

COMMANDER

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CHAPTER STAFF NOTES

ADJUTANT

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

April will soon arrive and with it many requests for ROTC and JROTC awards season support. Let's keep in mind and be on the lookout for potential recruitment opportunities. We are now beginning our fourth and last operating year (OY) 2025 quarter seasonal activities. We have done quite well thus far in meeting and/or exceeding our stated Chapter Action Plan goals. Let's try to finish strong and get the most out of the activities we still have on the calendar. WE appreciate and are ready to receive any and all volunteers to help out during this year's ROTC and JROTC awards ceremonial events. Please contact the Adjutant if interested in getting involved.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our Chapter financials entering the fourth quarter (QTR-4: APR-MAY-JUN) account fund balances are as follows. The chapter CHASE bank account balance, as of the end of March shows SAVINGS - \$2,236.04 USDs / CHECKING - \$2,236.03 USDs. The Chapter AZYLC Program Fundraising Campaign US Bank account balance increased slightly showing \$4,763.93 USDs. Account balance information includes this year's MOWW P&M Dividend payout which was deposited in early APR. Around this time each year we readjust all available chapter funding and distribute the total balance equally between the chapter accounts and transition a portion into the standalone US Bank AZYLC Fund Account accordingly, in anticipation of pending expenditures associated with our annual R-13 awards Support Program and summer AZYLC Program expenditures.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

April will bring our usual in-state southern Arizona ROTC and JROTC achievement medal package award support requests. Between April and May we will most likely bring in a couple of newly recruited and chapter sponsored companions and perhaps one or two newly supported university and/or high schools into our Chapter Expeditionary Program companion and Patriot Program volunteer augmentee participants. WE have already contacted the University of Arizona Army ROTC Commissioning Program point of contact and hope to pick that program up this year which would compliment the Air Force and Navy program partnerships we already are serving as of two years now. Region XIII has already begun AZYLC 2026 (8-12 JUN 2026) planning ZOOM meetings as well. Our chapter will provide ten student delegates this year. Until our next issue, let's be safe out there and keep hydrated.

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MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD

- Mar 2nd – R-13: Mar (5) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
- Mar 5th – R-13: AZYL INC BOD (4) [W] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Mar 7th – R-13: UAV [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:00AM
- Mar 7th – R-13: GELP Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 12PM
- Mar 10th – R-13: AVMCF [M] HYB Mtg., Marana, AZ - 6PM
- Mar 11th - VFW: Desert Storm 10th Anniversary, Oro Valley, AZ-10AM
- Mar 11th – R-13: TVAC [M] HYB Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 6PM
- Mar 15th – R-13: Marana VC [M] Mtg., Marana, AZ - 4PM
- Mar 17th – MOWW: VAC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Mar 17th – R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 4:30PM
- Mar 19th – R-13: ALOV Post 132 [M] Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- Mar 21st – MOAA: CM Ch. [M] Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 10:30AM
- Mar 29th – VVA: Vietnam Observance [M] Evnt., Tucson, AZ - 10AM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: APR 4th (HYB)

MEETING LINK

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

EVENT: RM-5: SCV Chapter Regular Meeting - 12PM

ATTIRE: Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

PROGRAM: OY 2025 SCV Annual Easter Program

AGENDA: "QTR-4 SCV Chapter Working Luncheon Activity"

NOTE: "Local Chapter staff meetings (SM) 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 ("RM" 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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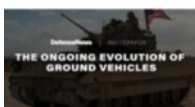


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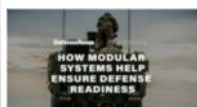
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Marines to phase out F/A-18 maintenance jobs as Hornet era ends
Enlisted Marines with Hornet specialties will be offered retraining, reassignment or career dead ends.

The US Marine Corps is looking for a few good robots to build airfields

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Ukraine ramps up ground robot production to spare soldiers, haul ammo — and rescue grandma

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US Army fires Tomahawk missile from new Typhon launcher during Philippines drill

US Marine Corps replaces Basic Reconnaissance Course with expanded training

Pentagon →

Hegseth aims to cut through the bureaucracy with 'Deal Team Six'

The Pentagon is utilizing a crew of private sector businessmen to renovate how the department negotiates with defense companies.



US, Iran launch new attacks as they wrestle for control of Gulf waters

It was the first apparent attempt to use military force since last month's ceasefire announcement.



Career submariner selected to perform duties of under secretary of the Navy
Retired Navy Capt. William Toll is filling in as the Navy's No. 2 civilian.



MidEast Africa
US destroys six Iranian small boats, shoots down missiles, drones, admiral says

Adm. Brad Cooper said Iran was trying to interfere with a U.S. military operation to open the Strait of Hormuz to commercial traffic.

Former Qatari aircraft on track for summer Air Force One delivery
The new aircraft in the Boeing VC-25B Bridge program completed modifications and flight testing and is now being painted red, white and blue.

US withdrawing 5,000 troops from Germany, US officials say
The move comes as a rift over the Iran war widens between President Donald Trump and Europe.

Naval →



US forces disable Iranian-flagged tankers trying to cross blockade

This week, U.S. forces around the Strait of Hormuz have launched strikes against Iranian military facilities and disabled missiles launched by the IRGC.

India to build strategic outpost near key shipping lane in Indo-Pacific

US forces fire at, disable Iran-flagged tanker trying to evade blockade

France moves aircraft carrier to Red Sea with eye on Hormuz mission

France moves carrier into Red Sea ahead of potential Hormuz mission

Space →



US Space Command provides update on phased headquarters relocation to Alabama

The command plans to break ground on a new headquarters facility on an approximately 60-acre site near the center of Redstone Arsenal in 2027.

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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:



Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS)

Tucson Veteran Engagement and Resource Fair

VA and community resources will be on hand providing information and resources to Veterans, their families and caregivers.

Friday, March 27 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
at El Pueblo Activity Center
 101 W. Irvington Road, Tucson, AZ 85714

PROGRAM CONTACTS:

AJROTC Events – For an update on local Rio Rico HS Army JROTC activities and information please contact LTC Arturo Roque, USA (ret.) at aroque@scv35.org
 Program Website <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

- 06 MAR America 250th Kickoff Ceremony Event, RRHS, Rio Rico, AZ
- 23 MAR Aero Club AZ Annual Banquet Color Guard, RRHS, Rio Rico, AZ
- 25 MAR JR National Honor Society Ceremony (CTMS), Rio Rico, AZ
- 28 MAR Knights of Columbus Annual Car Show, 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

- 07 MAR A 20 Regional Academic Brain Brawl Meet, Apollo HS, Irwindale, CA
- 14-15 MAR Navy National Orienteering Championship, Alachua, FL
- 23 MAR Green Valley Aero Club Color Guard, Sahuarita, AZ
- 27-28 MAR Navy National Athletic, Academic, and Drill, Pensacola, AZ

30+ Activities To Celebrate Women's History Month

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February 2026

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1 TVAC [A] EVENT	2 WOW [W] HYB	3	4	5	6	7 UAV [M] VCC GELP [M] HYB	
8	9 WOW [W] HYB	10 AVMCF [M] HYB	11 NCSC [M] VCC TVAC [M] VCC	12 AZYL BOD [W] VCC	13	14 VALENTINES DAY WV CH [M] MTG RM-4 SCV [A] HYB	
15 TVAC [A] EVENT	16 WOW [W] HYB	REGION-VI SPRING CONFERENCE				20	21
22 WASHINGTON'S BD	23 WOW [W] HYB	24	25 MVC [M] LUNCH	26 AZYL BOD [W] VCC	27 SM-3 SCV [Q] VCC	28 DS [A] EVENT	

March 2026

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2 WOW [W] HYB	3 YLCPE [P] VCC	4 YLCPE [P] VCC	5 AZYL BOD [W] VCC	6	7 UAV [M] VCC GELP CH [M] HYB
8 Daylight Savings	9 WOW [W] HYB	10 AVMCF [M] HYB	11 TOP-8 [P] VCC AVMCF [S] EVT TVAC [M] VCC	12 AZYL BOD [W] VCC	13	14 WV CH [M] MTG
15 R-13: MVC MTG	16 WOW [W] HYB	17 St. Patrick's Day VAC [M] VCC MGM CH [M] HYB	18	19 ALOV P-132 [M] MTG AZYL BOD [W] VCC	20	21 MOAA [M] MTG
22	23 YLCPE [P] VCC WOW [W] HYB	24	25 Medal of Honor Day	26 AZYL BOD [W] VCC	27	28 CS CH [M] MTG PHX CH [M] MTG
29 R-13: VVA [A] EVT MTG	30 WOW [W] HYB	31				



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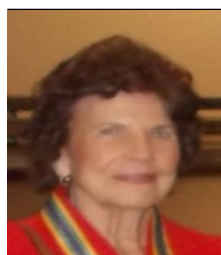
Ecclesiastes 5:1 & 2..."to draw near is better than the sacrifice offered by fools..."

Never be rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be quick to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven, and you upon earth; therefore, let your words be few."

Have you ever said something and immediately wished you hadn't? We were created with two ears and one mouth for a reason. One of the most difficult things to learn is to think before speaking. The ability to listen is an essential life skill. It is important to listen within ourselves to discern how others might hear our words. Whenever we speak out of emotion (fear, anger, ignorance, prejudice, or pride), those we are speaking to hear more than our words. They hear the underlying feelings. If we listen to ourselves before speaking out loud, we can judge our hearts before careless words harm others or sadden God. We can ask God to help us choose our words and listen carefully for his answer. God will always lead us on the right path.

Blessings to all,

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:**

- Arthur J. Alley, PM (37 years)
- William F. Applegarth, PM (10 years)
- Thelma H. Castle, PM (41 years)
- D. L. Christy, Jr., PM (31 years)
- Donna M. Coleman, HPM (22 years)
- Daniel D'Antimo, PM (46 years)
- John A. Devine, PM (15 years)
- Hiram W. Earle, PM (48 years)
- Joe E. Gonzalez, PM (36 years)
- Thomas F. Gross, RM (4 years)
- Eugene D. Janes, PM (45 years)
- Carol A. Kadous, HPM (23 years)
- William H. King, PM (42 years)
- William W. King, PM (47 years)
- James I. McArthur, PM (20 years)
- Fay R. McCormick, PM (34 years)
- John C. Morton, PM (48 years)
- Edward R. Murphy, PM (60 years)
- Thomas B. Murphy, PM (37 years)
- James W. Preble, PM (39 years)
- William J. Ratsch, PM (32 years)
- Deena D. Ream-Robinson, HPM (4 year)
- Bradley W. Roberson, RM (8 years)
- Adriana Y. Ruiz, HPM (12 years)
- Christian A. Ruiz, HPM (12 years)
- Nicole M. Ruiz, HPM (12 years)
- Larry W. Rumans, PM (23 years)
- Yvonne B. Sitzmann, HPM (34 years)
- Philip E. Snyder, PM (46 years)
- Lawrence Spyker, PM (46 years)
- Ann F. Stewart, HPM (32 years)
- Paul A. Street, PM (46 years)
- Donald W. Tyrrell, PM (75 years)
- Robert W. Von Werne, PM (29 years)
- Rex E. Wigham, PM (48 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)
- Robert A. McMullen, PM (celebrated on the 10th)
- Joann W. Ralyea, PM (celebrated on the 11th)
- Donald R. Schessler, PM (celebrated on the 24th)

Companion Membership Anniversaries**March Anniversaries:**

- James E. Adams, Jr., RM (5 years)
- George W. Biggs, PM (31 years)
- Robert F. Clark, PM (47 years)
- Benjamin P. Coppock, PM (36 years)
- Elwess F. Dyer, PM (49 years)
- Robert M. Easton, HPM (21 years)
- Bobby J. Edwards, RM (5 years)
- Theodore J. Falter, PM (6 years)
- Manuel F. Gatica, PM (22 years)
- Travis R. Gay, PM (49 years)
- Robert G. Harris, PM (47 years)
- James A. Hart, PM (49 years)
- Beverly B. Haskins, HPM (36 years)
- Ron J. James, PM (5 years)
- Robert E. Johnson, PM (42 years)
- George M. Jones, PM (49 years)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (41 years)
- Alan L. Leander, HPM (24 years)
- Chrysande J. Levesque, PM (38 years)
- William R. Lipscomb, PM (49 years)
- George E. Marley, PM (26 years)
- David J. McInroy, PM (47 years)
- Richard J. Meyer, PM (49 years)
- Terrance L. Moynihan, PM (39 years)
- Harold W. Mueller, PM (37 years)
- Eugene J. Murphy, PM (47 years)
- Charles H. Pritchard, PM (49 years)
- Lawrence O. Ransom, PM (43 years)
- C. E. Reid, PM (49 years)
- Ralph H. Richards, PM (36 years)
- Norman W. Richmond, PM (43 years)
- Virginia L. Sanborn, HPM (11 years)
- Kimberly Smith, PM (34 years)
- Fred M. Zimmermann, PM (46 year)

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)
- Julio C. Gonzales, RM (celebrated on the 24th)
- 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)
- Brandon M. Moore, RM (celebrated on the 31st)
- Robert R. Ozier, PM (remembered on the 21st)
- Dolores R. Rivas, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- George G. Shoemaker, PM (celebrated on the 1st)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



R-13: WOW [W] HYB MTG - MAR 2026

The Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) non-profit organization is our broadest hybrid supported cross-state lines veterans service organizational partnerships. WOW meets weekly throughout the calendar year each Monday morning at 9:30 AM and supports a litany of local community support activities. Based out of neighboring California, WOW's mission focuses on food / clothing drives, planned field trips for fellow members and hosting special events throughout the year. WOW represents veterans, community and charities.



R-13: UAV [M] VCC MTG - MAR 2026

The United Arizona Veterans (UAV) non-profit organization is our most expansive hybrid supported integral veteran and civic-minded community "prime" SCV Chapter Outreach Program partnership. UAV meets monthly via online ZOOM services on the first Saturday at 9:30 AM for 2 hours. UAV provides timely updates from veterans services presentations and updates, to local community and state local government representative Q&A sessions. The Arizona Veterans Affairs Healthcare System (SAVAHCS) is a monthly contributor.



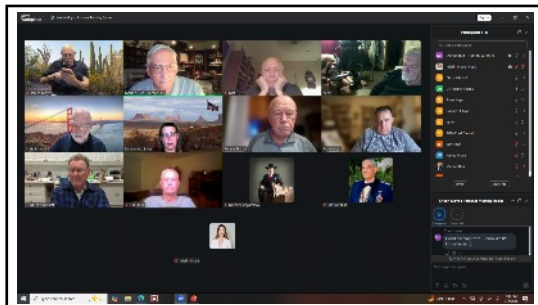
R-13: AVMCF [M] HYB MTG - MAR 2026

The Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation, Inc. (AVMCF) is a non-profit organization created to provide funding and support property upkeep of the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Marana, AZ. The cemetery is the 100th such final resting place for local veterans and authorized family members, managed by the Arizona Department of Veterans Services and locally funded and maintained by the local community through the AVMCF. Several veteran-related ceremonies are held at the cemetery.



R-13: AVMC [S] 10th Anniversary Event - MAR 2026

Our Santa Cruz Valley (SCV) Chapter 193 attended the 10th annual founding of the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery (AVMC) in Marana, AZ. The event brought many local veteran service organizations, local dignitaries, and special honored guest from Washington, D.C. Delivering kind words were Arizona Senator Ciscomani, the Mayor of Marana, and the Director of the Department of Veteran Services. Among those in attendance was the last surviving founder of the cemetery grounds and members of the AVMCF organization.



R-13: AZYL INC BOD [W] VCC MTG - MAR 2026

The Arizona Youth Leadership, Inc. Board of Directors (AZYL INC BOD) is the creator and planning element body behind the annual regional Arizona Youth Leadership Conference. IT began its AZYLC 2026 planning cycle in March and will meet weekly until the event execution date 8-12 June. AZYLC 2026 is again partnering with the Arizona National Guard Bureau, who has granted use of their training facilities for the almost weeklong youth development curriculum and varied leadership activities in Phoenix, AZ.



R-13: VVA [A] Observance Event - MAR 2026

The Santa Cruz Valley (SCV) Chapter 193 participated in March in the annual Vietnam Veterans Association (VVA) Observance ceremony remembering all those fellow Vietnam Era veterans from the state of Arizona and other brothers in arms who maid the ultimate sacrifice and those who have passed away in the current operating year. The ceremony brings veterans from every local VSO and includes a POW-MIA ceremony, 21 gun salute, and name reading of the fallen, concluding with a solemn wreath-laying ceremony.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

White Wing/Masher

It began on a day in late February 1966 and continued through three-fourths of March. In a mountain fastness Americans called the “Crow’s Foot,” close to the place the Vietnamese called “Bong Son,” the 1st Air Cavalry Division took on what was the best the North Vietnamese Army had to offer: three regiments of the NVA 3rd Division.



As soon as contact was established, UH-1 Iroquois helicopters (Hueys) with infantry aboard flew to the scene and 8-inch howitzers took to the roads.

The convoy kept a tight interval between vehicles — deuce and a halves, a three-quarter ton truck, a water tank mounted on a trailer. These were the vehicles in my 13-man section. We were following self-propelled 8-inch howitzers whose tracks threw dust up from the dusty, dirt road. As they snaked through the part of the road particularly disliked — the hairpin turns and sheer cuts of An Khe Pass — which

forced braking for steep downhills and accelerating for equally steep uphills where, from above, NVA could calmly aim a rifle or even roll a boulder down on us. Someone said, “if they hit that load, we won’t be telling anyone about it.” The load, moving along just five or ten feet ahead, consisted of olive-drab-painted, 200 pound, 8-inch rounds. Upon arrival at the battle site, the 8-inchers began a rapid and continuous fire. This was the start of the battle known as White Wing/Masher. As it progressed, flares turned part of the night into day. In an angry grinding sound, a US Air Force C-47’s mini-gun painted the night with lethal pink arcs (tracer bullets). This C-47 just had to be called “Puff the Magic Dragon.”

North Vietnam’s massing of its army in that area had been calculated to split the country of South Vietnam in two, bringing a quick end to the South’s resistance. But 1st Cav, with the help of other Free World Forces — this was a large battle — elements of the US 3rd Marine Amphibious Force, the Army of the Republic of Vietnam (ARVN) 22nd Division and the Republic of Korea Capital Division, crushed those NVA dreams. TLC (From book *Forecaster! Battling the Weather Odds in Peace and War*, by Ted Cogut.)



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.

MARCH 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.

Geo Challenge Trivia

Which letter of the alphabet is most widely used as the last letter in the names of the 50 US states?

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

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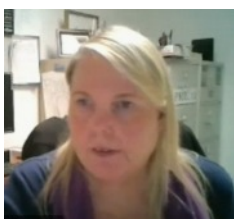
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We thank City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Commissioner Ms. Terry Byron for sharing and distributing local veteran community upcoming activities and events notifications. Commissioner Byron is currently serving a two-year term on the Mayor's City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Committee Office, tasked along with her fellow commissioners who represent veteran organizations throughout the city and southern Arizona Pima County. Terry is also very active throughout the year as a member of the Tucson Marine Corps. League, Nighthawk-72 Marine Detachment in west Tucson and the township of Marana, Arizona. She also served on the Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation - Marana, as one of its founding members, charged with the upkeep, preservation and continued fundraising efforts in support of newest dedicated military veterans cemetery final burial site and its perpetual continued beautification. She also maintains the veterans lounge at TIAP.

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