

COMMANDER

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Hello everyone. Well, it is hard to believe that the month of March has come and is almost already gone. April will officially have our chapter operations entering the fourth and final quarter of the current operating year. Between now and the last day of June, when the current operating year will come to an end, there is lots left to attend to. Our chapter recruitment numbers are still stagnant. We are still in need of four more newly recruited fellow companions to reach our chapter action plan operations year goal of six new members to meet our MOWW designated chapter growth threshold for this year. When we last got together there were some recruitment leads identified and in the works. With the beginning of the last operational quarter, we will soon be calling on everyone to provide updates of your recruitment efforts on any leads that may have been relayed for our follow-up. Recruitment is our most important focus, entering the final four months of our current operations, so we hope folks have been looking since we last got together at Casa Del Rio in east Tucson. We will be broaching this critical subject, so come prepared to contribute to the conversation.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Hello to all from Tucson. Our current Santa Cruz Valley Chapter – 193 CHASE Bank Account balance are as follows: SAVINGS - \$904.55 USDs, and CHECKING - \$1,530.92 USDs. Both accounts have been reconciled and documented. The US BANK AZYLC Fund Account is currently showing a balance of \$5,049.58 USDs. We are anticipating one more online MOWW Online Store inventory purchase to restock our awards, once we have depleted our current stock after this year's SCV Chapter Arizona Awards Program (AAP) and Utah Awards Program (UAP) Awards Event support and services season, getting ready to start in April until mid-May. We have also received notification that HQ MOWW has approved a Perpetual & Memorial Fund program payout dividend, for the current 2023-2024 operating year, to all qualified local chapters at an estimated \$5.35 USDs per member times the total number, as identified and listed in the master membership roster. According to my calculations, based upon a current total of 264 chapter perpetual and memorial fellow companions, times \$5.35 USDs, our estimate of our chapter anticipated payout should be around \$1,412.40 USDs. Arriving back to our chapter coffers. With this added funding, our chapter will have enough funding to finish out the year and have some funding left over for roll-over into the new 2024-2025 operating year beginning on 1 July of this calendar year.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Hello everyone! Spring is just around the corner and with that the last of our collective chapter efforts to finish this year as strong as we have done in previous years. While recruitment is severely lacking, placing us behind the power curve in falling short of our desired six newly recruited chapter members for the current operating year, we once again have an opportunity to span out and leave no stone unturned, as we continue to identify and recruit new members. There are some prospects requiring recruitment deal closer like; (1) "sealing the deal" on all those pending membership applications to be tended to among family members, (2) signing up your spouse [makes a great Mrs. Mother's Day gift] if not yet a member, (3) sign up all those fellow JROTC SAIs [both current yet to be recruited into our MOWW family and those newcomers recently befriended], and of course (4) offering all those ROTC and JROTC [MOWW recruitment qualified officers] a fully SCV Chapter sponsored one-year regular membership opportunity – as has been successfully done in past operating years. Regarding our other Chapter Action Plan goals, we are proceeding quite well towards accomplishing them all, but before moving on from recruitment I want to also remind everyone that our chances to submit our chapter for this year's General of the Armies Chapter of the Year National award, will greatly depend on our chapter being able to meet [if not surpass] our designated six newly recruited chapter members this year – if we really want to be competitive once again. Also remember there is a CASH prize for the honor of winning top honors in this award category. We have already received six high school JROTC program requests for JROTC awards package support this year for the month of April and two such requests for May. Although this is great news we are noticeable short by four school ROTC/JROTC program requests compared to last year. A follow-up reminder message will be going out before the end of this month, in hopes of regaining our awards support package numbers to last year's levels. While there is more on our "front burner" I will save that coordination news of upcoming newsletter editions and pending chapter meetings yet to occur at this point.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

- Feb 03rd – R-13: RM-3 SCV Chapter HYB Mtg, Tucson, AZ - 12PM
- Feb 03rd – VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Feb 04th – TVAC: Annual Four Chaplains Event, Tucson, AZ - 1PM
- Feb 05th – VSO-1: FEB (4) WOW HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10:30AM
- Feb 07th – MOWW: MTS VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 8AM & 12PM
- Feb 10th – PHX Chapter & AZYL, Inc. Mtg., Phoenix, AZ - 11AM
- Feb 13th – R-13: TVAC VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Feb 15th – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 Mtg, Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- Feb 16th – R-13: AZYL, Inc. VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 1PM
- Feb 17th – MOAA: CM Chapter Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 11:30AM
- Feb 20th – WV Chapter MOC Event, Sun City West, AZ - 11AM
- Feb 21th – MOWW: IPC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 2PM
- Feb 22nd & 29th – R-13: AZYL, Inc. VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: APR 6th (RM-HYB) ZOOM LINK

MEETINGS: (VCC "staff" format) & (HYB "membership" format)

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

ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

PROGRAM: OY 2023 Activity Season Membership Meeting

AGENDA: "RM-4 SCV Chapter AZYLC 2024 Fundraising"

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

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

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Analysts: Rising purchase of Spirit could strengthen defense business



Mannes select companies to build canon version of new recon vehicle
US Army needs more industry input before pivot to 'radio as a service'
US Army to stand up cross-functional team for deep sensing

Pentagon -->

Opinion
To achieve Replicator, the Pentagon should mirror Unmanned Task Force
Disruptive Innovation Inside any large organization is extremely hard. Few organizations have shown they can sustain disruptive innovation over time.



Biden outlines military plans to build port in Gaza for aid
In a State of the Union address, President Joe Biden said a temporary pier would boost humanitarian assistance.



Congress
A nearly \$1 trillion defense budget faces headwinds at home and abroad
There are bipartisan calls to hit the breaks as defense spending nears \$1 trillion. Others say that amount is not enough to fund U.S. strategy worldwide.



Missile Defense Agency won't brief public on budget request
The Missile Defense Agency director says he is working on a way to share the organization's budget details in lieu of its usual Pentagon rollout.



'Big changes': Congressional panel proposes new defense budget system
After two years spent studying the Defense Department's resourcing process, the commission recommends wholesale changes to the 60-year-old system.

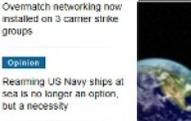


Three directions the US defense budget could go
Battles over border security, as well as aid for Ukraine, Israel and Taiwan, make the outcome for the FY25 defense budget difficult to predict.

Naval -->



Overmatch networking now insisted on 3 carrier strike groups
Rearming US Navy ships at sea is no longer an option, but a necessity
Turkey makes changes to planned TF-2000 air defense ship



Space Development Agency aims to test Link 16 over US this year
Space Force reimagines training, operations as conflicts intensify
India plans to spend \$3 billion on space. Can it catch up to China?



UK space chief flags moon mining as next conflict 'gray zone'
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VIDEOS -->



What is bravery? Medal of Honor recipients tackle that question here on March 12
Beginning March 12, 'The Honor Project: Reflections on Courage,' a special nine-part series from Military Times. Visit Military Times YouTube for more.

National Security

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Top Pentagon IT official departs deputy CIO role

Lily Zeleke will be taking over 'new responsibilities' at the agency, though it's still unknown what her new position is.



Air Force's pitch to retirees: Come back! No bonus or promotion, though
AUREY DECKER | FEBRUARY 9, 2024



What's at stake as Congress hashes out the 2024 defense budget
SHAWN MCDONAGALL, FORECAST INTERNATIONAL | FEBRUARY 2, 2024



Some secret military programs are getting a little less secret
LAUREN C. WILLIAMS | JANUARY 23, 2024

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Sen. Britt Goes After Biden as 'Out of Touch' in GOP's SOTU Rebuttal
Sen. Britt, R-Iowa, on Thursday accused President Joe Biden of a 'blatant lack of leadership' and 'understand the problems Americans face and is taking the U.S. down a worrisome path'.

Rick Scott Meets With Trump Amid Rumors of Run for GOP Senate Leader
Sen. Scott met with former President Donald Trump on Monday and urged the Florida Republican again launch a bid to succeed Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, who recently announced he would step down from the post in November.

State, Congressional Lawmakers Push Policy to Ban Noncitizen Voting
A bill of congressional and state legislation aimed at preventing noncitizen voting at all levels is being pushed across the country by the ongoing impact of...

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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:



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 Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

- 1-5 MAR JROTC Cadet Leadership Challenge, Ft. Huachuca, AZ
- 08 MAR Color Guard for Green Valley Aero Club, Green Valley, AZ
- 11-15 MAR Spring Break Recess, Rio Rico, AZ
- 22 MAR Obstacle Course/one rope Bridge Raider Challenge, Rio Rico, AZ

NJROTC Events – For an update on local Sahuarita HS Navy JROTC activities and information please contact Commander Bradley Roberson, USN (ret.) at broberson@sahuarita.k12.az.us

- 02 MAR Thunderbird Marksmanship Competition, THS, Phoenix, AZ
- 02 MAR Catalina State Park Orienteering Meet, Oro Valley, AZ
- 08 MAR Tri-Service Color Guard Aero Club Banquet, Sahuarita, AZ
- 09 MAR CMP JROTC State Marksmanship Meet, Phoenix, AZ
- 16 MAR Army Navy Raider Meet, Carlsbad, CA
- 16-17 MAR National Navy Orienteering Invitational, King's Mountain, SC
- 23 MAR Color Guard First Responders Fair, Green Valley, AZ



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	Lincoln's Birthday WOW Weekly HYB	TVAC VCC MTG	Valentine's Day 2024 MOWW: NCSC VCC	SPC VCC ALOV POST 132	R-13: AZYL VCC	GELP CH MOC MOAA CMC MTG
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March 2024						
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St. Patrick's Day	PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	MOWW: YAC VCC MGM CH VCC	MOWW: IPC VCC	MOWW: TOP-8 VCC ALOV POST 132	R-13: AZYL VCC	Victim Assistance
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	Medal of Honor Day WOW Weekly HYB	MOWW: SPC VCC MOWW: MAHC VCC		R-13: SCV CH STAFF VCC		PHX CH - AZYL HYB

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What you need to know about COVID-19.
- Respiratory Illness**
There are actions you can take to protect yourself and others from flu, COVID-19, and RSV.
- RSV Prevention**
Learn about the symptoms and treatment of respiratory syncytial virus (RSV).
- Strep Throat**
Health care providers can do a quick test to see if a sore throat is strep throat.

CDC IN ACTION

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Locate quality trainings and continuing education.
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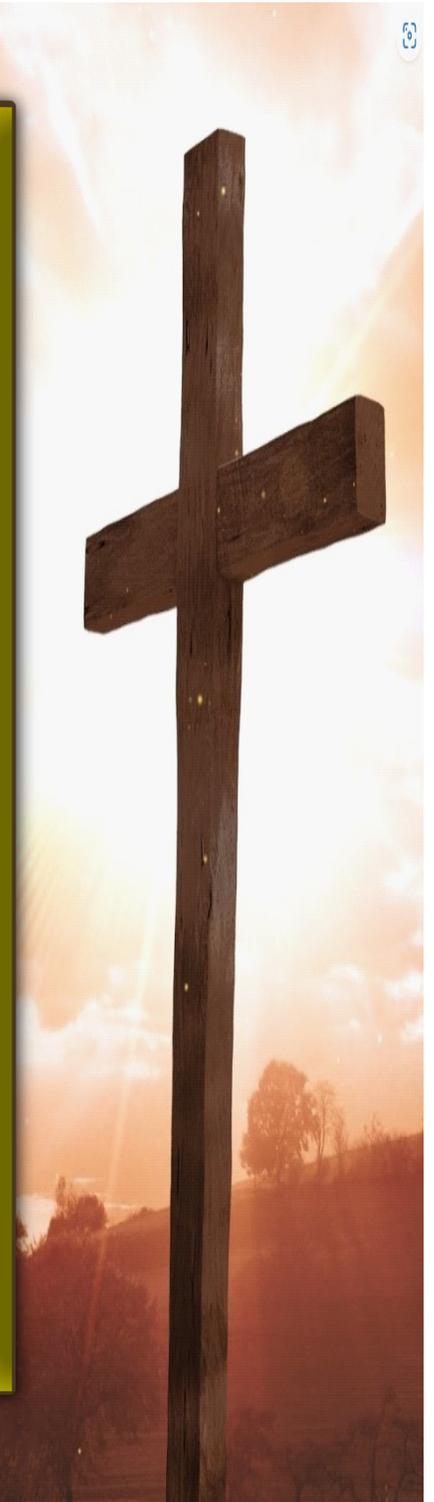
VSO FEATURED EVENT

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"

Each year we look forward to the coming of spring--flowers blooming, butterflies and hummingbirds abound. When we see the wonderful things God has done for all of us, praise should flow out like a river. We are reminded of the promise of eternal life given to us by God's grace in our risen Christ. Jesus came to reconcile us with God and to show us that God's love is so deep and so strong we can never be separated from him. As we remember all the blessings in our lives, let us pray for our military serving all over 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

February Anniversaries:

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| • Arthur J. Alley, PM (35 years) | Lyman Phillips, PM (29 years) |
| • William F. Applegarth, PM (8 years) | James W. Preble, PM (37 years) |
| • Thelma H. Castle, PM (39 years) | William J. Ratsch, PM (30 years) |
| • D. L. Christy, Jr., PM (29 years) | Deena D. Ream-Robinson, HPM (2 year) |
| • Donna M. Coleman, HPM (20 years) | Bradley W. Roberson, RM (6 years) |
| • Daniel D'Antimo, PM (44 years) | Adriana Y. Ruiz, HPM (10 years) |
| • John A. Devine, PM (13 years) | Christian A. Ruiz, HPM (10 years) |
| • Hiram W. Earle, PM (46 years) | Nicole M. Ruiz, HPM (10 years) |
| • Joe E. Gonzalez, PM (34 years) | Larry W. Rumans, PM (21 years) |
| • Thomas F. Gross, RM (2 years) | Brandine L. Simon, HRM (5 years) |
| • Eugene D. Janes, PM (43 years) | Hector Simon III, RM (5 years) |
| • Carol A. Kadous, HPM (21 years) | Yvonne B. Sitzmann, HPM (32 years) |
| • Robert G. Kales, PM (44 years) | Philip E. Snyder, PM (44 years) |
| • William H. King, PM (40 years) | Lawrence Spyker, PM (44 years) |
| • William W. King, PM (44 years) | Billie L. Stephens, PM (18 years) |
| • James I. McArthur, PM (17 years) | Ann F. Stewart, HPM (29 years) |
| • Fay R. McCormick, PM (32 years) | Paul A. Street, PM (44 years) |
| • John C. Morton, PM (46 years) | Donald W. Tyrrell, PM (73 years) |
| • Edward R. Murphy, PM (58 years) | Robert W. Von Werne, PM (27 years) |
| • Thomas B. Murphy, PM (35 years) | Rex E. Wigham, PM (46 years) |

Companion Birthday Celebrations

February Birthdays:

- Lissette M. Bake, HPM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Kenneth R. Bruce, PM (celebrated on the 23rd)
- Fluvio J. Cataldo, PM (remembered on the 17th)
- Theodore J. Falter, PM (celebrated on the 13th)
- Ron J. James, PM (celebrated on the 18th)
- George M. Jones, PM (remembered on the 22nd)
- Joann W. Ralyea, PM (celebrated on the 11th)
- Donald R. Schessler, PM (celebrated on the 24th)
- Wallis A. Weaver, PM (remembered on the 3rd)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

March Anniversaries:

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| • James E. Adams, Jr., RM (3 years) | George E. Marley, PM (24 years) |
| • George W. Biggs, PM (29 years) | David J. McInroy, PM (45 years) |
| • Robert F. Clark, PM (45 years) | Richard J. Meyer, PM (47 years) |
| • Benjamin P. Coppock, PM (34 years) | Terrance L. Moynihan, PM (37 years) |
| • Elwess F. Dyer, PM (47 years) | Harold W. Mueller, PM (35 years) |
| • Robert M. Easton, HPM (19 years) | Eugene J. Murphy, PM (45 years) |
| • Bobby J. Edwards, RM (3 years) | Charles H. Pritchard, PM (47 years) |
| • Theodore J. Falter, PM (4 years) | Lawrence O. Ransom, PM (41 years) |
| • Manuel F. Gatica, PM (20 years) | C. E. Reid, PM (47 years) |
| • Travis R. Gay, PM (47 years) | Ralph H. Richards, PM (34 years) |
| • Robert G. Harris, PM (45 years) | Norman W. Richmond, PM (41 years) |
| • James A. Hart, PM (47 years) | Virginia L. Sanborn, HPM (9 years) |
| • Beverly B. Haskins, HPM (34 years) | Kimberly Smith, PM (32 years) |
| • Ron J. James, PM (23 years) | Fred M. Zimmermann, PM (44 year) |
| • Robert E. Johnson, PM (40 years) | |
| • George M. Jones, PM (47 years) | |
| • Robert D. Kellogg, PM (38 years) | |
| • Alan L. Leander, HPM (21 years) | |
| • Chrysande J. Levesque, PM (36 years) | |
| • William R. Lipscomb, PM (47 years) | |

Companion Birthday Celebrations

March Birthdays:

- Robert A. Anderson, PM (remembered on the 3rd)
- Dolores R. Bahti, HPM (remembered on the 11th)
- Robert F. Clarke, PM (remembered on the 20th)
- Adam T. Free, HPM (celebrated on the 10th)
- Calvin J. Kadous, HPM (remembered on the 1st)
- Robert G. Kales, PM (remembered on the 14th)
- Alan L. Leander, HPM (celebrated on the 8th)
- Richard C. Leander, PM (remembered on the 8th)
- Edward W. Marsh, PM (remembered on the 22nd)
- Robert R. Ozier, PM (celebrated on the 21st)
- Dolores R. Rivas, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- George G. Shoemaker, PM (celebrated on the 1st)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



R-13: RM-3 SCV Chapter HYB MTG - FEB 2024

Our chapter hosted its third regular membership meeting, for the current 2023-2024 operating year on SAT, 3 FEB @12PM local AZ MST. The chapter met at our usual Casa Del Rio Mexican Restaurant in east Tucson. We had seven fellow chapter companions and one invited fellow companion from the Phoenix Chapter join us for both our luncheon service and accompanying business meeting. The chapter meeting provide update briefings from the Adjutant, Treasurer and expanded Q&A sessions during group discussions. Very grateful to all.



VSO-1: WOW Weekly HYB MTG - FEB 2024

The Wings Over Wendy's non-profit community advocacy/military aviation-general aviation enthusiast and historical organization based out of central California hosted a total of four weekly meeting in February - of which our chapter actively participates in. WOW provides a very robust meeting activities agenda, along with full hybrid online transmission in real time conference services, a great and diverse topic invited speaker program and local activity updates and briefings. The organization was founded in 2002.



TVAC: Four Chaplains Ceremony Event - FEB 2023

Our chapter participated in this year's national Four Chaplains Observance Ceremony which commemorates the selfless personal sacrifice of four military Chaplains who gave up their own life jackets to fellow soldiers during the sinking of the USS Dorchester by a German U-boat submarine in the Atlantic Ocean, during the early months of World War II. The event is organized by the city of Tucson Veterans Affairs Committee, out of the Mayor of Tucson local government offices and hosted at a local veteran park.



HQ MOWW: TNG VCC SEMINAR - FEB 2024

Our chapter is an avid participant of any HQ MOWW online ZOOM training sessions periodically offered Order-wide. Training sessions are created and provide timely online tools capabilities usage orientation and the introduction of new and developing online capabilities offered to all MOWW fellow companions in efforts to further train the general membership demographic and continuously streamline general organization administrative, operational and managerial processes. All sessions are recorded for post event uses.



MOAA: CM Chapter Monthly MTG - FEB 2024

Our chapter is an active member and contributor with our local community Military Officer Association of America veteran service organization Catalina Mountains Chapter in west Tucson (Saddlebrooke, AZ). Collaboration between our chapter and the MOAA is always ongoing, as veteran service organization partnerships are commonplace throughout the state and particularly very noticeable in southern Arizona - in the general vicinity of the city of Tucson and neighboring townships and rural towns.



WV Chapter - 131 Annual MOC Event - FEB 2024

Our chapter also supports fellow chapter events and activities, as part of our chapter MOWW outreach program. Such efforts help overall Region XIII (R-13) cohesive operations and strong team-building/robust team-work regional operational environment, where all support each other and address challenges and troubleshooting in a very effective collective manner - as described by the phrase "See a need - Fill a Need." R-13 is the only region to execute 6 annual MOCs among only seven chapter regional operation.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

I Arrive at Selfridge Field

On final approach, Capt. Cruthirds took the B-17 over Lake St. Clair, located immediately beside Selfridge Field, Mi. The lake reminded me of my junior year (1943) in the aeronautics class at John J. Pershing High School in nearby Detroit, where it had been said French pilots, who then trained at Selfridge, flew too low, scaring boaters. Selfridge was named after Thomas Selfridge, the first American airman killed in an aircraft crash. Orville Wright, the pilot, survived with injuries. Capt. Cruthirds and I were good friends. At our departing base, Westover



Field, MA, he and his wife had rented a room in the same house where Marie and I had rented one, in Willimansett, close to the base. Like Marie and I, the Cruthirds had a baby daughter. In a unique house feature, a looped-rope clothesline was attached by pullies to the house next door. Mrs. Cruthirds and Mrs. Cogut (my Marie) would pin a washed diaper (throw-aways hadn't been invented) to the rope, pull its reverse loop to move the diaper to free air and pin on more until the space



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.

between houses was filled with drying diapers. Selfridge had long been a fighter base. Upon my arrival, it transitioned to P-80, Air Force's first operational jet. (P-80 photo below was taken in 1947 by Marie's brother, Cpl. Robert Nordstrom, at Haneda AB, Tokyo, Japan Army of Occupation.) One of my first weather briefings at Selfridge happened to be at an historic event. The lead pilot of a flight of P-80s, WWII ace David Schilling (22.5 victories in the European Theater of Operations), said he was about to fly to Goose Bay, Labrador. After I described the weather to Goose Bay, he asked for the weather from Goose to Europe. At Selfridge, we didn't normally provide an over-the-Atlantic forecast. Our teletypes did not show stationary-ship weather data, needed in making Atlantic weather maps. At that point, Captain William E. Smith, our detachment commander, came out from his office with a written forecast for the over-water leg. He probably received it by TWX (military telegram) from a weather center or from Westover, my previous assignment, the home of the Atlantic-crossing forecasting experts. I was then told Schilling's flight was the first west-to east crossing of the Atlantic by a jet aircraft. In my book, *Forecaster!*, written 50 years later, I recalled that Atlantic crossing by jet occurred in 1949 but having then read it occurred in 1948, I assumed it must have been the second crossing. Now, more than 75 years have gone by. More research makes me believe my briefing to Goose Bay actually was for the first leg of the first west-to-east jet crossing of the Atlantic and it happened in 1948, not 1949. **TLC**



FEBRUARY IN HISTORY

March 1

March 1, 1781 - Formal ratification of the [Articles of Confederation](#) was announced by Congress. Under the Articles, Congress was the sole governing body of the new American national government, consisting of the 13 original states. The Articles remained in effect through the [Revolutionary War](#) until 1789, when the current U.S. Constitution was adopted.

March 1, 1932 - The 20-month-old son of aviation pioneer Charles A. Lindbergh was kidnapped from his home in Hopewell, New Jersey. The Lindberghs then paid a \$50,000 ransom. However, on May 12, the boy's body was found in a wooded area a few miles from the house.

March 1, 1961 - President [John F. Kennedy](#) established the Peace Corps, an organization sending young American volunteers to developing countries to assist with health care, education and other basic human needs.

March 1, 1974 - Seven former high-ranking officials of the Nixon White House were indicted for conspiring to obstruct the investigation into the Watergate break-in. Among those indicted; former chief of staff H.R. Haldeman, former top aide John Ehrlichman, and former attorney general John Mitchell.

Birthday - American band leader Glenn Miller (1904-1944) was born in Carilinda, Iowa. His music gained enormous popularity during the 1940's through recordings such as *Moonlight Serenade* and *String of Pearls*. On December 15, 1944, his plane disappeared over the English Channel while en route to Paris where he was scheduled to perform.

March 2

March 2, 1943 - During [World War II in the Pacific](#), a Japanese convoy was attacked by 137 American bombers as the Battle of Bismarck Sea began. The convoy included eight destroyers and eight transports carrying 7,000 Japanese soldiers heading toward New Guinea. Four destroyers and all eight transports were sunk, resulting in 3,500 Japanese drowned, ending Japanese efforts to send reinforcements to New Guinea.

Birthday - American soldier and politician [Sam Houston](#) (1793-1863) was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia. As a teenager he ran away and joined the Cherokee Indians who accepted him as a member of their tribe. He later served as a Congressman and Governor of Tennessee. In 1832, he became commander of the Texan army in the War for Texan Independence, defeating the larger Mexican army in 1836 at the Battle of San Jacinto. He then served as Senator and Governor of the new state of Texas but was removed in 1861 after refusing to swear allegiance to the Confederacy.

March 3

March 3, 1913 - A [women's suffrage march](#) in Washington D.C. was attacked by angry onlookers while police stood by. The march occurred the day before Woodrow Wilson's inauguration. Many of the 5,000 women participating were spat upon and struck in the face as a near riot ensued. Secretary of War Henry Stimson then ordered soldiers from Fort Myer to restore order.

Birthday - Railroad car builder George Pullman (1831-1897) was born in Brocton, New York. He improved railroad sleeping accommodations, developing the folding upper berth and lower berth designs. His company went on to become the biggest [railroad car](#) building organization in the world.

Birthday - Telephone inventor Alexander Graham Bell (1847-1922) was born in Edinburgh, Scotland. Bell and his father were involved in teaching deaf persons to speak. Bell developed an interest in the vibrating membrane as a method of electrically transmitting sounds. His very first sentence spoken on the [newly invented telephone](#) on March 10, 1876, was to his assistant, "Mister Watson, come here, I want you."

March 4

Geo Challenge Trivia

What is the capital of South Korea? Also, what does the name of this city mean when it is literally translated into English?

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

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Cost: Cobra rides \$800 (sorry - no discounts)

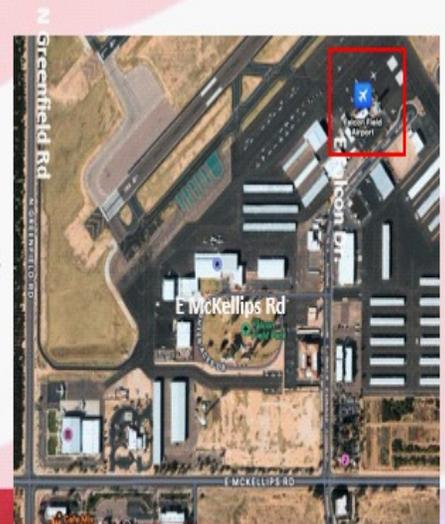
Huey rides \$125 (\$10 discount Veterans, \$10 discount if purchased on-line. Can't combine discounts)

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Any questions: Call AAHF Operations (480) 217-1635

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

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