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CORONADO CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP

Life Members:	69
Basic and Annual Members:	85
Surviving Spouse	39
Honorary Members:	3
Total Chapter Membership:	**196**

2026 CORONADO CHAPTER GOALS

1. Support the 2026 MOAA National Advocacy in Action priorities through their widespread publication via Legislative Updates to all veterans; focused articles in the monthly newsletter; and engagement with elected officials as evidenced by 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 both MOAA efforts and priorities as well as in support of organizations and groups share common goals in concert with MOAA's mission.

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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Welcome to the April edition of the Coronado Chapter Heliogram.

First of all, I'd like to extend my appreciation to everyone who responded to our request for topic/speaker suggestions for the upcoming year. Frankly, the response was greater than I anticipated and as a result we now have more than enough suggestions to pursue over the summer months so once again, thank you to all who responded.

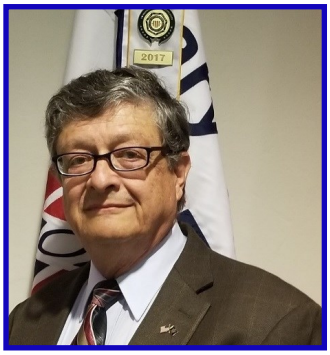
Moving on, our field trip to the Mescal movie set in March was one of the best attended for the year (who knew that would be such a winner). As we've mentioned previously, we're always looking for new places of interest to visit so if you've ever been anywhere in the general area that you've found particularly interesting don't hesitate to drop Allen Goodman a note as we're always on the lookout for new venues. And speaking of venues our last road trip before the summer break is going to be a tour of the Queen Mine in Bisbee. I'm told that a number of the guides are miners who actually worked in that mine so it's sure to be a popular trip. You can find additional details on Page 7.

Next, for our April meeting we'll be recognizing nine Scholarship recipients from four of our local high schools who'll be continuing their education due in part to those of you who have contributed to our scholarship fund or supported our scholarship fundraisers. As I have previously mentioned, if you need a little pick me up come to the April dinner meeting and take this opportunity to talk to some of these outstanding young men and women, if nothing else it'll give you some hope for the future. This year we'll be awarding scholarships to nine deserving students from Douglas, Tombstone, Bisbee, and Buena High Schools so come on out and congratulate these outstanding students, athletes, and future leaders.

Last but certainly not least, I am happy to announce that two of our newest members have stepped up to fill positions in the Chapter; LTC Wilburn (Bud) Meador, USMC (Ret) and Former LCDR Prescott (Scott) Dalrymple, USN have accepted the positions of Chapter Historian and Chapter Chaplain respectively. Scott is pastor to the Whetstone Community Church and Bud taught history at the Command & General Staff College at Leavenworth, KS. On behalf of myself and the Coronado Chapter, welcome aboard!

And as always. . .

"Never Stop Serving".
Ed Wozniak, Chapter President



IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT

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The Coronado Chapter has teamed with Cochise Serving Veterans and a member of the City Council to attack the challenge that our county veterans have with traveling to Tucson (and Phoenix) for important medical and mental health appointments. We have developed a local plan that includes local, state, and federal partners, who can make an impact on this challenge.

What is that impact? It is organizing to get rural Cochise County Veterans to appointments for care. For many of us in our Chapter that means getting in our car and driving 70+ miles. For a significant number of our neighbors it means finding a ride, self-organizing scheduling to match travel with appointment, and being indebted to friends, family, and neighbors to make it happen. Wouldn't it be great to be able to lift some of that load off of the individual's shoulders? Stay tuned and be attentive to ways you can advise, support, and effect this goal.

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On April 15, five MOAA Arizona representatives will join with other MOAA association members in Washington, D.C. These participants will meet with our Arizona lawmakers and staff during our annual Advocacy in Action Hill Day.
The 2026 Advocacy in Action campaign focuses on four key initiatives. These initiatives are supported by the 34 members of The Military Coalition (membership list is at The Military Coalition Membership). The coalition, including AMVETS, AUSA, FRA, MCL, MCL, NCOA, TAPS, and WWP) supports the following focus for uniformed services and veteran community:

- H.R. 1732 – GUARD VA Benefits Act
- H.R. 2102 / S. 1032 – Major Richard Star Act
- H.R. 6796 – Military CARE Act
- S. 3168 – Shutdown Fairness Act

Please visit the Legislative Action Center (https://moaa.quorum.us/) to send a message supporting one or more of our priorities. Every message sent demonstrates the broad, visible support for the issues that will be presented on April 15. We ask each of you to personally review the issues and then contact your federal lawmakers and encourage them to meet with MOAA's Advocacy in Action team during Hill Day on April 15.

Please consider supporting the following ARIZONA legislative priorities by contacting our Arizona Representatives and Senator and encouraging their support of one or more of the following.

Senate Bill 1365 – Remove Income Cap for Disabled Veteran Property Tax Exemption: This proposes to eliminate the household income cap for disabled veterans seeking a property tax exemption. Eligibility would be based on disability status—not income—correcting an inequity in current law. Ask them to support SB1365. Disabled veterans should not lose their property tax exemption based on household income once they have earned it through service-connected disability.

House Bill 2960 – Veterans' Specialty Court Grant Program: This proposes establishment of a grant program and fund to support Veterans' Treatment Courts. These courts address PTSD, traumatic brain injury, substance abuse, and other service-related conditions. The bill includes annual reporting requirements to ensure accountability and measurable outcomes. Proven nationwide, these courts reduce recidivism and support successful reintegration. Ask them to support HB2960. We note that the history of Veterans' courts have focused on treatment and rehabilitation, reduce recidivism, and strengthen public safety. This activity should continue and be enabled to grow in responsiveness and capacity.

House Bill 2165 – State Park Pass Fee Exemption: This proposal expands access to our natural resources and healing environments by allowing veterans free entry to Arizona state parks. While modest in scope, this bill continues efforts to reduce financial burdens—particularly for veterans on fixed incomes. Ask them to support HB2165. Arizona should continue strengthening laws that reduce financial burdens and improve benefits for veterans and their families.

Senate Bill 1050 – State Park Fees Exception: This proposal would update statutes to provide veterans free access to state parks. These technical improvements help modernize state policy and better reflect the needs of today's veteran population. Ask them to support SB1050. Modernizing and refining state statutes that impact veterans ensures Arizona continues to honor and properly serve those who wore the uniform.

And as Always . . .

"Never Stop Serving"
James Clenney, Legislative Director



CHAPLAINS CORNER

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Well folks, this is the last Chaplains Corner I'll be writing for the Heliogram. Effective April 1st I'll no longer be the Chapter's Chaplain, a temporary assignment that I was holding until we could find a "real" Chaplain. Former LCDR, USN Prescott (Scott) Dalrymple has graciously accepted the position as our Chaplain. Scott is more than qualified for this position for he is currently the pastor to the Whetstone Community Church. I will continue to be the Chaplain's assistant. So if you're needing any assistance from our Chaplain, you can reach out to either one of us.

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	Theresa Walsh	Margie Gomez	Jennifer Venola
Evelyn Schock- Hicks	Anne Carter	Rhonda Garwood	Mary Sibrava
Marianne Newcomer	Ron & Cindi Lotero	Bob Abney	Tom Day
John Goggin	Diane Munroe	James Clenney	

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.

And as Always . . .

"Never Stop Serving"
Allen Goodman, Chaplain



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The JROTC students continue performing their duties in an outstanding manner and this year the Senior instructors have selected their best students to receive THE MOAA JROTC AWARD " for having demonstrated outstanding citizenship, personal responsibility and service to the community and country". CW4 (Ret) Tom Gross and his staff from Tombstone High School have selected Cadet Major Preston Bidon for the award. CPT (Ret) Don Gregory and SFC (R) Centoria Louden and their staff from Buena High School have selected Cadet Private Aaron Grijalva. Congratulations to these Cadets from all of the MOAA Coronado Chapter members. We are proud of you!

"Never Stop Serving"
Lori Wysong, JROTC Director



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We conducted our annual Honoring our Surviving Spouse Luncheon on 19 March. Many Surviving Spouse members were present to enjoy the presentation by our own Jodie Heinz, LCDR, USN, Surviving Spouse. All Surviving Spouse members are encouraged to join us at our next quarterly Surviving Spouse luncheon (and, indeed, please join us at our celebration of our Scholarship Awardees at our April dinner meeting).

Per our Surviving Spouse committee we will announce our next committee meeting (and invite all SSM members to join us and provide input) as well as our next SSM luncheon. As always, let any Coronado Chapter member know if you are facing difficulties, challenges, or questions that you need help answering. We know where to get answers! You served for many years as a spouse, let us help serve you as a survivor and thriver!

"Never Stop Serving"
Jim Clenney, Acting Surviving Spouse Director



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Since the weather is getting warmer and this will be our last outing until the Fall, I figured we'll take a "cool" underground mine tour so on Saturday, April 25th we'll be traveling to Bisbee to go on the Queen Mine tour. We'll meet at the parking lot in front of Dillards at 9:00 AM with departure at 9:15 AM. I'll have a 15 passenger van so we'll be able to travel together however if you want to drive feel free to do so. Check in is at 10:00 AM and no open shoes, high heels or backpacks are permitted on the tour. I must get payment in advance and will set up a link to pay online. The cost of the tour will be $14.00 per person. Our lunch break will be determined by the group where they would like to eat. So watch your inbox for the official announcement with the details. ***Special note*****,** I had to prepay for this tour, so I'll collect payment that morning or you can pay online via a link on the flyer. If you can't make it, let me know 24 hour's in advance so I and the Queen Mine tours will be able to reimburse you/us the entrance fees. If you signed up and said you'll pay that morning and you don't show up, all I can say is a reservation made is a reservation paid since the Chapter will be on the hook for your uncancelled reservation. Like always, we'll have a 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 logoed Ball Caps, Polo Shirts, Women's Blouses (2 styles), Sun Visors, Men's and Women's Dress Shirts, Vests, and Bumper Stickers are available on moaacoronado.org or contact me directly at (719) 440-1105 or agoodman0663@yahoo.com and I'll get your order coming to you. Show the community your pride in membership in the Coronado Chapter. Who knows, you may even recruit a new member by seeing our logo.



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.

And as always. . .

"Never Stop Serving"
Allen Goodman, Membership Director

Tucson Military Vehicle Museum Road Trip

Well, it was a fun trip and an interesting journey back in time at the Tucson Military Vehicle Museum. Whether you went because you were a history enthusiast, a veteran who drove one of these monsters, or was just looking for something to do on a Friday afternoon this particular road trip provided a memorable experience for all!



Here we go!!!









I bet this will keep the squirrels off of the bird feeders. . .

Who's idea was it to let Allen drive the van!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWEST DISTINGUISHED HONOR GRADUATES!!!



2LT Joseph Sudam, USA

In recognition of superior professional performance in the Military Intelligence Basic Officers Leadership Course, Class 26-002, as the student with the highest class standing.

WO1 Julius W. Ratliff, USA

In recognition of superior professional performance in the Military Intelligence Warrant Officer Basic Course, Class 26-001, as the Class Leader.



"Hail, New Members!"

LTC (Ret) Patrick Gromek LTC Wilburn (Bud) Meador, USMC (Ret)

April Birthdays

Dennis Bauchman (26)	Emmanuel Bor(14)	Deborah Godwin(28)
Tom Hessler(25)	Diane Howes(23)	Young Mayberry(5)
Joseph Patterson (11)	Judy Saeger(10)	Steven Scheumann(24)

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Allen Goodman, Membership Director



MOAA CORONADO CHAPTER

Chapter Membership Application/Renewal

Last Name _____ First _____ Initial_____ Rank _____

Address _____ City_____

State _____ Zip _____

Email Address: _____ Phone:_____

Date of Birth: MM _____DD _____YYYY _____ National MOAA #_____

Circle All That Apply

MOAA Life Member? Y/N

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_____

Circle Membership Term

Regular members:	$20/year	$80/five years	$180/Life Membership
Surviving Spouses	$10/year	$40/five years	$100/Life Membership

Voluntary Scholarship or Operations Donation:

Scholarship $_____

Operations $_____

Total Enclosed $_____

Signature _____ Date _____Ck Nbr: _____

Make check payable to: **Coronado Chapter, MOAA**
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Or Join/Renew Online at **https://www.moaacoronado.org/join**

For any Membership questions, contact:
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A few facts about MOAA:

MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association with over 350,000 military officers and surviving spouses belonging to 380+ chapters.

MOAA is Co-founder/Co-chair of The Military Coalition; composed of over 32 national veterans' organizations (representing over 5 million people).

A few facts about Coronado Chapter:

Coronado Chapter received its charter in 1973, starting with 47 members.

Our Chapter has received the MOAA 5-Star Level of Excellence Award (the highest rating awarded by National MOAA) for over a decade.

The Heliogram newsletter, sent to Chapter members has consistently been recognized as a MOAA 5-Star communication publication.

Chapter dues: $20 annually for officer members and $10 for surviving spouse members.

Why join Coronado Chapter?

Make Yourself Heard – Coronado Chapter provides grassroots coordination and support for MOAA's national legislative agenda. MOAA is in the fight to preserve our benefits. Chapter members let their legislators know what's on their minds with the strength of MOAA developed data behind us.

Give Back to the Community – We serve as MOAA's ambassadors in local communities. Members continue "officership" service and are giving back in the truest sense.

Expand Social Opportunities– Coronado sponsors programs and opportunities to interact with civic, political, military, and business leaders.

Network With Fellow Officers– Our membership includes second-career members in the work force and retired service members who have contacts in their communities that can be valuable to transitioning officers.

Stay Informed – Our newsletter (Heliogram), website http://www.moaacoronado.org/, and meetings provide you with the latest information on local, state, and national issues and changes to military benefits.

Influence State Legislation– Arizona's Council of Chapters unites our chapters to lobby for and pass state level legislation that affects military members and their families, such as exempting military retired pay from Arizona income tax or increasing funding for Arizona's veterans' programs.

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

Kilpatrick, Merle

2025 GOLD LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of $200 to $299)

Puett, Joseph & Margaret
Courtney, Nyles & Dixie
Bobar, Janet
Gromek, Patrick & Agnes

2025 SILVER LEVEL (Cumulative Donations of $100 to $199)

2025 CHAPTER DONORS (Cumulative Donations Up to $100)

Scheumann, Steven
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Monken, George
Beer, Ronald & Ruth
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Hill, Gay

TOTAL TO-DATE: $2,260.00 **GOAL: $10,000.00**



The Program Guru

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16 April 2026 Dinner Program

Honoring our Scholarship Recipients

Sierra Vista Golf Center at Pueblo del Sol
2770 St. Andrews Drive, Sierra Vista, AZ

Luncheon Meetings: Social 1130, Luncheon 1200, Program 1245
Dinner Meetings: Social 1730, Dinner 1800, Program 1830

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

21 May 26 Mr. Jason Bowling, CEO, SSVEC ***(Luncheon Meeting)***

No meetings in June, July or August

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Tom Hessler, Program Guru

Thursday, April 16, 2026, Dinner Reservation Form

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

Pre-Meeting Social 1730 — Dinner 1800 — Program 1830

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 **3 APR 26** to ensure timely receipt **OR RESERVE ONLINE NLT 10 APR 26 AT**

MOAACORONADO.ORG/MONTHLY/DINNER

Total Meal(s) at $40.00 each _____

Vegetarian Option _____

Gluten Free Option _____

Dairy Free Option _____

Donation to Operating Fund (Optional) _____

Donation to Scholarship Fund (Optional) _____

Check Total _____

BUFFET MENU

Baby Spinach Salad with Smoked Gouda, Toasted Pecans & Golden Raisins with Blue Cheese Dressing

Pit Smoked Honey Brown Sugar Ham

Au Gratin Potatoes and Corn on the Cob

Dessert: Fresh Baked Cherry Cobbler

VEGETARIAN MENU

Zucchini Boats plus Buffet Items

GLUTEN FREE MENU

Buffet Items

DAIRY FREE MENU

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 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!

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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Veterans Crisis Line
1-800-273-8255 PRESS 1

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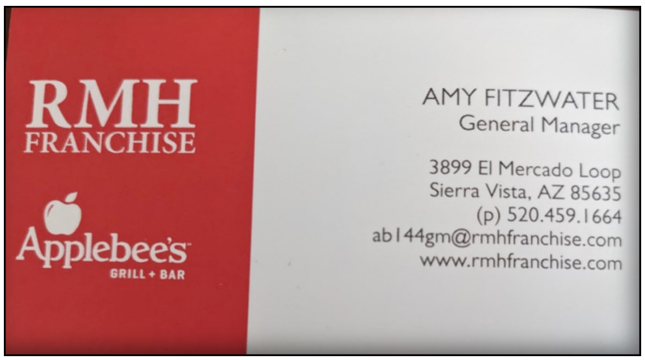






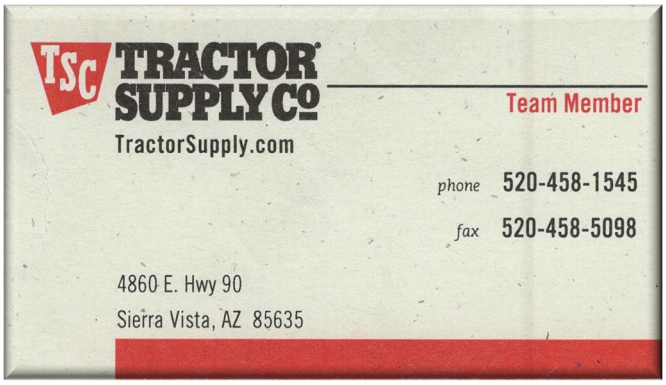





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MOAA SIGNATURE GROUPS

Join MOAA Leadership and your fellow MOAA members on these hosted cruises and land tours.

AFFORDABLE TRAVEL — Every MOAA Signature Group is a negotiated special which is not available to the general public – only MOAA members and their guests can attend. You can, however, bring as many friends and family members with you as you like.

EASIER, SAFER TRAVEL — Vacations are meant to be an escape. It is your time to relax and unwind, explore, and discover. So, let us take care of the details. This is valuable time that doesn't have to be spent worrying about how you're going to get there or, what you're going to do when you get there

INCREASE THE FUN FACTOR —Being surrounded by like-minded people offers you the chance to share experiences and make new memories together. Group travel can give you the chance to meet people and make new friends. You'll meet individuals who are also passionate about travel and have experiences that are similar to your own. With shared military backgrounds and values, camaraderie forms naturally and often leads to lasting friendships.

2026 & 2027 SIGNATURE GROUPS

July 12-21, 2026	**Highlights of Eastern Europe River Cruise**	9-nights from **$3,999**
October 1-10, 2026	**Western Europe Yacht Cruise**	9-nights from **$4,999**
April 25-May 2, 2027	**Castles Along the Rhine River Cruise**	7-nights from **$4,199**
July 19-27, 2027	**France & Spain Yacht Cruise**	8-nights from **$5,799**
September 14-25, 2027	**Circle Iceland Yacht Cruise**	11-nights from **$8,999**
Sept. 25-Oct. 4, 2027	**Battlefields of WWI & WWII Tour**	10 days from **$6,495**

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