatial Intelligence Agency to demo data processing node: NGA is developing four Joint Regional Edge Nodes based in different locations around the world.

Intelligence community needs integration officer, DIA's Berrier says: The Defense Intelligence Agency has had its own global integrations officer since 2021.

China Committee wants Congress to establish a Taiwan weapons stockpile: The House China Committee views Taiwan as a model for a prepositioned Taiwan weapons stockpile in a series of bipartisan recommendations for the NDAA.

Naval



Spanish Navy to receive first Naval Strike Missiles in 2027: Deliveries will coincide with the arrival of new frigates, extending the range of Harpoon missiles now installed on Spanish warships.

Biden's pick to lead the Marine Corps helped design its new vision

Malaysia adds funds to troubled littoral combat ship program

Navy establishes rapid response call to get tech to Ukraine, Taiwan

US Navy may accelerate investments to extend some Ohio subs' lives

Space



Pentagon confirms SpaceX deal for Ukraine Starlink services: U.S. officials did not disclose details of the deal — including cost, contract timing or the length of service — citing operational security concerns.

Maxar explores new uses for Earth observation satellites

South Korea launches first commercial-grade satellite

Northrop missile-warning satellites pass early design review

NATO hopes for info driving gears for commercial satellite imagery

VIDEOS

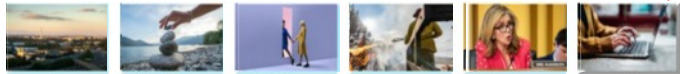


New Army fitness regimen and the Marines' 'innovation unit' | Defense News Weekly for 5.27.23

Is the old PT test dead? The Army tries out a new comprehensive health regimen. Plus, the Marines mint a new tech-focused unit, and a Memorial Day message.

National Security

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CQ Brown's Confirmation Hearing Will Get Nasty: The right hated the "woke" Gen. Milley. Wait 'til they meet a general who has fought racism for years. KEVIN BARON | MAY 26, 2023

Biden Picks Changemaking Air Force Chief as Next Military Officer: BIDEN PICKS CHANGEMAKING AIR FORCE CHIEF AS NEXT MILITARY OFFICER

Army Mulls 10-20% Cut to Special Operations Forces: ARMY MULLS 10-20% CUT TO SPECIAL OPERATIONS FORCES

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GOP Says House Lawmakers Can Leave for Memorial Day Despite Debt Talks: HOUSE MAJORITY LEADER STEVE SCALISE WELCOMES LAWMAKERS WHO WOULD LEAVE FOR MEMORIAL DAY...

Goetz: Only Press Is Talking About Removing McCarthy Amid Debt Talks: SEN. MATT GOETZ, R-PA, IS BATTLING DEMS SUGGESTIONS THAT SPEAKER KEVIN MCCARTHY OFFERS TO TRIM A COMPROMISE AMID DEBT BILLS...

HOMELAND SECURITY: Relevant insights by the experts from American Military University. https://inlandsecurity.com/

https://amuedge.com/icc-issues-arrest-warrant-for-russian-president-putin/

https://amuedge.com/national-police-week-honoring-the-work-of-police-officers/

**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:**

**THE PACT Act** is a new law that expands VA health care eligibility and benefits to several generations of Veterans who may not have been eligible before and adds 20+ new presumptive conditions. This law helps us provide generations of Veterans—and their survivors—with the care and benefits they've earned and deserve.

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**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/>

NO ACTIVITY - ON SUMMER RECESS

**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)

5-9 JUN AZ NJROTC Leadership Academy, Glendale, AZ  
19-24 JUN CMP Rifle Camp, Oklahoma



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May 2023						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 WOW Weekly VCC	2 VFW Monthly MTG	3 UAP Event	4 MAHC VCC MTG UAP Event	5 CINCO DE MAYO UAP Event	6 UAV VCC MTG
7	8 WOW Weekly VCC	9	10 VAC VCC MTG UAP Event	11	12	13 WV CH MTG
14	15 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly VCC	16 MOWW VAC VCC MGM CH VCC	17	18	19 UAP Event	20 GELP CH HYB
21	22 WOW Weekly VCC	23	24	25 ALOV Post 132 MTG	26	27 SCV Ch. Staff VCC
28	29 Memorial Day 2023 WOW Weekly VCC	30	31 MAHC VCC MTG			

June 2023						
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				1	2	3 UAV VCC MTG CM CH MTG
4	5 WOW Weekly VCC	6	7 SAVAHCS VCC MTG	8	9	10
11	12 WOW Weekly VCC	13 R-13 VCC CONF.	14 FLAC DAY	15 TOP-8 VCC MTG ALOV Post 132 MTG	16	17 GELP CH HYB
18 Happy Mother's Day	19 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly VCC	20 VAC VCC MTG MGM CH VCC	21	22	23 USA & USCG AUX BIRTHDAYS	24
25	26 WOW Weekly VCC	27	28	29	30	



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- Worsening Memory Loss**  
Talk to a doctor if you're worried that your memory loss is getting worse.
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Learn how to stay cool and safe in hot weather.
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Find out what everyone should know about the shingles vaccine (Shingrix).

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Learn about the end of the COVID-19 public health emergency.
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CDC's work addressing social determinants of health (SDOH).
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Locate quality trainings and continuing education.
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**CHAPLAIN'S CORNER**

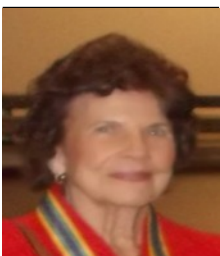
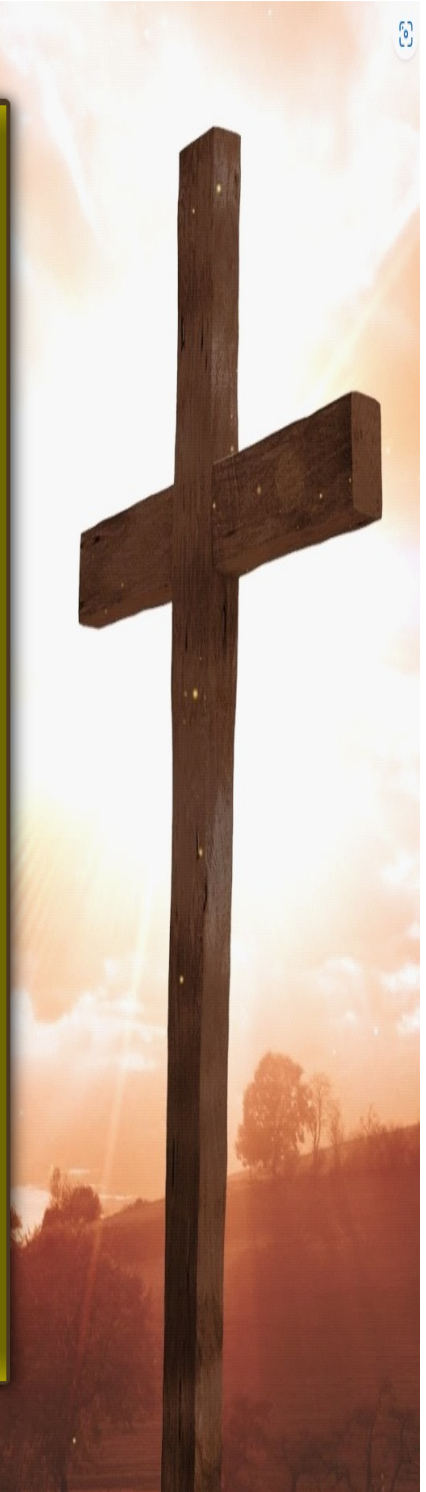
Psalm 89:1-2

"I will sing of your steadfast love , O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations. I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens."

How majestic is the name of the Lord our God in all the earth! God is compassionate, loving and faithful beyond our imagination.

Even when life throws obstacles in our way, God is there. Even when the seas rage and the earth trembles, God is always there for us. No matter how far we wander God is always with us to hold our hand and lead us home. Praise the Lord!!

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**

**May Anniversaries:**

- John J. Blythe, PM (36 years)
- John H. Carter, PM (76 years)
- Theodore L. Cogut, PM (16 years)
- Virgil Compton, PM (36 years)
- Maxine Guy, PM (38 years)
- Vernon P. harms, HPM (21 years)
- Mark B. Higgins, PM (77 years)
- Reuben Horner, PM (42 years)
- Tya E. Irskens, PM (17 years)
- Henry A. Johnson, PM (66 years)
- Ralph G. Johnson, PM (39 years)
- Richard O. Kiser, PM (45 years)
- Lloyd R. Logan, Jr., PM (44 years)
- Edward W. Marsh, PM (46 years)
- Hardin W. Masters, PM (59 years)
- Benjamin S. Mesick, PM (43 years)
- Jeremy F. Pitaniello, RM (1 year)
- George A. Post, PM (37 years)
- Ken Robinson, PM (8 years)
- Anthony G. Sarah, HPM (34 years)
- Catherine E. Sears, HPM (34 years)
- Sam H. Sharp, PM (46 years)
- William R. Sterling, PM (19 years)
- Homer B. Tilton, PM (44 years)
- Lana L. Waddell, PM (18 years)
- Stephen M. Walmsley, PM (25 years)
- Edward H. Wilkie, PM (46 years)

**Companion Birthday Celebrations**

**May Anniversaries:**

- Joseph S. Bean, PM (remembered on the 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Benjamin P. Coppock, PM (remembered on the 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- William L. Gill, PM (remembered on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Jay A. Hess, RM (celebrated on the 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Quentin H. Miller, PM (remembered on the 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Ann S. Hollis, PM (celebrated on the 28<sup>th</sup>)
- Simran Patil, PM (celebrated on the 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Deena D. Reem-Robinson, HPM (celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup>)
- Hazel E. Larimore, HPM (remembered on the 15<sup>th</sup>)
- George A. Post, PM (remembered on the 12<sup>th</sup>)
- James D. Laird, Jr., PM (celebrated on the 25<sup>th</sup>)
- Gregory T. Largen, RM (celebrated on the 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Lynda A. Linker, PM (celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Ronald L. McCreey, PM (remembered on the 26<sup>th</sup>)
- John T. Myers, PM (remembered on the 6<sup>th</sup>)
- E. S. Olsen, PM (remembered on the 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Jeremy F. Pitaniello, RM (celebrated on the 17<sup>th</sup>)
- Harry O. Reuse, PM (remembered on the 29<sup>th</sup>)
- Anthony R. Schaeffer, PM (celebrated on the 11<sup>th</sup>)
- Hector Simon, III RM (celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup>)

**Companion Membership Anniversaries**

**June Anniversaries:**

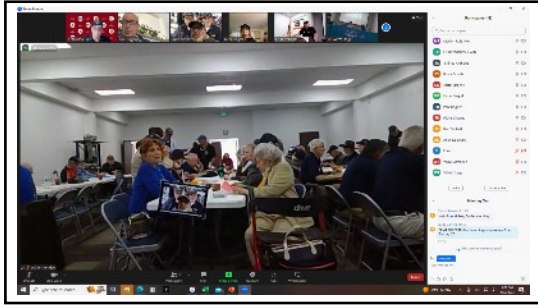
- Ben L. Andersen, PM (43 years)
- Guy A. Bake, PM (20 years)
- Hugh Belden, PM (47 years)
- James G. Blue, PM (62 years)
- Barbara J. Cataldo, HPM (24 years)
- Louis A. Chaboya, PM (18 years)
- William G. Downey, PM (46 years)
- Pauline A. Eisele, PM (18 years)
- Duvi R. Frantz, HPM (7 years)
- James 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>)

**CHAPTER-IN-ACTION**



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

The Wings Over Wendy’s non-profit organization in southern California is a predominantly veteran and supportive local community civilian civic group that brings together aviation professionals, enthusiasts and historians together once a week. Their weekly online video conference call hybrid meetings provide an ideal combination that preserves military service heritage and history with younger generations which is in tune with our MOWW organizational preamble and values. Key mutual interest cater to our general membership companions.



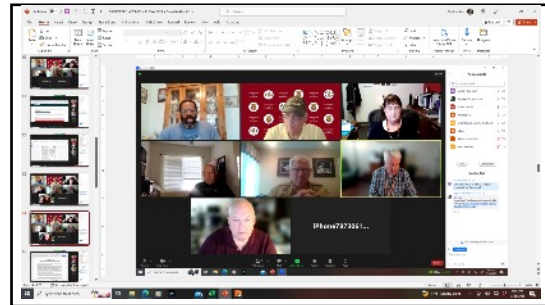
**VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC MTG - MAY 2023**

Our Chapter considers our partnership ties with the Unified Arizona Veterans non-profit to be a key element and contributor to our very successful veteran services organization (VSO) partnership. The organization holds online video conference call meeting sessions monthly and includes a very broad gathering of military service veterans, local community veteran’s causes advocacy groups and civilian veteran support organizations, agencies and civic support philanthropy groups. A very impressive outreach tool.



**VSO-3: Tucson VAC Monthly VCC MTG - MAY 2023**

The Santa Cruz Valley Chapter takes great pride in representing the MOWW in the City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Committee. Our chapter representative actively participates every month in the scheduled online video conference call one-hour sessions, where over twenty local veteran service organizations are also committee members. The committee plays a vital role in local southern Arizona veteran community services advocacy and keeping local government official abreast of veteran support and events.



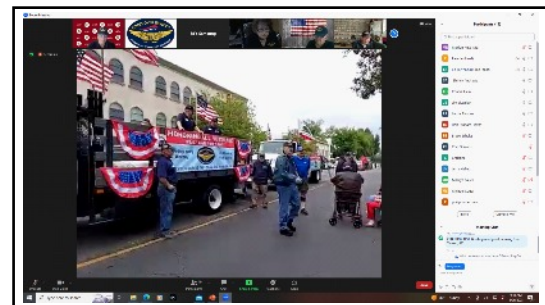
**MOWW: VAC Monthly VCC MTG - MAY 2023**

Our Chapter is one of the few field organizations that provides representation and participates in monthly MOWW National Veterans Affairs Committee online video conference call meetings. As the duly appointed representative to Region-13, our chapter plays a vital role in critical veteran support activities and scheduled events throughout the operating year on matters encompassing everything from passive and active direct veteran community support projects to higher echelon national policy debates and drafting proposed resolutions.



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

Our Chapter attends monthly traditional locale meetings of American Legion Post 132 in nearby Oro Valley, AZ. As an active fellow legionnaire member of that organization, our Chapter is afforded every membership courtesy and allows our chapter to broaden its community outreach channels and effectiveness throughout the calendar year. Post 132 activities and events are most active and well known throughout southern Arizona and provides several inroads for partnership development and recruitment opportunities.



**Combined VSO Memorial Day 2023 Parade - MAY 2023**

Our Chapter participated, in partnership with the Wings Over Wendy’s non-profit from neighboring southern California in the Annual Southern California Memorial Day 2023 Parade. An historical first for our Chapter, participation included a joint effort to live stream and have participants from both the MOWW and WOW present physically and electronic participation via real-time event online video conference call session means. The session was recorded and will be available for post event viewing online.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

# World War One Stories

On this Sunday evening in 1938, the wind blew at about 20 mph and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Burrows Graham Paige pulled into our farm driveway. They came to listen to the radio, the only one for miles around in rural Michigan. On If the wind was blowing, the propeller attached to the Windcharger Dad had installed on the highest peak of our two-story farmhouse roof would have charged the battery that powered our radio and the Burrows were sure to visit.

I was then 10 and liked to hear my father's friends speak about their service in World War One. They would begin to talk about the war and then quickly change the subject. From one of them, a first generation Ukrainian American, I asked, "What happened to you in the war?" He only went so far as to show bullet scars on his legs before he too changed the subject. Ben Burrows, of second-generation German extraction, would tell a war story and to our parents' relief, would omit the war's horrific events when talking to kids.

On this windy day, the battery was charged; and the Burrows, second generation German Americans, had come to listen to a favorite program, "The Hermit's Cave." But it wouldn't be aired until 10 p. m. It was then only about 7 p.m. How was one to keep the kids busy till 10 o'clock? No problem. Ben would tailor his story to a kids' audience.

While standing in a trench, he said, he would lay his Enfield rifle atop the sand bags and close his eyes as he pulled the trigger, explaining he didn't want to see the German he shot because it could be a relative. On another occasion, he was alone

in a forested area with American lines behind him when the tempting aroma of fresh baked bread drew him to a dugout. It was a German army bakery, and behind Ben's pointed rifle, the bakers overloaded him with loaves of freshly baked bread, so many he had to stuff them under his shirt to carry them. With as many loaves as he could take, he walked a safe distance away, found a bed of soft leaves to lay on, gorged on warm fresh bread and covered himself with leaves to hide from German patrols. He soon fell asleep and was awakened the next morning by our troops who had advanced into that area.

The Hermit's Cave came on as Ben finished that story and we listened to it, a ghost story with eerie sound effects: rattling chains, whistling winds and other scary sounds. As it ended I was afraid the Burrows would be too scared to walk past our tire swing. It hung by chains off a limb of our big maple tree and the chains were rattling in the wind. But with steeled nerves they



soldiered on past the swing, got into their car, and returned safely to their home. Jumping ahead about 50 years,

one day a sergeant and I were dropped from a Huey, not far from unfriendlies in an old rice field, the pilots saying they had to suddenly extract troopers from an LZ. Hours dragged by and the thought did arise that they might be shot down. Looking around, I thought of how Ben would have handle this. But there were no trees, no leaves and no enticing aroma of baking bread.



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.

## JUNE IN HISTORY

June 1

**Birthday** - Founder of Utah and patriarch of the Mormon church Brigham Young (1801-1877) was born in Whittingham, Vermont. Called the "American Moses," he led thousands of religious followers across the wilderness to settle over 300 towns in the West, including Salt Lake City, Utah.

**Birthday** - Marilyn Monroe (1926-1962) was born in Los Angeles (as Norma Jean Mortensen). Following an unstable childhood spent in foster homes and orphanages, she landed a job as a photographer's model which led to a movie career. She later married baseball legend Joe DiMaggio. Beneath her glamorous movie star looks she was fragile and insecure and eventually succumbed to the pressures of Hollywood life. She died in Los Angeles from an overdose of sleeping pills on August 5, 1962. Best known for *Gentlemen Prefer Blondes* (1953), *The Seven Year Itch* (1955), *Bus Stop* (1956), *Some Like It Hot* (1959), and *The Misfits* (1961).

June 2

**Birthday** - Marquis de Sade (1740-1814) was born in Paris. He was a military leader, governor-general, and author, whose acts of extreme cruelty and violence resulted in the term *sadism* being created from his name to describe gratification in inflicting pain.

June 3

**June 3, 1937** - The Duke of Windsor married Wallis Warfield Simpson in Monts, France. As King Edward VIII, he had abdicated the British throne in December of 1936 amid tremendous controversy to marry Simpson, an American who had been divorced. Following the wedding, the couple lived in France and had minimal contact with the British Royal family. The Duke died in Paris on May 28, 1972, and was buried near Windsor Castle in England.

**June 3, 1972** - Sally Jan Priesand was ordained a rabbi thus becoming the first woman rabbi in the U.S. She then became an assistant rabbi at the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue in New York City.

**June 3, 1989** - Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, leader of the Islamic Revolution in Iran, died. On February 1, 1979, after 15 years in exile, he had staged a triumphant return to Iran which led to the downfall of the Shah. Khomeini then reorganized the government on Islamic principles. On November 11, 1979, a group of students loyal to Khomeini seized 66 hostages in the American Embassy in Teheran after the former Shah had entered the U.S. for medical treatment. Thus began an international political crisis lasting until January 20, 1981, when they were released.

**Birthday** - Confederate president Jefferson Davis (1808-1889) was born at Todd County, Kentucky. After the Southern states formed the Confederacy in 1861, he hoped to be named commander of the Confederate military forces but was instead chosen to be president, serving until 1865. Following the Civil War, he was imprisoned but never brought to trial. He died at age 81 in New Orleans.

June 4

**June 4, 1944** - During World War II in Europe, Rome was liberated by the U.S. 5th Army, led by General Mark Clark. Rome had been declared an open city by German Field Marshal Albert Kesselring amid Allied concerns the Germans might stage a Stalingrad-style defense that would devastate the historic 'Eternal' city.

**June 4, 1972** - An express train packed with more than 600 people rammed into a stalled train at full speed in the main station of Jessore, Bangladesh, killing 76 and injuring over 500 persons.

**June 4, 1989** - The Chinese government ordered its troops to open fire on unarmed protesters in Tiananmen Square in Beijing. The protest had started on April 16 as about 1,000 students marched to mourn the death of Hu Yaobang, a pro-reform leader within the Chinese government. Despite government warnings, pro-reform and pro-democracy demonstrations continued for a month drawing ever-larger crowds of young people, eventually totaling over a million persons. On May 13, three thousand students began an eight-day hunger strike. The government imposed martial law on May 20 and brought in troops. On June 2, in their first clash with the People's Army, demonstrators turned back an advance of unarmed troops. However, in the pre-dawn hours of June 4, the People's Army, using tanks, machine-guns, clubs and tear gas, opened fire on the unarmed protesters. Armored personnel carriers then rolled into the square crushing students still sleeping in their tents. The Chinese government later claimed only 300 died in the attack. U.S. estimates put the toll at over 3,000. Following the massacre, over 1,600 demonstrators were rounded up and jailed, with 27 being executed.

**Birthday** - King George III (1738-1820) was born. He ruled England for 60 years from 1760 to 1820 and was the British King against whom the American Revolution was directed.

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**June 5, 1783** - The first sustained flight occurred as a hot-air balloon was launched at Annonay, France, by brothers Joseph and Jacques Montgolfier. Their 33-foot-diameter globe aerostatique ascended about 6,000 feet. In September, they repeated the experiment for King Louis XVI, using a sheep, rooster and duck as the balloon's passengers.

## Geo Challenge Trivia

Of the following plants: corn, bean, potato, tomato, banana and pineapple, which one is not native to the Americas? (this one is a little tricky)

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



**FEATURED MOWW REPORT**

**2022-2023 CHAPTER ACTION PLAN FINAL-SEASONAL UPDATE REPORT**

**2022-2023 CHAPTER STRATEGIC GOAL PERFORMANCE TRACKING DATA – QTR 4**

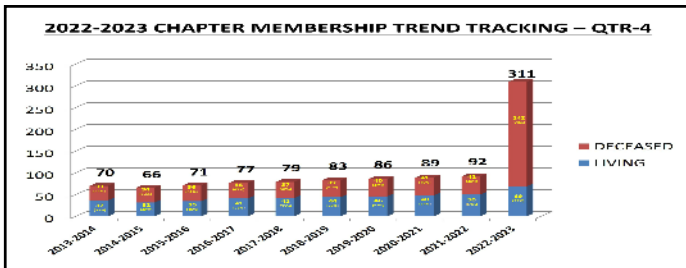
CHAPTER	SG 1 Membership		SG 2 Training		SG 3 Mentorship		SG 4 Publicity		SG 5 Outreach		SG 6 Recognition	
	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target	Actual	Target
Denver (S)	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	1	50%			
West Valley (S)	1	1	3	3	4	4	2	2	50%			
COL Stephens-Apache Trail (M)	3	3	3	3	6	6	0	0	0%			
Colorado Springs (M)	3	3	0	0	3	3	3	3	100%			
MO Miles (M)	2	2	3	3	5	5	2	2	40%			
Phoenix (M)	3	3	2	2	5	5	3	3	60%			
Santa Cruz Valley (M)	2	2	2	2	4	4	4	4	100%			
Greater El Paso (L)	4	4	1	1	5	5	1	1	20%			
<b>Region XIII</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>47%</b>			

NOTE: Current membership recruitment statistics are based upon a total chapter living membership of 109 fellow companions and a seasonal membership recruitment goal of 4% net increase among living fellow companion members (based on a "0" living member loss). Chapter running strategy beginning the current 2022-2023 MOWW Activity Season and focusing on any membership losses due to natural attrition. The finished 2022-2023 Activity Season Chapter Action Plan has taken into consideration a total of six strategic goal objectives to be supported and sustained. In the post COVID-19 pandemic operational environment, the chapter also has to contend with integrating 11 transitioning fellow companions from a fellow chapter closure and the passing of two fellow companions. In summary, our chapter effectively met every challenge by recruiting five (5) new fellow companions, to help offset the loss of two fellow companions and presented its OY 4% net growth increase, while also successfully adding another six (6) fellow companions that were recruited from the 86 Battalion district (at large) roster listing who still reside in the local chapter operating area for a total chapter end strength of 69 living fellow companions to assist the chapter with sustaining all of its SG support achievements and activity and event community support commitments.

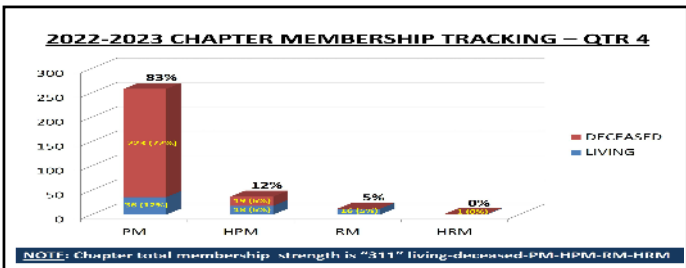
**OVERVIEW:** Our chapter once again has achieved 100% of its stated 2022-2023 OY Chapter Action Plan (CAP) goals. In spite of having to revamp its meeting schedule and day-to-day operations to help welcome and accommodate 17 newly transitioning fellow companions from a neighboring chapter closure, having to cope with the passing of two fellow companions and offsetting their impact by recruiting 5 new fellow companions to meet its stated 4% net increase chapter growth quota, and literally doubling its annual Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance signature event commitment (adding a second such event) our chapter nonetheless persevered and will proudly usher in another very competitive national awards season - submitting 6 national program award packages and is expected to compete very well for the coveted GAS Pershing Chapter of the Year award honors. Refer to first and second graphics for further details.

CHAPTER	OY 2022 Starting SG-1 Goal (Net 4% Increase over OY 2021)	OY 2022 Member Losses (Resigned, Lapsed, Deceased)	OY 2022 Adjusted SG-1 Goal (Net 4% Increase over OY 2021 plus Member Losses)	OY 2022 New Members	OY 2022 % SG-1 Goal Achieved
Denver (S)	1	1	2	1	50%
West Valley (S)	1	3	4	2	50%
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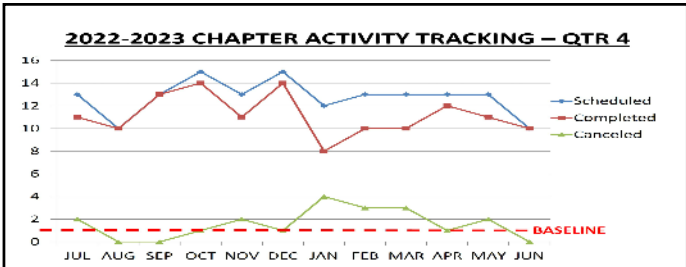
**SG-1 Recruit, Convene & Involve Companions:** Our chapter began the current 2022-2023 OY making the leap from a small chapter into a medium category chapter over night - due to assumption of over two-hundred plus fellow companions from the former Catalina Mountains (CM) Chapter 212 in east Tucson. As the third graphics depicts, this sudden increase to our chapter roster added a massive administrative load to our operational books which continues to this day - as we continue to vet former CM Chapter companions who may still reside in the local Tucson area and who will be notified with time about the continued nature of our MOWW activities under our chapter management. Regardless, of the added burden, our chapter was able to withstand and absorb these and other challenges and did not hamper our ability to achieve all of our desired CAP goals. In summary our SG-1 goals were accomplished with the recruitment of 5 new fellow companions, 11 transitioning fellow companions from the former CM Chapter, and another 6 fellow companions recovered after re-establishing contact and notifying them of our continued MOWW community outreach mission in southern Arizona.



**SG-2 Provide Companion Leadership Training:** With the addition of 17 transitioning new companions and the successful recruitment of 5 more this OY, our chapter has a renewed interest and motivation to seize upon our SG-2 companion leadership training efforts and opportunities. Our 2023-2024 OY CAP will address this renewed opportunity to bring on board and provide every fellow companion a meaningful stakeholder role in our chapter's success moving forward for the upcoming new OY.



**SG-3 Mentorship & Develop Companions:** Likewise is the case, from the scenario presented in the previous SG-2 performance summary for our SG-3 companion mentorship and development opportunities in the upcoming 2023-2024 OY. As our chapter fellow companion numbers continue to increase, so will our capabilities - as was demonstrated during our recent annual ROTC-JROTC award ceremony presenters - where for the first time ever our chapter had 5 fellow companions volunteer to serve as award medal package presenters. We are also truly blessed to have gained a chapter chaplain and monthly newsletter article author, who both have elevated our monthly publication to new heights.



**SG-4 Conduct Chapter Advertising & Publicity:** Our chapter SG-4 efforts continue unimpeded by occasional operational challenges. The key to our successes in accomplishing our stated goals is due to our heavy veteran services organization (VSO) and robust civic group (CG) sustained and growing partnerships - which have yielded opportunities in all other chapter outreach and engagement opportunities.

**SG-5 Expand & Improve Chapter Outreach Programs:** Gains in this SG performance dovetail nicely with our previous SG-4 efforts and planning acumen. Again the corner stone for our continued successes are due to our very strong community partnership practices.

**SG-6 Recognize Chapter & Companion Excellence:** Our chapter now hosts two Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance (MOC) in a single OY. Even though our chapter had to consider foregoing some scheduled commitments supported in past Oys (manly due to the addition of several commitments (scheduled for the same day and in some instances for the same event time) we were able to keep a constant community outreach presence and routine service project schedule this year. The last graphics shows our scheduled, completed and cancelled outreach commitment trends for the current 2022-2023 OY.



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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