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Commander's Message

Buz Isban
Commander

Chef Peters Bistro Unfortunately we had to cancel the October 2021 breakfast meeting due to lack of a facility and Zoom availability. Fellowship Square where we met before Covid will not be available for us again until all residents have had their third Covid-19 shot. This is estimated to be in the February/March 2022 timeframe. However, thanks to the herculean efforts of Ann and Fred Garnett we will meet November at Chef Peters Bistro located at 17300 N. Sun Village Parkway, Surprise. The Garnetts' surveyed over half a dozen establishments and this was the best bang for the buck.

On Saturday November 13th we will have our own room from 9:30a.m. until noon for breakfast and to conduct business. Check out the breakfast menu at chefpetersbistro.com. The cost will be \$20 per person which includes tax, gratuity and the price for the room. Please **RSVP** by Tuesday **NOVEMBER 9th** to Buz at buzis-

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Breakfast Meeting

An in-person meeting is planned for 13 November 2021 at 930 at Chef Peters Bistro.

SAVE THE DATE

Massing of the Colors 15 February 2022 at Palm Ridge Recreation Center in Sun City West. Put it on your calendar!

It's Our Anniversary 50 years

Happy Anniversary West Valley Chapter 131

The Sun Cities Chapter of the MOWW was approved in 1971. Our first full chapter meeting was in October 1971. So, let's celebrate.

A dinner party will be planned for fall, probably in November. All chapter members and their spouses are invited. Look for further announcements as the year goes on.

We had an anniversary celebration on our 25th. A memento of that anniversary is shown below.



ban@cox.net or call him at 623-512-0765 so we can notify the chef.

In addition, Past Commander Ken Coffman is working on our **50th Anniversary** celebration in late November. He suggests that Chef Peters Bistro might be an excellent location. Those interested in assisting Ken to make this a very memorable event please contact him for information on how you can help.

CHAPTER DUES ARE DUE

As a reminder, our dues remain the same as last year; \$15 for a member and spouse and \$10 for a member without a spouse. Make checks payable to "**MOWW Chapter 131**" and mail your payment to our treasurer Michael Isban at 8980 W. Runion Drive, Peoria, AZ 85382. You can also pay at the breakfast meeting instead.

Looking ahead

- **November Breakfast Meeting** – Since this is the first in-person meeting of the operating year, expect Jerry Wojtas to re-install Dennis Bash who will remain our Senior Vice Commander.
- On **Thursday November 11th**, Companions Buz Isban and Ken Coffman will participate in the Northwest Valley Veterans Association ceremony at Sunland Mortuary. It is located at 15826 N. Del Webb Blvd, Sun City. With a prelude starting at 8:30 a.m., the ceremony starts at 9:00 a.m. All are invited to attend. The program lasts about an hour and refreshments are served afterwards. Wear a hat and sun screen.
- **Other Events.**
 - November 7** – 2:00p.m. Catalina Mountains MOC at 6245 E. Bellevue Street, Tucson, AZ
 - November 11** – Veterans Day
 - November 13** – Breakfast meeting – Chef Peters Bistro
 - November 23** – 32nd Armed Forces Career Offices Day (AFCOD) Expo, McCormick Ranch, Scottsdale.

December 6 – 0730 Apache Trail-Billie Stephens MOC at Marcos de Niza H.S., Tempe.

December 7 – Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

December 11 – Breakfast meeting

January 21/22 – MOWW Region XIII meeting

February 15, 2022 MOC 2022.

The Palm Ridge Recreation Center is located at 13800 W. Deer Valley Drive, Sun City West. On Tuesday the musical prelude will start at 11:15 a.m. with the ceremony starting at 11:45 a.m. The poster advertising the event is included below.

- **AZYLC 2022.** No update. AZYL, Inc. is looking for a new director. The past director's professional responsibilities preclude his continued efforts with the conference. Anyone interested please contact Colonel Dick Minor, USA (Ret) at danddmior@aol.com.

As a final note, please stay safe and I hope to see you at the breakfast meeting.

"Gear, flaps, and hook down, ready to land!"
Buz

Surgeon's Note

By Linda Howry RN MS

Pfizer-BioNTech Booster Vaccination

The New York Times reports that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination is 90 per cent effective in preventing coronavirus hospitalizations for up to six months after receiving the 2 injections, according to a US study conducted by researchers at Pfizer and Kaiser Permanent on the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccination. "Protection against hospitalization remains high over time, even when Delta predominates," said Sara Tartof, epidemiologist and first author of the at Southern California Kaiser Permanente study.

In the FDA worldwide reviews of all three vaccines, has shown a decline in the effectiveness of these vaccines over time. These boosters giv-

en 6 to 8 months after the Pfizer second vaccine have shown an increase in the antibody response against all known COVID-19 variants, including Delta. Although it is not a guaranteed that you will not get the virus, severe symptoms and hospitalizations maybe decreased.

The CDC reports that the COVID-19 Vaccine booster injections are now available for Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine recipients who completed their initial series at least 6 months ago and are:

- 65 years and older (due to decreasing immune response in the elderly)
- Age 18+ who live in long-term care settings (due to close quarters)
- Age 18+ who have underlying medical conditions (weakens immune response)
- Age 18+ who work in high-risk settings (more likely to be exposed to virus)
- Age 18+ who live in high-risk settings (more likely to be exposed to virus)

The Moderna and Johnson and Johnson booster shots are waiting approval by the FDA. These immunizations appear to last longer than the Pfizer and will be available soon.

Information from New York times, Center for Disease Control and Federal Drug Administration

Treasurer's Report

Buz Isban
Treasurer



Financial Report

As of 29 October 2021

General Fund	\$13,311.12
Petty Cash	\$50.00
TOTAL	\$13,361.12
Patriotic Savings Account	\$7,158.43
Endowment Fund	\$15,929.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$36,448.55

Legislative News

By Phil Hanson



Latest State Legislature News

No breaking news. Things are moving slowly along in the Legislature.

This Day in History

November 1, 1915 – Parris Island is officially designated a US Marine Corps Recruit Depot.

November 3, 1783 – American Revolution: The American Continental Army is disbanded.

November 4, 1979 – At the American Embassy in Teheran, Iran, 90 people, including 63 Americans, are taken hostage for 444 days by militant student followers of Ayatollah Khomeini. The students demand the return of Shah Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, who was undergoing medical treatment in New York City.

November 5, 1862 - Civil War: Abraham Lincoln questions the leadership skills of George B. McClellan during battles and removes him as commander of the Union Army for the second and final time. Lincoln's famous evaluation of McClellan read, "If he can't fight himself, he excels in making others ready to fight."

November 8, 1942 - WW2: Operation Torch - United States and United Kingdom forces land in French North Africa.

November 9, 1989 – Cold War: Fall of the Berlin Wall. Communist-controlled East Germany opens checkpoints in the Berlin Wall allowing its citizens to travel to West Germany. This key event led to the eventual reunification of East and West Germany.

November 11, 1921 – The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington Cemetery is dedicated by U.S. President Warren G. Harding.

November 11, 1918 - World War I: Germany signs an armistice agreement with the Allies in a

railroad car in the forest of Compiègne, France. The fighting officially ends at 11:00 a.m., (the eleventh hour in the eleventh month on the eleventh day) and this is annually honored with a two-minute silence. The war officially ends on the signing of the Treaty of Versailles on 28th June, 1919.

November 14, 1910 – First airplane flight from the makeshift deck of a ship (USS Birmingham at Hampton Roads to Norfolk VA) in a Curtiss pusher.

November 16, 1943 - WW2: American bombers strike a hydro-electric power facility and heavy water factory in German-controlled Vemork, Norway.

November 19, 1863 – Civil War: Lincoln delivers the "Gettysburg Address" at the dedication of the National Cemetery at the site of the Battle of Gettysburg.

November 20, 1943 – WW2: U.S. Marines landed on Tarawa in the Gilbert Islands, one of the bloodiest campaigns waged by American forces against the Japanese in the Pacific.

November 20, 1945 – WW2: Trials against 24 Nazi war criminals start at the Palace of Justice at Nuremberg.

November 22, 1977 – Vietnam: U.S. loses its first B-52 of the war. The eight-engine bomber was brought down by a North Vietnamese surface-to-air missile near Vinh on the day when B-52s flew their heaviest raids of the war over North Vietnam.

November 25, 1783 - American Revolution: The last British troops leave New York City three months after the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

November 26, 1950 – Korea: Troops from the People's Republic of China launch a massive counterattack in North Korea against South Korean and United Nations forces (Battle of the Ch'ongch'on River & Battle of Chosin Reservoir), ending any hopes of a quick end to the conflict. Casualties and losses: Est. UN 11,000 - CH 40,000 & UN 17,843 - CH 48,156.

November 26, 1968 – Vietnam: USAF helicopter pilot James P. Fleming rescues an Army Special Forces unit pinned down by Viet Cong fire and is later awarded the Medal of Honor.

November 29, 1971 – Vietnam: Americal Division stands down and departs. They suffered 4,041 casualties during 2,111 days of combat.

November 30, 1782 – American Revolution: Treaty of Paris - In Paris, representatives from the United States and the Kingdom of Great Britain sign preliminary peace articles (later formalized as the 1783 Treaty of Paris).

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for the Dec Bulletin is Nov 18th. If it is possible to get articles earlier, it would be very much appreciated. With all that is going on we will be flexible.

Email articles to cbjerkaas@cox.net

Thank you.

Carlton Bjerkaas, Editor

WEST VALLEY AZ CHAPTER ACTION PLAN 2021-2022

STRATEGIC GOAL #1: ANNUALLY GROW CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP BY 4% AND INCREASE COMPANION PARTICIPATION IN CHAPTER ACTIVITIES

- Increase Chapter Membership by at least 4% or 2 new members, preferably perpetual members. **Current membership is at 34 Companions.**
- Meeting at least every other month. In person or via Zoom. **We meet 8 times/year.**
- Update the Personnel data of all Companions in the MOWW Member Roster.
- Increase Companion participation in Chapter meetings, committees, and events.

STRATEGIC GOAL #2: PROVIDE COMPANION LEADERSHIP TRAINING

- Annual refresher training for the Treasurer.
- Educate Chapter Officers and Outreach Chairpersons on the MOWW Web Page to identify their responsibilities.
- Encourage participation in Region XIII Conferences and MOWW National Convention.

STRATEGIC GOAL #3: MENTOR AND DEVELOP COMPANIONS

- Establish leadership succession. Identify this early in the operational year to facilitate a seamless transition to a new staff the following year.

STRATEGIC GOAL #4: CONDUCT CHAPTER ADVERTISING AND PUBLICITY

- Publish at least eight *Bulletins* during the season.
- Develop news releases for local TV, radio, and written publishers. MOC, 50th anniversary celebration, etc.
- Articles for the *Officer Review (Chapter in Action)* about major events: MOC, etc.

STRATEGIC GOAL #5: EXPAND AND IMPROVE OUTREACH PROGRAMS

- Recruit, fund and send 20-24 delegates to the AZ Youth Leadership Conference.
- Present Awards of Merit to deserving cadets at ERAU ROTCs (6) and JROTC (17) units.
- Identify and present BPH Organization Awards, Law and Order/First Responder Award of Merit Plaques, Award of Merit Plaques to distinguished citizens, community service groups and media professionals. Conduct ROTC/JROTC Patriotic Essay Contest.
- Conduct a Massing of the Colors and Service of Remembrance involving JROTC units and veterans and civic organizations with a quality guest speaker.
- Conduct a meeting emphasizing Law and Order, Patriotic Education, ROTC, National Defense, Homeland Security and Veterans Affairs during the Activity Season.

STRATEGIC GOAL #6: PROMOTE COMPANION, CHAPTER AND COMMUNITY RECOGNITION

- Award a Silver Patrick Henry Medal to a deserving Companion annually.
- Award two Outstanding and Outreach Service Medals to deserving Companions annually.

- Recommend one National Citation for a deserving Companion annually.
- Submit Outreach Activities Reports and Recommendations for Chapter Awards annually.
- Award Bronze Patrick Henry Medals to Outstanding JROTC Cadet, Educators. etc.
- Present Certificates of Achievement or Appreciation to deserving Companions, Breakfast Meeting speakers, and other extraordinary supporters of the Chapter and MOWW at large.

Navy Hypersonic Rocket Motor Moves Closer to Flight Testing

October 2021

From Office of the Navy Chief of Information

WASHINGTON - The Navy Strategic Systems Programs (SSP) successfully conducted a second test of the First Stage Solid Rocket Motor (SRM) on October 28, 2021, in Promontory, Utah, as part of the development of the Navy's Conventional Prompt Strike (CPS) offensive hypersonic strike capability and the Army's Long Range Hypersonic Weapon (LRHW). The offensive weapon systems will enable precise and timely strike capability against deep inland targets in contested environments.

"Today's successful test brings us one step closer to the design validation of our new hypersonic missile that will be fielded by both the Navy and the Army," said Vice Adm. Johnny R. Wolfe Jr, Director, Navy's Strategic Systems Programs, which is the lead designer for the common hypersonic missile. "We are on schedule for the upcoming flight test of the full common hypersonic missile. Our partners across government, industry, and academia are continuing the excellent work that is essential to providing a hypersonic capability to our warfighters as quickly as possible."

This SRM test is part of a series of tests validating the newly developed common hypersonic missile. This live fire test follows previous tests of the First and Second Stages on May 27 and August 25, 2021. This static fire test marked the first time the First Stage SRM included a thrust vector control system. The thrust vector control system is a key component of the missile booster that allows the rocket motors to be maneuverable in flight.



PROMONTORY, Utah (Oct. 29, 2021) The U.S. Navy, in collaboration with the U.S. Army, conducts a static fire test of the first stage of the newly developed 34.5" common hypersonic missile that will be fielded by both services. (U.S. Navy photo courtesy of Northrup Grumman)

U.S. peer competitors are weaponizing and fielding hypersonic capabilities, creating warfighting asymmetry that must be addressed. These tests are vital in developing a Navy-designed common hypersonic missile that the Navy and Army will field. The common hypersonic missile will consist of the first stage SRM as part of a new missile booster combined with the Common Hypersonic Glide Body (CHGB).

The Navy and Army are on track to test the full common hypersonic missile that will be a catalyst for fielding the CPS and LRHW weapon systems. The services are working closely with government national laboratories and industry to continue developing and producing the common missile.

“This test continues to build momentum to deliver hypersonic capability for our warfighters in support of the National Defense Strategy,” said LTG L. Neil Thurgood, Director of Hypersonics, Directed Energy, Space and Rapid Acquisition. “Fielding hypersonic weapons is one of the highest priority modernization areas the Department of Defense is pursuing to ensure our continued battlefield dominance, and the joint team did a tremendous job executing this test and keeping us on schedule.”

Information gathered from ongoing tests will further inform the services offensive hypersonic technology development. Hypersonic weapons are capable of flying at speeds greater than five times the speed of sound (Mach 5), are highly maneuverable and operate at varying altitudes. The common hypersonic missile design for sea and land-based applications provides economies of scale for future production and relies upon a growing U.S. hypersonics industrial base.



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