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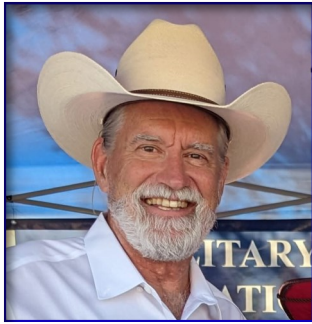
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### CORONADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Life Members:	77
Basic and Annual Members:	170
Surviving Spouse	38
Honorary Members:	2
<b>Total Chapter Membership:</b>	<b>287</b>

### 2025 CORONADO CHAPTER GOALS

1. Support the 2025 MOAA National Advocacy in Action priorities through their widespread publication via Legislative Alerts, focused articles in the monthly newsletter and engagement with elected officials as evidenced by increased registration in and use of MOAA's Legislative Action Center.
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 thru the timely announcement and advertisement of opportunities as well as through direct personal contact.
3. Actively **engage** all surviving spouses on a routine and individually tailored basis; **support** each surviving spouse with appropriate assistance as each member may require; and **prepare** our members, as early as possible, for the point when life transitions as a surviving spouse.


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Hello and Welcome Back! I hope everyone enjoyed the short break for the Summer and are ready to “Never Stop Serving” again.

Just a couple of items I’d like to call your attention to before turning you loose on the rest of this month’s newsletter. As you may or may not know, each year the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society meets to review the nominations of numerous veterans recommended for induction into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. The purpose of the Society is to recognize the contributions made by veterans to their communities outside of and beyond their military service. The Coronado Chapter has a long history of current and former members being so recognized and this year is no exception with both Trisha Thompson and William “Rick” Mueller (Posthumously) being among this years inductees. The formal induction ceremony will be conducted at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale on Friday, October 24th. Tickets for the event can be purchased via the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society Website or by clicking [Here](#).

Also, as everyone is aware, there are times when individual veterans and their families fall upon hard times and sometimes just need a little helping hand to get over a rough patch. As a result the Coronado Chapter has, in conjunction with the VFW, Vietnam Vets, WACS and several other local veteran support organizations established a “Veteran’s Support Fund” to allow the Chapter to aid and assist deserving veterans where and how we can. We can’t do everything, but we can always do something, and sometimes the smallest investment can reap the largest dividend.

And as always. . .

“Never Stop Serving”.

**Ed Wozniak, Chapter President**



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This month, I was privileged to serve the community by assisting the Arizona Coalition for Military Families and Cochise Serving Veterans to develop/refine the Cochise Crisis Intercept Map. In a nutshell, over 40 individuals representing local organizations used this opportunity to identify and map the four key mental health crisis intervention “intercept points” in our county. The attendees represented organizations from governments, law enforcement, crisis response services, peer and veteran support services, and community-based behavioral health services. Our main objective is to close gaps in, and improve communication links throughout, the continuum of care for those who are experiencing mental health crises.

This newfound knowledge will help us to continually identify resources, gaps, and opportunities for implementing best practices at each intercept point. This foundation will guide us to apply best practices in crisis care including information regarding: universal screening, safety planning, lethal means safety, and promoting connectedness.

The organizer’s hope is that this event (and persistent community attentiveness) will support the efficacy of our community’s responses to mental health crises for Cochise service members, veterans, and their family members.

You and your family should know that you are not alone. Know that there are MANY available resources in our county. Entire systems are available to link you to a broad range of services which have proven to lessen the stress and provide caring support. Support portals include (but are not limited to): Dial 988, Text 838255, Dial 911, Go to the nearest emergency room, talk to a friend or loved one, Warrior Healing Center, Be Connected Arizona, Boulder Crest Arizona, Legacy Foundation, and Cochise Serving Veterans.

“Never Stop Serving”

**James Clenney, Immediate Past President**



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Welcome Back!!!!

I pray everyone had a great Summer with family and friends. Please let me know if any of our members are in need of special prayers or assistance. We have people who are willing and able to assist no matter what it may be so don't hesitate to reach out!

Please keep the following individuals in your prayers. If you're able to, please call or even pay them a short visit. I know it would be appreciated.

### Special Prayers & Concerns

Betsy Carver	Barbara Hall	John Peele	Bob Abney
Ann Lander	Olga Valle	Betty Blair	Bill Bates
Lucinda Rossow	Joan Bates	Nancy Ament	Theresa Walsh
Helen Manring	Jennifer Venola	Rhonda Garwood	Marianne Newcomer
Frederick & Julie March	Alan & Christine Waltz		
Ron & Diane Howes			

And as always, pray for the safety our leaders and for them to make wise and just decisions. Pray for our military members and their families for their continued safety as they serve around the globe.

**"Never Stop Serving"**

**Allen Goodman, Chaplain**



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Are you aware that regulations currently call for taxing the retirement pay of over 50,000 combat injured veterans? Their retirement pay is reduced on a dollar-for-dollar basis by VA disability pay received. As I see it, those injured in the line of duty who continued to serve to retirement are being taxed because they were injured. The Major Richard Star Act would remedy this injustice.

Servicemembers, veterans, and families often face obstacles that their civilian counterparts do not have to deal with. One element that can be corrected is the requirement for our female comrades to obtain a TRICARE Prime referral before being able to receive care from an OB-GYN. Not to make too fine a point, but if commercially available health insurances allow their female subscribers to have referral-free access to essential women's health services then why not our service women? We can "guide" TRICARE to eliminate this imbalance in healthcare opportunities by passing the TOTAL Care Act.

Looking further at the realities (and challenges) of women servicemember's health care provisions, today's military health system is undergoing radical changes in staffing due to everything from mission transition to troop configuration. As a result, many TRICARE beneficiaries are experiencing barriers to access or delays in prenatal care at military treatment facilities. The Improving Access to Prenatal Care for Military Families Act will add pregnancy as a "qualifying life event" and provide the flexibility to seek care in their local community.

The military family lifestyle provides both excellent opportunities and difficult challenges. We relocate frequently which has a direct impact on one's ability to work toward a secure and enduring career. One of the myriad challenges faced by spouses is an unemployment rate of over 20%. The Military Spouse Hiring Act will add military spouses to the existing Work Opportunity Tax Credit program which provides a strong incentive for employers to hire from this talented pool of individuals.

For more information on these and other items of importance please review the information provided on the Legislative Action Center under:

Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 2102/S.1032); TOTAL Care Act (H.R. 1699); Improving Access to Prenatal Care for Military Families Act (H.R. 4381/S. 2239); Military Spouse Hiring Act (H.R. 2033/S. 1027); and please take action.

"Never Stop Serving"

**Jim Clenney, Legislative Affairs Director**





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Welcome back!!! I trust everyone had a great Summer of traveling or just taking it easy and enjoying our beautiful part of Southeast Arizona. Hopefully the heat didn't get to you too badly. Just be glad we don't live in the Phoenix area. I thank God every day for bringing

Donna and I to this great community.



Our tour on 31 May to the Amerind was a great success. We had 14 members join us that day for a very interesting tour of the museum of the Native Americans that lived in Southern Arizona. After the tour we had a great lunch at the Horseshoe Café in Benson. For some members, old acquaintances were rekindled after many years.

Now that our days are cooling off, I'm looking at doing another outing towards the end of the month. But have not decided where, so if anyone has any suggestions where we can take a group, call, text, or email me.

Our merchandise store is up and running on our website. Show your pride in membership by placing an order for our Coronado Chapter logo'd Ball Caps, Polo Shirts, Women's Blouses (2 styles), Sun Visors, Men's and Women's Dress Shirts, and Vests are available on [moaacoronado.org](http://moaacoronado.org) or contact me directly and I'll place your order.



This Summer we added 19 new members to the Chapter. Our new members are listed below. You may know some of them, so reach out and welcome them to the largest Chapter in Arizona and the second largest in the Nation. “YAY”!!!!

As a reminder, if you believe in the mission of MOAA and our Chapter’s community support to our veterans and their families, please ask your fellow officers to join. Remember our motto; “Never Stop Serving”. So keep a few of our tri-folds handy to give out. In case you don’t have any tri-folds, just ask me the next time we see each other.

## “Hail, New Members!”

Former CPT USA Daniel Bradford	Former CPT USA Renee Ingerson
LtCol USMC (Ret) James Clemmer	WO1 USA Shaquille Farmer
2LT USA Lola Fisher	LTC USA (Ret) George Harris
CPT USA Atticus Hong	2LT USA Ellery Keel
CW3 USA (Ret) Terri Metzger	Former MAJ USA Dr. Gwynn Patterson
LTC USA (Ret) Ronnie St. Clair	CW3 USA David Talbot
MAJ USA (Ret) Kerri Wilhite	2LT Michelle Liesveld
CPT USA Chelsea Michta	WO1 USA Emma Hopkins
2LT USA Hunter Henry	CPT USA Sarah Lebold
2LT USA Joshua Oliver-Dipasia	

## September Birthdays

Bob Abney (16)	Theresa Biron ((15)	Samual Boas (5)
Anastacia Bor (16)	Daniel Bradford (12)	Hanne Iore-Cannon (15)
George Castle (7)	James Clemmer (6)	Lindsey Coleman (27)
Manuel Cordova (29)	Christopher Crozier (27)	Jesus Delatorre (28)
Ronald Faulkner (11)	Carolyn Flowers (18)	Jonathon Frank (30)
Thomas Gardenhire (22)	Randall Groth (23)	Jarom Hansen (22)
Hunter Henry (18)	Ronald Howes (14)	Sandra Kaplan (25)
Samantha Carlson (8)	Maggie Mahlik (28)	Harry Mallory (27)
Susan Mayberry (27)	Carol Milloy (12)	Camille Nelson (8) Christina
Pflipsen (9)	Sabrina Rostkowski (1)	Emma San Martin (21)
Maranda Schichtl (2)	Robert Scott (3)	Tie Hugart (29)
Yaryna Valdez (12)	Hubert Wilkins (24)	Morgan Yandow-Harding (1)

“Never Stop Serving”

Allen Goodman, Membership Director





## **ACTING SURVIVING SPOUSE DIRECTOR**

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Our Surviving Spouse Members met on the 8th of July at Manda Le with nearly two thirds of our Surviving Spouses in attendance. It was wonderful to talk, share, inform, and share hugs. The majority of our Surviving Spouses are very focused on supporting each other and are becoming close friends through the Surviving Spouse experience. I was encouraged by the support and advice provided on how to prepare for the eventuality of becoming a Surviving Spouse along with the challenges and responsibility of being a primary Caregiver.

I was recently introduced to a guide entitled “A Caregiver’s Guide to: Conquering Caregiver Challenges with Confidence”. I encourage all our members who are married, single, have family, are assisted by others, or are assisting someone through a health challenge to read this document to acquire tips and advice on how YOU can remaining healthy while serving as a caregiver.

We are focused on another early dinner gathering of the group at Manda Le in November. Please keep your eyes open for the invitation and join us!

“Never Stop Serving”

**Jim Clenney, Acting Surviving Spouse Director**





**The Program Guru**  
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### **18 September 2025 Program**

**Mr. Des Lenz: Financial Options for Independence**  
Social Hour at 1730, Dinner at 1800, Program at 1845

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

<b>16 Oct 25</b>	Ms. Liz Nelson, Medicare Advantage
<b>20 Nov 25</b>	Annual Business Meeting and Election of Officers
<b>18 Dec 25</b>	Sierra Vista Community Chorus
<b>15 Jan 26</b>	Sheriff Mark Dannels / Installation of Elected Officers ( <b>Luncheon</b> )
<b>19 Feb 26</b>	Ms. Aimee Randazzo, USO (Tentative)
<b>19 Mar 26</b>	Honoring Our Surviving Spouses ( <b>Luncheon</b> )
<b>16 Apr 26</b>	TBD
<b>21 May 26</b>	Honoring Our Scholarship Recipients

**No meetings in June, July or August**

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**Tom Hessler, Program Guru**

**Thursday, September 18, 2025, Dinner Reservation Form**

Sierra Vista Golf Center at Pueblo Del Sol , 2770 South Saint Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ

Social Hour 1730 - Dinner: 1800 - Program 1845

My Name \_\_\_\_\_ Guest Name \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to Coronado Chapter, MOAA and mail to: Reservations, Coronado Chapter, MOAA, P.O. Box 1685, Sierra Vista, Arizona 85636-1685. Mailed Reservations should be postmarked NLT **4 Sep 25** to ensure timely receipt.

**OR RESERVE ONLINE AT [MOAACORONADO.ORG/MONTHLY/DINNER](http://MOAACORONADO.ORG/MONTHLY/DINNER) NLT 11 SEP 25**

Total Meal(s) at \$28.00 each \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Operating Fund (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Donation to Scholarship Fund (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Check Total \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Vegetarian meals \_\_\_\_\_

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Spinach Salad w/Feta Cheese, Walnuts,  
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Rolls & Butter  
Assorted Cheese Cake and Fruit Cups

**VEGETARIAN MENU**

Pasta Primavera and Buffet Items

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

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Note about Reservations.**

We **MUST** give a **final** reservation count to the Sierra Vista Golf Center at Pueblo del Sol seven days before the dinner. If reserving via snail mail, your reservation should be postmarked 14 days prior to the event just to be sure we receive it in time.

If you think you may be coming, make your reservation as early as possible. We can take cancellations up to eight days before the dinner and 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 (719) 440-1105 or email me at [agoodman0663@yahoo.com](mailto:agoodman0663@yahoo.com) to be placed on a waiting list. We often times have last minute cancellations. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Molloy, Kyle &amp; Jean

Hicks, William &amp; Evelyn

**TOTAL TO-DATE: \$2,695.00****GOAL: \$10,000.00**

## SUICIDE PREVENTION

The Coronado Chapter supports the United Arizona Veterans in helping to find ways to reduce veteran suicides in Arizona. Below are ways we can help:

**Publicize “Be Connected,”** a program that connects 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>.





**Please Support these organizations  
and businesses!**  
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STOPPED SERVING!**