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ARIZONA CHAPTER MOAA CALENDAR

Board of Directors — 1st Thursday of the month at 1030 hours unless otherwise noted
Location: National Guard Regional Training Institute, 5636 E. McDowell Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85008
 Show ID for entry. Members welcome.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- April 2
- May 7
- September 3

Member Luncheon/Meetings — 3rd Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted. Social Hour at 1100, Luncheon at 1145-1400, McCormick Ranch Golf Club, 7505 E McCormick Pkwy, Scottsdale, AZ 85258 **Reservations are Required.**

- April Luncheon Canceled
- May Luncheon Canceled
- September 19 Luncheon

President's Message

by Pete Berger



Chapter Meetings

These are unique and challenging times for our Chapter, our Community and our Nation. This is requiring major adjustments for our individual and collective good even though they may cause loss and sadness. Our Board of Directors met and made some difficult decisions with the greater good in mind. The April and May membership meetings have been cancelled. Our next membership meeting will be September 19. Please see the highlighted box below asking if you or someone you know is being affected by coronavirus, or any other issue and could benefit from assistance.

Our March meeting was lightly attended and a number of people made payments or reservations but were not able to attend. Please see the note from Charlie Bitner, our Treasurer, on options for your payments.

Golf Tournament

We have also cancelled this year's Scholarship Golf Tournament that was scheduled for April 15th. Tournament chair Jack Farley, along with Tom Sheets are looking at other fundraising

opportunities. One is the Silent Auction via email. Please see Jack's golf information update on Page 8 and the Silent Auction Tom has put together on Page 9. Many thanks to both of them for all their extra effort. Jack has put in hours and hours preparing for the tournament and is showing great flexibility and creativity in looking at other avenues to help us sustain our mission.

AUSA has also canceled their USA Top Golf fundraiser scheduled for April 26.

JROTC and ROTC Award Ceremonies

John Simmons, our JROTC lead, has told us it is unlikely that schools will hold award assemblies this year. John will ensure that the selected JROTC students get their MOAA awards from our Chapter through their respective JROTC unit commanders. Thank you, John, for taking on this extra work. In addition, since classes at ASU are shut down and students cannot have contact with outside groups, Phil Roos is making arrangements for the ROTC Scholarship Awards to be mailed to the Commanding Officers of the recipients.

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PRESIDENT'S PERSPECTIVE

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If possible, we will arrange to recognize the recipients at a Fall meeting.

Summer Activities

We have decided to cancel the July 19th D-Backs Chapter baseball game event. Jim Cullison will monitor the situation and let us know if another opportunity presents itself when Major League Baseball resets its schedule. Also in question is the Youth for Troops activity that our hoped for MOAA Grant will support June 18. More to follow as Bruce Kosaveach is monitoring the situation.

Electronic Member Survey

Please be on the lookout for the short electronic survey that will be coming to you the first half of April. It will be an email asking your thoughts on alternative Chapter Meetings. We want to know if certain days and/or times would better fit into your schedule. We need your participation which is very much appreciated.

Good News!

In the *good news department*, our Chapter has received a 5-Star Award for our Website which Rob Welch has maintained. We also received a 5-Star Award for our *Sentinel*, edited by Janet Lange. Our thanks and congratulations to Rob and Janet and to all who have contributed. others who have contributed.

Chapter Support

Difficult times like these reinforce the importance of supporting each other. Our Board will continue to meet electronically over the summer to monitor developments as they occur and plan for our return to normal operations in the Fall. Should you have any questions or input, please feel free to contact me or one of the Board members. Again, if you or someone you know in our Chapter needs assistance, please let us know how we can be there for you.

Be safe, stay healthy and I look forward to seeing you all in September!

Pete Berger, President
AZ Chapter MOAA



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National Legislative Update

by Lee Lange, Legislative Chair

Storming the Hill Canceled

Many of you may already be aware that, for the first time ever, MOAA has canceled the annual Storming the Hill signature event, previously set for March 21-26 in Washington, D.C. Instead, MOAA is moving their planned board meeting and annual Storming the Hill events to virtual platforms. The associated annual Marix Awards event is canceled with honors to be shared in venues to be determined.

“The health of our members comes first and we can honor this while still lobbying on behalf of service-members past and present and their families. In our adjustments, we will be creative and impactful.” said Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), MOAA president and CEO. “We have plans in place to move forward, to keep our members and Congress informed, and to continue outreach on behalf of not just our 350,000-strong membership but all members of the uniformed services community.”

“Phone calls still matter,” Atkins said. “Emails matter. In-person meetings, when practical, matter. These tools remain at our members’ disposal and we want to ensure they can use them locally for maximum national impact.”

The current health crisis drives increased need for member (as in chapter members) advocacy. See MOAA's [Storming the Hill 2020 website](#) for a summary of the issues. This site will be updated regularly to provide further guidance on new advocacy resources and details regarding online advocacy efforts.

BASEBALL by Jim Cullison

There’s no crying in baseball, but there is sadness this year as most sports have suspended or canceled their seasons, including baseball. That affects the chapter’s group gathering previously announced for a July 19 game between the Arizona Diamondbacks and Miami Marlins.

Major League baseball’s opening has been pushed back to mid-May with the possibility of further delay depending on the status of the COVID-19 virus.

The Arizona Diamondbacks are awaiting final word. Because of the uncertain status of the opening date and the effect on the schedule, the Chapter Board of Directors has agreed to cancel the July 19 event and await further developments, with the possibility of rescheduling for a later date or waiting until next year. Stay tuned for updates.

Arizona State Legislative Update

by Lee Lange, Legislative Chair

State Legislative Update

The coronavirus in Arizona has diverted lawmaker’s attention to helping citizens meet this major health threat with significant resources already being set aside. This focus has stopped normal business with numerous committee actions and hearings suspended. It has also diverted attention away from veterans’ issues in the state. Following is a short update.

Veterans Benefits Counselors (VBC’s)

This year’s efforts to increase the number of VBC’s in Arizona showed early promise in the legislature. SB1044, sponsored by Senator David Livingston, calls for six new VBC’s. It was passed by the Senate on February 4 and sent to the House. The House Military and Veteran’s Affairs Committee passed the bill March 2. A similar bill in the House, HB2139, sponsored by Representative Jay Lawrence, passed the House Appropriations Committee on February 12 and the full House on March 2 by a vote of 59-1. It was then sent to the Senate for further action. This initiative now appears to be stalled in both Houses and its future is uncertain.

Tax Exemption on Military Retired Pay

Governor Ducey’s call for full exemption of military retired pay from state taxes is facing strong opposition in the Arizona legislature. A major factor is the \$45M price tag which is proving to be a heavy lift for supporters. The Senate bill, SB1237, sponsored by Senator David Gowan, failed in a vote before the full Senate on February 25. Sen Gowan motioned to reconsider at a later date and the motion was approved. In the House, Representative Gail Griffin’s HB 2676 narrowly passed the House Ways and Means Committee on February 19. It has yet to be heard in the House Appropriations and Rules Committees. With the passage of the recent \$50M coronavirus response bill by the legislature, all eyes remain focused on this crisis. The future of the tax exemption for this year looks very uncertain for now.

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Personal Affairs

Lee Lange, Personal Affairs Officer

Beware of Coronavirus Scams

Amber Monks from the MOAA national staff provides us with some tips for avoiding the latest rush of scams and scammers trying to take advantage of the Coronavirus crisis. Arm yourself not only against the virus, but against other threats, by learning how to detect them first with tips from the Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID).

Know How Officials Operate

Knowing how legitimate organizations do business can give you a leg up on anyone who attempts to pull the wool over your eyes. Health officials you've never contacted will not email you or come to your door. Legitimate health organizations will not intimidate you with repercussions if you do not sign up for whatever they are selling. If you are threatened with arrest, prosecution, or confinement, you can safely know that the representative with whom you are dealing is not working on behalf of a real agency.

Similarly, hospitals will not contact you seeking money to provide an urgent service for a loved one. If there is any question, contact your local hospital or the family member for further confirmation.

Your bank will not call you to offer investment alternatives or to move funds during market uncertainty. Be especially suspicious if the contact comes from a financial organization with whom you have no relationship.

Spot a Cyber-Threat

Some scammers are claiming your computer can be infected by a coronavirus. At present, there is no digital version of the threat. This is a variation on a common scam where a caller claims to be a computer-support technician and offers to repair your device, then requests sensitive personal data to access it. As always, follow good practices online and don't open or click on links from unsolicited emails. These links or emails could contain malware. Never give away personal or financial information about yourself or others online without first verifying the source.

Common Scams

Other common scams can come in the form of phone calls and text messages. The White House is warning the public to ignore rumors of a national quarantine that have been circulating via text. Criminals on the phone have been posing as friends or family members needing money to cover a "virus prevention fee" that must be paid to return from overseas. Most scams include

immediate action. No matter how urgent it seems, if something doesn't sound quite right, it probably isn't, and you can always contact an organization you know and trust for confirmation. Legitimate organizations can verify their information and will not pressure you into taking an action that makes you uncomfortable.

Know Your Sources

Seeking information from trusted sources can also help you steer clear of scams. MOAA has links to these organizations, as well as links for recent news updates, at <https://www.moaa.org/content/topic-and-landing-pages/coronavirus-resources/> You can also contact your state, county, or city health department, your local hospital, your primary care physician, local medical clinics, or other locations where you receive medical services.

CORONAVIRUS and COVID-19 Awareness

It is strictly a respiratory virus that is airborne by droplets and can be contracted by contact on all surfaces. One Princess Cruise ship had Coronavirus still detectable 17 days after passengers departed.

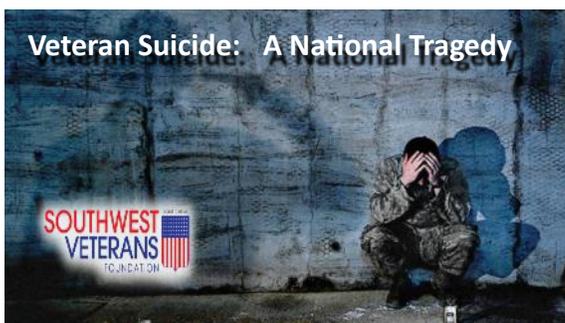
The virus makes its way into our oral airways by eyes, nasal passage or mouth (that's why we are told not to touch our face). It travels down our esophagus and/or trachea into your lungs.

Persons with high blood pressure, or are morbidly obese or over age 40 are most susceptible (but the age number is coming down). Those in high-risk category have bad outcomes. This is a new mutated virus, so no one has immunity unless they are recovered from the virus. Your immunity can be boosted by taking Vitamin A, if not pregnant, and Vitamin D.

Ordering grocery delivery is best for the most vulnerable. If you order delivery, do not allow delivery person into your home -- leave bags/boxes outside. If grocery shopping, take your own wipes into store because store may be out of wipes. Wipe down cart and use wipes on handles to open cold cases. If you use the self-checkout, wipe it down as well.

Bring groceries home and assume Coronavirus is on everything purchased. Stores sanitize but not all day long. Wipe everything as you unpack and place on sterilized countertop. Take plastic inserts out of cardboard cereal/cracker type boxes and repack in plastic containers. Dump all fruit into clean sink w/sudsy water, then wash individually with additional soap as you would wash hands (20 seconds each). Discard all packing materials in trash or recycle bins. THEN WASH YOUR HANDS!

Scientists don't expect Coronavirus to peak until mid-May so we want all of our members to be extremely cautious!



Reducing Veteran Suicides

At our February luncheon, Colonel Patrick Donaldson, Commander of the 161st Air Refueling Wing of the Arizona Air National Guard, spoke about the vexing problem of military and Veteran suicides. Coincidentally, the Board of Directors also planned to address this issue during our program known as **\$20 to Reduce the 20 in 2020**.

AZ MOAA Vice President Tom Sheets also spoke of the **Southwest Veterans Foundation 2020 Veteran Suicide Prevention Campaign**.

The goal of this program is to raise \$100,000 in 2020 to help fight Veteran suicides.

For those who could not make the luncheon: **20 Veterans commit suicide daily** and 70% of them are not in the VA care system. Arizona has the 6th highest rate of Veteran suicides. Numerous members and guests contributed to this campaign that will continue throughout 2020. Funds raised will be provided in the form of grants to organizations working to prevent Veteran suicide. If you would like to contribute, you can mail a check made payable to SWVF to: 3820 W. Happy Valley Rd #141-455, or on the SWVF website: <https://swvcc.org/savealife/>, or call 602.677.2961. Southwest Veterans Foundation sincerely thanks those who have already contributed and hope others will want to help.

Reduce the 20 in 2020.

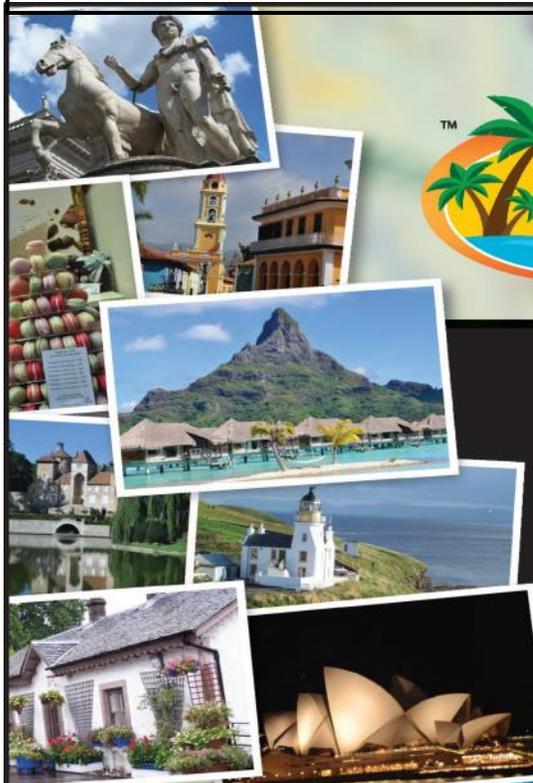
Youth for Troops by Jim Cullison

Youth for Troops (YFT) is an organization of young persons dedicated to helping deployed troops and homeless and at-risk veterans.

Three members: teen sisters, Hannah and Heather Piatt, and adult Renee Hoffa were guests at the March meeting. They described YFT's community service projects which the Arizona Chapter is supporting through a community event **June 18 at Sagewood Retirement Center** in North Phoenix.

Our members can join other volunteers at the event to help sort donations, assemble care packages for deployed troops, fill backpacks for children of veterans and prepare move-in kits for veterans moving into permanent housing. Because of the virus pandemic, the project could be moved to another date or canceled. (Watch for information.)

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March 14, 2020 Speaker
Pete Lumianski, CAPT, USN (Ret)
“USS Phoenix (SSN-702)
COLD WAR MONUMENT”



Arizonans are familiar with the memorial to the battleship USS Arizona at the state capitol grounds and soon there will be a monument to another Navy vessel with a local connection.

CAPT Lumianski, a Naval Academy graduate, retired in 1988 after 24 years of Navy service and has been a leader in establishing a monument to the sub in the Phoenix’s namesake city since 1989. As our guest speaker at the March chapter luncheon, he described efforts and progress over the last 25 years to establish a monument to the USS Phoenix (SSN-702), a nuclear-powered attack submarine that was an instrumental weapon in the nation’s Cold War forces. CAPT Lumianski told members that the monument will be designed to honor the submariners and other veterans who defended the nation during the Cold War, 1946-91, and to show the relationship between the submarine forces and the end of the Cold War.

The submarine’s mission was to track Soviet submarines in the Atlantic and be prepared to destroy them should war break out. The Phoenix had an advantage, CAPT Lumianski explained, as the Soviet subs were noisy and the Phoenix was quiet, giving it a distinct advantage.

The Phoenix was christened by Betty Rhodes, wife of former Arizona Congressman John Rhodes in 1979. It was decommissioned in 1998 when it was moved to waterborne storage at the Navy yard in Bremerton, Washington. After the Phoenix was decommissioned, CAPT Lumianski became involved in the project to establish a monument in Phoenix and was named to a commission created by former Mayor Terry Goddard, a Navy veteran himself, to design the monument. The city set aside a plot near the Arizona Veterans Home at Steele Indian School Park, Central Avenue and Indian School Road.

The monument will feature the sub’s sail (conning tower to landlubbers), rudder and diving planes, 65 tons in all, which have been on temporary display at Papago Military Reservation since 2016. When the parts arrived, they were rechristened by Amy Rhodes Marshall, granddaughter of Betty Rhodes.

As director of the USS Phoenix (SSN 702) Cold War Commission Foundation, CAPT Lumianski said the effort now is to finalize the design of the monument raise funds to complete the project.

2020 AZ CHAPTER MOAA MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL FORM

RENEW your 2020 Arizona Chapter MOAA membership.

Payment of dues is required by February 29, 2020 to avoid becoming delinquent. Even if you have become delinquent, you can still RENEW by completing your information below and sending it with your check — **\$20 for a Regular Member or \$10 for Surviving Spouse Member** . Make check made payable to **“AZ Chapter MOAA”** and mail to: Treasurer **Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020.**

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Golf Tournament Director



Golf Tournament Cancellation

Our annual Golf Tournament, April 15, is canceled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic. It has always been the mainstay of our fundraising for the Scholarship Program (which represents the basis of our Charter and 501 (3)(c) status). The cancellation has a profound effect on the fund which has already allocated scholarships for this year. NO tournament means NO 50/50, Raffle, Skins Game, or Hole Sponsorships to help fund the future scholarship program. To mitigate the shortfall, the following actions are underway:

1. I have canceled all contracts/agreements/orders to minimize costs. After contacting golfers who had already registered and paid fees, I am happy to say a few willingly donated their fees. These will help but will not replace the monies we always generate through our Silent Auction and Hole Sponsorship Program. Since some of these usually come in closer to the Tournament date, I am still hopeful we may get a few as donations.
2. With 3 months of collecting "items" for the Silent Auction, there are items with expiration dates that cannot wait until next year's auction. Tom Sheets put together a Silent Auction and Janet Lange is placing it in this April Sentinel edition. I implore all members to participate and encourage friends and family to do likewise. This could also help recruiting efforts by showing potential "recruits" (those eligible for membership) some of what we do to help others in our community.
3. Tom and I are also planning separate Silent Auctions. These will be online to auction the many golf certificates we procured. The auctions will be released in 2 or 3 installments, depending on the number of items to be auctioned, as I'm continuing to solicit donated items up until April 15. These are tough times. I ask members to promote the Auctions to as many interested parties you can think of (especially golfers).
4. Several months ago, at one of our monthly luncheons, I informed the members the future of our celebrated Golf Tournament and major fundraiser was in peril due to the few golfers available. When asked who was willing to support the Scholarship Fund, every hand went up. That time has come a little early, sorry to say, due to COVID-19. If you truly wish to continue the program, we need your help now.

Please donate! If not, please support the Silent Auctions. We need this to be an **All Hands on Deck** event!

Mike Rogers Update

Mike Rogers, our previous President, was stricken last June with West Nile Virus and was in a coma for 6 months. He has been battling to "wake up" since. Because his wife, Diane Wolfe, is in separate care for Alzheimer's and his brother and daughter are out of state, I have been advocating for Mike's care since early August. Sadly, I haven't been able to see him due to the Lock Down due to COVID-19 at his medical care facility.

Mike's condition just took a turn for the worse over this past weekend. A fever spiked and he has been put on a respirator. He is not doing well and may never be the Mike we knew. Please pray for Mike and Diane as they face an uncertain future. We also need to keep all of our Veterans and Chapter members who are dealing with health and other issues in our prayers as well. Please respect "social distancing" and stay healthy!



AZ Chapter MOAA Scholarship Silent Auction



Chapter Email Silent Auction

Since we have had to cancel this year's Golf Tournament, we have decided to do a Silent AUCTION by email. Last year the Silent Auction contributed \$4,620 to our Scholarship Fund. With many donated silent auction items in hand, we want to help make up the shortfall to our Scholarship Fund by holding several auctions. Since our April luncheon has also been canceled, we will accomplish the auctions by email and/or phone.

We are now offering three items on which you may bid: **1) RIDGID 3 speed Impact Driver**, **2) two bottles of Monte Olimpo Italian White Wine** and **3) a Reversible 14" x 12" Coach Tote with US Flag**.

The Auction is now open with the publication of this edition of *The Sentinel*. Members may bid on one or all items. Members will submit their bids by email to tsheets@stonewall-group.com or by phone to 760.213.3705 and identify the item(s) on which you are bidding and the amount(s) of each bid. The Auction timeline is as follows:

- Auction opens:** With publishing of *The Sentinel*, on or about April 1st, initial bids are due by **midnight April 6th**.
- Second Bid Round:** Members who submitted a bid will get an email on April 7th notifying them of the high bid for the item(s) on which they bid. (If you choose not to bid in Round 1, you will not get a second bid round invitation.) Second bid round ends at **midnight April 11th**.
- Winning Bids:** At the end of the second round, items that have just one high bid will be declared as won by that bidder and he/she will be notified by email or phone and payment and delivery will be coordinated. If the same high bid was submitted by more than one member, then those tied bidders—and only them—will be invited to send in a **Best and Final Offer by midnight April 16th**.
- Third Bid Round:** At the end of the third bid round, the Member with the highest bid will be notified and payment and delivery will be coordinated. If there is again a tie, the process will be repeated among tied bidders until there is a single high bid.

THREE items with their values and minimum opening bid amounts:

RIDGID Impact Driver

Value \$120

Minimum Bid \$60

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Minimum Bid \$20

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Susan Taussig - \$250

Gary Fredricks - \$30

Youth for Troops (Cont. from Page 5) by Jim Cullison

YFT has 1,429 volunteer members who have contributed over 18,000 hours to assemble and ship 3,300 care packages for deployed troops and weave 438 mats out of plastic shopping bags for homeless veterans in the community. The group also has raised \$49,000 to cover shipping costs.

The organization holds monthly service projects similar to the proposed June 18 event and joins with other veteran support groups in this work, including U.S. Vets, Project Veterans Pride, the James Walton Home and Veterans First, in addition to MOAA.



Heather Piatt describes the Youth for Troops program and the projects they have undertaken.



Hannah Piatt operates the projector during the presentation. Both Heather and Hannah are founders of Youth for Troops.



Renee Hoffa, YFT vice president, holds one of the mats the YFT volunteers made out of plastic bags for homeless veterans.



CHAPTER FINANCIAL PARTICIPATION

If you would like to **make a donation** to one or more of the **AZ Chapter Funds**, include a separate check identified with the appropriate fund (General Fund or Scholarship) and mail to: **Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85020**, or contact him at: **602-943-0028, Charles@Bitner36.com**.

General Fund: \$ _____ Scholarship Fund: \$ _____ [501(c)(3) charitable fund]

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Concerning the March luncheon:

Please be aware that McCormick Ranch Golf Club charged us for all 45 lunches that were reserved, ordered and prepared. All lunches were paid by AZ Chapter MOAA.

Accordingly, if you made a reservation, sent in a payment but did not attend, please advise Treasurer, Charlie Bitner, 602-943-0028, or charles@bitner36.com, whether you would like your check shredded or deposited as a donation to the General Fund. For those of you who made a reservation, did not send in a payment and did not attend, please send a check as a donation or take no further action. Thank you.

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