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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 at Gate. Members welcome.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

Zoom October BOD 16 @ 0800

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*.

Upcoming Membership Meetings:

- Zoom October 17 @1700 "Virtual Wine Tasting"
- November TBA



MEMBERSHIP Zoom MEETING

I am writing this on the 2^{nd} day of Fall after our 2nd Virtual Membership Meeting held September 23. We had a total of 20 logins and approximately 30 participants in our Zoom meeting and we got to know each other a little better. It was gratifying to hear how many of us are involved in multiple veteran-related organizations and activities ... continuing to serve behind the lines! Enjoying the camaraderie of being in an organization like ours is one of the benefits and I hope you are staying in touch with one another, especially during these days of isolation.

MOAA Foundation Grant

Our MOAA Foundation Grant endeavor, coordinated by Bruce Kosaveach, was tremendously successful! Great job, Bruce! Our member and President of **Project Veterans Pride**, LTC/Dr Christeen Verchot, USAF (Ret), sent us a recognition letter thanking us for recognizing the need to assist homeless veterans regain their sense of purpose and well-being. She also joined us to help cut plastic bags for weaving mats.

SILENT AUCTION Scholarship Fundraiser

Our fund-raising efforts, coordinated by Tom Sheets and Jack Farley, have been outstandingly successful as well as being an enjoyable experience. Recently, they have been hosting the virtual Silent Auction for golf certificates and the exquisite PXG golf club. I hope you support those activities to the degree possible.

OCTOBER 2020 Picnic Replaced

In lieu of our October picnic we have planned a Happy Hour Virtual Wine Tasting the same day, October 17th at 1700 hours. The cost is about the same as the picnic and will safe. provide а enjoyable shared experience in the comfort of your own home ... or at a friend's should you decide to buddy-up. The Wine event flyer is attached to your emailed Sentinel. I hope to see you there!

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President's Perspective (Cont'd from Page 1)

MOAA National News

Our State Chairman of the AZ Council of Chapters, Pete Kloeber, was named to the MOAA National Board of Directors. Pete also serves on the Arizona Hall of Fame Society Board of Directors. Congratulations Pete!

Board of Directors News

Your BOD continues to meet monthly. The Nominating Committee has completed the slate for 2021. It appears on Page 5. We will vote on chapter officers and directors in November. We will be deciding on future meetings and activities as time and the virus – march on. As always, your input to our decision process is welcomed and encouraged. If you have time to volunteer assisting those who are coordinating our various activities, please let me know.

Membership Renewal Form

Susan Farrell and I contacted members concerning catching up with their dues. I thank all of you who have responded and have done so. If you have not yet been able to pay Chapter dues, I encourage you to do so at your earliest opportunity. The Form with our Treasurer, Charlie Bitner's address, is below. You may also update your contact information on the form. Dues help pay for chapter expenses. I would also remind you the importance of being current with vour MOAA National dues.

Remember **E**veryone **D**eployed

Last month, I mentioned RED Shirt Day: You may order a red shirt for you and your significant other children and grandchildren to wear on Fridays at: https://business.swvcc.org/store

Please stay safe and be healthy. I look forward to seeing you again on October 17 for the Virtual Wine Tasting and hopefully, in person, sometime in the not too distant future.







RENEW 2020 Arizona Chapter MOAA Membership

2020 AZ CHAPTER MOAA MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL FORM

Payment of dues is required by February 29, 2020 to avoid becoming delinguent. Even if you have become delinguent, 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. Please make check made payable to "AZ Chapter MOAA" and mail to: Treasurer Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020.

Member OR Surviving Spouse Member

Spouse Name ______

Please make any CHANGES to Address/Contact Information below:

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It's Happening Again - Congress Missing Budget Deadline

By the time you read this, Congress will likely have missed its October 1 deadline to pass a budget. Nor can we expect the passage of the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) or any further appropriation bills anytime soon – possibly not until after the election.

A continuing resolution (CR) is the only realistic option at this point, with precious few working days before Congress departs for the campaign trail. Last year's CR cost DoD \$19 billion extra because of delayed new starts and stop gap policies used to limp along until a new budget was approved. The question now is how much damage will it do. Failure to pass the NDAA, Coast Guard Authorization Act, and a spending bill directly impacts the uniformed services, retirees, survivors and their families.

Under a CR, legacy programs operate under last year's funding level and new programs cannot begin. Initiatives to improve the quality of life for servicemembers and their families and modernization critical to our national security will be delayed.

The best option for Congress now is to commit to a CR and a timeline for authorizations – and avoid a government shutdown. MOAA will continue to push elected officials toward a budget solution with the best possible outcome for servicemembers, veterans, and the wider military community.

While we work to secure this outcome in the short term, our long-term goal must include breaking this costly cycle of CRs. That effort will involve not just veteran and military advocacy groups, but voters (MOAA members) expressing their frustration with their lawmakers over these damaging practices.

Good Stewards of Taxpayers' Money?

Most of us learned the fundamental professional imperative to be a good financial steward of tax dollars early in our careers in uniform. Lessons from supply rooms, maintenance yards, and flight lines tend to enforce the need to keep a schedule, particularly on inventory and preventive maintenance. Those who fail to learn these lessons typically encounter career-altering outcomes.

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Personal Affairs by Lee Lange, Personal Affairs Officer



ID Cards and COVID-19: What You Need to Know

DoD has authorized the use of expired identification cards through June 30, 2021, extending a deadline that had been set to expire September 30.

DoD ID card offices are conducting renewals by appointment only, and all renewals must be made through the Real-Time Automated Personnel Identification System (RAPIDS). The move serves as a virus mitigation measure, limiting the number of people in line and in waiting areas.

Despite the extension, MOAA recommends acting quickly to make your appointment, as many ID Card offices are already scheduled several months out. If you cannot find an appointment in the next few months, we recommend increasing the range radius in the ID card facility search on the RAPIDS website (via Google). ID Card facilities in smaller stations frequently have greater availability than those at larger installations.

More Details

MOAA has received a number of requests from members seeking guidance on obtaining or renewing identification cards during this time of limited access to in-person resources.

Below, you will find links and guidance from DoD regarding changes to policy and waivers for some expired ID cards. Note: This information was updated by MOAA on Sept. 15, and DoD policies related to the COVID-19 pandemic continue to change rapidly. Get the latest ID card guidance, instructions, and forms at www.cac.mil/Coronavirus.

The Basics

- If your Uniformed Services ID Card (USID) has an expiration date between Jan. 1, 2020, and today, and your affiliation/status has not changed, *you may still use it to receive benefits*. This rule is in effect through June 30, 2021.
- DoD has expanded availability of off-site ID renewals and reissuances. You will be able to enroll new family members and update some of your information via mail or fax. More information, including where to send the required documents, is available at <u>www.cac.mil</u>. You also can contact your nearest RAPIDS location for more details.

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Bill Leicht Daniel N. Wochos	\$320 \$250	Michael A. Hoops James F. Faller Davalee G. Noton	\$200 \$175 \$150	James R. Kidwell Bruce Kosaveach	\$160 \$115	

Arizona Chapter MOAA would like to express our gratitude for your support to the Scholarship Fund. We are most grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness during this Coronavirus pandemic.

AZ Chapter MOAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS

PROPOSED OFFICER/DIRECTOR SLATE 2021

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to HELP SEW

Kathy Upchurch, Gold Star Wives of America Phoenix Chapter, Past National Pres 2007-2009 and Third Marine Division Association

Kathy Upchurch is an AZ Chapter MOAA Surviving Spouse who has been sewing face masks since March 1 for Disabled Veterans First and Women with Children. Kathy received a call in April from USS Nimitz requesting 5,000 masks. The Vietnamese Community Volunteers provided two sewers and fabric and there were 1,475 masks finished in AZ for the USS Nimitz. A bolt of fabric was donated that provided masks for the Navajo Community, fabric for a friend, Dyanne, from her church, and Mask Phoenix! (sewing masks to fill critical needs created by COVID-19), and a school for children. In June, Kathy received a request from Avondale Elementary School District for 1500 K-8 masks. By August they received 68 masks. Kathy is a retired teacher and her friends bought kid-friendly fabric as they discovered children did not want to wear masks if they weren't "fun." Her friend, Dyanne, knew of a poor, mostly Hispanic school district and, by mid-September, they were able to provide almost 1500 masks for them. Dyanne noted there were seven more schools that needed masks. Kathy also helped Fort Campbell group with special fabric, special lining and special ties. Kathy is requesting sewers who wish to help. She has five die cuts and she can cut 3 face fronts and 3 linings and can "crank them out." Kathy provides fabric, nose pieces (100 Pieces for \$6.00) and elastic or jersey knit for ties that are easier on the ears. Kathy can also provide easy instructions. Please contact Kathy by phone, text 602.799.0240 or email, ksup.gsw1969@gmail.com if you know someone who can help or if you wish to donate fabric. Many thanks, Kathy, for your volunteer efforts!

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Freedom Isn't Free Event #3 by Bruce Kosaveach, Programs Chair

In April 2020 the Arizona Chapter MOAA received a grant of \$3750 from the MOAA Foundation designed for chapter member volunteer participation in a project involving four non-profit organizations. Due to the pandemic this project was split into three smaller projects to minimize numbers of participants per project.

On September 16th the last project took place at the Youth for Troops headquarters in Anthem, AZ. Approximately 25 participants from Youth for Troops, Project Veterans Pride-James Walton Home program, and members of the Arizona Chapter of MOAA took part in this project.

Groups worked to fill hygiene boxes (25) and food boxes (50) and made them ready for delivery to the post office to be sent to FPO and APO addresses of deployed troops. Other groups worked on writing notes of appreciation to our troops, while additional groups worked to decorate boxes for future use. Participants also worked with cutting strips from plastic bags that will be further woven together as plastic mats to be utilized by homeless vets for many uses.

Youth for Troops volunteers made all preparations prior to the actual event and did an outstanding job. From the funds provided by the MOAA Foundation Grant, Youth for Troops purchased all materials, food, cleaning supplies, etc. that were then packaged and distributed by members of the Arizona Chapter of MOAA to end user organizations.

Our special thanks to Youth for Troops for helping make these events possible and successful.



Pre-event room set up by YFT in Anthem, AZ



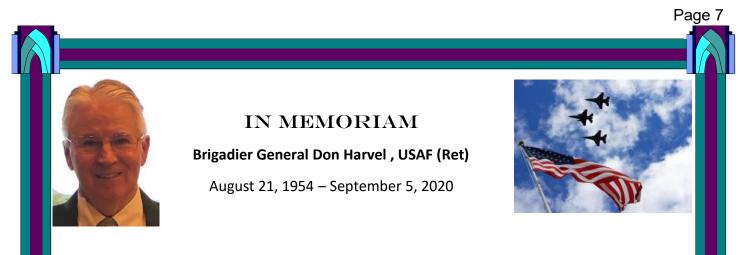
Susan Farrel & Ronnie Welch decorating boxes



Bob Fiegl & Lee Lange filling food/snack boxes



Volunteers w/finished boxes ready for the Post Office



Brigadier General Don Harvel, was born in Albuquerque, N.M. He left Albuquerque in 1972 to attend the United States Military Academy in West Point, N.Y. Following graduation, Don received a commission in the Air Force, assigning him to pilot training at Williams AFB in Arizona. His first flying assignment was flying C-130 aircraft at Dyess Air Force Base, Texas. He was reassigned, in 1982 as an instructor pilot flying C-130s with the Air Crew Training and Test Wing (Air Force Special Operations) at Kirkland Air Force Base, N.M.

Don left active duty in 1985 to join the Texas Air National Guard. A year later, he was hired at Delta Air Lines and enjoyed dual careers. At Delta, he flew the Boeing 727, 737, 757, 767, 777 and the MD-88. He met his beautiful wife, Nan, who was a passenger on his airplane, while he was flying a trip for Delta in 1993.

Back in the military, Don's assignments included Commander of the 181st Airlift Squadron, Commander of the 136th Operations Group, and Commander of the 136th Airlift Wing. In 2008, he was promoted to Brigadier General and assigned to be the Deputy Commander of the Texas Air National Guard. He also served as the Assistant to the Commander of Air Force Special Operations, during this time.

In 2010, Don was also assigned to be the president of an accident investigation board to investigate an Osprey crash in Afghanistan. He recently completed a 50-chapter book titled "*Rotors in the Sand*," detailing the accident and investigation process, while honoring those soldiers involved in the accident. He then retired from the Air Force/Air National Guard with the permanent rank of Brigadier General. Don completed 34 years of military service that included deployments for Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom. He had more than 4,500 hours of C-130 flying experience.

In August 2019, Don also retired from Delta Air Lines with over 23 years as an experienced captain. In his free time, Don enjoyed volunteer work and various hobbies as well as taking his '53 Corvette to car shows in town, meeting with friends for a casual beer and enjoying the Arizona nights by the pool. He was also an avid listener of Chicago, the Beatles and Christmas tunes.

Don was a loving husband, father, son, friend, and leader. He lit up each room as he entered and was known for always having a smile on his face. Don and his family moved to Fountain Hills in 2016 and he would always say that moving there was the best decision he had ever made (after marrying Nan, of course). He loved the community with the "world-famous" fountain. He is survived by his father and stepmother in Albuquerque, his wife, three children, three brothers, and many other relatives and friends.

AZ Chapter MOAA sends heartfelt condolences to Nan and the Harvel family. There has also been a \$50 contribution to the Scholarship Fund in memory of Don Harvel.

2nd Battalion, 345th Infantry Regiment, 87th Infantry Division World War II 1939-1945 **POW** 1944-1945 Korean War 1950-1953 Vietnam War 1961-1975 Service Dates 1943-1972

IN MEMORIAM

CWO4 George William Hadley, USA (Ret)



July 25, 1924 - September 30, 2019

<u>Excerpt from Alan Pendergrast Interview with George Hadley</u>: George William Hadley was born in Woodstock, Ontario in 1924. When his father, a U.S. citizen, married his mother, a Canadian citizen, in France in 1918, she became a U.S. citizen. In 1924, she traveled to her parents' home in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada, to give birth to George and continued to travel to Canada for birth of his other siblings.

He was in the Army from 11 February 11, 1943 to October 1972, (29 years, 6 months, 11 days). George started out at Camp Jordon, Georgia, with the 3rd Calvary, as a cook: third cook, second cook, first cook, then mess sergeant. After a "discussion" with his troop commander, Private Hadley was transferred to the infantry at Fort Jackson.

In 1944, George went overseas with the 87th and was captured. After liberation, they went back. One of his stories: "I was in the 100th General Hospital in Bar Le Duc, France, and I had a broken tooth, plus another one that was kind of messed up ... nothing to do with being a POW. Just happened. Anyway, I went down to the dental clinic there in the hospital, and there was a T5" ... Now I think they're Specialist 4 or something. Anyway, he was sitting there reading a funny book and ... he said, 'yeah, can I help you?' because I was in a hospital gown. 'I got a broken tooth here. I'd like to have a dentist look at it.' He laid his funny book down and he went through his appointment book. 'Now, this is March,' he says, 'Well, I can give you an appointment on the 12th of August.' I said, 'Man, I'll be long gone by then." He said, 'Well, that's the way it is, you know, we're busy in here.'" To make his story short, George went back to the ward nurse who asked how it went at the dental clinic and George told her what happened. She went back to the dentist and told him about "that Sergeant over there who was a POW and his father was a Brigadier General." The next day, the T5 had an appointment for George and he found out how that happened when the dentist asked, "How's your father doing down in Italy?"

After France, George and his unit came back for two weeks at Lake Placid Country Club, the RAMP (Recovered Allied Military Personnel) camp, run by the Army. He checked in at the front desk with his wife and the PFC behind the desk took his luggage up to the little cottage. The mess hall was run by the GI cooks (excellent job). Before going to Fort Knox, staying there with the armed forces from 1945 until 1952, he was processed back into the system, complete physical, financial, etc. In 1952 he went to Fort Bliss Guided Missile School (1953). From 1954-1956, George taught school. The remainder were shipped out to be cadre for their defense units, 19 Ajax missile batteries at that time being deployed throughout the U.S. By that time, he had 11 years as enlisted.

George's POW experience from 3 February 1944 until the 5 March 1945 in Limburg, Germany: His 87th Infantry Division was moved through Bastogne to relieve the 101st when his Commander asked them to find out what was on the other wide of the woods. On their left flank, they spotted a German infantry company and, on their right flank, was another infantry company. They were instructed to find out what was ahead when they were encircled and fired upon: two killed, three wounded. Nine of them versus two companies. They took their M1s, pulled the trigger group out and slung them so the Germans couldn't use them against us or somebody later on in life. And from there the Germans just marched them back. A \$50 contribution to the Scholarship Fund has been made to honor George. You may read the entire interview at Library of Congress/Veterans History Project http://memory.loc.gov/diglib/yhp/story/loc.natlib.afc2001001.02304/transcript?ID=sr0001

OCTOBER 17 MEMBERSHIP MEETING—Virtual WINE TASTING EVENT

The Wine Tasting is sponsored by Wines for Humanity and will provide a commission for our chapter from both the participation fee and all wine that we order after the event. This tasting will feature three Wines: 1) South African Chenin Blanc, 2) Duca Bortini Sangiovese, Italy and, 3) Wines for Humanity Malbec, Argentina. Each participant will receive three full-size bottles of these wines with a (*total value of \$79.00*) for a cost of \$48.99 plus tax, shipping & handling. If you wish to participate, you will need to order your wine by October 1 to ensure delivery by the date.

To order, call Tammy Himes, our Wine Advisor, at 602.469.8396. Two couples may want to go together for the event, but orders need to be made on one credit card.

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