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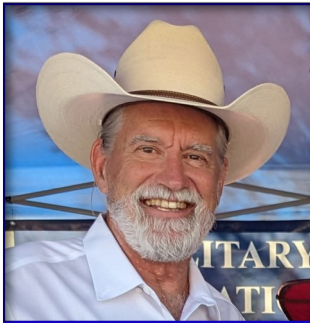
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CORONADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Life Members:	76
Basic and Annual Members:	178
Surviving Spouse	42
Honorary Members:	3
Total Chapter Membership:	299

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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First of all, I sincerely hope that everyone had a great Thanksgiving and is looking forward to Christmas as much as I am. Whether you plan on spending it with family, friends, or a boatload of grandkids, here's wishing you and yours a safe and joyous holiday season.

And what would December be without the annual Army/Navy football game (or Navy/Army game as many of our members have reminded me). Either way, come on down to Doc's Watering Hole for our Third Annual Army/Navy game extravaganza. We'll have a raffle or two along with food and drink specials so come on down and support the Coronado Chapter and beef up that scholarship fund while you cheer your respective team on to victory!

As for December's program we will be foregoing our usual presentations and be entertained by the Sierra Vista Community Choir. In addition I encourage everyone to break out that ugly sweater that Aunt Mertle gave you a few Christmas' ago that you never thought you'd wear and show it off at the December's luncheon. The ugliest sweater will probably win a 2026 Porsche Macan. . . Or maybe a certificate for next month's luncheon. . . or maybe just the unabashed admiration of your fellow members, we'll see.

Finally, I'm sad to report that we lost yet another member of the Chapter in November, LtCol (Ret) Stuart "Stu" Carter. His accomplishments during his 45 years of combined military and federal civil service are far too numerous to list here, however as is mentioned in his obituary, "Stu Carter could well have been the inspiration for the motto of the Military Officers' Association of America (MOAA) of which he was a lifetime member: NEVER STOP SERVING!" His full obituary can be found on page five.

And as always. . .

"Never Stop Serving".

Ed Wozniak, Chapter President



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Thank you to those members who voted. 8.9% of active members completed a ballot.

Elections have consequences. Our world is changing. Our association and our chapter's mission is being challenged from new and varied directions.

Gaps in services to veterans are increasing, in both complexity of need and in their solution. Service to our current membership makeup requires some shifting of attention to personal needs. This attention must be meshed with our continued support of career networking, legislative advocacy, and other mission elements. Our newly re-elected (Stop-Loss 1) Ed has earned our collective and active support.

The direction that our chapter takes in our second 50 year period of existence will need many hands. (I would like to call for "All Hands On Deck." But some soldiers may get lost on the ladders.) Let's keep our momentum. We are one of the largest chapters in North America AND the largest of three military officer school distinguished graduate recognition sites. We have an active and responsive surviving spouse community.

I have assured President-for-Life Ed Wozniak that I will figure out and redesign the voting mechanism for next year....it will be intuitive, easier, and incapable of messing up. (That last part was for Signal Officers!).

Please continue to serve by observing our leaders, and becoming involved in those areas you can best improve us.

And as Always . . .

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James Clenney, Immediate Past President



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WOW! Where has the year gone? Christmas is fast approaching and then New Years. Looking forward to another great year in 2026. As always, please keep the following members 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	Joan Bates
Ann Lander	Lucinda Rossow	Theresa Walsh	Margie Gomez
Jennifer Venola	Bill & Evelyn Hicks	Anne Carter	Rhonda Garwood
Marianne Newcomer	Ron & Cindy Lotero	Kenneth Symmes Family	

Please notify me or any of the Board members of anything happening with our members or spouses. We have members who are willing and able to assist no matter what it may be. Don't hesitate to reach out.

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.

Remember the reason for the season. So have a Merry and blessed Christmas!

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Allen Goodman, Chaplain

Lt Col Stuart Scott Carter, USAF (Ret)

17 July 1952—5 November 2025

Stu Carter was born in Chicago on July 17, 1952, to Arthur and Joan Carter. Post high school, he enlisted in the US Air Force in which he served from January 1971 to February 2001 including 16 years of overseas assignments to England, Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, and Turkey. Lt Col Carter was a Vietnam Era veteran and a combat veteran of Gulf War operations Desert Storm/Desert Shield.



The first five years of Stu's 30-year military career were as an enlisted airman rising to the rank of Staff Sergeant. While remaining on active duty in a commissioning program, he attended the University of California, Berkley earning a BA in Computer Science. Commissioned a Second Lieutenant in March 1980, he was assigned to the Pentagon for a four-year position as a Computer Systems Acquisition Officer. He was a pioneer in Air Force information technology and commanded several data and communications units stateside and overseas. He is a graduate of the USAF Air Command and Staff College and holds a MS Degree in Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle University.

After retirement from active duty, Stu served as a civil servant for the Air Force in Cairo, Egypt for four years followed by assignments for the Army at Fort Huachuca, finally retiring in 2015 from civil service as Director, Strategic Initiatives Group and Congressional Affairs for NETCOM. His second retirement marked 45 years of combined military and federal civil service.

After his arrival in SV in July of 2006 as civilian employee at Fort Huachuca, Stu began a supplemental career of volunteer service to our community at large but concentrating on veterans causes. He has been President of the local Air Force Association Cochise Chapter 107 for multiple terms achieving the Association's Exceptional Service Award in 2017. He led the Chapter to selection as "Best Small Chapter" for extraordinary fundraising, outstanding support of the Air Force's nationwide Cyber Patriot Program and deep commitment to STEM education of local school children. He has served as Chairman of the Greater Sierra Vista United Veterans Council, Co-Chairman of the Fort Huachuca Retiree Council, Vice President of the Sierra Vista Veterans Memorial Improvement Foundation, Vice President of the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery Foundation, Director of the Armed Forces Communications Electronics Association, member of the Sierra Vista Chamber of Commerce Military Affairs Committee, and Veteran Advisory Councils of Congressional Representatives Ron Barber, Martha McSally and Ann Kirkpatrick. He currently serves on the Board of the Warrior Healing Center. He's been Vice President of VI-CAP (Volunteer Interfaith Caregiver Program), advisor to NAMI SEAZ (National Alliance for Mental Illness, Southeastern AZ) in establishment of the annual Sky Island Tour

Bicycling event and worked tirelessly as President of Cochise Bicycle Advocates. He was instrumental in bringing the annual El Tour de Zona three day cycling event which annually draws hundreds of participants from all over the nation to Sierra Vista. The El Tour de Zona has proven very successful and is rated one of the finest bicycling events in the state.

Stu was always a fiercely competitive athlete. When stationed in the Netherlands in 1988, he suffered a severe knee injury while playing football and turned to cycling for rehabilitation. In his characteristic laser-focused, resolute way, Stu committed himself to excelling at the sport, and of course he succeeded spectacularly, becoming the U. S. National Military Time Trial Champion in 1992. In 1995, Stu founded the USAF Cycling Team, served as Executive Director until 2002 and remains Director Emeritus. He is recognized by team members as “The Father of Air Force Cycling”. For 16 consecutive years, Stu rode with his team in RAGBRAI (Des Moines Register’s Annual Great Bicycle Ride Across Iowa), a 450+ bike ride held in mid-summer that attracts 20,000 participants. The Air Force Cycling Team, now several hundred strong are known as “The Guardian Angels of the Road” due to their legendary assistance to distressed riders in RAGBRAI and other cycling venues.

Stu combined his love of cycling with his desire to help fellow veterans by founding VeloVets Sierra Vista (VVSV), (a 501(c)3 non-profit VSO, in 2016. The mission of VVSV is to assist disabled veterans in becoming physically active in bicycling, which offers them benefits of physical conditioning, goal-driven mental stimulation and camaraderie with their fellow veterans. From a humble beginning assisting two veteran friends, VVSV has grown to 119 members, 47 of which are 100% disability rated by the Veterans Administration. VeloVets holds group rides twice weekly, and they have become a familiar sight as they cruise through Sierra Vista in their colorful VeloVets gear—always helmeted, with flags flying and wide smiles on their faces!

Awards and accolades for Stu include AUSA (Association of the US Army) Region 7 Department of the Army Civilian of the Year 2014, Air Force Association Medal of Merit for Leadership 2016, Canyon Vista Medical Center Veterans Wall 2017, AZ Congressional District 2 Veteran of Distinction 2017, Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame inductee 2018, AZ Congressional District 6 Veteran Servant Leader Award 2024.

On Wednesday, November 5, Stu tragically passed away due to cardiac arrest while doing what he truly loved---riding a bicycle with his beloved fellow VeloVets. He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Anne Carter and daughter Stacey Carter to whom Stu was an adoring and devoted father. He leaves behind his cherished mini-Schnauzers Misty and Luna and legions of friends, fellow cyclists, former coworkers, VeloVets members and supporters, and countless others who loved and admired him.

Stu Carter could well have been the inspiration for the motto of the Military Officers’ Association of America (MOAA) of which he was a lifetime member: NEVER STOP SERVING!”

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My Bride “requested” that I accompany her to the Pacific Northwest for Thanksgiving. I Agreed. So this is a short one to give a quick review.

The short version of this month's write up is as follows.

Emails from coronadomoaa@196769974.mailchimpapp.com are sent out at least monthly. These are typically a compilation of current/recent calls for action. Your regular access and review of MOAA's Legislative Action Center advocacy resource will inform you much better, and more timely than I can. Check it out. Info on ‘how-to’ access the lists of Acts, and MOAA’s position, is on prior Advocacy Updates.

And as Always . . .

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Jim Clenney, Legislative Affairs Director



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On October 24th, seven of us went to Los Milics Vineyards in Elgin and enjoyed the time of fellowship and tasting the different varieties of wines the vineyard offers. Afterwards we travelled to the Copper Brothel Brewery in Sonoita for a late lunch/early dinner. We had a wonderful day!



I'll have bottles available for sale during our December luncheon. They'll make a perfect Christmas gift or for your holiday entertainment. Like all our merchandise, the profit goes towards our operating funds to support our activities and the veteran community in Sierra Vista.



Check out our other merchandise. Show your membership pride by placing an order for our Coronado Chapter logoed Ball Caps, Polo Shirts, Women's Blouses (2 styles), Sun Visors, Men's and Women's Dress Shirts, Vests, Bumper Stickers all 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, and just in case you don't have any just ask me the next time we meet.

And as Always . . .

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Allen Goodman, Membership Director

“Hail, New Members!”

CW3 (Ret) John Blacklock
SSM Forest Ray

2LT Nathan Larson
SSM Anne Carter

CW5 (Ret) Mary Sibrava

November Birthdays

Nancy Ament (6)
Katelyn Blackburn (22)
Suzanne Dolge (12)
Crickette Hollister (31)
Ana Kitselman (29)
Monique Mercurius (28)
Chris Norton (30)
Charolette Portouw (5)
Keila Rodriguez (12)
Sheyenne Schwenck (31)
Michael Skiles (19)
Jeanie Toddie (12)
Judith Wilkins (15)
Bruce Judson (5)

William Beecher (6)
Joshua Cheung (25)
Steven Gill (3)
Adelia Imhof (5)
Tom Schmitz (30)
Cheryl Nickles (17)
Sherril O’Neil (25)
William Purciello (13)
Richard Schmitz (10)
Denise Sharp (25)
Ronald Stanley (22)
William Tool (17)
Carolyn Wisniewski (27)

Robin Biron (3)
Tommy Coffman (2)
George Harris (15)
Elizabeth Ives (10)
Joanne Lundin (16)
Harvey Norton (9)
John Papatrefon (31)
Dylan Randazzo (1)
Christopher Schwenck (31)
Pam Sherod (31)
Brad Steinman (24)
Trenton Wilhite (31)
Lori Wysong (10)

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Speaking on behalf of the Surviving Spouse Standing Committee, to all chapter members and especially our surviving spouse members, have a blessed time this December. And please contact any of your fellows if anything is desired or needed.

We are searching for Surviving Spouse members to join the Standing Committee. We meet on a quarterly basis. Our next meeting will be held 7 January 2026 at 1130 at the Landmark Cafe. All Surviving spouse members are encouraged to attend and observe the goings on. Maybe you'd like to join the committee!!!

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Jim Clenney, Acting Surviving Spouse Director



JROTC AFFAIRS DIRECTOR

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The local JROTC students continue being very active in our community. They can be seen posting the Colors as they did at the "Bring a Vet to Lunch" luncheon as well as carrying banners for different organizations at the Veteran's Day parade. In the month of November the Cadet Command and Staff planned, coordinated, and executed the annual flag retirement ceremony at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery. It was a solemn ceremony capped off by SFC Lacy (the Ranger Regiment Recruiting Liaison to 111th MI Bde and older brother of one of the Cadets) retiring the final flag of the ceremony. Of course the Cadets marched in the Sierra Vista Veterans Day parade, and also stood in formation during the ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park. While active duty soldiers from Ft. Huachuca would normally be standing formation, because of their unavailability due to the government shutdown the Buena Cadets and others were asked to fill the gap and did so superbly. The Fighting COLTS Battalion also participated in the inaugural Glow Walk Steps for Service event put on by the Student Council where their push-up challenge raised \$121 to support Soldiers in need on Fort Huachuca. Cadets are also sponsoring 10 children through the Kiwanis Stocking Stuffer program as they do every year. The CyberPatriots team will also compete in Round 2 of CyberPatriots18 Competition. Additionally, the Academic and Leadership Teams will compete in the JROTC Leadership and Academic Bowl (JLAB) on 20 November. This is a mandatory competition for all JROTC programs and the winners get a trip to DC! The Color Guard also covered the Marine Corps League Marine Corps Birthday celebration on 10 November and the Applebees Veterans Day tribute on 11 November.

In the month of December Cadets will complete their initial Cadet Challenge; measuring upper body strength, flexibility, cardiovascular strength, and endurance. Events include the v-sit and reach, pull-ups, shuttle run, curl-ups, and 1-mile run. The Raiders team will also compete in Yuma on December 6th. With all that happening, I'm sure they're looking forward to Christmas vacation. . .

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Lori Wysong, JROTC Director



SCHOLARSHIP DIRECTOR

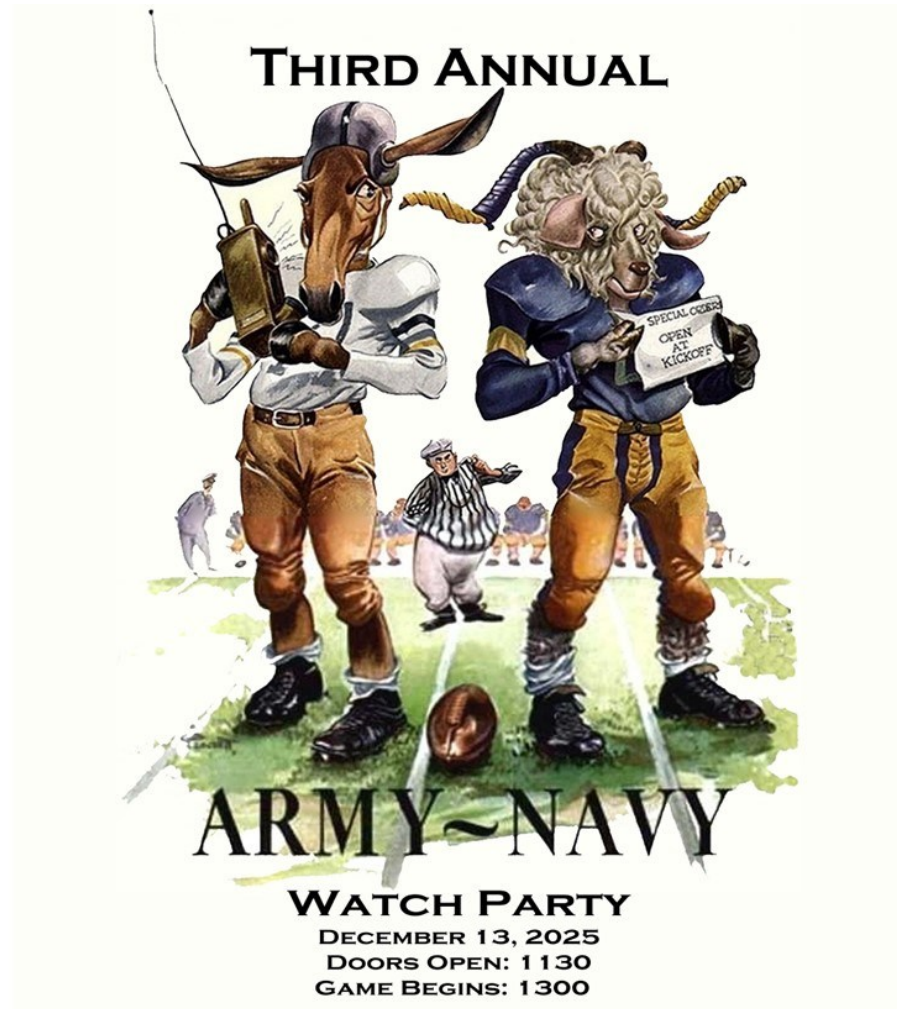
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The game that everyone has been waiting for is just two weeks away so make plans now to come on out and show your spirit (and maybe have a beer or two while you're cheering your team on to victory). Proceeds go to the Coronado Chapter scholarship fund so can there be a better reason to come watch the game?

Looking forward to seeing you there and may the best team win!



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TOTAL TO-DATE: \$3,815.00**GOAL: \$10,000.00**



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18 December 2025 Program

Sierra Vista Community Choir

Pre-Meeting Social 1130, Luncheon 1200, Program 1245

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

15 Jan 26	Sheriff Mark Dannels / Installation of Elected Officers (Luncheon)
19 Feb 26	Ms. Aimee Randazzo, USO (Luncheon)
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, December 18, 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 **4 DEC 25** to ensure timely receipt **OR RESERVE ONLINE NLT 11 DEC 25 AT**

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Total Meal(s) at \$30.00 each _____

Vegetarian Option _____

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Donation to Operating Fund (Optional) _____

Donation to Scholarship Fund (Optional) _____

Check Total _____

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Green Salad w/Julienne of Carrots, Cucumbers, Tomatoes and Basil Vinaigrette
Cranberry Crostini, Finger Sandwiches,
Deviled Eggs, Stuffed Mushrooms.
Jalapeno Poppers
Swedish Meatballs
Fruit and Dessert Trays
Rolls & Butter

VEGETARIAN OPTION

Chef's Choice—No Meat—May contain
Dairy

VEGAN OPTION

No Meat—No Dairy

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

Address: _____

Phone: _____

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 to be placed on a waiting list. We often times have last minute cancellations. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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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