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“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:

Thanksgiving will soon arrive, along with Holiday travelers throughout the state and early preparations for the usual seasonal family reunions. Our daily community support activities are also on the rise with our usual full calendar of Holiday hosted and co-hosted events and scheduled seasonal community support commitments. I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has assisted and pitched in this year to make this operating year a most memorable one. We continue to lead in local chapter category recruitment efforts and the remarkable recruitment effort and extraordinary 200% milestone achievement is the most memorable achievement in our chapter's history. It is truly an honor to serve as your chapter commander, as we all continue to work together and hope that this marvelous trend will continue throughout the rest of this activity year. Claudia and I extend our sincerest seasonal warmest wishes to every companion and partnered affiliate for a safe and wonderful Holiday Season.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As of the publishing of this chapter financial report, all current Chapter banking accounts remain stable and ready to assume our anticipated funding replenishment by early December with the arrival of the approved Country Fair White Elephant grant donation to our chapter to be deposited in early December. All account balance information has been reconciled, archived, and available for viewing as per our published monthly Treasurer Officer report. Current total chapter banking assets are sufficient to support all scheduled and planned Holiday Season events/activities and to posture our budgetary site picture to confidently usher in the 2026 new calendar year as we ramp up for the successful execution of our scheduled commitments after the Holidays.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Our chapter continues to be busier than ever, as we head towards the new year. While our recruitment achievements have placed us comfortably as a top contender for the OY2025 GAS Pershing Chapter of the Year Award consideration, we also want to keep an eye on our membership retention status as well. Ensuring that our regular membership renewals are properly tracked for another year is high on the list. We also want to recognize that our chapter scheduling accomplishments. We were able to successfully host our 40th Chapter Anniversary and also look forward towards hosting our annual Christmas event as well – which is good news towards achieving our “increasing our chapter activities” stated Chapter Action Plan goal as well. Our next upcoming major chapter events include supporting all our scheduled partnered/affiliate veteran service organization events and activities, while sustaining our own hosted activities simultaneously. These include attending and supporting neighboring fellow MOWW chapters (i.e., attending all scheduled VSO planned seasonal events during the Holiday Season and successfully hosting our first of two scheduled Massing of the Colors event in east Tucson in early November). On the horizon will be supporting and accomplishing all our scheduled Christmas and Holiday seasonal activities with partnered veterans support and affiliated civic organizations leading up to the new calendar year in December. Wishing everyone a grateful Thanksgiving and soon to be upon us Holiday festivities. Please be safe out there.

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Nov 1st – VSO-2: UAV [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
 Nov 3rd – VSO-1: Nov (4) WOW [W] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9:30AM
 Nov 5th – MOWW: NCSC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 12PM
 Nov 9th – R-13: SCV Chapter [A] MOC-1, Tucson, AZ - 2PM
 Nov 11th – R-13: AVMCF [M] HYB Mtg., Marana, AZ - 6PM
 Nov 12th – R-13: TVAC [M] HYB Mtg., Tucson, AZ - 6PM
 Nov 15th – MOAA: CMC [M] Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 10:30AM
 Nov 15th – R-13: GELP Chapter [M] HYB, El Paso, TX - 11AM
 Nov 16th – R-13: MVC [M] Mtg., Continental Ranch, AZ - 4PM
 Nov 18th – R-13: VAC [M] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 9AM
 Nov 18th – R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
 Nov 20th – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 [M] Mtg., Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
 Nov 21st – SM-2: SCV Chapter [Q] VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: DEC 13th (HYB)**MEETING LINK****MEETINGS:** (Formats: HYB “membership” & VCC “staff”)**EVENT:** RM-3: SCV Chapter Christmas Meeting - 12PM**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire**PROGRAM:** OY 2025 SCV Annual Christmas 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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Whitepaper: How Modular Systems Help Ensure Defense Readiness
Learn how modular systems approach avoids proprietary lock-in, how ease of sourcing replacement parts helps ensure readiness, and more.

Air →



Air Mobility Command head nominated to be next US Air Force vice chief
If approved, the Air Force vice chief and JAG nominees will fill roles that have been vacant since President Trump fired their predecessors in February.

B-52 with key radar upgrade flies to Edwards for testing
GAO: Services aren't sharing information on longtime Osprey problems
Trump-Erdogan ties are propping F-35 talks with once-banned partner

US Air Force Instructor pilots have first T-7 in training milestone

Land →



The U.S. Army this fall activated an artillery battalion in New York that is intended to give commanders in Europe new options for long-range strikes.

Create buys German Leopard tanks using EU loans

The British Army's faulty Ajax vehicles come back to rattle Parliament.
Tanks, howitzers galore: Australian Army embraces influx of new armor

Slovenia stalls Patria vehicle purchase amid political wrangling

Pentagon →

Senate passes major policy bill authorizing \$900 billion for Pentagon
The National Defense Authorization Act now heads to the desk of President Donald Trump, who is expected to sign it.



Pentagon said the U.S. must stay ahead of adversaries who are working to take advantage of rapid technology advancements, like the development of AI.



Hegseth has defended U.S. military strikes on alleged drug cartel boats, saying Trump has the right to take military action "as he sees fit."



The Pentagon's watchdog found that Pete Hegseth put U.S. troops and their mission at risk when he used the Signal app to convey sensitive information.

Hegseth says he didn't see survivors after first Caribbean strike
Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth addressed reporters at The White House after The Washington Post claimed he ordered a military strike to leave no survivors.

How the US Army secretary became a key figure in Ukraine peace talks
While Driscoll's role as Army secretary typically involves bureaucratic tasks, he's also taken on the challenge of diplomacy.

Naval →



CNO dishes on sailor wellbeing, US Navy success in era of competition
Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Daryl Caudle sat down with Military Times to discuss his ambitions for maritime dominance in 2026 and beyond.

Norway to spend \$6.4 billion on two more submarines, long-range strike
South Korea's Hyundai leads rapid naval upgrades in the Philippines

Romania to boost its Black Sea fleet with Turkish-made patrol ship

Space →



The U.S. Space Force is looking for advanced technologies for space-based interceptors that can intercept ballistic missiles during their boost phase.

Kongsberg, Helsing team up for European satellite-internet constellation
ICCFY sees role as Europe's defense-space-intelligence incubator
Poland sets up first-ever military satellite launch

To coordinate strikes from space, US needs space JTACs, experts argue

VIDEOS →



Fireside chat with Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Daryl Caudle
Adm. Daryl Caudle sits down with us to discuss achieving naval supremacy during an era of evolving strategic environments and fierce near-peer competition.

National Security

<http://www.govexec.com/defense/>

SPECIAL REPORT

Current Job Vacancies in Defense Contractors

Workforce Federal Workforce Reduction Tracker

Tech After shedding thousands of jobs, Trump admin's new 'Tech Force' aims to recruit workers to two-year jobs

Workforce AI least one agency is making a reviewed, less generous 'deferred resignation' offer to staff

Workforce Air traffic controllers calling out sick during shutdown may have acted illegally, FAA chief says

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There's a divide within the Space Force. Congress is forcing the service to address it

The new service was supposed to meld the "tribes" of operators and acquisition specialists. It didn't happen.

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Pentagon would have to explain future JAG firings under NDAA provision

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Hegseth hints at higher defense budgets as OMB says another reconciliation bill is possible

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Congress Carens Toward Government Shutdown

TOM DIPREZ, DECEMBER 12, 2023

Congress is in the midst of shutdown stalemate, and lawmakers have yet to agree on a deal. Yet the Senate plans to vote on a bill to keep the government open into the new year that begins Oct. 1. House Republicans, however, are threatening to shut down the government again if the Senate's bill fails.

The House plan is to shut down the government for 12 days, then vote on a bill to keep the government open again. The Senate's bill would keep the government open for 10 days, then vote on a bill to keep it open for another 12 days. Read Full Story

"All it takes is a handful of Democrats to stop the Republicans from keeping the government open and funded," said Senate Majority Leader John Thune, referring to the Senate's bill.

The Senate's bill would keep the government open for 10 days, then vote on a bill to keep it open for another 12 days. The House's bill would keep the government open for 12 days, then vote on a bill to keep it open for another 12 days. Read Full Story

Democrats want the Government to shut down. Republicans want the Government to OPEN. Read Full Story

• National Review: The 12 Days of Christmas Shutdown

• The Hill: Trump Predicts Government Shut Down For A Period Of Time

• Washington Examiner: Senate Bill Shuts Down House Sans NDAA

• Washington Examiner: House Bill Delays Shutdown

• Daily Caller: Trump Admin Will Grace Congressional Committees With NDAA

• The Hill: Biden Signs NDAA Into Law, but It's Not a Done Deal

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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:

 **STAKEHOLDERS REPORT** November 2025

Elijah Ditter
Medical Center Director
VA Phoenix Arizona Health Care

Maria Nguyen, MPH
Interim Medical Center Director
VA Southern Arizona Health Care

Steve Sample, MS, CHC, VHA-CM
Medical Center Director
VA Northern Arizona Health Care

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/>

01 NOV 15th Annual SSG Jorge Armando Padilla Meet, Rio Rico, AZ
04 NOV Alhambra Endurance Challenge, Phoenix, AZ
05 NOV Color Guard Cross Country Sectional, Rio Rico, AZ
09 NOV MOWW Massing of Colors, Tucson, AZ
11 NOV Color Guard Nogales Veterans Day Parade, Nogales, AZ
15 NOV Queen Creek Raider Meet, Queen Creek, AZ
15 NOV AZ NRA JROTC Air Rifle State Championship, Phoenix, AZ
17 NOV Desert View HS Obstacle Course Instruction, Tucson, AZ
20 NOV JLAB Academic Bowl, Sahuarita, AZ
22 NOV Community Rabies Vaccination Detail, Rio Rico, AZ
29 NOV Color Guard Garrett's Tree Lighting Ceremony, 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

01 NOV Rio Rico Raider Meet, Rio Rico, AZ
04 NOV Alhambra Endurance Challenge, Phoenix, AZ
09 NOV MOWW Massing of Colors, Tucson, AZ
11 NOV Green Valley Veterans Day, Green Valley, AZ
12 NOV JLAB Academic Test, Sahuarita, AZ
15 NOV Queen Creek Raider Meet, Queen Creek, AZ

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES MONTH

ARE YOU AT RISK FOR TYPE 2 DIABETES?

1 IN 10 PEOPLE HAVE DIABETES (MOST HAVE TYPE 2 DIABETES)



1 IN 4 PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THEY HAVE DIABETES



YOU CAN STAY HEALTHIER LONGER AND LOWER YOUR RISK OF TYPE 2 DIABETES WITH THESE STEPS:

- STAY AT A HEALTHY WEIGHT
- EAT WELL
- BE ACTIVE

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5	6  WOW Weekly HYB	7	8  TVAC HYB MTG NSCC VCC MTG	9  CAC VCC MTG	10	11  WV CH MTG	
12	13  COLUMBUS DAY WOW Weekly HYB	14  AVMCF HYB MTG	15	16  EXCOM VCC MTG ALOV POST 132	17	18  MAP EVENT MOAA CMC MTG	
19	20  PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	21  VAC VCC MTG MGM CH HYB MTG	22	23	24  MOWW NFC Q2 VCC	25  RM-2: SCV CH 40th Anniversary	
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November 2025							
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OCT 16 CDC Adopts Individual-Based Decision-Making for Hepatitis B Immunization for Infants Born to Women Who Test Negative for Hepatitis B Virus.

OCT 05 AOP Recommends Individual-Based Decision-Making for Hepatitis B Vaccine for Infants Born to Women Who Test Negative for the Virus.

OCT 31 Subunitella auction linked to meningitis fatal; an ingredient in powdered supplements.

OCT 30 CDC continues to note illnesses despite product recall and asks consumers to check for recalled foods in Listeria outbreak linked to prepared meals.

OCT 06 CDC Immunization Schedule Adopts Individual-Based Decision-Making for COVID-19 and Flu Vaccine Use for Children in Territories.

<https://www.cdc.gov/>

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Thanksgiving Thoughts for this Holiday Season

1 Thessalonians 5:18

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.”

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to reflect on all the blessings in your life and give thanks to God. One meaningful way to do this is through prayer.

Expressing gratitude through prayer has many benefits. It shifts your focus off negative things and reminds you of God’s faithfulness. It can inspire you to live with more joy and strengthens your relationship with your Heavenly Father as you meditate on His steadfast love.

Happy Thanksgiving, from all of us in the MOWW Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 family.

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****October Anniversaries:**

- **Ira W. Austin**, PM (34 years)
- **Lissette M. Bake**, PM (22 years)
- **Don H. Barnhart**, PM (39 years)
- **Frederick W. Baum**, PM (45 years)
- **Joseph S. Bean**, PM (40 years)
- **Albert C. Burrows**, PM (67 years)
- **Thomas Brown**, RM (0 years)
- **Fulvio J. Cataldo**, PM (34 years)
- **Howard S. Coleman**, PM (39 years)
- **George O. Commenator**, PM (45 years)
- **Jeremy T. Fuller**, RM (0 years)
- **Allen P. Goodman**, RM (0 years)
- **Herman R. Jacks**, PM (45 years)
- **Willie Jordan**, RM (2 years)
- **Fred A. Kaps**, PM (40 years)
- **Scott P. Kellen**, PM (39 years)
- **Daniel S. Kilpatrick**, RM (0 years)
- **Katherine G. Knez-Phillips**, HPM (25 years)

Companion Membership Anniversaries**November Anniversaries:**

- **Eugene L. Lash**, PM (40 years)
- **Peter M. Leander**, HPM (23 years)
- **Richard C. Leander**, PM (25 years)
- **Michael J. Massee**, PM (21 years)
- **Thomas Murphy**, RM (0 years)
- **Suzanne Ottoy**, PM (44 years)
- **Harold I. Spencer**, PM (40 years)
- **Thomas H. St. Clair**, PM (46 years)
- **Vasilli P. Vannoni**, PM (40 years)
- **Derek A. Wahl**, RM (0 years)
- **David F. Welch**, PM (37 years)
- **David A. Williams**, PM (19 years)
- **Agnes E. Ballard**, PM (35 years)
- **Donald S. Ballard**, PM (35 years)
- **Wayne W. Canwright**, PM (40 years)
- **Fred J. Cone**, PM (41 years)
- **Thomas J. Faires**, PM (77 years)
- **Peter T. Gainas**, PM (37 years)
- **Jay C. Hess**, RM (9 years)
- **D. S. Hopkins**, PM (33 years)
- **William Kitt**, PM (42 years)
- **George F. Kroehi**, PM (39 years)
- **Lynda A. Linker**, PM (16 years)
- **John T. Myers**, PM (20 years)
- **Gloria J. Nelson**, HPM (20 years)
- **Margaret A. O'Bannon**, HPM (38 years)
- **Lyman Phillips**, PM (38 years)
- **Joann W. Ralyea**, PM (36 years)
- **Arturo Roque**, RM (1 year)
- **Marlon Ruiz**, PM (17 years)

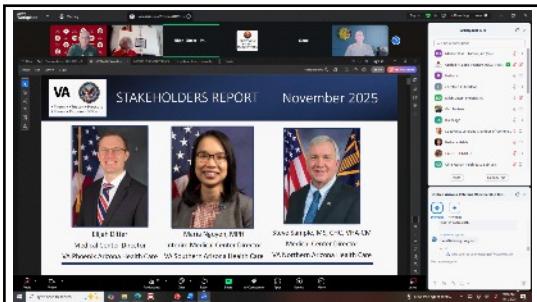
Companion Birthday Celebrations**October Birthdays:**

- **Howard G. Annas**, PM (remembered on the 10th)
- **William F. Applegarth**, PM (remembered on the 21st)
- **Daniel R. Free**, PM (celebrated on the 9th)
- **Jeremy T. Fuller**, RM (remembered on the 23rd)
- **Lloyd R. Logan, Jr.**, PM (remembered on the 9th)
- **Thomas E. Ozier**, HPM (celebrated on the 16th)
- **Adriana Y. Ruiz**, HPM (celebrated on the 23rd)
- **Larry W. Rumans**, PM (celebrated on the 24th)
- **David L. Swartz**, PM (remembered on the 9th)

Companion Birthday Celebrations**November Birthdays:**

- **Dolores M. Cataldo**, HPM (remembered on the 22nd)
- **William E. Corson**, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- **Raymond A. Dakos**, RM (celebrated on the 10th)
- **Donald D. Doran**, PM (celebrated on the 29th)
- **Vernon P. Harms**, HPM (celebrated on the 5th)
- **Thomas Murphy**, RM (celebrated on the 8th)
- **Christian A. Ruiz**, HPM (celebrated on the 27th)
- **Nicole M. Ruiz**, HPM (celebrated on the 21th)
- **Ronnie D. St. Clair**, PM (celebrated on the 26th)
- **Derek A. Wahl**, RM (celebrated on the 12th)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



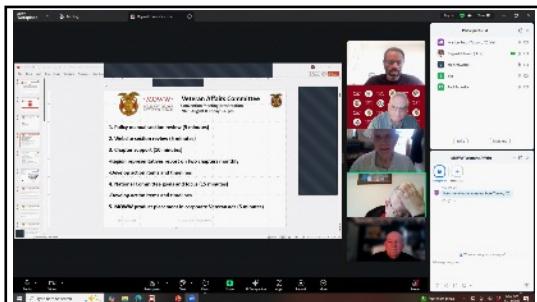
VSO-2: UAV [M] VCC MTG - NOV 2025

The United Arizona Veterans (UAV) non-profit organization is our most expansive hybrid supported integral veteran and civic-minded community “prime” outreach partnership. UAV meets monthly using online ZOOM services on the first Saturday at 9:30 AM for 2 hours. UAV provides timely updates from the veterans services and support community and includes periodic state legislator updates on key state veteran-related legislation proposals. The statewide Arizona State Veterans Affairs Healthcare System is a top contributor.



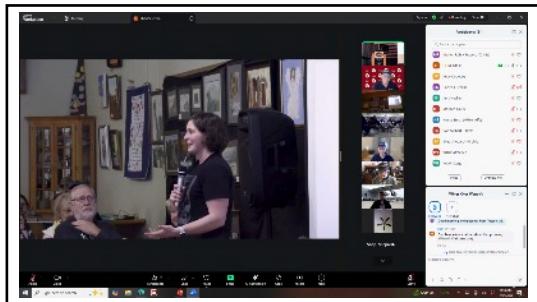
R-13: SCV Chapter [A] MOC-1 Event - NOV 2025

The Santa Cruz Valley (SCV) Chapter 193 hosted its first of two annual Massing of the Colors - Service of Remembrance ceremonial events on Sunday, the 9th at the Tucson Woman's Club in east Tucson. The chapter operates throughout Tucson and southern AZ and is the only MOWW local chapter currently hosting more than one such event in a single operating year in the entire MOWW organization. The event has been hosted by the MOWW for over a century (since 1922) and is the only such event of its kind in the United States.



MOWW: VAC [M] VCC MTG - NOV 2025

The MOWW Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) meets on the third Tuesday of each month via online video conference call (ZOOM) meeting format. Committee members represent their respective MOWW region, department and local chapters. The Committee meeting agenda provides timely and relevant veterans community and affairs-related topics for group discussions and follow-up coordination efforts between the MOWW headquarters staff and participating grassroots local chapter operations throughout the year.



VSO-1: WOW [W] HYB MTG - NOV 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 year-round and support an entire spectrum of community support activities. Based out of California they tend to food / clothing drives, plan field trips and attend special events. The meetings gathers veteran communities from over four states each week online and promote and propagate military service heritage legacy.



MOAA: CM Chapter [M] MTG - NOV 2025

Our chapter has a very robust partnership with the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and collaborates on many scheduled events throughout the operating year. MOAA meets monthly and has many chapters throughout southern Arizona. Our chapter is affiliated with the newest chapter operating west of Tucson in Oro Valley, AZ. They meet on the third Saturday of each month at the Saddlebrooke Ranch Grill in Saddlebrooke, AZ. Their meetings start at 11:00Am and offer great meeting guest speakers of mutual interest.



R-13: MGM Chapter [M] HYB MTG - NOV 2025

Santa Cruz Valley Chapter 193 routinely supports and participates in monthly supported guest speaker activities with neighboring local chapters. The Major General Miles Chapter, in Los Alamos, New Mexico has the best guest speaker chapter program in Region XIII. All meetings use hybrid formatting (offer the meeting as a traditional “face-to-face” and also as an online live streaming video conference call option - so guest can participate via online ZOOM means. Our chapter provides electronic audio-visual archiving support.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

We Had Turkey in Vietnam

In 1965, early in the Vietnam War, as soon as we reached each of many new battle sites our 3/18th Artillery Meteorology Section erected the balloon inflation shelter and radiosonde- tracking GMD-1. Set up with either B, C, or D batteries, we next rapidly released radiosondes to acquire trajectory adjustment data, and dug foxholes. B and C were 8-inch howitzer batteries D was a 175-mm gun battery. Battalion also had A battery, with 8-inchers. It was west of ius in Pleiku and Kontum areas. If you are unfamiliar with artillery talk, a howitzer typically has a high trajectory, a gun flatter. We always tried to set up in an open area with no obstructions that might snag the balloon, its trailing radiosonde, and red paper parachute. We tied the radiosonde and parachute



to the balloon with waxed string. Faded Photo above, taken in Binh Dinh Province, shows balloon inflation shelter and balloon-tracking GMD-1. On Thanksgiving Day in 1965, in a far from good site — no clear area, heavy rain, deep mud, and no ground suitable for digging foxholes — my highly efficient crew still managed to quickly release a radiosonde beside B battery's 8-inch howitzers. I was standing in our covered 2 ½ ton truck observing the Radiosonde Recorder

AN/TMQ-5's pen trace on a chart roll, photo below, when an 8-inch muzzle blast rocked the van. The pen jumped, making a sharply jagged line as if we



had just had a magnitude-8 earthquake. More muzzle blasts made more pen jerks as one of my crew softly tapped my shoulder: "Chief, it's Thanksgiving dinner time."

I didn't want to trudge through mud and standing water for C rations, but I also never skipped chow. So with rain so heavy it was hard to see, I sloshed to the mess set up in a building with bullet-holed walls under a sort of roof, somewhat out of the rain. Food was ladled onto a mess kit. No C-ration cans and also no bird. As I watched, the mess sergeant opened a big can, four times or so larger than a C-ration: "I thought the troops were to have Thanksgiving turkey." I said it as a joke. With a pained look: "That *is* turkey, chief," he answered. I tasted. It seemed like turkey yet in my mind a bit like spam. It *was* good. I wished him a Happy Thanksgiving. With our supply system so new, for the mess sergeant to have served even what seemed like turkey was miraculous. But it *was* turkey.

Note: adapted from Ted's Page 11/2017.



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.

NOVEMBER IN HISTORY**November 1**

November 1st - All Hallows Day, also known as All Saints Day among Roman Catholics, commemorating those who have no special feast day.

November 1, 1700 - Charles II of Spain died and was succeeded by Philip V, resulting in the War of Spanish Succession.

November 1, 1776 - Mission San Juan Capistrano was founded in California. Each year, the swallows of Capistrano leave their nests there around St. John's Day (October 23rd) and return the following year near St. Joseph's Day (March 19th).

November 1, 1848 - The first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School was founded by Samuel Gregory with just twelve students. In 1874, the school merged with the Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools.

November 1, 1936 - The Rome-Berlin Axis was proclaimed by Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini following a visit to Berlin by Italian Foreign Secretary Ciano.

November 1, 1950 - President Harry S. Truman was the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt by two members of a Puerto Rican nationalist movement.

November 1, 1963 - South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu were killed in a military coup.

November 1, 1993 - The European Union came into existence as a result of the Maastricht Treaty.

November 1, 1995 - The first all-race local government elections took place in South Africa, marking the end of the apartheid system.

November 2

November 2, 1721 - Peter I was proclaimed Emperor of all the Russias.

November 2, 1930 - Haile Selassie was crowned Emperor of Ethiopia.

November 2, 1947 - The first and only flight of Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" flying boat occurred in Long Beach Harbor, California. It flew about a mile at an altitude of 70 feet. Costing \$25 million, the 200-ton plywood eight-engine Hercules was the world's largest airplane, designed, built and flown by Hughes. It later became a tourist attraction alongside the Queen Mary ship at Long Beach and has since been moved to Oregon.

November 2, 1962 - During the Cuban Missile Crisis, President John F. Kennedy announced on TV, "the Soviet bases in Cuba are being dismantled, their missiles and related equipment being crated, and the fixed installations at these sites are being destroyed."

Birthday - American frontiersman Daniel Boone (1734-1820) was born in Berks County, near Reading, Pennsylvania.

Birthday - James K. Polk (1795-1849) the 11th U.S. President was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He served from March 4, 1845 to March 3, 1849. He declined to be a candidate for a second term, saying he was "exceedingly relieved" at the completion of his presidency.

November 3

November 3, 1534 - King Henry VIII became Supreme Head of the Church of England following the passage of the Act of Supremacy by Parliament.

Geo Challenge Trivia

A plane with holiday travelers will depart from London, UK then fly at a bearing of 131 degrees for a distance of 596 miles (960 km). Where will the plane land at? Hint: You can solve this with the Bearing and Distance Calculator.

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

FEATURED MOWW EVENT



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MILITARY ORDER
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Invites one and all to join us in celebrating the 40th annual
Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance Event 2026 - Sahuarita



When: Friday, 16 January 2026

Where: Sahuarita HS Auditorium Complex (350 W. Sahuarita Rd.)

Time: 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon

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

Featuring: Demonstration Teams (SHS NJROTC / RRHS AJROTC)

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

This signature MOWW event is free and open to everyone. All interested guests and contributing / participating organizations, regardless of "military" or "non-military" affiliation are welcome. We are grateful and encourage all local community service organizations to get involved and be represented with your organizational Honor / Color Guard contingent and/or have your organizational flags / banners displayed have everyone join us in attendance, to show your community solidarity support for all our fellow veterans and local community service and youth leadership and development program participants. We also encourage as many local area resident family and friends of our beloved veterans (whether they previously served or continue to serve currently) to attend this most celebrative and solemn ceremonial and special event program venue that honors and brings together in celebration all who love and cherish our great nation, remembering all those who serve her and those who are inspired by her and may choose to serve her in the foreseeable future.

NOTE: Doors will open beginning at 9:00AM to the general public. For further information or to answer any questions please contact the MOWW Santa Cruz Valley Chapter Commander at (520) 780-7107 or email us at ruizmarlon08@gmail.com at the earliest opportunity, to secure your place for this annual MOWW signature event. Participating organizations in the event program should arrive no later than 8:00AM to 9:00AM, the morning of the event.



Our Chapter needs your help and involvement today! Consider taking a more active roll in your Chapter activities by donating, sponsoring, mentoring, and volunteering your time and services today. There is a standing invitation to each and every Chapter member every month to attend local Chapter meetings, luncheons and/or event gatherings. Help your Chapter companions keep the vision and ideal of helping others alive by showing your pride, solidarity and support for what you and the MOWW stand for in your community.

MOWW MEMBERSHIP

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Why MOWW?

Is National Security a concern of yours? Is it important to you, for everyone living in America to understand how this Country was founded and the great history it has to tell? Do you believe that our young people need a chance to learn and experience leadership and civics? Do you feel that it is important that every citizen get a chance to not only meet, but ask questions of community, military, and business leaders? Are you concerned that the youth of America do not know how to honor our Flag or understand and respect our democratic principles? Do you agree that "Freedom is not free"?

If you answered YES to any of these questions, you are in good company, because the members of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) say YES to all of them. Some of you might even say, "I want to become involved, how do I join, how do I help?"

Well, there are several ways you can help—the main way is to join the Order, if eligible. Consider supporting the Order by contributing financially to its efforts if you are not eligible to join.

If you have questions regarding MOWW membership, or how to financially contribute to the Order, contact MOWW National Headquarters, or a Chapter in your local area. See MOWW web site for membership application form or to review Chapter locations at www.militaryorder.net

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