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CORONADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Life Members:	82	
Basic and Annual Members:	97	
Surviving Spouse	31	
Honorary Members:	5	
Total Chapter Membership:	215	

2024 CORONADO CHAPTER GOALS

- 1. Support the 2024 MOAA National Advocacy in Action priorities through their widespread publication via weekly Legislative Alerts, monthly articles in our newsletter and engagement with appropriate representatives and elected officials.
- 2. Continually encourage our members to "Never Stop Serving" by providing avenues for their active involvement with organizations and groups sharing MOAA's mission as well as strengthening the bond between the Chapter and its membership.
- 3. Support the educational goals of qualified JROTC students and graduating seniors through the award of merit based scholarships to students in recognition of their past achievements and potential for leadership.
- 4. Annually nominate a deserving veteran 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. Revamp and revitalize our social media space to increase the visibility of the MOAA brand as well as provide online capabilities to facilitate dispensing with current manual processes for activities and payments.





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Although Old Man Winter appears to be trying to hold on for one last gasp, Spring is just around the corner. With a little bit of luck

the cold temperatures and the winds of March should shortly be nothing but a distant memory.

And speaking of March, it was a busy month for the Chapter. In addition to Linda Wolverson's presentation at the annual Surviving Spouses dinner meeting we also had the opportunity to recognize the Distinguished Honor Graduate for the Basic Officers Leadership and Warrant Officers Basic Courses. Our monthly recruiting activities at the Sierra Vista Farmers Market continues to grow our membership on a monthly basis as did our support of the Ft. Huachuca Community Spouses Golf Scramble fundraiser. In addition to the opportunity to support post programs our Membership Director Allen Goodman continues to sign up members at each and every event we participate in. Check out our "New Members" on page 6 and watch your email for upcoming membership and recruitment activities.

The chapter also participated in the Sierra Vista Symphony "Men Who Cook" fundraiser in March and although our "Chicken Cluckers" didn't get the top prize, kudos to our Public Affairs Director Kaylee Nix and her crew for winning "Best Booth Presentation". For all who participated it was a great night. Just wait till next year!

And now that the weather is cooperating the Chapter is planning to go on a jeep ride along the border on April 5th. You don't have to have a jeep or four wheel drive vehicle but a high clearance truck or SUV is recommended. If you're just looking to ride along give Allen a call and we'll find you a seat. Details are on page 5.

Finally, when talking to someone about MOAA more often than not the first words out of their mouth are "What's MOAA"? Public Affairs has been striving to increase the visibility and name recognition of MOAA in general and the Coronado Chapter in particular but every-one has a hand in spreading the word. Have a MOAA shirt? Wear it, it just might give you an opening to speak with a perspective new member.

And last but not least, "Never Stop Serving".





CHAPLAINS CORNER Chaplain Allen Goodman CW2, USA (Ret.)

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I want to start out this month by saying "Thank You!" to everyone who attended our March Surviving Spouse recognition dinner meeting. We had an excellent attendance which included 10 surviving

spouses attending this year. All of you made each of them feel welcomed and appreciated. In addition to an annual recognition dinner, let's commit to keeping our surviving spouses active and involved in the Chapter.

Last month, I asked for skilled and not so skilled individuals who would be willing and able to render assistance to not only our surviving spouses but to any of our members in need. So if you can assist, please contact me so I can create a list of volunteers with their skills.

We are still in need of volunteer drivers to pick up members who no longer feel safe driving at nights to our monthly dinner meetings. So if you would like to volunteer to bring those members to our meetings, please contact me so I can maintain a list of volunteers. I promise that I'll only ask for a driver that's within the requested area so no one will have to travel too far out of their way.

Finally, please keep the following members in your prayers.

Special Prayers & Concerns

Sandra Abney	Barbara Hall	Nancy Fyffe	John Peele
Harley Hannsz	Bob Abney	Marianne Newcomer	Billie Stockl
Tom Reardon	John Black	Ann Lander	

And as always, pray for our military members and for their continued safety as they serve around the globe.





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There are approximately 450 USPHS and 10 NOAA commissioned officers serving in Arizona. The USPHS officers provide critical

health and medical services to our Native American population through service with the Indian Health Service throughout Arizona. From daily weather forecasts, severe storm warnings, and climate monitoring, NOAA officers provide products and services that support economic vitality and affect more than one-third of America's gross domestic product. These dedicated men and women work tirelessly in service to our great nation. In addition, USPHS and NOAA officers can be called to serve with the armed services during a national emergency.

An online search of the topic (including Department of Veteran Administration publications) reveals that Commissioned officers of the Public Health Service (PHS), Environmental Scientific Services Administration (ESSA), and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are considered veterans. These services were identified in the post 9/11 GI Bill legislation which granted those who served as commissioned officers in these agencies' veteran status. PHS, ESSA, and NOAA officers must have served at least 90 days on active duty after September 10, 2001 to qualify as veterans under the statute. Currently, ARS Section 43-1022 (11) excludes the active duty pay of members of the **armed services** from state income tax but fails to provide the same exclusion for US Public Health Service (USPHS) and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) officers who are proud members of the **uniformed services**. This contrasts with ARS Section 43-1022 (26) which excludes the retired pay of members of the **uniformed services**, which includes USPHS and NOAA officers, from Arizona state income tax. SB1413 would correct this disparity by changing the language of ARS Section 43-1022 (11) from **armed services** to **uniformed services**.

SB1413, Income Tax, Subtraction, Uniformed Services is now before the Arizona House Ways and Means Committee and the Rules Committee for consideration. I am asking you to support SB1413, which passed the Senate on March 5, 2024, and will amend ARS Section 43-1022 (11). Note that SB1413 had overwhelming support in the Senate and now needs the full support of this committee and the entire House.

Please contact your representatives and the committee chairs to express your support and direct them to support the effort: Neal Carter - <u>NCARTER@AZLEG.GOV</u> and Justin Heap - <u>JHEAP@AZLEG.GOV</u>. The Rules Committee chair and co-chair are: Travis Grantham - <u>TGRANTHAM@AZLEG.GOV</u> and Gail Griffin - <u>GGRIFFIN@AZLEG.GOV</u>.





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JOIN MOAA FOR THE MONTEZUMA PASS SCENIC DRIVE – APRIL 5, 2024

Wind in and out of shallow canyons where distant mountain ranges and Montezuma Peak marks the horizon.



Our route will take us to the top of Montezuma Pass with panoramic views in all directions that stretch well into Mexico.

We'll proceed over the pass and along the border

viewing nature and ranching communities on the way down to Parker Canyon Lake as we head into Patagonia, AZ.

Getting Hungry? How about joining us at ~1300 for lunch at the Velvet Elvis at 335 McKeown Ave, Patagonia. Great pizza and service. For a real treat, try the Velvet Mussolini dessert. Disperse after lunch.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THIS CORONADO MOAA OUTDOOR EVENT!

Four wheel vehicles not required but high clearance pickups / SUV's recommended. Transportation can be arranged.



Contact Allen Goodman at (719) 440-1105 or <u>agood-</u> <u>man0663@yahoo.com</u>

Departure Point: Dollar General, 7156 S Hwy 92, Hereford Departure Time: 0900







"Hail, New Members!"

CW4 (Ret) Christopher Crozier COL (Ret) Richard Laszok CWO3 (Ret) Joseph Ford MAJ (Ret) Sean Stewart LTC (Ret) David Hocker LTC (Ret) Thad Thome LTC (Ret) Yvette Gallew 2LT Nicholas Lizarraga LTC (Ret) Reid Culton Former CPT John Konugres MAJ (Ret) Daniel Lachance MAJ (Ret) Daniel Valle CW4 (Ret) Paul Hutchinson Former Navy LT Craig Adams COL (Ret) Dylan Randazzo MAJ (Ret) Bryan Kleese WO1 Amie Landry Surviving Spouse Jeannie Toddie MAJ (Ret) Thomas Gardenhire

If you have not renewed your Chapter membership yet, please do so ASAP. If you like getting the weekly Legislative up dates and our monthly news letter, The Heliogram, don't hesitate to renew. I will be removing those members who have not renewed on 31 March 2024. So please call or email me if you have any questions.

April Birthdays

Sylvia Sue Beecher	a Sue Beecher Joan Black		i Joshua Gosseck
Tom Hessler	Daniel Lachance	Judy Saeger	Steven Scheumann
Ken Symmes	Daniel Valle		







PUBLIC AFFAIRS MAKES MOAA SERVICE COUNT

Together let's welcome the spring season. Planting seeds of new and further awareness of MOAA membership throughout the Fort Huachuca Post and the surrounding communities within which we live. Engaging newly commissioned officers, vets and retires alike to serve in community outreach programs preserving and protecting MOAA core benefits.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR KAYLEE NIX-WOZNIAK Kaylee@globalsmarts.us (520) 732-9631

MOAA'S 95TH Anniversary MOAA turned 95 on Feb 23, MOAA has adapted and evolved over the years, the core mission has remained the same: advocate on behalf of our servicemembers, veterans, family members and survivors to preserve and protect their earned benefits and support the "people" side of having a strong national defense.

MOAA'S 96th YEAR OF SERVICE IS WELL UNDERWAY AT THE

CORONADO CHAPTER. Your Chapter was extremely busy during March,.





MOAA WINS BEST AWARD IN HIGH COMMUNITY PROFILE EVENT

"Men That Cook" Over 250 guests attended this event and witnessed MOAA in action. Although we didn't win for our culinary skills, MOAA was recognized as having the Best Table presentation based on composition picking up new members along the way.

Congrats to all!



MOAA OFFERS SUPPORT TO THE FT. HUACHUCA COMMUNITY GOLF SCRAMBLE



MOAA supported the efforts of the Ft. Huachuca Community Spouses tournament conducted on March 23. The Coronado Chapter was there to "Show the Flag" and in the process achieved high recognition among military officers signed up new members between the check in table and the first tee box.

Another great Public Affairs and Membership recruiting effort!

CORONADO CHAPTER RECOGNIZES DISTINGUISHED MILITARY INTELLI-GENCE SCHOOL HONOR GRADUATES

Always an honor and pleasure to be able to recognize excellence among our next generation of leaders. The Coronado Chapter recognizes approximately 45 soldiers annually from the Basic Officer, Basic Warrant Officer and Captains Career Courses. This is an opportunity available to any member of the Chapter to congratulate these outstanding soldiers on behalf of MOAA.

2LT Nicholas Lizarraga



Distinguished Honor Graduate BOLC Class 24-001, 12 March 24

WO1 Amie Landry



Distinguished Honor Graduate WOBC Class 24-001, 15 March 24



COMMUNITY AND MEMBERSHIP OUTREACH FOR APRIL Feel free to come join us and engage in any of our events.

Contact Kaylee Nix 520.732.9631 or Allen Goodman 719.440.1105 for details



Join in on 13 April 2024 Mountain View GC **AER GOLF SCRAMBLE** - Join the Coronado Chapter and the American Southwest Credit Union in supporting the Army Emergency Relief (AER) campaign on Ft. Huachuca. AER is the official nonprofit of the U.S. Army and was established in 1942 to provide grants, interest-free loans and scholarships to promote readiness and help relieve financial distress of Soldiers and their Families. We'll be there to both support AER as well as solicit eligible individuals to join our growing membership.



WEST END FAIR - SIERRA VISTA'S MAIN EVENT -Sierra Vista's Main Event - 20 April 2024

This is going to be a great opportunity to expose the Coronado Chapter to literally thousands of Sierra Vista, Ft. Huachuca and surrounding area residents. This major community effort will attract an untold number of perspective members.

Come join us on Saturday, 20 April for the West End Fair. This annual event attended by local businesses, non-profits, and charitable organizations bring together the best of Sierra Vista.

Look for upcoming event flyers!

Come join us - Get Engaged - Make MOAA Service Count



West End of Fry Boulevard Between Garden & North Avenues Head to the West End to enjoy this street fair along Fry Boulevard. The fair will feature food, drinks, entertainment, and fun for all ages! **3–6 pm** Peruse booths hosted by West End businesses, watch street entertainment, create sidewalk art, play games, and listen to a live DJ.

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MAKE THE MOST OF YOUR MOAA MEMBERSHIP

Experience MOAA's powerful array of resources and member benefits designed to help you through every aspect of life.

Legislative advocacy - Your membership helps support MOAA's critical advocacy efforts for better pay, health care, family support, and retirement benefits for military officers and their families.

Expert advice on issues important to you - Take advantage of members only programs designed to advance your career, secure you financial future, and make the most of your earned benefits.

Affordable insurance products - Now you can get affordable member rates on life, health, and long term care insurance plans that supplemental your earned benefits.

Financial services - Access powerful online tools as you make decisions about debt management, college costs, mortgages, retirement plans and more.

Military Officer - Look at today's issues from a military officer's perspective, get updates on your earned benefits, and read about what MOAA is doing for you.

Money-saving discounts -Enjoy exclusive members only discounts on Dell and Apple computers, hotels, car rentals, vacation package and more.



For local information about MOAA member benefits and services, Contact Kaylee Nix at moaapublicaffairs@globalsmarts.us





SURVIVING SPOUSE DIRECTOR Jane Strain MAJ, USA (Ret)

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At our 21 March dinner meeting. Ms. Linda Wolverton, Surviving Spouse Director with the Luke Chapter presented their specific goals, objectives and accomplishments. She is a wealth of

knowledge and life experiences. Linda is very helpful and we are looking forward to a long and beneficial relationship with the Luke MOAA chapter and Surviving Spouse members.

The Surviving Spouse steering committee meets the second Wednesday of every month, 11:30am - 12:30pm at the Veterans Resource and Operations Community Center located in the Landmark Plaza, Suite 14 directly across from the Landmark Cafe. The steering committee members are; Janet Bobar, Kandy and Jim Clenney, Donna and Allen Goodman, Jodi Heinz, Jennifer Venola and Jane Strain, Chair. All Coronado chapter members are always welcome to attend our meetings.

Our first Surviving Spouse social gathering will be held on Tuesday 23 April, 11;30am - 1:00pm at the Oriental Express restaurant located inside the Sierra Suites hotel on Fry Blvd. next to the La Casita restaurant. All Surviving Spouses in the Coronado chapter are invited as well as all chapter members.

Please notify Jane at jstrain801@gmail.com or (520) 249-4057 before 20 April if you will be attending.

The steering committee is focused on the present and future surviving spouses as well as care givers in our chapter. We will talk about the most efficient ways to support each person and continue our fun social engagements. We anticipate that our life stories will form an experience based that we can build on to support more surviving spouses and care givers in the future.

Please join us on 23rd April!







SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR Kathy Youngblood

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Announcing Our Esteemed Scholarship Recipients!

We are thrilled to announce the recipients of this year's prestigious Coronado Chapter MOAA Scholarship Program. These exception-

al individuals have demonstrated academic excellence, leadership potential, and a strong commitment to their community.

They have outstanding academic achievement, exceptional leadership qualities, and a genuine commitment to making a positive impact in their community. They have not only excelled in the classroom but have also been actively involved in various extracurricular activities, demonstrating well-roundedness and dedication to personal growth.

Beyond their academic pursuits, they have shown a deep sense of compassion and service, volunteering their time and talents. Their commitment to making a difference in the lives of others is truly inspiring.

All of our recipients embody the values and vision of MOAA and serve as an exemplary role model for fellow students. I have no doubt that they will continue to achieve great things and positively influence those around them.

Please join me in congratulating them on this well-deserved recognition and wishing them continued success in all them future endeavors.

Without further ado, let us introduce you to our remarkable scholars:

- 1. Haleigh McClune, Bisbee High School
- 2. Roman Randazzo, Buena High School
- 3. Sophia Rosa, Buena High School
- 4. Jackson Creech, Buena High School

Thank you again for entrusting me with the opportunity to serve as Scholarship Director. It's a wonderful opportunity to make a positive impact on the lives of students and contribute to their educational journeys. Your support offers the students a chance in achieving their academic and career goals.

A special thank you to our Scholarship Committee Members, Jim Clenney, Jane Strain, Lumi Chinneth and Jody Heinz.





2nd VICE PRESIDENT (Programs) Tom Hessler COL, USA (Ret.)

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2024 Programs

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

- 18 Apr 2024 Honoring our Scholarship Recipients
- **16 May 2024** Mr. Shawn Heistand, Arizona Coalition for Military Families

No dinner meetings in June, July or August

19 Sep 2024	LTC Dana Allmond (Ret), CEO, Az Department of Veterans' Services
17 Oct 2024	Sheriff Mark Dannels, Cochise County
21 Nov 2024	Chapter Board Reports & Elections
19 Dec 2024	Sierra Vista Community Chorus
16 Jan 2025	TBD. Also, induction of new board members

Please note: I have been the Programs guy for about 8 years and now wish to "retire" at the end of 2024. Let me know if you would be interested in taking over next year. I am willing to assist and train. Contact me at <u>tjhessler@cox.net</u> or catch me at a dinner meeting.



Thursday, April 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							
Donation to Operating Fund (Optional) Donation to Scholarship Fund (Optional) Check Total	APRIL BUFFET MENU Fresh Garden Salad w/Dressing Grilled Ham Steak w/Pineapple Glaze Rice Pilaf & Chef's Vegetable Dessert: NY Style Cheesecake						
No. of vegetarian meals desired (if any)							

Reservations should be postmarked by April 4, 2024 to ensure timely receipt.

ENTER INFO BELOW ONLY IF REQUESTING CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.

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

A Note about Reservations.

We MUST give a <u>final</u> 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 <u>tjhessler@cox.net</u> to be placed on a waiting list. We often times have last minute cancellations. Looking forward to seeing you there!



ANNUAL HELIOGRAM SCHOLARSHIP DONORS LIST 2024

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Carlson, Samantha Jensen, Brooke Lotero, Ronald & Cynthia Hessler, Thomas Kilpatrick, Merle

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2024 SILVER LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$100 to \$199)

Bates, William & Joan Flynn, Joseph March, FW & JK Bauerbach, Richard Lane, Judith Scheumann, Steven

2024 CHAPTER DONORS (Cumulative Donations Up to \$100)

Carver, Betsy Heinz, Jo-Anne Steele, Tie & Mary Goodman, Allen & Donna Kellock, Robert Walsh, Teresa

TOTAL TO-DATE: \$3,361.00 G

GOAL: \$10,000.00

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ATTENTION! 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 <u>https://</u> <u>beconnectedaz.org/</u> 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.







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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.

WE NEVER STOPPED SERVING!