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2023 CORONADO CHAPTER GOALS

1. Support the three primary 2023 MOAA National Advocacy in Action topics through engagement with our members and appropriate elected officials.
2. Support the Unified Arizona Veterans organization in Suicide Prevention efforts and helping needy veterans through the Warrior Healing Center, Cochise Serving Veterans, and other groups.
3. Support the educational goals of qualifying graduating seniors through a system of highly publicized scholarship funding.
4. Annually nominate a member for induction into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, Canyon Vista Medical Center's Veterans Wall, or the United Veterans Council's Veteran of the Year.
5. Explore new technological solutions to provide affiliates with improved tools and resources, facilitating legislative engagement, recruiting and retention, and networking, dinner reservations, annual dues, etc.

CORONADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Life Members:	83
Basic and Annual Members:	85
Surviving Spouse	31
Honorary Members:	5
Total Chapter Membership:	204



PRESIDENT

James Clenney
LCDR, MSC USN

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of you.

I originally started this month's writeup to include the names of those who impacted our chapter's soul, and my interactions with them. There are too many names, and I can think of too many lessons gained to keep to one page of this newsletter. I hope it suffices to write that my association with this chapter has been life altering for me. I am happy to say that it has been life altering for my bride.

Thank you to pretty much everyone in the Coronado Chapter. I have met so many great people and made friends. I have learned many new things and have enjoyed (most of) the lessons! What an amazing group of people we have in our community. The knowledge, experiences, and drive that I've witnessed have both encouraged and challenged me during these years. I hope that that your chapter accomplished what you desired us to accomplish.

Welcome to 2024! During this year, under the leadership of President Ed, I look forward to continuing growing in membership. And through our members' actions and ideas, I so look forward to expanding our organization in influence, infrastructure, and impact. We have significantly experienced leaders within our own roster who can and should guide us to better achieve our mission.

I look forward to addressing you in a later page, under Legislative Affairs, in the coming years. I will fill this role with a personal goal of providing necessary, impactful, and useful information. I hope to fill your requirements regarding advocacy information.

I strongly encourage you to attend our January Membership Dinner Meeting. We will be addressed by MG Eubanks and install the new leaders into their roles. Should be fun, informative, and fulfilling.

Very Respectfully,
Jim Clenney



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

Chaplain Tom Day
COL, USA (Ret.)

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT IN FILLING OUR VACANT POSITIONS!

If you or someone you know may be interested in serving on the Board of Directors or as an officer, please call us. The members on the committee are Tom Day, Wendy Breen, Tom Hessler, Ed Wozniak and John Black. Give one of us a call and offer your recommendations.

First Vice President

The two main elements of this position are first, to perform the duties of the next higher office should it be vacated either temporarily or permanently AND secondly, to perform other duties the President might assign. This may not seem like much however, it is a position of significant information gathering potential with an additional ability of having significant impact on the direction that the Chapter takes during their tenure. Coronado Chapter has a history of the 1st Vice President standing for election at the end of the reigning President's term, and we also have a history of 1st Vice Presidents serving without any intention of running for President. Both methods have worked well for us. Do not overlook this position as an outlet to use your expertise and experience.

Chapter Historian

The Chapter Historian will assist with the preservation of the chapter's key documents and historical records and submit articles for the chapter newsletter.

**MEMBERS AND SPOUSES ARE ELIGIBLE FOR ANY
LEADERSHIP POSITION!**





LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR

CDR Merle L. Kilpatrick
USNR (Ret.)

For your review and ACTION. Please note the Advocacy articles mentioned here can also be seen in the MOAA National Newsletter.

FIRST ADVOCACY ITEM: Why MOAA's Fight to Maintain TRICARE Pharmacy Access Matters to You. Read this member's story, and learn about the work being done to preserve your health benefit.

SECOND ADVOCACY ITEM: As Servicemembers Spend the Holidays Deployed, Work Remains at Home. Keep our troops and their families in mind this time of year, and join MOAA's efforts to improve their quality of life.

TAKE ACTION: [Urge Your Legislators to Improve the Quality of Life for Our Servicemembers](#)

TAKE ACTION: [Ask Your Lawmakers to Avoid a Government Shutdown and Finish the Appropriations Process](#)

THIRD ADVOCACY ITEM: Average Housing Allowance Will Rise in 2024, But Still Won't Cover Full Costs. Learn more about the new rates, and find out how you can help MOAA restore 100% coverage for those who serve.

TAKE ACTION: [Urge Your Lawmakers to Pay Full Housing Costs for Servicemembers](#)

If you wish to view all advocacy issues available, please feel free to go to the Legislative Action Center on the MOAA home page to write to your Legislators on any advocacy issues.

**MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR****Allen Goodman**
CW3, USA (Ret)

Premium and Life members can access all MOAA publications. Learn more about membership benefits and how to upgrade [here](#).

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

As this year comes to a close, so does the annual membership to the Coronado Chapter of the MOAA for many of our members. If you are an annual member I encourage you to renew your membership in the largest award winning Chapter in Arizona. As a Chapter, we have attained a 5 Star Rating for Excellence the past 14 years in a row. We couldn't have done that without your membership and participation.

2023 has been a year of many accomplishments, one being the establishment of our Surviving Spouse Committee. This committee has brought to the forefront the importance of keeping surviving spouses informed and connected to the Chapter. In 2024 the committee will be planning outings and social activities aimed at our surviving spouses to maintain the bond of not being forgotten.

Our Scholarship program is growing thanks in part to your generous contributions. This year, our Scholarship Director Kathy Youngblood planned and coordinated the first ever Army-Navy football game watch party and fund raiser for scholarships. This activity was so successful, we've added it on our annual event calendar.

Along with our monthly dinner meetings at Pueblo Del Sol where we come together to socialize and listen to great guest speakers, we are planning more social activities. Stay tuned for details coming in future Heliograms.

I mentioned the Heliogram. It would be a shame to let your membership lapse and miss out on our informative news letter along with our weekly Legislative Update which gives you a direct line on issues affecting the Military community.

A Chapter renewal form is included in this Heliogram. To renew your membership you can log onto the National MOAA website with your account info and pay on line or send a check to the Chapter's PO Box listed on the application.

One final note, please submit your renewals no later than 31 January 2024 to continue receiving the Heliogram and the Legislative Updates without interruption.

Looking forward to hearing from you soon.



COL Richard "Dick" Ament
United States Army, Retired
1933 - 2023

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of a lifetime member of MOAA and member of the Coronado Chapter, COL Dick Ament. To date the scholarship fund has received over \$1,000 via contributions in his memory.

Rest in Peace.

COL Dick Ament, 90, of Sierra Vista passed away early October 15, 2023 at CVMC with his wife, Nancy, by his side. He lived in Sierra Vista for the past seventeen years.

Dick graduated from the University of California--Berkeley where he excelled as a student athlete. He played baseball (shortstop) for the Bears for four years. He was captain and MVP his senior year.

COL Ament held a Masters' degree from George Washington University. He was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant of Infantry and later transferred to the Adjutant General Corps. His various duty assignments included: Ft. Benning, Georgia, Berlin, Germany, the Pentagon, Ft. Benjamin Harrison, Indiana, Ft. Carson, Colorado, Camp Zama, Japan, Presidio of San Francisco, Camp H. M. Smith, Hawaii and Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

Dick is survived by his wife, two daughters, Suzanne (James Boone) of Christiansburg, Virginia and Tina, of Arlington, Virginia. He was predeceased by his parents, Grace and Glenn Ament, a brother, Don and first wife, Dorothy.

He was a lifetime member of MOAA and a member of Coronado Chapter. He served as President of the Winterhaven HOA in 2009. Dick was an avid golfer and enjoyed his association with fellow golfers at PDS.

If inclined, send memorials to MOAA Scholarship Fund P.O. Box 1685 Sierra Vista, Arizona, 85635 or the charity of your choice.

**CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL**

Last Name _____ First _____ Initial _____ Rank _____
Address _____ City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Email Address _____ Phone _____
Date of Birth MM _____ DD _____ YYYY _____ National MOAA # _____
MOAA Life Member? Y/N

Please Circle all that apply:

Branch: Army – Navy – Air Force – Marine Corps – Coast Guard – Space Force – NOAA – USPHS

Component: Active – Guard – Reserve

Status: Active - Former - Retired - Surviving Spouse

Spouse's Full Name _____ Date of Birth MM _____ DD _____ YYYY _____

(New Memberships are free for the remainder of this year.)

Regular members: ☐ New Member ☐ \$15 per year ☐ \$50 for five years ☐ \$150 for Life

Surviving Spouse members: ☐ New Member ☐ \$10 per year ☐ \$40 for five years ☐ \$100 for Life

☐ Scholarship Donation (Indicate amount added if desired): _____

Signature _____ Date _____ Ck Nbr: _____

Make check payable to: Coronado Chapter, MOAA

P.O. Box 1685, Sierra Vista, AZ 85636-1685

For any Membership questions contact:

Director Allen Goodman at 719-440-1105, agoodman0663@yahoo.com



SCAN FOR MORE INFO



PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

KAYLEE NIX-WOZNIAK

GETTING IT RIGHT!

Connecting with our members, military and local communities plus Political leaders. We provide timely news, support local groups and events while providing camaraderie for our members. What follows is just some of the Chapter events in the month of December.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE Class 23-007



1st VP Ed Wozniak has the honor of recognizing CPT Christina Bouvier as the Distinguished Honor Graduate of MICCC Class 23-007.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE CAPTAINS CAREER COURSE Class 23-005



President Jim Clenney
has the honor of
recognizing another one
of the Army's finest.

CPT Jennifer Harrell, USA



There's nothing like Public Affairs when it comes to connecting with our members, our city officials, and local businesses when conducting membership and fundraising events.



Contact us with your ideas and suggested events. We welcome your involvement!
Kaylee Nix—(520) 732-9631

“IT’S CHRISTMAS”

Roger Bates, Director and the Sierra Vista Community Choir MOAA COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AT ITS BEST!

The Sierra Vista Community Choir is a centerpiece for Holidays and a staple in the local music scene. Their performance at the December gathering was superb and did

much to elevate the spirits with their renditions of traditional Holiday favorites. Many thanks to Director Roger Bates and the choir.



Watch for our upcoming calendar of events to connect with fellow members and take part in additional Chapter activities.





SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR

Kathy Youngblood

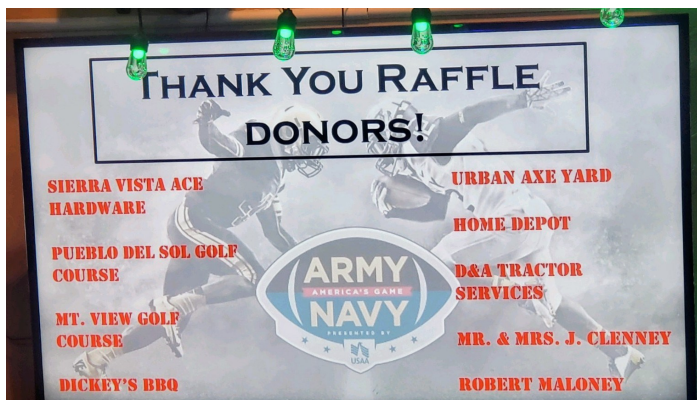
2023 ARMY/NAVY GAME FUNDRAISER



We recently organized and completed a very successful Army/Navy game Watch Party conducted at Doc's Watering Hole on December 9th for the benefit of our scholarship program. We raised over \$2200 to add to the chapter's scholarship funds as a result of this event. Although it was considerable effort the end result was well worth all the work (and some angst) that went into this first of its kind event for the Coronado Chapter.

For those of you who contributed, worked, advised, supervised, jumped in where needed or otherwise supported the event, a great big **Thank You!**

Although the First Annual Army / Navy Game Watch Party was a success, the Second Annual Watch Party is sure to be even better (at least that's the hope of Navy).



If you have any questions, please contact: Kathy Youngblood, Scholarship Director, MOAA, Coronado Chapter, 520-227-6036 (cell) or kdyoungblood@yahoo.com

HELIOGRAM SCHOLARSHIP DONORS LIST AS OF NOVEMBER 2023**2023 SUSTAINING LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$300 or more)**

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2023 GOLD LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$200 to \$299)

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2023 SILVER LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$100 to \$199)

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2023 CHAPTER DONORS (Cumulative Donations Up to \$100)

Ament, Nancy	Bauerbach, Richard
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TOTAL TO-DATE: \$8,908.50**GOAL: \$10,000.00**

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and businesses!

All have Sponsored and Supported our Chapter in Many Outstanding Ways!



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ATTENTION PLEASE!

RAFFLE ITEMS ARE NEEDED

Lori Wysong is collecting Raffle items
to offer at our monthly dinner meetings.

These raffles are fun
and provide a steady stream of income
for the Scholarship Fund.

Consider donating something that other people may enjoy!



SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Coronado Chapter has “Support the United Arizona Veterans in helping to find ways to reduce veteran suicides in Arizona” as one of our five Chapter Goals. Below are ways we can help:

Publicize “Be Connected,” a program “Connecting Arizona service members, veterans, families & helpers to information, support and resources.” Their website is <https://beconnectedaz.org/> or call 1-866-4AZ-VETS (429-8387). We are now “Be Connected” Partners.

Support “22 a Month to End 22 a Day.” At the Warrior Healing Center, they are fighting this problem innovatively to restore hope. You can get more information at <https://chuffed.org/project/22-a-month-to-end-22-a-day>.

Emory Healthcare Veterans Program, free to qualified **post-9/11** military servicemembers and Veterans. This program is designed to treat conditions such as **post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)**, **traumatic brain injury (TBI)**, **military sexual trauma (MST)**, **anxiety**, and **depression** related to past military service. More information can be found at <https://www.emoryhealthcare.org/centers-programs/veterans-program/index.html>.

DoD’s Annual Suicide Report Shows a Troubling Trend **By: Mark Belinsky**
https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/advocacy/dods-annual-suicide-report-shows-a-troubling-trend/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=TMNsend&utm_content=NC+A_FHRM+1+ERet+L+NC

Suicide Rate Among Veterans Up Again Slightly, Despite Focus on Prevention Efforts
<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/suicide-rate-among-veterans-up-again-slightly,-despite-focus-on-prevention-efforts/>





SURVIVING SPOUSE DIRECTOR

Jane Strain
MAJ, USA (Ret)

Let me take a moment to update you on just a couple of the many things going on in your Surviving Spouse committee.

We have discussed the value of joining MOAA's Surviving Spouse Virtual chapter. The process to do that is on the MOAA website. This zoom meeting is the third Tuesday of everything month at 5pm EST. Because of this connection, the committee is now connected with Linda Wolverton in the Phoenix chapter and Sharon Armstrong, the MOAA Arizona Surviving Spouse Liaison in Prescott. The potential we have for further networking will assist us to meet our surviving spouses needs.

Locally, the Disabled American Veterans Fry Chapter 14 located in the Downtown Center of Cochise Community College has reached out to the committee concerning collaboration around the surviving spouse topics. The new commander, Trish Thompson, had identified assisting surviving spouses as her number one priority. She has directed REV Donna Smith to compile a local resource guide for surviving spouses. I will work with REV Smith on this project. Once completed, this guide will be shared within both organizations and potentially the entire Veterans community using the United Veterans Council to begin that process. There is great potential in this work for our entire veterans committee.

We are all very grateful to Allen Goodman for the community outreach at the Farmer's Market held every Thursday 10am-2pm in the city's Veterans Memorial Park. His effort to bring in new members benefits the surviving spouse efforts.

I need to take a moment to recognize and give our appreciation to President Jim and Kandy for their positive leadership and encouragement for this vital effort in our chapter and the surrounding veterans community.



2nd VICE PRESIDENT (Programs)

Tom Hessler

COL, USA (Ret.)

Upcoming Programs

Social Hour at 1800, Dinner at 1830, and Program at 1915.

18 Jan 2024	MG Christopher Eubank, CG, NETCOM (Also installation of new board members)
15 Feb 2024	Kristen Sedlock, Ft. Huachuca MWR Arts & Crafts Center
21 Mar 2024	Honoring our Surviving Spouses
18 Apr 2024	Honoring our Scholarship Recipients
16 May 2024	Mr. Shawn Heistand, Arizona Coalition for Military Families
No dinner meetings in Jun, Jul or Aug	
19 Sep 2024	TBD
17 Oct 2024	TBD
21 Nov 2024	Board Reports & Elections
19 Dec 2024	Sierra Vista Community Chorus

Additional News You Can Use!!!

Coronado Chapter Website: <https://moaacoronado.org/>

Coronado Chapter Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/MOAACoronadoChapter/>

MOAA—TAKE ACTION: <http://takeaction.moaa.org/home?1>

Spouse Issues: MOAA http://takeaction.moaa.org/spouse_issues

Arizona Department of Veteran Services Update: <https://dvs.az.gov/legislative-updates>

Afghan Attaché to U.S. Military Families: The Afghanistan People Will Never Forget
<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/afghan-attach%C3%A9-to-u.s.-military-families-the-afghanistan-people-will-never-forget/>

Thursday, January 18, 2024 DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Pueblo Del Sol Country Club, 2770 South Saint Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista

Social Hour 1800 - Dinner 1830-Program 1915

My Name _____ Guest Name _____

Check Information: Make checks payable to Coronado Chapter, MOAA and mail to: Reservations,
Coronado Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 1685, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85636-1685

Amount for meal at \$36.00 each _____

Amount for Operating Funs _____

Amount for Scholarship Fund _____

Check Total _____

No. of vegetarian meals desired (if any) _____

Reservations must be postmarked by **January 3, 2024**

Please change the following information for me: Address _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

For more Information about Reservations contact Tom Hessler at 459-0093, tjhessler@cox.net**A Note about Reservations.**

We **MUST** give a **final** reservation count to Pueblo del Sol five days before the dinner. Your reservation should be postmarked 14 days prior to the dinner just to be sure we receive it in time.

If you even think you will be coming, you should make your reservation as early as possible. We can take cancelations up to eight days before the dinner. We can either return your check, destroy it or credit it toward the following dinner. If for some reason you miss the deadline give me a call at (520) 459-0093 or email me at tjhessler@cox.net to be placed on a waiting list. We often times have last minute cancellations. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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According to MOAA Bylaws, our membership shall be composed of: (a). Men and women who are or have been officers — that is, commissioned or warrant officers — of the regular, reserve or National Guard of the United States in one of the eight US uniformed services of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Public Health Service, and Space Command. (b). Widows and widowers of deceased members or of any deceased individual who would, if living, be eligible for membership. (c). Individuals elected as Honorary Members as set forth in Section 2 (e) of this Article. (d). There shall be no discrimination in membership or participation in the affairs of the Association by reason of race, creed, color, national origin, sex, handicap, or age.

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STOPPED SERVING!**