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President's Perspective by Pete Berger



Independence Day

Happy Independence Day to all! I often think that those of us who have volunteered to put our lives or the lives of someone we love in harm's way to protect our Independence and Freedoms find special meaning in this and other similar celebrations. I thank you for your Patriotism and continued efforts to support those past and current veterans who have and are maintaining the fight for those same ideals. "The few have always defended the many."

MOAA Grant Volunteer Activity

Please consider volunteering at our next National MOAA Grant community project on **July 27** from 5 to 7 PM. We need at least three dozen volunteers to fill backpacks for veterans' school children, laundry baskets for our local veterans and boxes for our active-duty overseas military. Your participation is greatly needed. Exceptional details can be found in this *Sentinel* on pages 6, 7 and 8. Kudos and thanks to Bruce Kosaveach for another community program well done!

Presidential Perspective Continued on Page 3

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Bob Fiegl, AZ Chapter Membership Chair

Keeping Your MOAA Profile Updated

Have you moved? Have you obtained a new telephone number or email address? If so, please take a few moments to log in to the MOAA.org National website and make any necessary updates. Unfortunately, I'm unable to do that for our members. Secondly, please submit any updates/changes to me, via email to fieglr869@gmail.com which will allow me to update your information on our chapter roster.

For anyone with an Apple iPhone, a QR code is available which will take you to our chapter's web site for additional information. So, impress your friends with your knowledge of your phone's capabilities and modern technology and use this snazzy little code. If that is not convenient for you, our chapter's web page is at <https://www.azmoaa.org/> There's loads of useful information there!



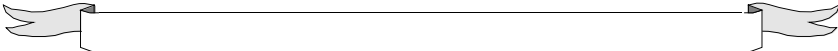
WELCOME NEW MEMBERS !

Ms Sally Brasher Brauer,
Surviving Spouse of
CPT Jimmy Mac Brasher, USA
April 9, 1941 - September 28, 1966

Lt Col Wally Fowler, USAF (Ret)
and his wife, Ruth Fowler

CPT Lenore Portante, USA (Ret)
Military Training Coordinator at Scottsdale Healthcare

LTC Brian G. Ridley, USA (Active)



Please welcome our new members at the September 18 monthly membership luncheon.
Wishing you a safe and happy Fourth of July!

President's Perspective Cont'd from Page 1

October 2021

August 2021

If you haven't sent in your seat reservation for the Dodger v. Diamondbacks game on **August 1**, you have only two more days to send it to Jim Cullison. Please see details on page 9.

September 2021

Please save the date for **September 11**, the 20th anniversary of 9/11. We are planning on a social hour or four during the Air Force-Navy football game, which was moved to commemorate that important day. Our first membership luncheon meeting after our summer break is planned for **September 18** which we anticipate being at the McCormick Ranch Golf Club but are awaiting final word from their BOD. We will notify you of the venue in our September 1 *Sentinel* newsletter. We are not aware of any preventative measures that may be required but will let you know about them as necessary.

Another fundraiser combined with our partners, the SW Veterans Chamber of Commerce and SW Veterans Foundation will be held **September 18 - September 27**. Please read about it on page 10.

Our partner, Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce and Southwest Veterans Foundation has will be hosting the Patriot's Ball the night of **October 16** at Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort. A flyer and reservation form can be accessed on pages 11 and 12 of this *Sentinel*. It is a truly spectacular event and fundraiser.

The October meeting **October 23** is our annual Picnic that Ron Bright has arranged for the 4th Saturday at McCormick Railroad Park. Bruce Kosaveach always find the best music for entertainment. Details will be provided in our October *Sentinel*.

Your Board of Directors meets to facilitate ongoing activities of our chapter. Fundraising efforts headed by our two vice presidents, Tom Sheets and Jack Farley, have brought in over \$2700 for our General Fund that we are able to use to help veterans in non-scholarship ways. We currently have over \$10,000.00 in the General Fund and over \$22,000.00 in the Scholarship Fund, after having provided three \$2500.00 scholarships to outstanding ASU ROTC Cadets.

(President's Perspective Continued on Page 5)



**Arizona Chapter MOAA Membership
DUES RENEWAL**

Dues for 2021 were payable on January 1. **Dues became DELINQUENT on March 1, 2021.** If you become delinquent, you can still pay your Past Dues by completing your information below and sending it with your check — **\$20/year for a Regular Member** and **\$10/year for a Surviving Spouse Member** payable to **"AZ Chapter MOAA"** and mail to:
Treasurer **Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020.**

Dues for **2021** \$ _____
 Member OR Surviving Spouse Member _____
 Spouse Name _____

Please make any *CHANGES* to your Contact Information below:

Address: _____
 Phone number: _____ Email: _____



Federal Legislative Update

by Lee Lange, Legislative Chair

Inside the Biden Budget: Details on Pay Raise, TRICARE Fees, and More

The Biden Administration released the full version of its FY 2022 budget proposal to Congress on May 28, and MOAA's government relations team has been hard at work analyzing the 1,000-page proposal to understand the details and what issues need to be addressed in the upcoming budget cycle.

What Comes Next?

After the release of the Administration's preliminary budget April 9, Congress began meeting with administration officials to question them about their requests. Hearings will continue with the full version of the proposal.

Following this analysis, the House and Senate Budget Committees will develop separate budget resolutions, which will set the spending constraints for the upcoming fiscal year's mandatory and discretionary funding. Mandatory funding is used for existing federal programs like Social Security and Medicare. Discretionary funding is divided amongst the House and Senate Appropriations Committees, with the budget resolution setting the spending levels for each appropriations bill. Each of the 12 Appropriations subcommittees oversee the funding of the government's federal agencies and programs.

Additionally, the budget resolutions establish the budget authority for the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA is the main legislative engine for MOAA's advocacy to affect change on DoD programs and policies. Work on the NDAA begins in the House Armed Services Committee and the Senate Armed Services Committee. Both committees will continue to conduct hearings with DOD officials and will begin markups for this year's NDAA.

If the budget does not pass by the start of the new fiscal year (October 1), Congress can pass a continuing resolution (CR), which carries over the appropriated funding set in the last fiscal year through the date that the CR ends. In cases where a budget has not

been passed by Congress and signed by the president, and there is no CR in place, the government begins the process of shutting down. Government shutdowns further disrupt regular order in Congress and delays congressional business until the previously preventable funding emergency is resolved.

What MOAA Is Tracking

The DoD budget proposal is set at \$715 billion, an \$11 billion (1.7%) increase over the FY 2021 topline. Key takeaways include a 2.7% pay raise that remains tied to the Employment Cost Index for the military, and unlike years past includes the president's authority to program the civilian raise also at 2.7%. Additionally, the budget proposal does not include any new cost increases to TRICARE beneficiaries.

The budget includes a reduction of overall military end strength, which is concerning when considering the growth of the Space Force and growing threats from China and Russia. The proposed active-duty end strength would drop to 1,346,400 under the budget, from 1,351,000 in the enacted FY 2021 budget. Here is the breakdown by service:

- Army: FY 21 enacted 486,000; FY 22 proposed 485,000
- Marine Corps: FY 21 enacted 181,200; FY 22 proposed 178,500.
- Navy: FY 21 enacted 348,400; FY 22 proposed 346,200
- Air Force: FY 21 enacted 329,100; FY 22 proposed 328,300.
- Space Force: FY 21 enacted 6,400; FY22 proposed 8,400.

Arizona STATE Legislative Update

by Lee Lange, Legislative Chair

State Legislature Budget Negotiations – Big Wins for Veterans

Arizona's state legislature has been focused on FY2022 budget negotiations for much of the last two months in a marathon legislative session. At stake are the state's 11 budget bills totaling \$12.8B. The legislature has until June 30 to approve a budget that can be signed by Governor Ducey. The state's new fiscal year starts July 1. *Continued on page 5.*

Arizona State Legislation Continued from Page 4

The most controversial issue in budget discussion has been Governor Ducey's plan to adopt a flat income tax for Arizona of 2.5%. Arizona's current income tax is based on five brackets topping out at 8%. Despite heated discussions over the impact of the \$1B tax cut, the flat tax was approved along party line votes and a narrow Republican majority.

The FY 2022 budget includes some of the biggest wins ever for veterans in the state. Here are three of them.

- **Veterans Benefit Counselors (VBC's).** Appropriates \$774K to hire 12 additional VBC's to help advise veterans in the state and assist them in submitting earned benefits claims. This issue has been top priority of Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV) for the last three years.

- **State Veterans Home Mohave County.** The budget calls for \$25M for a future veteran's home in Mohave County. This sum represents the state's share of construction costs. The federal government must put up 65% of construction costs or the money will not be spent. The Arizona Department of Veterans Services (ADVS) will continue detailed planning and coordination with the federal government to make the facility a reality.

- **Veterans' Income Tax Exemption on Military Retired Pay.** This initiative calls for full exemption, retroactive to January 1, 2021. The current exemption is \$3500. It is priced at \$45M and directly impacts over 54K military retirees in the state. Governor Ducey has previously expressed strong support for this initiative, and it was approved as part of the Governor's flat tax plan. This is a major step forward in making Arizona a veteran friendly state.

President's Perspective Continued from Page 2

AZ Chapter MOAA was awarded another LOE (Levels of Excellence) this past year. We received MOAA Communications awards for our website, which Rob Welch had been excellently maintaining for years and which Carl Ulrich has assumed and continued the excellent work. Carl, who contracts with us, has done an exceptional job. Our deep gratitude goes to Janet Lange for another year of truly excellent editing for the *Sentinel*! It is a time-consuming job and we are better for having Janet in that key position.

The BOD has been sending out letters to remind everyone to catch up on their dues. We have received good response but still have a few who are 2 to 3 years behind. I will be calling those members to inquire as to their status. Those who are not caught up by August 5 will, reluctantly, be dropped from our roles and will no longer receive emails or the *Sentinel*.

I personally hope that you have all had the opportunity to be vaccinated. The few people I know in my private practice who got ill with COVID were unvaccinated. More than anything we are hoping to see everyone in person, healthy and ready for a new beginning as we return to normal.

I look forward to seeing you all in the very near future. Stay well and stay involved.

ARIZONA CHAPTER MOAA CALENDAR

Board of Directors Meetings

First Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted

**August 5 Board Meeting:
Scottsdale American Legion Post 44 @ 11:30**

September Luncheon/Meeting
Fourth Saturday of September

September 18, 2021
Social Hour at 1100,
Luncheon 1145-1400

Location, Menu and Program
TBA in September 1 *Sentinel*

Reservations Required by 9/14/21

FREEDOM ISN'T FREE

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT SUPPORTING
ARIZONA VETERANS AND DEPLOYED TROOPS



JULY 27TH 5-7 PM

Event will benefit **four** charities:

Youth for Troops: Care Packages for Deployed Troops and Plastic Mats for Homeless Veterans

Veterans First, Ltd: Backpacks for Children of Veterans in Crisis

U.S.VETS: Move-In Kits for Veterans Transitioning into Permanent Housing

James Walton Home - Project Veterans Pride: Donation Drive for Veterans in Transitional Housing



Complete list of donations needed is listed on back or online at <http://bit.ly/MOAA2021Freedom>

FAMILY-FRIENDLY
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

RSVP Required: Please respond to
Bruce Kosaveach at bek1@cox.net or call (602) 501-9876

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- ✓ SORT/CUT PLASTIC BAGS AND MAKE PLARN BALLS FOR PLASTIC MATS FOR HOMELESS VETERANS

SAGEWOOD 4555 E MAYO BLVD, PHOENIX AZ 85050

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COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT SUPPORTING
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CARE PACKING EVENT
2nd Monday Each Month
5:30-7:00 PM
Outlets at Anthem

Community Service Project
Family-friendly, all ages welcome!



FOOD CARE PACKAGE

ITEMS:

Granola Bars
Trail Mix
Chips
Cookies
Pretzels
Dried Fruit
Nuts
PopTarts
Sunflower Seeds
Soup Mix
Canned Soup- (Soup on the Go/Microwave Bowls)
Top Ramen
Canned Pasta- (Single Bowls/Pop Top)
Peanut Butter - (Single Serve)

Canned/Kit Meat
Tuna Packets/Kits
Chicken Packets/Kits
Salmon Packets/Small Cans
Beef Jerky
Instant Oatmeal Packets
Drink Mix Singles
Coffee Singles
Tea Bags (individ. wrapped)
Hot Chocolate Packets
Candy/Mints/Gum
Tabasco Sauce 2 oz.
Condiments: Hot Sauce, Mustard, Relish, Ketchup, Honey, Syrup, Jelly, Mayo, Creamer, Sugar, Salt, Pepper, Sweetener



HYGIENE PACKAGE

ITEMS: Travel Size

Lip Balm
Artificial Tears (sun/dust)
Hand Sanitizer- Travel Size
Foot Powder- Travel Size
Deodorant
Toothpaste Travel Size
Dental Floss/Picks
Mouthwash- Travel Size
Body Wash- Travel Size
Shampoo- Travel Size
Conditioner- Travel Size
Kleenex- Travel Size
Plastic Bandages
Baby Wipes
Antiseptic Wipes
Cotton Balls
Cotton Swabs
Advil - Travel Size
Cough Drops
Razors
White Undershirts



ENTERTAINMENT ITEMS:

Magazines (new or used)
DVDs
Travel Games
Puzzle Books
Books- Paperback Only
Playing Cards

PACKING SUPPLIES:

Re-sealable Quart Bags
Re-sealable Gallon Bags
Re-sealable Sandwich Bags
Re-sealable Snack Bags
Sharpies
Patriotic Stickers
Trash Bags

\$30/month ships a food box and hygiene box to a deployed service member
\$360 sponsors care packages to a deployed hero for a year
Donate online youthfortroops.org or on our Facebook page.



Items to Fill Backpacks

wide-ruled spiral notebooks	pink erasers
wide-ruled filler paper	glue sticks
wide-ruled composition notebooks	highlighters yellow
2-pocket folders	highlighters blue
1" flexible binders	colored pencils
blunt scissors	water color sets
pencil pouches	school glue
#2 pencils	red pens
Crayons 24 count	blue pens
pencil sharpeners	black pens
rulers	small water bottles

Backpacks are provided- we need items to fill the backpacks!



laundry basket
laundry detergent
dryer sheets
toilet tissue
bathroom rug
paper towels

Full-size personal hygiene products:
toothpaste, razors, toothbrush, body wash, wash cloths, towels, etc.

Any basic pantry items:
salt and pepper, seasonings, cooking oil, full-size condiments, etc.

Cleaning products: trash bags, dish soap, kitchen towels, cleaning towels, toilet bowl cleaner



SUPPLIES

Tri-fold towels
Kleenex
Toilet Paper
Sugar (10lb)
Paper Towels
Cereal
Canned Ground Coffee
Canned Vegetables

DONATION LIST IS ONLINE AT [HTTP://BIT.LY/MOAA2021FREEDOM](http://bit.ly/moaa2021freedom)

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SAGEWOOD 4555 E MAYO BLVD, PHOENIX AZ 85050

CALLING ALL MEMBERS!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

We will meet at **SageWood Retirement Community** at **5PM** on **Tuesday, July 27th**. It is located at 4555 E Mayo Blvd., Phoenix, AZ 85050. This is the day we volunteer to help our local Arizona veterans and our globally deployed veterans. We will work alongside our four non-profit organizations:

- Youth for Troops
- Veterans First
- U.S. Vets – Phoenix
- Project Veterans Pride – James Walton Home

to utilize the MOAA Foundation Grant monies given to our chapter. This is an incredibly worthwhile and meaningful event that has a true impact for our veterans. **Thank you, SAGEWOOD!**

Please see the above 2-1/2 page flyer for details and plan to attend!!



Baseball is Back!



And the Arizona Diamondbacks want
YOU back!

Join fellow members of the MOAA Arizona Chapter as we get together for a summer break at the ballpark. Brings guests -- kids, grandkids, friends, & family.

When: Sunday, August 1, 2021

What Time: First pitch is at 1:10 p.m.

Who's Playing: The Diamondbacks vs. The LA Dodgers

Where: Chase Field, 4th Street & Jefferson **Great**

Seats: Second Level on 1st base side

How Much: Group discount tickets are \$43 per person

Just fill out the form below and mail with your check by **Saturday, July 3.**
Your tickets will be mailed to you within 2 weeks from that date.

Make check payable to: AZ Chapter MOAA

Hope to see you there.

Name: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

Check for \$ _____ enclosed for _____ tickets at \$43 each.

Mail to: Jim Cullison 13819 N. 51st St., Scottsdale, AZ 85254

Phone: 602-482-3838, E-mail: cullison30@q.com



WE WANT YOU!

To help us with our September Fundraising Auction

In September, our Chapter will again partner with the Southwest Veterans Foundation (SWVF) and the Southwest Veterans Chamber of Commerce (SWVCC) to conduct an online auction to raise funds to support the Veteran issues and programs of the three organizations. On the last auction, we raised over \$2700 for our AZ Chapter MOAA General Fund. ***Please save the dates: The auction will begin at 8:00 am on Saturday September 18th and end at 6:00 pm on Monday September 27th.***

While September 18th might seem like a long way off, it is important to start collecting donated auctions now. All three participating organizations will obtain donated items. The first step for a successful auction is to obtain many donated items of value and interest to our member bases. Our goal is to have 75 items in the auction. We already have approximately 20 items for the auction. This is where we need your help.

What type of items are of value and interest to our members and our friends in the community that will also participate? In past auctions popular items have included golf, wine and spirits, restaurant gift cards, retail gift cards, art and home décor, tickets to outdoor and indoor activities, and any item that you might bid on. While we know some members will buy an item and donate it to the auction, we really want you to find businesses that will donate them as part of their marketing and community support programs.

To donate an item please contact Jack Farley at 412.779.0372 or jfa327@aol.com or Tom Sheets at 760.213.3705 or t.sheets@swvcc.org.



2021 Southwest Veterans Foundation

Please Save The Date for the 6th Annual

PATRIOTS BALL

Desert Heroes

A Salute to Iraq & Afghanistan Veterans



October 16th. 2021

Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort

1111 North 7th. Street,

Phoenix, Arizona 85020

5:30pm - 11:00pm

Presenting Sponsor:

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For more information, visit our website at SWVFoundation.org



6th Annual Patriots Ball Registration Form

On behalf of the Southwest Veterans Foundation and Chamber of Commerce, we cordially invite you to join us for the 6th Annual Patriots Ball at the Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort – Saturday, October 16, 2021.

The Southwest Veterans Foundation and Chamber of Commerce Patriots Ball brings together veterans and patriot owned businesses, veterans support groups, and business and civic leaders to celebrate our brave veterans. Event proceeds fund chamber member programs, scholarships and veterans support programs in the Phoenix area.

Date: Saturday, October 16, 2021
Time: 5:30 PM – 11:00 PM
Location: Pointe Hilton Tapatio Cliffs Resort
Address: 11111 N. 7th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85020
Attire: Cocktail Attire/Uniforms
 Forma Wear Optional
Program: 5:30 PM – Reception and Silent Auction
 7:30 PM - Dinner

Tickets: \$125.00 for Members - \$150.00 for Non-Members

of Attendees: _____ @ \$125.00/\$150.00 ea. = \$ _____

Attendees Names: _____

Additional Special Seating or Meal Requirements: _____

Billing Information

First Name: _____
 Last Name: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone/Mobile: (____) _____
 Email: _____

Please mail registration form with payment to:
 Southwest Veterans Foundation
 3820 W. Happy Valley Rd., Suite 141-455,
 Glendale, AZ 85310

Male checks payable to Southwest Veterans Foundation
 If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Patti Pyle at 602 236-8192 or Email: Patti.Pyle@srpnet.com

Payment Information

Payment Type: Credit Card Check#: _____
 Cardholders Name: _____
 Credit Card #: _____
 Card Type: _____ Exp. Date: _____
 Zip Code: _____

The Southwest Veterans Foundation and Chamber of Commerce appreciate your support of our veterans owned businesses and veterans support initiatives.

We are planning on having a great night and look forward to seeing you there!



May 15 Luncheon Meeting Program



We met May 15 for our member luncheon meeting at the Scottsdale American Legion with our Non-Profit Partners to hear about their mission, who they support and how they provide that support to their military members and veterans.

Joan Sisco – Veterans First Ltd.
Morgan Knight – U.S. Vets Phoenix
Christeen Verchot – James Walton Home

With the 2021 MOAA Foundation Grant, our AZ Chapter MOAA will again be working with Youth for Troops and our veteran based non-profit organizations on July 27 at Sagewood to volunteer assistance to Arizona service members and veterans locally and Arizona servicemembers globally.

Youth for Troops spoke to our chapter several months ago and we were able to meet the other three organizations to hear about their mission and programs.

Veterans First Ltd -- Their mission is the prevention of homelessness and helping Women Veterans stabilize their lives. They provide referrals, resources and information to all Veterans, their families and caregivers.

U.S.VETS — Phoenix is part of a larger organization that has proudly served homeless, at-risk and underserved veterans for 20 years. They are building a new home that will serve as a therapeutic, residential community that provides veterans the tools they need to regain their dignity and build a stronger future.

Project Veterans Pride—James Walton Home — is a non-profit veteran-run organization, passionate about helping homeless veterans restore their pride and dignity so they are able to return to being self-sufficient and productive members of society.



Left: Morgan Knight is pictured relating U.S. Vets Ltd mission to serve veterans.



Right: Bruce Kosaveach looks on as Lee Lange presents Morgan Knight with the MOAA pen.



Arizona Chapter MOAA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY: Men and women who are or have been federally commissioned in one of the seven U.S. formed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard), or NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) or U.S. Public Health Services, the National Guard or other Reserve Components of those services, and Surviving Spouses of deceased individuals who would, if living, be eligible for regular membership as defined above.

Full Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone #: _____ E-Mail: _____

Branch of Service: _____ Rank: _____

Service Status: Active (includes Reserve/National Guard) Retired
 Former Officer Warrant Officer
 Surviving spouse of deceased MOAA member OR eligible individual

Date of Birth _____

If you are a Member of National MOAA, please provide your National MOAA Number: _____

If you are not a member of National MOAA, you may request membership at moaa.org -OR- you may request _____ Bob Fiegl, our AZ Chapter Membership Chairperson, to enroll you for a no-cost Basic Membership for 3 Years.

Chapter Dues are \$20.00 per year for a Regular Member and \$10 for a Surviving Spouse. Dues for new members joining: Jan 1–Jun 30 = \$20. Jul 1 – Dec 31 = \$20 (includes following year paid in full).

Amount enclosed: \$_____ Please mail check payable to AZMOAA with completed application to: Treasurer Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85020

How did you learn about the Arizona Chapter? AZ MOAA Website The Sentinel Newsletter
 AZMOAA Member Membership Chairman Other _____

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors.

Who can join MOAA

Eligibility: Men and women who are or have been federally commissioned in one of the nine U.S. uniformed services:

Army
Navy
Air Force
Marine Corps
Coast Guard
Public Health Services
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)
U.S. Space Force

National Guard or other Reserve Components of those services.

Widows and widowers of deceased individuals who would be eligible for regular membership, if living, in accordance with the above.

Recent Donations:

Thru June 2021

General Fund:

Jim/Beth Cullison \$100

John Brammer \$100



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- Military Discounts
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July 2021

- July 1 US Postage Stamp Day
- July 2 World UFO Day
- July 3 Eat Beans Day
- July 4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**
- July 5 Bikini Day
- July 6 Fried Chicken Day
- July 7 Macaroni Day
- July 8 Ice Cream Sundae Day
- July 9 Sugar Cookie Day
- July 10 Kitten Day
- July 11 Blueberry Muffin Day
- July 12 Paper Bag Day
- July 13 French Fry Day
- July 14 Tape Measure Day
- July 15 Love Horses Day
- July 16 World Snake Day
- July 17 Tattoo Day
- July 18 Sour Candy Day
- July 19 Stick Out Your Tongue Day
- July 20 Moon Day
- July 21 Legal Drinking Age Day
- July 22 Hammock Day
- July 23 Vanilla Ice Cream Day
- July 24 Tequila Day
- July 25 Merry Go Round Day
- July 26 Bagelfest Day
- July 27 **MOAA Grant @ Sagewood 5-7 PM**
- July 28 Milk Chocolate Day
- July 29 Lipstick Day
- July 30 Cheesecake Day

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- August 1 DiamondBacks vs. L.A. Dodgers
- August 2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- August 3 National Watermelon Day
- August 4 National Coast Guard Day
- August 5 National Oyster Day
- August 6 National Root Beer Float Day
- August 7 National Purple Heart Day
- August 8 National Spirit of '45 Day
- August 9 National Book Lovers Day
- August 10 National S'mores Day
- August 11 National Raspberry Bombe Day
- August 12 Congressional Startup Day
- August 13 First Friday the 13th of the Year Day
- August 14 National Code Talkers Day
- August 15 World Honey Bee Day
- August 16 National Military Airborne Day
- August 17 National Nonprofit Day
- August 18 National Ice Cream Pie Day
- August 19 National Aviation Day
- August 20 National Chocolate Pecan Pie Day
- August 21 National Senior Citizens Day
- August 22 National Pecan Torte Day
- August 23 National Cuban Sandwich Day
- August 24 National Peach Pie Day
- August 25 National Park Service Founders Day
- August 26 National Dog Day
- August 27 National Just Because Day
- August 28 National Red Wine Day
- August 29 National Chop Suey Day
- August 30 National Beach Day
- August 31 National Diatomaceous Earth Day

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