**COMMANDER**

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

CHAPTER STAFF NOTES**ADJUTANT**

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Merry Christmas and Season's Greetings to everyone. We hope everyone is enjoying all the wonderful festive activities this year, as there seems to be a noticeable spring in everyone's spirits and step this year. As we approach our operating year (OY) mid-point on 31 December and welcome in the new 2025 calendar year, Claudia and I want to take this moment to express our profound gratitude for everyone's contributions towards our Chapter's extraordinary banner operational accomplishments this year. As we continue with the second half of the 2024-2025 activity season, we have no doubt that our Chapter will continue to produce greater milestones and fully achieve all our stated Chapter Action Plan goals by June 2025. For now, and this edition being our last for calendar year 2024, please take time to enjoy the season, visiting family, and embracing the seasonal activities (to include safe travels and lots of patience). Blessing upon you all. Have a Merry Christmas and most wonderful Happy New Year!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Merry Christmas everyone. Our current 2024-2025 Chapter revised end of second quarter (QTR-2: OCT-NOV-DEC) chapter account fund balances are as follows. The chapter CHASE bank account balance, as of the end of December shows us at SAVINGS - \$1,530.03 USDs / CHECKING - \$2,568.46 USDs. The Chapter AZYLC Program Fundraising Campaign US Bank account balance is \$3,603.69 USDs. All expected external grant payments and donations have been included in the balance numbers reported and have been reconciled with each banking account. On behalf of our Chapter Finance Committee, I wish to thank all those fellow companions who have donated to either or both our Chapter funding and Stand-alone AZYLC funding accounts. We want to highlight Chapter companion CWO (ret) Ted Cogut, USA for his \$300.00 USDs donation to our Chapter OPS account and for also unselfishly collaborating and participating in our Chapter fundraising efforts. We hope his admirable support of our Chapter will spread to other fellow companions. Speaking of chapter fundraising, we are very excited to share with everyone the recent legislative passing of bill H.R.1432 into law (also referred to as the VSO Equal Tax Treatment "VETT" Act). The VETT Act now allows contributions to certain federally chartered veterans' organizations (such as our MOWW IRS 501c19) to be deducted from individual or corporate income taxes as charitable contributions. If this is not a great reason to donate to our Chapter funding efforts, I do not know what is! Please consider a charitable donation contribution to our Chapter this Holiday season. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and most joyous Happy New Year 2025.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Season's greetings to everyone. Our chapter operations continue to "fire on all cylinders" as the common phrase says. Our Chapter Action Plan stated goal areas are either completed, surpassed or currently in the works, for the remainder of our 2024-2025 operating year. As reported last month our chapter is currently at a collective recruitment OY achievement at 133% of our HQ MOWW assigned category recruitment goal, with a rising IRS Reporting Veteran Percentage status of 78% and climbing. It really goes without saying that we have plenty of time remaining (the entire second half of our current 2024-2025 activity season as a matter of fact) to increase those already impressive Chapter milestone achievements even further. As we prepare to enter the new 2025 calendar year, there are some very important chapter sponsored activity and events remaining. These include hosting our second Massing of the Colors ceremony (in collaboration with the Sahuarita HS Navy JROTC program) on FRI, 17 JAN 2025 10AM-12PM, hosting the Region XIII Winter Conference from 16-19 JAN 2025 as both a Hybrid and Traditional meeting event venue, and helping MOWW HQ launch the MOWW National Convention 2025 - Tucson, AZ online publicity campaign on 1 FEB 2025. As we continue to regain our "second wind" in preparation for the remaining 2024-2025 OY let's count our many blessings and have an awesome Holiday season and most productive and fruitful Happy New Year 2025!

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Nov 02nd – VSO-2: UAV Monthly [M] VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
 Nov 03rd – R-13: SCV Chapter MOC-1, East Tucson, AZ - 2PM
 Nov 04th – VSO-1: NOV (4) WOW HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10:30AM
 Nov 07th – BSA: Troop 157 Fundraiser Event, East Tucson, AZ - 7PM
 Nov 10-13th – MOWW: TOP-8 HQ MTG, Alexandria, VA - 8AM
 Nov 13th – VSO-3: TVAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 6PM
 Nov 16th – MOAA: CM Monthly Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 11AM
 Nov 18th – R-14: Winter Conference VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 8PM
 Nov 19th – MOWW: VAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 9AM
 Nov 19th – R-13: MGM Chapter Monthly HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
 Nov 20th – MOWW: NCSC HQ MTG, Virtual, AZ - 12PM
 Nov 21st – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 Mtg, Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
 Nov 23rd – R-13: SM-2 SCV Chapter VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM

NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: DEC 14th (HYB)**MEETING LINK****MEETINGS:** (formats: HYB "membership" & VCC "staff")**EVENT:** RM-3: SCV Chapter Christmas Meeting - 11AM**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire**PROGRAM:** OY 2024 SCV Chapter Annual Christmas Program**AGENDA:** "QTR-2 SCV Chapter Special Event Luncheon Activity"

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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Under Trump, decision on Air Force's NGAD will shape fleet for decades
The Air Force struggled for much of 2024 to figure out how — and even whether — to proceed with its planned sixth-generation fighter.

Navy, Air Force cleared to fly Ospreys after inspecting gears

Air Force secretary: Elon Musk 'not a warfighter' needs to learn more

Opinion

No runways, no sorties: Chinese missiles threaten US airpower plans

New B-21 engines pass key design review, prepare for altitude tests

Land →



US Army extends Palantir's contract for its data-harnessing platform
The Army is poised to grow Ventige's, its major data platform, by awarding Palantir a \$400 million contract to continue its expansion across the force.

Special ops leaders eye alarming levels of adversary collaboration

U.S. Major tests long range rocket motor for Army as firm eyes growth

Lithuania pushes Leopard 2A6 tank acquisition under new government

These Marine units will field new mobile command vehicle in 2025

Pentagon →

US troops doubled in Syria before Assad's overthrow, Pentagon says

The surge of 160 troops to the country has been going on for months without being disclosed publicly.



Corruption may slow China's ability to one day invade Taiwan, DOD says
But the Pentagon's annual report on China's military still tracked advances.



Combatant commands mishandled classified mobile devices, audit finds

Inventory records of devices with sensitive intel weren't maintained, and in some cases, contained inaccurate information, according to a DOD OIG report.

Pentagon chief Austin announces \$1 billion in long-term Ukraine aid

The defense secretary also said that Russia had now suffered 700,000 casualties since its invasion in 2022.

Defense tech firms establish AI-focused consortium

The consortium is led by Anduril and Palantir and comes amid a flurry of recent partnership announcements involving the two firms.

Naval →



Germany triples submarine order to six boats in joint buy with Norway
The extra boats are in line with Germany's expanded defense and naval aspirations.

India commissions Russian-built warship amid enduring ties with Moscow

US Navy 'wasted' \$1.8 billion on cruiser modernization program: Report

German Navy tests Blue Whale underwater drone for covert ship tracking

US Navy warship will make its first port call in 8 years in Cambodia

Space →



Space Operations Command preps for new shared domain awareness tool

The remaining ATLAS software is slated for delivery in the first quarter of 2025.

New US Space Force jammers aim to disrupt China's SATCOM signals

Space Force must grow to counter China and Russia, lawmakers say

SpaceX launches rapid response GPS mission

Space Command strategy aims to boost commercial role in operations

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20 years of clearance reform: From intelligence reform to Trusted Workforce

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Conservative Group Launches Ad Campaign for Trump Appointees
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Conservative

The campaign will run in new states where voters could make or break the conservative agenda.

The ads, which will run through the end of the year, are intended to signal a portion that voters see as a threat to Trump's jobs. Read Full Story

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GOP Greet DOGE With Excitement, but Expects 'Friction'
THE NEW YORK TIMES

Conservative

Capital Hill Republicans are clamoring to get in on the action after President-elect Donald Trump got the nod from voters and won the White House in a landslide.

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Mike Johnson Rebukes Biden's Pardon of Son
THE NEW YORK TIMES

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House Speaker Mike Johnson on Monday rebuked President Joe Biden's decision to pardon his son Hunter, calling the president's move "a betrayal of the American people."

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NOTABLE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES



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ACTIVITY ACCOLADES:



SOUTHWEST VETERANS
5th Annual Online Christmas Auction

The Southwest Veterans Foundation (SWVF) is holding its 5th annual Online Christmas Auction to raise money for its Veterans programs—and to help you with your Christmas shopping.

With nearly 100 auction items from which to choose, you can do some of your Christmas shopping from the comfort and safety of your home—and support Veterans and their families in the process. Best, you can shop from home at auction and individual retail online sites, but how much of your purchase price will they donate to support Veterans and their families? 100% of your winning auction bids will support Veterans programs and operations of the SWVF and the Southwest Veterans Chapter of Congress. You can also make a straight donation at the auction website.

The auction will be featured online at:

<https://onlineauctions.donorsdrive.us/3896>

The auction will start at 9:00 am Saturday December 14th and end at 7:00 pm on Sunday December 15th. SWVF is a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization. Our Federal ID no number is 36-0545527.

On behalf of the Veterans and their families who will benefit from your generosity, WE THANK YOU!

PROGRAM CONTACTS:

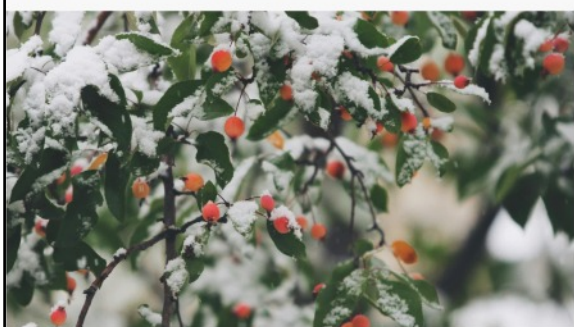
AJROTC Events – For an update on local Rio Rico HS Army JROTC activities and information please contact LTC Ronnie St. Clair at rstclair@scv35.org Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

- 03 DEC US Naval Academy Briefing, Rio Rico, AZ
- 04 DEC US Navy Briefing, Rio Rico, AZ
- 06 DEC 2nd Annual Fall Shootout 3x20 at RRHS, Rio Rico, AZ
- 07 DEC Southern AZ Shootout 3x20 at Flowing Wells HS, Tucson, AZ
- 08 DEC Fiesta De Tumacacori Color Guard, Tumacacori, AZ
- 13 DEC Western Army Aviation Training Center (WAATS), Marana, AZ
- 13 DEC Sahuarita HS JROTC Marksmanship Match 3x20, Sahuarita, AZ
- 21 DEC-06 JAN Winter Break, 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 DEC Clash of Titans NJROTC Field Meet, Phoenix, AZ
- 13 DEC Army vs Navy JROTC Flag Football, Sahuarita, AZ
- 18 DEC Naval Ball, Sahuarita, AZ
- 28 DEC Ironwood Picnic Area Orienteering, Tucson, AZ

Key December Health Awareness Days



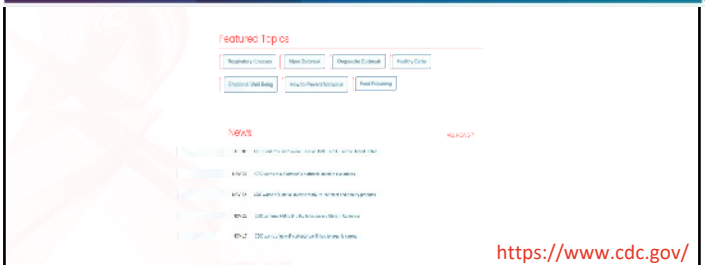
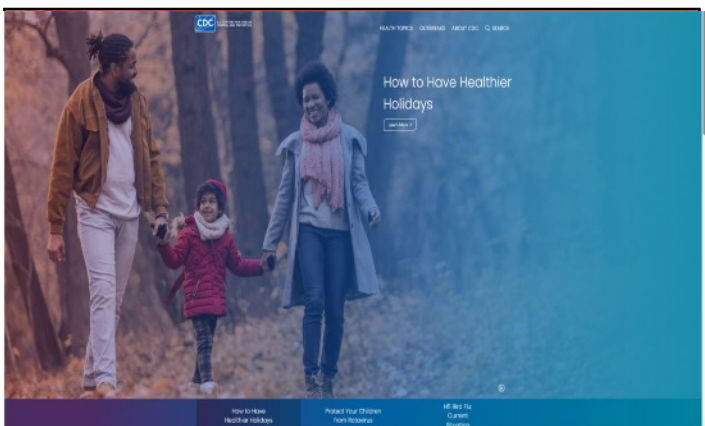
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November 2024

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3 DST ENDS SCV CH MOC-1	4 WOW Weekly HYB	5 ELECTION DAY	6	7 BSA FUNDRAISER SPC VCC MTG	8	9
10 USMC BD	11	12	13 TVAC VCC	14	15	16 GELP HYB MTG MOAA CMC MTG
17	18 R-14 WC VCC PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	19 VAC VCC MTG MGM CH VCC MTG	20 NFC VCC MTG NCSC VCC MTG	21 ALOV POST 132	22 SM-2 SCV CH VCC	23
24	25 WOW Weekly HYB	26	27	28 THANKSGIVING	29 NATIVE AMERICAN	30

December 2024

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1 PEARL HARBOR OBSERVANCE	2 WOW Weekly HYB	3	4 NCSC VCC MTG	5 CINC PUERTO RICO CHAPTER VISIT	6	7 UAV VCC
8	9 WOW Weekly HYB	10	11 EXCOM VCC MTG TVAC VCC MTG	12 CFWE EVENT	13	14 RM-3 SCV CH MTG
15	16 BSA COH EVENT WOW Weekly HYB	17 VAC VCC MTG MGM CH VCC MTG	18	19 NCSC VCC MTG ALOV POST 132	20	21 PIX CH MTG GELP HYB MTG WINTER SOLSTICE
22	23 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	24 CHRISTMAS EVE	25 CHRISTMAS DAY	26	27	28
29	30 WOW Weekly HYB	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE				



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A Prayer For Soldiers At Christmas

(<https://prayerist.com/prayer/soldiersatchristmas>)

“Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in you will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise you for your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.” Amen.

The Impossible Prayer

(<https://connectusfund.org/6-powerful-prayers-for-honoring-veterans>)

“All-Powerful God, glory be to Your holy name. Thank You for the veterans that fought for me. Thank You for bringing these heroes home safely to us. Surround their lives with Your peace and protection. Let them feel Your presence. Guide them to overcome the challenges they face in civilian life, whether these are related to a disability, medical care, emotional care, housing, employment, creating structure in their lives, or creating a new community for themselves. Break down the barriers that they face. Crush the obstacles. Fill them with peace and confidence that all will end well. Instill in them patience during the transition. Speak to them of Your love, and their country’s appreciation for their selfless service.” Amen.



We thank MOWW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, fellow Santa Cruz Valley Chapter - 193 companion and current Adjutant Officer Lt Col (RET) Marlon Ruiz, USAF for compiling and contributing this year’s Thanksgiving Edition Prayer Collage - which offers some special words of gratitude to reflect upon this Thanksgiving Day observance. AS we all take a moment to celebrate with visiting family and good friends, let us not forget to reflect upon our personal commitment to living as we once served.

Lt Col Ruiz is also serving as our Region XIII Interim Commander and Adjutant, committee representative in the MOWW Council of Area Commanders (CAC), national Veterans Affairs Committee Chapter representative, along with his other MOWW higher headquarters corporate responsibilities and commitments.

COMPANION CORNER

Companion Membership Anniversaries

November Anniversaries:

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Companion Birthday Celebrations

November Anniversaries:

- Dolores M. Cataldo, HPM (remembered on the 22nd)
- William E. Corson, PM (celebrated on the 1st)
- Donald D. Doran, PM (celebrated on the 29th)
- Vernon P. Harms, HPM (celebrated on the 5th)
- 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)

Companion Membership Anniversaries

December Anniversaries:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robert A. Anderson, PM (27 years) • Ira W. Austin, PM (37 years) • Franklin Barrett, PM (44 years) • Thomas P. Bent, HPM (42 years) • Hamilton R. Caitlin, RM (43 years) • Christine M. Cataldo, HPM (26 years) • William L. Cataldo, HPM (27 years) • John T. Curtiss, Jr., RM (1 years) • Clifford I. Franks, RM (5 years) • Russell M. Heller, PM (46 years) • Calvin J. Kadous, PM (39 years) • C. E. Kerwin, PM (45 years) • Vernon A. Langberg, PM (47 years) • Gregory T. Largen, RM (8 years) • Lori A. Largen, RM (8 years) • Albert Leibovitz, PM (49 years) • William M. McMahon, PM (40 years) • Robert R. Meier, PM (20 years) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • William H. Montgomery, PM (39 years) • Connaught O'Sullivan, PM (46 years) • Elizabeth J. Oxnam, PM (15 years) • Henry C. Perkins, HPM (56 years) • Gilbert Procter, PM (45 years) • Helen I. Rostonowski, PM (46 years) • Kimberly A. Santo, HPM (34 years) • Carl C. Sheets, PM (42 years) • Donald W. Shepperd, PM (28 years) • Irene M. Stockder, PM (45 years) • Rose V. Straley, PM (46 years) • Francisco J. Trejo, RM (5 years) • John M. Truesdell, PM (65 years) • Madeline M. Ullom, PM (46 years) • Lu Helen Van Antwerp, HPM (34 years) |
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Companion Birthday Celebrations

December Birthdays:

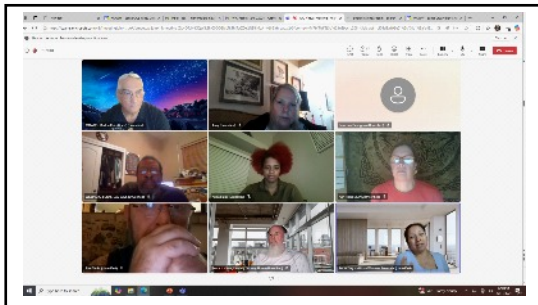
- Agnes E. Ballard, PM (remembered on the 25th)
- Louis A. Chaboya, PM (celebrated on the 14th)
- Robert M. Easton, HPM (celebrated on the 19th)
- Manuel F. Gatica, PM (celebrated on the 2nd)
- Scott C. Kadous, HPM (celebrated on the 11th)
- Scott P. Kellen, PM (celebrated on the 17th)
- Katherine G. Knez-Phillips, HPM (remembered on the 16th)
- Pedro Larribas, RM (celebrated on the 26th)
- Andrew P. Meshel, PM (celebrated on the 4th)
- Robert R. Meier, PM (remembered on the 7th)
- Norman W. Richmond, PM (remembered on the 21st)
- Herman D. Schiller, PM (celebrated on the 16th)
- Charles A. Ulery, PM (remembered on the 12th)

CHAPTER-IN-ACTION



VSO-1: WOW Weekly HYB MTG - DEC 2024

The Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) non-profit organization is among our most supported cross state lines veterans service organizational partnerships. WOW meets weekly each Monday morning at 9:30 AM (PST). Their hybrid format meetings helps propagate military service heritage and shares aviation history and legacy with younger generations of enthusiasts. WOW maintains a consistent interesting weekly guest speaker program, and supports both community attending local veteran service organizations and civic causes.



VSO-3: TVAC Monthly MTG - DEC 2024

A good portion of our Chapter Veterans Affairs Program activities includes our constant partnership, interaction, and collaboration efforts with the City of Tucson Mayor's Office Veterans Affairs Council (TVAC) which meets monthly via online ZOOM sessions. Appointed Council members serve a two-year term, as representatives of their respective veteran service organizations (VSO). Council responsibilities include, serving as VSO advisors and conduits on all matters City of Tucson veterans community related, services, and initiatives.



RM-3: SCV Chapter Quarterly MTG - DEC 2024

On top of a usually busy Holiday Season each year, our Chapter still finds the time to maintain its traditional Chapter meeting schedule throughout the year. Pictured above are some photos taken of our annual December Santa Cruz Valley Chapter Holiday Gatherings and Chapter Meeting event. Featured activities (beyond the usual chapter business meeting portion) included a companion gift exchange, fundraising activities, and presentation of new Region XIII website special MOWW merchandise items for online sale in 2025.



MOWW: PR Chapter Annual Holiday MTG - DEC 2024

Our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter was fortunate to be represented at this year's Puerto Rico Chapter annual Christmas assembly meeting in San Juan, PR through the representation of fellow chapter companion and the current MOWW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCinC) Lt Col (ret) Marlon Ruiz, USAF who accompanied our CinC to the US territorial commonwealth partner. The whirlwind trip was filled with a proper balance of MOWW business and the expected seasonal Holiday Season festive companion activity.



R-13: CFWE Annual Grant Ceremony - DEC 2024

The Green Valley, Arizona Country Fair White Elephant (CFWE) Grant Committee has served as our Chapter's primary fundraising partnership and collaboration platform for over the last ten years. Thanks to this arrangement, our Chapter is able to obtain much needed Chapter Patriotic Education Program annual operational funding and support. The grant funds received help support our southern Arizona participation (via student scholar and delegate sponsorships) in the Arizona Youth Leadership Conference and two MOC event offerings.



BSA: Court of Honor Event - DEC 2024

Our chapter was also invited to participate in the annual Holiday Scouting America Troop 157 Eagle Scout Court of Honor in east Tucson. Five Eagle Scouts were honored and fifteen fellow scouts were recognized by our Chapter for their volunteerism and participation at our November Chapter Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance MOWW signature ceremonial event in East Tucson. After the event, our Chapter held a Q&A session with scouting parents addressing our Chapter sponsored youth programs.

MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

Weathermen Handled Stress

If you were an eighteen-year-old Pfc weather observer in the AAF, as I was in in the last year of WWII, it was unlikely that you might soon be briefing aircrews on their flight weather. In those days before jet-propelled aircraft, satellites, and advanced radars, the possibility of flying



above or around weather hazards was limited. The pilot depended on the advice his weatherman gave. But within two years I was a certified weather forecaster charged with signing pilots' weather clearances. I gave them advice regarding my predicted weather hazards such as icing, turbulence, low cloud ceiling, limited visibility. The forecaster sized up the pilot. Could he handle a bad weather flight? Among the many thousands of my weather briefings, if it were a nonessential flight, only in a very few did the pilot elect not to fly after hearing my description of his flight weather. You had to be sure you were not a prophet of doom, using

words which might convince a pilot not to fly when with proper respect for the elements, there was no reason he shouldn't. Stress would be a mild word to describe it. In his few quiet moments, to introduce a bit of levity while keeping a little more sanity, subconsciously every weatherman recalled the weatherman's song, sung to the tune of *Macnamara's Band*:

"I'll never forget
The day was wet,
The general wanted to fly.
He said, 'My boy, is it okay
For me to go on high?'

When I said 'No,
It's going to snow,'
You should have seen him frown,
Say I'm the only one who ever
Kept the general down.
Teletypes, synoptic charts
Anemometers twirling around,
My pressure lines are intertwined
My fronts are underground.

I'm going to throw my books away
And use the Almanac."

Chorus: We are the men, the weathermen,
We may be wrong, oh now and then
But when you see our planes on high,
Just remember we're the ones who let them fly.

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.

DECEMBER IN HISTORY

December 1

December 1, 1640 - A nationalist revolution in Portugal led to independence from Spain as the Spanish garrisons were driven out of Portugal.

December 1, 1822 - Dom Pedro, founder of the Brazilian Empire, was crowned as the first emperor of Brazil.

December 1, 1918 - Iceland was granted independence by the Danish parliament.

December 1, 1919 - Lady Nancy Astor became the first woman in the British House of Commons.

December 1, 1925 - The Locarno Treaties were signed by France, Belgium and Germany, as a preventive measure to avoid another war, in the aftermath of [World War I](#). Terms of the [Locarno Pact](#) were guaranteed by Britain and Italy.

December 1, 1941 - The American Civil Air Patrol (CAP), a U.S. Air Force auxiliary, was founded as Director of Civilian Defense, former New York Mayor Fiorello LaGuardia, signed the formal order. The CAP currently provides aerospace education, a CAP cadet program, and emergency services such as locating missing aircraft.

December 1, 1942 - The Beveridge Report was published in Britain envisioning the welfare state including insurance for the entire population.

December 1, 1955 - The birth of the modern American civil rights movement occurred as Rosa Parks was arrested in Montgomery, Alabama, for refusing to give up her seat to a white man and move to the back section of a municipal bus. Her arrest resulted in a year-long boycott of the city bus system by African Americans and led to legal actions ending racial segregation on municipal buses throughout the South.

December 1, 1988 - Benazir Bhutto was nominated to become prime minister of Pakistan, the first woman to govern a Muslim nation.

December 1, 1989 - Mikhail Gorbachev became the first Soviet Russian leader to visit the Vatican and meet the Pope, thus ending 72 years of strict atheist policy in Communist Russia.

December 1, 1990 - England was connected to mainland Europe for the first time since the Ice Age as engineers digging a railway tunnel under the English Channel broke through the last rock layer.

December 1, 1994 - The head of the U.N. Commission on Rwanda estimated 500,000 deaths had resulted from [genocide](#).

December 2

December 2, 1804 - Napoleon Bonaparte was crowned Emperor of France by Pope Pius VII in Paris.

December 2, 1805 - Napoleon defeated Russia and Austria in the Battle of Austerlitz.

December 2, 1823 - President James Monroe introduced his "[Monroe Doctrine](#)" during his annual message to the Congress, prohibiting any further colonization of the American continents by European powers, stating, "we should consider any attempt on their part to extend their system to any portion of this hemisphere as dangerous to our peace and safety..."

December 2, 1852 - The Second Empire was proclaimed in France with Napoleon III as emperor.

December 2, 1859 - Abolitionist leader [John Brown](#) was executed for treason at Charles Town, West Virginia, following his raid on the U.S. Arsenal at Harper's Ferry.

December 2, 1942 - Physicists led by [Enrico Fermi](#) carried out the world's first successful nuclear chain reaction at the University of Chicago.

December 2, 1954 - The U.S. Senate [condemned Senator Joseph McCarthy](#) for misconduct following his ruthless investigations of thousands of alleged Communists.

December 2, 1971 - The United Arab Emirates was formed, consisting of seven Arab kingdoms on the eastern coast of the Arabian Peninsula including the former Trucial states Abu Dhabi, Dubai, Sharjah, Ajman, Umm al Qaiwain and Fujairah. Ras al-Khaimah became a member in 1972. The area has some of the world's largest reserves of petroleum and natural gas.

December 2, 1979 - Electors in Iran voted overwhelmingly in favor of a new constitution granting absolute power to Ayatollah Khomeini.

Geo Challenge Trivia

Of the world's seven continents, which one has the shortest coastline?

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

FEATURED CHAPTER EVENT



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THU - 16 JANUARY 2025

TRAVEL ARRIVAL DATE & CHECK-IN

0800 - 1800 No Schedule Activity – Shuttle Pickup & Drop-off (Tucson IAP to Hotel / POV Arrival)
0800 - 1800 Hotel Check-in – Hotel Lobby / Concierge / Personal Time (Hotel Services)
1200 - 1800 No-Host Lunch / Personal Time (Hotel Services)
1800 - 2000 No-Host Dinner – Informal Welcome Social "pay-as-you-go" Event (Hotel Services)

FRI - 17 JANUARY 2025

SCV CHAPTER MOC EVENT & PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

0700 - 0900 No-Host Breakfast – Concierge / Personal Time (Hotel Services)
0915 - 0930 MOC Event – Hotel Shuttle Pickup & Travel (Hotel to Sahuarita HS)
0930 - 0945 MOC Event – Hotel Shuttle Drop-off (Sahuarita HS)
0945 - 1000 MOC Event – Program (Sahuarita HS MOC Event Seating)
1000 - 1200 MOC Event – Program (Sahuarita HS MOC Event)
1200 - 1230 MOC Event – Hotel Shuttle Pickup & Travel (Sahuarita HS to Hotel)
1300 MOC Event – Hotel Shuttle Drop-off (Desert Diamond Casino Hotel)
1300 America 250 Orientation – Pre-Event Hospitality Lunch (Hospitality Room – 4th Floor End of Hall Corridor)
1300 - 1400 America 250 Orientation / Q&A – CINC Time (Hospitality Room / buffet pizza-salad-beverages))
1400 - 1430 No Schedule Activity – Concierge / Personal Time (Hotel Services)
1430 - 1500 Pima Air & Space Museum Combo-1 Tour – Hotel Shuttle Pickup & Travel (Hotel to Combo-1 Tour)
1500 Pima Air & Space Museum Combo-1 Tour – Hotel Shuttle Drop-off (Combo-1 Tour Package Location)
1500 - 1800 Pima Air & Space Museum Combo-1 Tour – Program (Combo-1 Tour Package)
1800 - 1830 Pima Air & Space Museum Combo-1 Tour – Hotel Shuttle Pickup & Travel (Combo-1 Tour to Hotel)
1830 Pima Air & Space Museum Combo-1 Tour – Hotel Shuttle Drop-off (Desert Diamond Casino Hotel)
1830 No Schedule Activity – Concierge / Personal Time (Hotel Services)

SAT - 18 JANUARY 2025

R-13 WINTER CONFERENCE & POST-CONFERENCE ACTIVITY

0700 - 0900 Catered Breakfast – Pre-Conference Personal Time (Hotel Meeting Room)
0900 - 0915 Conference Opening Ceremony – Honor Guard Detail (Sahuarita HS NJROTC)
0915 - 1200 Conference Business Session – (reference conference agenda)
1200 - 1300 No Schedule Activity – Concierge / Personal Time (Hotel Services)
1300 - 1330 No-Host Lunch – Contract Shuttle Pickup & Travel (Hotel to La Indita Mexican Restaurant)
1330 No-Host Lunch – Contract Shuttle Drop-off (La Indita Mexican Restaurant Lunch Event Location)
1330 - 1430 No-Host Lunch – Program (La Indita Mexican Restaurant "pay-as-you-go" Lunch Event)
1430 - 1445 No-Host Lunch – Contract Shuttle Pickup & Travel (La Indita Mexican Restaurant to Hotel)
1500 No-Host Lunch – Contract Shuttle Drop-off (Desert Diamond Casino Hotel)
1500 - 1530 No Schedule Activity – Concierge / Personal Time (Hotel Services)
1530 - 1545 Pima Air & Space Museum Combo-2 Tour – Hotel Shuttle Pickup & Travel (Hotel to Combo-2 Tour)
1600 Pima Air & Space Museum Combo-2 Tour – Hotel Shuttle Drop-off (Combo-2 Tour Package)
1600 - 1800 Pima Air & Space Museum Combo-2 Tour – Program (Combo-2 Tour Package)
1800 - 1830 Pima Air & Space Museum Combo-2 Tour – Hotel Shuttle Pickup Travel (Combo-2 Tour to Hotel)
1900 Pima Air & Space Museum Combo-2 Tour – Hotel Shuttle Drop-off (Desert Diamond Casino Hotel)
1900 - 1930 No Schedule Activity – Concierge / Personal Time (Hotel Services)
1930 - 2000 Dinner-Show Tour – Contract Shuttle Pickup & Travel (Hotel to Gaslight Theater Dinner-Show Event)
2000 - 2015 Dinner-Show Tour – Contract Shuttle Drop-off (Gaslight Theater Dinner-Show Event Check-In)
2015 - 2030 Dinner-Show Tour – Program (Gaslight Theater Dinner-Show Event Program Seating)
2030 - 2130 Dinner-Show Tour – Program (Gaslight Theater Dinner-Show Event Program Package)
2130 - 2145 Dinner-Show Tour – Contract Shuttle Pickup & Travel (Gaslight Theater Dinner Show Event to Hotel)
2145 - 2200 Dinner-Show Tour – Contract Shuttle Drop-off (Desert Diamond Casino Hotel)
2200 No Schedule Activity – Concierge / Personal Time (Hotel Services)

SUN - 19 JANUARY 2025

TRAVEL DEPARTURE DATE & CHECK-OUT

0800 - 1200 No Schedule Activity – Shuttle Pickup & Drop-off (Hotel to Tucson IAP / POV Departure)
0800 - 1200 Hotel Check-out – Hotel Lobby / Concierge / Personal Time (Hotel Services)



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.

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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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