**COMMANDER**

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES**ADJUTANT**

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

With the month of October coming to an end soon, our chapter enters the second month of our current OY2025 second quarter of operations. With the 2025 Holiday Season soon to be upon us, I compliment all our fellow chapter companions, affiliates, and partners for your part in our continued successful recruitment efforts and for everyone's invaluable help in assisting our chapter achieve its latest recruitment historical first – that of having already achieved a 200% chapter recruitment goal gain in our current OY chapter recruitment strategic goal Chapter Action Plan stated objectives. As of the end of September through mid-October our chapter added 12 new companions to our membership roster, with still 8 months or two thirds of OY2025 to go. My profound personal gratitude for everyone's efforts. Our chapter will also celebrate its 40th year “serving, youth, community, and nation” on the 24th of October 2025. We extend a cordial invitation to all our mission supporters to join us at our RM-2 Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 annual anniversary gathering on Saturday, the 25th of October at our usual Casa Del Rio Mexican Restaurant meeting location, from 11:30AM until 2PM. Hope to see you all there!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

At the posting of this report, the following banking information and balances Are as follows; Chapter CHASE ACCOUNT balance status: CHECKING - \$1,042.65 USD and SAVINGS - \$540.04 USD. The Chapter AZYL US BANK ACCOUNT current balance is: SAVINGS - \$3,763.82 USD. Current account balance numbers reflect remaining balance information after fully replenishing our chapter awards, certificates, and plaque patriotic education program requirements for the current OY2025. Our next scheduled chapter treasury donation receipt window will be in early December, when we expect to receive our annual Country Fair White Elephant Grant Committee donation from green Valley, AZ.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

As briefed by our Chapter Commander, our chapter has already reached and surpassed its stated operating year recruitment goal and is postured for even greater historical recruitment milestone achievements as the rest of OY2025 activity season progresses. Our next upcoming major chapter event will be the first of two scheduled Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance Ceremonial event (MOC-1: Tucson) in East Tucson on Sunday, the 9th of November. Please see the posted Event Flyer in this published Chapter Newsletter edition in the “Featured MOWW Event” segment. Our chapter has also already begun supporting other partnered veteran service organization events. The most recent was this past week when representatives from our chapter attended the bi-annual Missing in America Project (MIAP) hosted military burial ceremonial event at the Arizona Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Marana, AZ. Fourteen deceased military veterans and 8 hereditary family members were honored. Our next supported MOC chapter supported event will be in early December. Hosted by the Phoenix Chapter in central Phoenix, AZ. Lastly, our chapter continues to receive and process new chapter companion membership applications, with 12 already added to our roster and several others in the initial processing phase for chapter sponsorship approval. Until next month, wishing everyone a safe and pleasant (pre-Holiday) festive Fall season.

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Sept 1st – VSO-1: Sept (5) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
 Sept 6th – RM-1: SCV Chapter [P] HYB Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 12PM
 Sept 6th – VSO-2: UAV [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
 Sept 9th – R-13:AVMCF [M] HYB Mtg., Marana, AZ - 6PM
 Sept 10th – MOWW: NCSC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
 Sept 10th – R-13: TVAC [M] HYB Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 6PM
 Sept 16th – MOWW: VAC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
 Sept 16th – R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
 Sept 18th – MOWW: Top-8 & RC [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
 Sept 21st – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 [M] Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
 Sept 21st – VSO-6: MVC [M] Mtg., Continental Ranch, AZ - 4PM
 Sept 25th – SM-1: SCV Chapter [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
 Sept 27th – R-13: GELP Chapter [Q] MOC, El Paso, TX - 2PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: OCT 25th (HYB)**MEETING LINK****MEETINGS:** (Formats: HYB “membership” & VCC “staff”)**EVENT:** RM-2: SCV Chapter Anniversary Meeting - 12PM**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire**PROGRAM:** OY 2025 SCV Annual Anniversary Program**AGENDA:** “QTR-2 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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US Air Force's Alvin era comes to early end with retirement ceremony

Gen. Kenneth Wilsbach appears likely to soon be confirmed as Alvin's successor after a smooth nomination hearing Thursday.

US Air Force drone wingmen to get own squadrons, chief nominee says

German lawmakers back new Eurofighters under \$5 billion spending spree

Bangladesh air force gets not to spend billions on multibillion fighters

S. Korea picks L3Harris tech package for new early-warning aircraft

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Oregon Army National Guardsman sets push up world record

Maj. Tommy Vu previously set the world record for the most ground-to-chest burpees in 2024.

FN to continue developing Army's next-gen precision granadier system

Army expands MOS program that allows soldiers to skip certain training

Anduril, CGLS team up on smarter battlefield radar

Government shutdown forces Army to cancel West Squad competition

Pentagon →

AUSA donates more than \$1 million for conference travel amid shutdown

The donation, which comes as troops pay into paychecks amid the government shutdown, will allow soldiers to attend the association's annual conference.



A new barracks task force aims to improve military living conditions

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has formed a new "barracks task force" to improve living conditions for U.S. service members in barracks across the globe.



Navy cannibalizing materiel for spare parts, watchdog says

Because of delays relying on vendors, Navy maintainers have been forced to scavenge parts from submarines and grounded aircraft.

Hegseth fires Navy chief of staff

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has fired the Navy chief of staff in a sudden shakeup following the confirmation this week of a new Navy Under Secretary.

Fourth deadly US strike in Trump's war on cartels

Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced a new strike on an alleged drug-carrying vessel in the Caribbean on Friday, killing four people.

Naval →



NATO sees Russian naval presence wane in the Mediterranean

Alliance officials believe Moscow's sea service is strained, having to focus on the Baltic and High North regions instead.

Germany receives first P-8 sub-hunting plane amid Baltic Sea tensions

European navies test new drone tech for undersea operations

US Navy test-fires unarmed Trident nuclear-capable missiles

Ukraine navy, a battle-tested force, plays enemy in NATO drone drill

Space →



China remains No. 1 threat in space: Space Force general

China is catching up to the U.S. military's space capabilities at an "incredible pace," said Lt. Gen. Douglas Schless.

Germany unveils \$40bn military-space investment, citing new threats

Space is the new frontier of war, officials say in change of tone

Space Development Agency launches first operational satellites

Trump links Space Command HQ move to Colorado's "crooked" voting laws

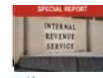
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AWS demos a generative AI tool that gives battle commanders instant logistics insights using geospatial and telemetry data.

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After summoning senior officers from around the world, the Defense secretary invites them to resign if they don't agree with him.

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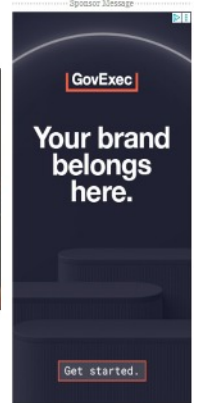
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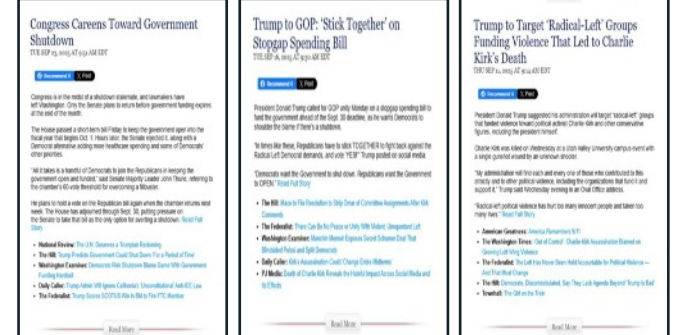


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NOTABLE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



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:

15th Gathering of American Indian Veterans
Organized by Federal, State, Tribal and Local Community Members

September 6, 2025
9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Casino Del Sol of Tucson
5655 W. Valencia Rd.
Tucson AZ, 85757

- Bring your DD214 (to determine benefits eligibility)
- PACT Act Toxic Exposure Screenings Available
- VBA Benefits Claims
- VHA Eligibility & Enrollment
- Veteran and Community Resource Tables
- Warrior Honoring Ceremony & Coin Presentation

Events and Music to be graciously hosted by the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter and the American Indian Veterans Chapter. For more information contact: Laura Ybarra (520) 792-1450 Ext. 1-6622 or Magdalena Sanchez Ext. 1-2719

Logos for various organizations including VA, Girl Scouts, and others.

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/jrotcrorico/>

3-30 SEPT Local Military Recruiter Presentations, RRSD, Rio Rico, AZ
03 SEPT Sports Medicine Health & Nutrition Presentations, RRSD, Rio Rico, AZ
06 SEPT Color Guard - Jesus Cordova Memorial Golf tournament, Rio Rico, AZ
11 SEPT Color Guard - 9-11 Memorial Ceremony, RRSD, Rio Rico, AZ
12 SEPT Air Rifle competition at Flowing Wells HS, Tucson, AZ
17 SEPT Color Guard - Southern Arizona Naturalization, Rio Rico, AZ
18 SEPT Career Technical Student Organization Retreat, RRSD, Rio Rico, AZ
19 SEPT Color Guard - BPOE POW Remembrance ceremony, Green Valley, AZ
23 SEPT School fundraising event (Volleyball concessions), RRSD, Rio Rico, AZ
25 SEPT Color Guard - Natl Day of Remembrance Nogales PD, Nogales, AZ
26 SEPT Color Guard - RRHS school PEP rally, RRSD, Rio Rico, AZ
26 SEPT Color Guard - RRHS football game, RRSD, Rio Rico, AZ
27 SEPT Color Guard & Escort - Hall of Fame Ceremony, RRSD, 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

05 SEPT Color Guard SHS Varsity Football Game, Sahuarita, AZ
06 SEPT Academic Brain Brawl, Anthony, NM
11 SEPT 9/11 Color Guard, Sahuarita, AZ
12 SEPT Old Pueblo Marksmanship Meet, Tucson, AZ
19 SEPT Color Guard SHS Varsity Football Game, Sahuarita, AZ
20 SEPT Sahuarita Shootout Marksmanship Meet, Sahuarita, AZ



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2025 MOWW NATIONAL CONVENTION - TUCSON, ARIZONA						
10 NC25-TUS POST EXCOM	11 WOW Weekly HYB	12 AVMCF HYB VCC	13	14 CODE TALKER DAY	15	16 MOAA CMC MTG
17	18 WOW Weekly HYB	19 VAC VCC MTG PVAHCS VCC MGM MHB MTG	20	21 ALOV P-132 MTG	22	23 CS CH HYB MTG
24	25 WOW Weekly HYB	26	27 MARANA VC MTG	28	29 USMCR BIRTHDAY	30

September 2025

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 LABOR DAY WOW Weekly HYB	2 V-J DAY	3	4	5	6 UAV VCC MTG RM-1 SCV CH HYB
7	8 WOW Weekly HYB	9 AVMCF HYB MTG	10 TVAC HYB MTG NCSC VCC MTG	11	12	13
14	15 WOW Weekly HYB	16 VAC VCC MTG MGM CH HYB MTG	17	18 USAF 70TH BIRTHDAY TOP-8-RC VCC MTG ALOV POST 132	19 POW-MIA DAY VVA EVENT	20 MOAA CMC MTG
21 MARANA VC Mtg	22 WOW Weekly HYB	23	24	25 SM-1 SCV CH VCC	26 HELP CHARTER MOC	27
28 Gold Star Spouse Day	29 VFW DAY WOW Weekly HYB	30				



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SEP 30 Statement from Louis Chouhrouh, M.D., M.P.H. (Director, CDC's National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion), on the passing of Stacy Elin, Top Floor Runner, Sealed-R Participant

SEP 26 Update: Outbreak to include more prepared foods

SEP 24 CDC Reports Latest National Data on Syphilis in Men and Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

SEP 23 CDC Report Finds Sharp Rise in Dangerous Drug-Resistant Bacteria

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Psalm 118:24

"This is the day the Lord has made; rejoice and be glad in it."

We have a tendency to look at yesterday and think about what we might have done differently. Or we look ahead to tomorrow and worry about what will happen. It is a very human reaction to life, but we can be confident that the God of our yesterdays and tomorrows has already forgiven past mistakes and has planned good things for the future. With trust in the God of the past and future have faith that God is with us in the present. So, this day, be kind, courteous, and considerate. Give thanks to God for this day and be unafraid to enjoy all that is beautiful in our world. Take each new day and appreciate it as a blessing from God.

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

August Anniversaries:

- Dolores M. Cataldo, PM (25 years)
- Fluvio J. Cataldo, PM (33 years)
- Stephen W. Christy, HPM (30 years)
- Richard D. Clifton, PM (25 years)
- Donald D. Doran, PM (43 years)
- David Fagergren, PM (18 years)
- Erik Fagergren, PM (18 years)
- William A. Gill, PM (38 years)
- Frank G. Huston, PM (70 years)
- Robert D. Kellogg, PM (34 years)
- Eugene L. Lash, PM (41 years)
- Quentin H. Miller, PM (40 years)
- Thomas E. Ozier, PM (39 years)
- Charlotte M. Post, HPM (25 years)
- Bruce E. Rianda, PM (23 years)
- John Seatvet, PM (48 years)
- Sabrina L. Wolfe, PM (39 years)

Companion Birthday Celebrations

August Birthdays:

- Frank M. Feliciano, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Clifford I. Franks, RM (celebrated on the 26th)
- James R. Frantz, RM (remembered on the 14th)
- Maxine X. Guy, PM (remembered on the 14th)
- Fred A. Kaps, PM (remembered on the 3rd)
- John S. McCain, PM (remembered on the 29th)
- Robert D. McCrory, PM (remembered on the 4th)
- Pedro Najera, PM (celebrated on the 8th)
- Herbert R. Oxnam, PM (remembered on the 11th)
- Harold I. Spencer, PM (remembered on the 5th)
- Robert W. Von Werne, PM (remembered on the 12th)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

September Anniversaries:

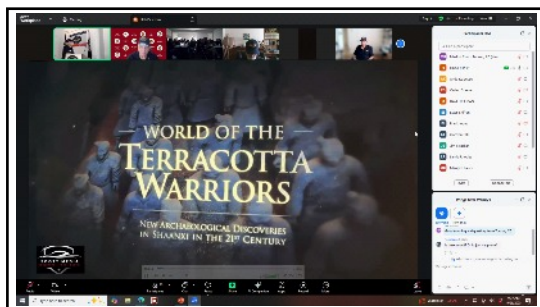
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| • Myles K. Beck, PM (47 years) | Robert L. Munson, RM (1 years) |
| • Frank E. Bentley, PM (46 years) | Lawrence N. Robinson, PM (36 years) |
| • Frances B. Burrows, HPM (38 years) | Thomas P. Salyer, PM (48 years) |
| • Robert C. Carr, PM (65 years) | William R. Stephens, PM (19 years) |
| • Jose Chacon-Quintero, RM (1 years) | Sheryl S. Sweet, PM (47 years) |
| • Julio C. Gonzales, RM (1 years) | Alan B. Thomas, PM (48 years) |
| • Constance M. Hash, PM (44 years) | Mary E. Wallendorf, PM (17 years) |
| • Jean G. Higgins, HPM (38 years) | Porter B. Williamson, PM (48 years) |
| • Ray R. Hoke, PM (39 years) | Merlin R. Wyatt, PM (48 years) |
| • James D. Hunsaker, PM (47 years) | |
| • Chester H. Jensen, PM (48 years) | |
| • William R. Kern, RM (1 years) | |
| • Richard C. Leander, Jr., HPM (23 years) | |
| • Vincent M. Lockhart, PM (38 years) | |
| • Charles R. Macon, PM (42 years) | |
| • Roland H. Mapes, PM (42 years) | |
| • John S. McCain, PM (33 years) | |
| • John H. Montgomery, PM (48 years) | |

Companion Birthday Celebrations

September Birthdays:

- Stephen W. Christy, HPM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Lori A. Largent, RM (celebrated on the 20th)
- Vern T. Pall, PM (celebrated on the 20th)
- Lymon Philips, PM (remembered on the 20th)
- Virginia L. Sanborn, HPM (celebrated on the 23rd)
- Kimberly A. Santo, HPM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Catherine E. Sears, HPM (remembered on the 3rd)
- Donald W. Shepperd, PM (celebrated on the 14th)
- Thomas H. St. Clair, PM (remembered on the 17th)
- William R. Stephens, PM (remembered on the 13th)
- Kirk D. Wallendorf, PM (celebrated on the 18th)

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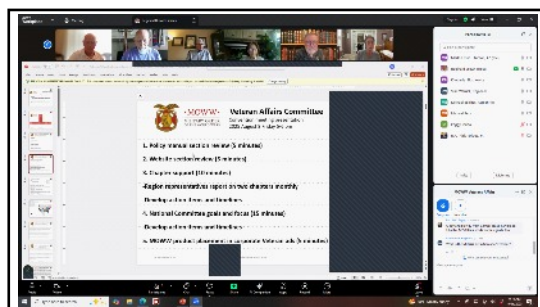
VSO-1: WOW [W] HYB VCC MTG - SEPT 2025

The Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) non-profit organization is our most expansive hybrid supported cross-state lines veterans service organizational partnership. WOW meets weekly each Monday morning at 9:30 AM (PST). While they are mostly active servicing their local community throughout central and southern California tending to food / clothing drives and planning field trips and attending special events, their meetings gathers veteran communities from over four states each week helping propagate military service heritage.



MOWW: AVMCF [M] HYB MTG - SEPT 2025

As a direct result of our successful chapter America 250 Campaign efforts (during the first few days leading to the 2025 MOWW National Convention in Tucson this past August, our chapter has rekindle previous Arizona Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Marana Foundation (AVMCF) partnership and project collaboration ties. Early ties to this non-profit charity organization extend from its early establishment and development days to its current pivotal cemetery grounds fundraising and beautification mission.



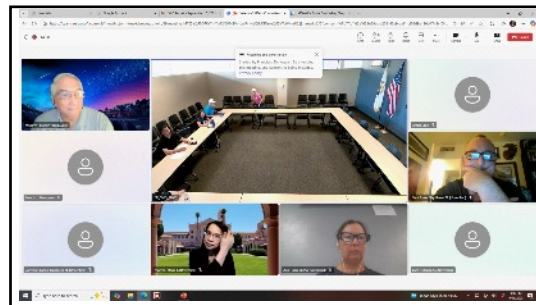
MOWW: VAC [M] VCC MTG - SEPT 2025

The MOWW Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) meets monthly year-round. It is currently comprised of regional representatives appointed by their respective commanders. There are currently 5 to 6 regional representatives active with continued committee expansion efforts constantly underway to eventually achieve a full 10-region representative committee forum. Committee meetings review regional veterans affairs activities and supported events throughout the entire Order which include major Holiday observances and special projects.



R-13: RM-1 SCV Chapter 193 [P] Meeting - SEPT 2025

Our Region XIII (R-13) Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 in Tucson, AZ hosted the first regular membership hybrid meeting for the 2025 operating year (OY2025). We had a great turn out, with 10 chapter companions attending and 1 chapter guest from the Phoenix Chapter in central Arizona. This opening OY2025 Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 regular membership meeting introduced the new Chapter Action Plan and new Chapter Budget Plan proposal for OY2025. Both plans were reviewed, voted upon, and approved.



VSO-3: TVAC [M] HYB VCC MTG - SEPT 2025

The City of Tucson Veterans Affairs Commission (TVAC) meets monthly for most of the calendar year, with the exception of June, July and August. All local veteran service organizations, who participate in the Mayor's Office Commission provide representing commissioners, who all serve two-year terms. Commission meetings also invite local and state agencies, organizations, and veteran community support programs to provide periodic briefings. The Southern Arizona Veterans Affairs Healthcare Team is but one example.



VSO-8: Marana Veterans Club [M] Meeting - SEPT 2025

The latest Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 newest veteran service organization (VSO) partnership ventures is that with the Marana Veterans Club in west Tucson, AZ. This newest community veteran support group are actively involved with supporting local veteran causes and several community activities and events throughout the calendar year, mainly in the Marana, AZ community. Our chapter is also laying the ground work for a potential new MOWW Cadre operation as friendships and partnerships begin to bloom.

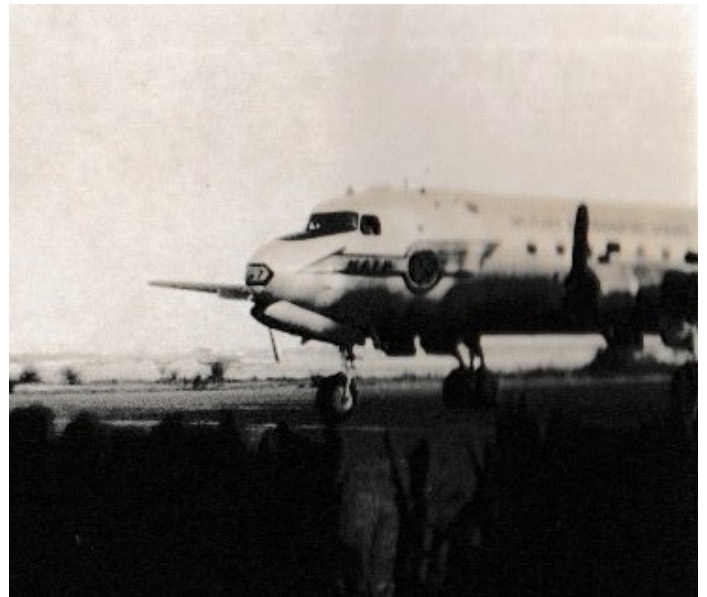
MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

The Mess Hall at Port Lyautey

Our C-54 stayed at Lajes only long enough to get fuel. Soon, we were in flight again, but it didn't take long to get tired of the scenery out the windows. Once we were past these Azores islands, there was nothing to see, just 1200 more miles of the Atlantic Ocean. We were on a ESE heading, our first stop was at what then was known as Port Lyautey, later, it would be Kenitra, Morocco. Our final stop, Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, was a much longer way before us, 3,400 miles.

Port Lyautey was an Atlantic coastal port on a river. We had stopped at a U.S. Navy installation. All the way on this trip we had been eating bag lunches. At this stop, we would eat in a mess hall, courtesy U. S. Navy. We weren't the only strangers. A British warship happened to have stopped there. Directly ahead of me in the chow line, a British sailor, probably on shore leave, held out his tray and the American sailor on mess duty plopped large portions of food on it. It was good food, of course, but not much different from our Air Force

mess hall food. So, it was a little surprising to have him turn to me and in a very serious way say, "You Yanks eat like lords."



"Because we sometimes complained about our food, that remark did come as a re-awakening. World War Two was then only five years in the past, and the British people might still be recovering, at least somewhat, from World War Two's severe food shortages; and, of course, for them, the memories of those times were still starkly vivid. At our Michigan home, we had had rationing of certain foods during that war. We lived on a farm, but even without the food we ourselves produced, we would have had enough to eat. **TLC**"



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.

SEPTEMBER IN HISTORY

September 1

September 1, 1715 - The "Sun King" (King Louis XIV of France) died. He had ruled since the age of five and was succeeded by his 5-year-old great-grandson Louis XV.

September 1, 1939 - At 5.30 a.m., Hitler's armies invaded Poland starting World War II in Europe.

September 1, 1969 - Military officers overthrew the Libyan government. The Libyan Arab Republic was then proclaimed under Colonel Muammar Gaddafi.

September 1, 1983 - Korean Air Lines Flight 007 was shot down by a Russian fighter jet while on route from New York to Seoul, killing all 269 persons on board. The Boeing 747 reportedly strayed 100 miles off course over secret Soviet Russian military installations on the Kamchatka Peninsula and Sakhalin Island. It crashed in the Sea of Japan.

Birthday - *Tarzan of the Apes* creator Edgar Rice Burroughs (1875-1950) was born in Chicago. Before becoming a novelist, he was as a correspondent for the *Los Angeles Times*.

Birthday - Boxing champ Rocky Marciano (1923-1969) was born in Brockton, Massachusetts (as Rocco Francis Marchegiano). He fought Jersey Joe Walcott for the heavyweight title on September 23, 1952, and knocked him out. In 1956, he retired as the only undefeated heavyweight champion. He died in a plane crash in 1969.

September 2

September 2, 31 B.C. - Roman legions under Augustus Caesar defeated Mark Anthony's naval force at Actium.

September 2, 1666 - The Great Fire of London began in a bakery in Pudding Lane near the Tower. Over the next three days more than 13,000 houses were destroyed, although only six lives were believed lost.

September 2, 1752 - The British ended their use of the Julian calendar, switching instead to the Gregorian calendar, resulting in a major adjustment as Wednesday, September 2, was followed by Thursday, September 14. The correction resulted in rioting by people who felt cheated and demanded the missing eleven days back.

September 2, 1789 - The third Presidential cabinet department, the U.S. Treasury, was established by Congress.

September 2, 1864 - During the American Civil War, Atlanta was captured by Sherman's Army. "Atlanta is ours, and fairly won," General William T. Sherman telegraphed President Lincoln.

September 2, 1870 - Napoleon III surrendered to the Prussians during the Battle of Sedan, resulting in the fall of the Second French Empire.

September 2, 1923 - The first elections were held in the Irish Free State after achieving independence from Britain.

September 2, 1930 - French aviators Dieudonne Coste and Maurice Bellonte made the first non-stop flight from Europe to the USA.

September 2, 1945 - President Harry Truman declared V-J Day (Victory over Japan Day) commemorating the formal Japanese surrender to the Allies aboard the USS Missouri in Tokyo Bay.

September 2, 1945 - Ho Chi Minh proclaimed the independence of Vietnam and the establishment of the Democratic Republic of Vietnam.

September 2, 1962 - Soviet Russia agreed to send arms to Cuba, leading to the October Missile Crisis after the shipments were discovered by the U.S.

September 2, 1963 - Alabama Governor George Wallace forcibly halted public school integration by encircling Tuskegee High School with state troopers.

Birthday - Christa McAuliffe (1948-1986) was born in Boston (as Sharon Christa Corrigan). On January 28, 1986, the 37-year-old high-school teacher, the first "ordinary citizen" in space, died with six crew members in the Space Shuttle Challenger explosion.

September 3

September 3, 1783 - The Treaty of Paris was signed by John Adams, Ben Franklin and John Jay, formally ending the American Revolutionary War between Britain and the United States.

September 3, 1833 - The *New York Sun* newspaper first appeared, marking the beginning of the 'penny press,' inexpensive newspapers sold on sidewalks by newspaper boys. The paper focused on human interest stories and sensationalism and by 1836 was the largest seller in America with a circulation of 30,000.

Geo Challenge Trivia

This major world city, the westernmost national capital in the Americas is continually sinking deeper into the ground every year. Can you name this city, and why is it sinking?

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

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Invites one and all to join us at the 4th annual
Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance Event 2025 - east Tucson



When: Sunday, 9 November 2025

Where: Tucson Woman's Club (6245 E. Bellevue St., Tucson, AZ 85712)

Time: 2-2:30PM Music Concert / 2:30-3:30PM Ceremony Program

MC: Lt. Col. (ret) Marlon Ruiz, USAF

Featuring: The Gatekeepers Music Academy and
Rivers of Grace Church Music Ensemble

Speaker: Mr. John Fanning (Santa Cruz County, District-3 Supervisor)

Attire: Guest informal casual (event photos to be taken)

- Major intersection [N. Wilmot Rd. and E. Speedway Blvd.] FREE public event
- All are invited and welcome to join us in celebration and honoring of those who served, are serving and will serve in the future.
- Doors OPEN at 12PM for event setup and participation rehearsals.
- Showtime NLT 1PM for pre-event staging and final rehearsals.
- For organizations with flags, please bring both the US Flag and organizational flag (with flag stand base) for posting display use.
- For information contact the event coordinator Marlon Ruiz at (520) 780-7107 or email address: ruizmarlon08@gmail.com



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