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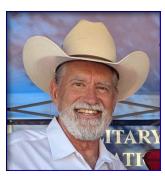
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CORONADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIPLife Members:77Basic and Annual Members:172Surviving Spouse40Honorary Members:3 Total Chapter Membership: 292

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.





PRESIDENT Edward A. Wozniak, LTC, USA (Ret) edward.wozniak@cox.net (520) 249-0926

Welcome to all and to all a Happy October.

First of all, there is one thing I'd like to mention right up front which is of the utmost importance (to some of you folks anyway). For those of you who kept both feet on dry land during your military service and may not realize it, the United States Navy was established 250 years ago on 13 October 1775 and I would be remiss if I didn't at least acknowledge that fact with a great big HAPPY BIRTHDAY NAVY! (now that's something I never thought would pass the lips of an Army guy).

Moving on, you may notice that this month the price of our dinner / luncheons has increased by \$2 due to an increase by the Sierra Vista Golf Center. Now before you start boiling a caldron of tar and looking for a pile of chicken feathers it appears that the Center was not charging us tax due to a misinterpretation of the AZ statutes regarding tax exemption policy for not-for-profit organizations. I won't bore you with all the itty bitty details regarding AZ tax law however all the not-for-profits got the same news. It may be two dollars more but still considerably cheaper that the previous rates charged by Pueblo del Sol.

And as I'm sure many of you are aware, November is the election of our Chapter officers for the upcoming term. I may sound like a broken record on this one however if you're not as busy now as you were when you were working full time we'd like to change that. We have several positions that could use some TLC so consider serving in some capacity, the sofa will still be there when you get old and gray.

And just a final reminder, both Trisha Thompson and William "Rick" Mueller will be inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame (Rick posthumously) at the Talking Stick Resort in Scottsdale on Friday, October 24th. Tickets for the event are still available and can be purchased via their website by clicking <u>Here.</u>

And as always. . .

"Never Stop Serving".

Ed Wozniak, Chapter President





IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT James Clenney, LCDR, USN (Ret) j2k2c4@gmail.com (520) 234-5286

Happy October! Hooray for the Autumnal Equinox and all it brings. I hope that you have an opportunity to get out and see the leaves change, smell the air, and enjoy the migrations. In November we meet and vote on officers to fill vacancies in the leadership stable. Please, call President Ed or 1st VP Kyle (or any office/board member) to discuss the Chapter's mission and goals vis-a-vis how you can be of service to your fellow members. We have over 50 years of history of serving our nation and region as a chapter. You can be the person to bring key high points to fruition in our next 50 years!

And speaking of service, what better way to serve than doing something practical to contribute to making your community a better place for you and others. The next time the call goes out for volunteers for our quarterly roadside cleanup, consider coming out and making a relatively small but impactful contribution to making Sierra Vista the great place it is. It's an easy way to contribute, just pretend you're on police call (and rumor control has it that there are even donuts to be had for just showing up!)

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James Clenney, Immediate Past President







CHAPLAINS CORNER Chaplain Allen Goodman, CW2, USAR (Ret) agoodman0663@yahoo.com (719) 440-1105

This past month we lost CW3 (Ret) Harold (Jay) Garwood. Please keep Rhonda in your prayers. Reach out to her and let her know that she's not forgotten and we're there for her during this time of grief.

Please notify me or any of the Board members of any of our members or spouses who are in need. This past month I was notified by MOAA National of the passing of one of our members. This should never happen so please keep us informed and let us know when you know. We have members who are willing and able to assist no matter what it may be. Don't hesitate to reach out!

Please keep the following 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	Frederick & Julie	March
Bill & Evelyn Hicks	Rhonda Garwood	Marianne Newcon	ner

Ron & Cindy Lotero

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.

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Allen Goodman, Chaplain





LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIRECTOR James Clenney, LCDR, USN (Ret) j2k2c4@gmail.com (520) 234-5286

The Work Ahead: As a community of shared and diverse military experiences, we need to band together on behalf of veterans, from those exposed to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War, to air crew exposed to toxic substances, to younger veterans sickened by burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans, is a report that outlines more than a century of such military based exposure. Unfortunately, the Veterans Administration often delays adequate responses to these incidents. On average, veterans must live through 34.1 years, from exposure to full benefit access. The report also provides a series of recommendations to create a faster, fairer process for all toxic-exposed veterans – past, present, and future. Consider educating yourself on this topic (and reacting appropriately) at the above link.

ACES Act: Under the <u>Aviation Cancer Examination Study (ACES) Act</u>, signed into law Aug. 14, the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) will conduct a study for the VA identifying potential unhealthy exposures faced by aircrews and how those exposures could associate with higher cancer rates, more cancer-related deaths, and rates of specific cancers such as brain, lung, pancreatic, and thyroid, among others. The ACES Act was one of MOAA's top legislative priorities. Because of grassroots advocacy, it is now the law. Your voice is heard in Congress. [BACKGROUND: <u>DoD Report Shows Higher Cancer Rates for Aviators, Ground Crew Members</u>]

Funding the Government: The long and short of the end of the fiscal year and the Oct. 1 government funding deadline is a potential for a short-term continuing resolution (CR) to extend funding into November (Continuing Resolution text). However, while a CR is far less disruptive than a shutdown Congress has missed the deadline for passing all appropriations bills for more than a quarter-century, and while stopgap measures may keep the lights on, they delay readiness investments, quality-of-life improvements, and health care reforms while wasting billions of taxpayer dollars.



A shutdown halts many federal operations outright. Servicemembers must report for duty during a shutdown, but their paychecks may stop unless separate legislation is passed to authorize compensation. Coast Guard members, uniformed personnel in the U.S. Public Health Service and NOAA may go w/o pay during a shutdown. PCS moves and training schedules may be delayed or canceled. Veterans may see slower processing of disability claims and other VA benefits, while families could lose access to child care, commissaries, and other support services.

The House passed version of the NDAA provides for several high SMVF (Service Member, Veteran, and Families) priority items. More information is available in the weekly MOAA Newsletter. Please consider contacting our Senator and encouraging them to move forward on funding the Federal government and enacting an NDAA.

Please continue using the Legislative Action Center and supporting MOAA's priorities. And spread the word—friends, neighbors, and non-members can also use the LAC to support veteran legislation and protect earned benefits. Every voice matters, and every action strengthens our mission.

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Jim Clenney, Legislative Affairs Director





MEMBERSHIP DIRECTOR Allen Goodman, CW2, USAR (Ret) agoodman0663@yahoo.com (719) 440-1105



We'll be going on a wine tasting tour on October 24th. Our planned stop will be at the Rune Vineyard, Elgin, AZ. Who knows, we may stop at a couple other vineyards while we're in the area. We'll meet in front of Dillard's (South Side), Sierra Vista Mall at 0845 with departure at 0900. I'll have 15 passenger van so no one will have drive. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a late afternoon lunch at the Copper Brothel Brewery in Sonoita. So sign up and be prepared for a fun filled day. Like always, we have great time!

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** or contact me directly and I'll place your order.

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, just ask me the next time we see each other.

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Allen Goodman, Membership Director



"Hail, New Members!"

CPT Jackson Czelusniak 2LT Rose Albu Mustaf LTC (Ret) Robby Noone SSM Joyce Warren SSM Rhonda Garwood

October Birthdays

Benjamin Altman (6)	William Bates (9)	Melissa Berg (18)
Chloe Brown (1)	Katherine Boyer (19)	Kathy Cammack (6)
Elizabeth Childs (5)	Jim Clenney (13)	Tammie Coleman (26)
Marjorie Conroy (13)	Reid Culton (18)	Arlene Ehrenberger (29)
Donna Goodman (18)	Midge Grieshop (21)	Barbra Hall (6)
Joe Harris (25)	Jalene Harris (15)	Joe Harris (25)
Jo-Anne Heinz (12)	Janice Hurd (9)	Matthew Ingerson (24)
John Ives (31)	Ellery Keel (17)	Merle Kilpatrick (25)
John Konugres (16)	Lanny Kope (29)	Sarah Lebold (19)
Jack Lee (19)	Kyle Melles (12)	Adelle Moore (14)
Michael Munroe (8)	Nobuko Otsuka (26)	Dolores Soto (28)
Billie Stockl (13)	Dulcie Trottier (1)	Michelle Liesveld (24)
Sherry Noone (11)	Jody Mendez-Barvick (25)	

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ACTING SURVIVING SPOUSE DIRECTOR James Clenney, LCDR, USN (Ret) j2k2c4@gmail.com (520) 234-5286

Our Surviving Spouse Standing Committee continues to receive valuable input and experience togetherness with other Surviving Spouse Members. We plan to meet again in November for a SSM gathering. We are focused on communicating with each other, supporting presurviving spouses, supporting new-Surviving Spouses, and networking about our experiences and life lessons.

As most of you know, our committee members coordinated the creation of the Surviving Spouses Handbook earlier this year. We have had many requests from other organizations to publish the Handbook for their use. Recently, in reciprocal, I was introduced to a City of Scottsdale sponsored document entitled, Veterans Quality of Life Manual. This manual is 129 pages long. It is filled with advice, contacts, links, and some pretty hard hitting recommendations for our actions. I am working with the author (BGEN Peter Palmer) to see how our complimentary handbooks can be improved. In the meantime, I recommend you review the Manual to help you plan. Veterans+Quality+of+Life+Manual.pdf (scottsdaleaz.gov). As Malcom X once said, "the future belongs to those who prepare for it today," and as Benjamin Franklin is credited with, "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail".

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Jim Clenney, Acting Surviving Spouse Director





JROTC DIRECTOR DIRECTOR Lori Wysong, CW3, USA (Ret) lolowysong6@gmail.com (520) 227-9402

Our JROTC students are starting the new year with a bang. As a matter of fact you will notice they were even busy during the summer.

Highlights of Tombstone JROTC since May 2025:

20-24 June: Four cadets as well as their senior instructor CW4 (Ret) Tom Gross, traveled to Washington, D.C. for the JLAB (JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl) championships. Of the over 1,700 teams that started the competition Tombstone High School JROTC finished in the top 30!!!

21-25 July: JROTC hosted a leadership and new cadet camp to prepare the students for the upcoming school year.

6 September: They volunteered at "Trucking for Tommy".

September: Competed in two Raider and two rifle meets.

October: They will be competing in several Rifle and Raider meets.

October 25: They will be assisting in Relay for Life.

They have also done several Color Guard events and have several more on the calendar. Quite an impressive way to start the new year! We can be very proud of supporting these young people.

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Lorenza "Lori" Wysong, JROTC Director





The Program Guru Tom Hessler, COL, USA (Ret) tjhessler@cox.net (520) 227-0545

16 October Program

Ms. Liz Nelson, Medicare Advantage

Pre-Meeting Social 1130, Luncheon 1200, Program 1245

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

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

No meetings in June, July or August

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Tom Hessler, Program Guru



Thursday, October 16, 2025, Luncheon Reservation Form

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

Pre-Meeting Social 1130 — Luncheon 1200 — Program 1245

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 2 Oct 25 to ensure timely receipt OR RESERVE ONLINE NLT 9 OCT 25 AT MOAACORONADO.ORG/MONTHLY/DINNER					
Fotal Meal(s) at \$30.00 each Donation to Operating Fund (Optional)	BUFFET MENU Southwest Salad W/Roasted Corn, Hard Boiled eggs, Black Beans, Tomato, &				
Donation to Scholarship Fund (Optional) Check Total	Chipotle Ranch Dressing				
	Dessert: Churros w/chocolate Sauce				
	VEGETARIAN/GLUTEN/DAIRY MENU				
ENTER INFO BELOW ONLY IF REQUESTING CHANGES TO THE MEMBERSHIP ROSTER.					
Address: Phone:					
Email:					

A Note about Reservations.

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



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2025 SUSTAINING LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of \$300 or more)

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

Abney, Robert Puett, Joseph & Margaret

Wozniak, Ed & Kaylee

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

Bates, William & Joan Bobar, Janet

Fyffe, Nancy Nickels, Dennis & Cheryl

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

Faulkner, Ronald & Shirley Wysong, Lori & Roger

Manring, Helen Milloy, Carol

Rea, Nancy Holbrook, Patricia Scheumann, Steven Sherod, Bill & Pam

Molloy, Kyle & Jean Hicks, William & Evelyn

Goggin, John & Patrica Warren, Joyce

TOTAL TO-DATE: \$2,885.00 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.







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