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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Please allow me a few words to update you regarding upcoming events this fall season.

First, we are hosting the Arizona Council of Chapters' Fall Meeting on Nov. 7 and 8 at the Canoa Ranch Resort, Green Valley. If you would like to attend, please contact me for details. This meeting will include representatives from all Arizona MOAA Chapters.

Our annual special donation to 162nd Fighter Wing of the Arizona Air National Guard will be presented to Mikie Hoeye, Family Readiness Program Manager. This donation is earmarked for the 162<sup>nd</sup> Food Locker which includes our Chapters donation of 30 turkeys and gift cards to be dispensed to needy service personnel for Thanksgiving.

Also at the November meeting we will hold our annual Board of Directors election for 2020. If you are interested in volunteering for a position for the Board, please contact me for consideration. We always appreciate new volunteers.

We will hold our annual Toys for Tots collection. Donations of new toys or money will be collected by a Marine contingent that evening.

In this issue of the newsletter there is an article by COL Marianne Rogers Faust reporting her work as JROTC Liaison. For those who have wondered exactly what our support for JROTC Programs in Southern AZ entails, I think this article will enlighten you and demonstrate the importance of our support of this program. (In future newsletters we will spotlight specific Board of Director members as to their functions and activities)

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't once again mention that our 2020 Chapter Dues are due. A renewal form is on page 3 of this newsletter and online at [greenvalleymoaa.org](http://greenvalleymoaa.org).

Hope to see all of you at the November dinner meeting.

Joseph Longo, 1LT USA (Former)  
2019 Chapter President  
Green Valley Chapter, MOAA

**Never Stop Serving**

### GV MOAA CHAPTER RECEIVES LEVEL OF EXCELLENCE AWARD

Contributor: Dick Newman, Past President;  
Scholarship & Military Assistance Fund

The chapter was awarded its eleventh consecutive 5 star Level of Excellence Award for 2018. We are part of a "complete sweep" wherein all the Arizona chapters plus the Council of Chapters were listed as five star winners.

## IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN: MEMBERSHIP DUES

Contributor: Elliott Jones, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Membership

Your membership is very important to the MOAA Green Valley Chapter as well as to the national organization. The Military Officers Association of America is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. Each member adds to MOAA's voice, speaking for a strong national defense and presenting the interests of military officers at every stage of their careers.

Your Green Valley chapter has a Scholarship Fund to award scholarships to outstanding JROTC students from four local high schools. We also have a Military Assistance Fund to help the families of all veterans who demonstrate a need.

Your Officers and Board members wish to thank you for your continued support of MOAA of Green Valley. The early renewal year membership year runs between October 1 and 31 December. Your dues will be paid until the end of the following year. Once again, we have no increase in dues and they remain at \$25 and \$15 auxiliary. You can renew at any one of our upcoming events. Your dues allow us to continue our support to the community and all our veterans. We ask that you consider renewing your membership so we can continue our support to our community and these great causes.

### In addition we also provide support to:

- Food for Families
- Turkeys for Troops
- Toys for Tots
- Women Warriors sponsor
- Honor Flight sponsor
- Tucson Veterans Serving Veterans sponsor
- Santa Cruz Serving Veterans member

## TOYS FOR TOTS COLLECTION

Contributor: Peggy McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs; Public Relations Officer

The Marine Corps League from Green Valley will be accepting donations for its annual *Toys for Tots* campaign at the dinner on November 13. Toys or other gifts for infants up to teens age 16 are needed. While the younger children prefer toys, the teens like gift cards for fast food restaurants, Walmart, Target, I-Tunes. Teen girls like make-up too.



Those wishing to avoid a trip to a shopping mall may make checks payable to GV MOAA Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund. Then one check will be given to *Toys for Tots* from the Chapter for them to use to purchase items where the need is greatest.

And your Chapter will be sending a thank you for your donation for tax purposes.



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## 2020 Chapter Membership Dues

Chapter Dues: (Regular-\$25; Auxiliary-\$15)

Membership Dues \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to: Military Officers Association of Green Valley (or GV MOAA).

PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ National # \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliary \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_

Month/Day/Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

## Scholarship & Military Assistance Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation.

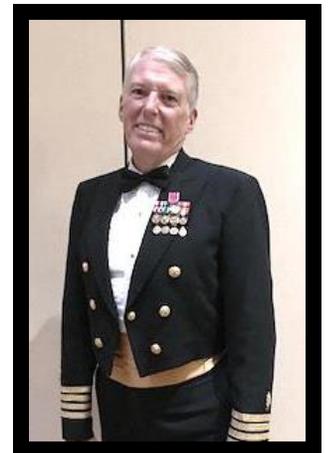
Make check payable to Green Valley MOAA Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund or GV MOAA S&MA Fund. **Dues may be paid at any meeting or mailed to Military Officers Association of America, Green Valley, Arizona Chapter, P.O. Box 1535, Green Valley, AZ 85622-1535.**

## DINNER MEETING IN NOVEMBER WILL BE A BUSY ONE

Contributor: Peggy McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs; Public Relations Officer

Chapter members are invited to join us for dinner in the Madera Clubhouse Crystal Ballroom #1 on Wednesday, November 13. Social period begins at 5 p.m. and dinner will be served at 5:30. The menu will feature a choice of stuffed pork or chicken Cordon Bleu. Both are served with seasonal vegetables. Dessert will feature a mixed berry pie. Cost of the meal is \$26.50. Reservations can be made by mailing in the reservation form found on page 5 of this newsletter or by calling Phil Lamb at 520-771-6098 or 503-730-3664 no later than November 6.

Chapter member, Navy CAPT Jeff McCune will be the featured speaker that night. Jeff will talk about the flag of the United States from its origin to present day and will include highlights from most of the battles that our flag has seen. Included will be some insights into the behind-the-scenes stories, such as the National Anthem, Iwo Jima, and 911. Unfortunately, there will be some reflections on the bad times that our flag has faced, such as the burnings, and disrespect shown by some now famous people. The gist of the talk will be about how the flag has withstood all of these challenges.



CAPT McCune is a natural for this topic because he is passionate about our Nation's flag and what it stands for. His father once said, "To be a good salesperson, you must believe in the product you are selling." After 32 years in service to his country, Jeff believes in the flag and what it represents. As a child he said the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag every morning at school. Today, kids don't do that. As a young teenager, he raised his hand and took the oath of enlistment swearing to support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies..., and later, as a Navy Officer, he raised his hand again to support and defend, but also to bear true faith and allegiance to the same. Jeff proudly wears the US Flag with respect and pride. Over the years he watched as others belittled our flag, burned it, shredded it, and even refused to give their allegiance, making him all the more determined to study the flag, and tell others about our great flag. Many stories about the flag go untold, and in today's social environment, he just doesn't want those stories to be lost.

Jeff is a retired Navy Captain with 32 years of service, most of which were in the Reserves. His undergraduate degree is in Chemistry from the University of Kansas. He earned an MBA from Wichita State University, and Law degree from the Presidents College School of Law. He was awarded three National Defense Ribbons, a Legion of Merit, and many others. He also worked for the Boeing Corporation for 28 years in the Human Resources department. Jeff retired early from Boeing to go back onto active duty, where he served in Iraqi Freedom at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait, Landstuhl Army Hospital, and finally as the Deputy for Navy Reserve Medicine at the Bureau of Navy Medicine in Washington, DC. Jeff is married to an incredible retired Navy Nurse, Commander Myra McCune. Together they have five wonderful children and eight grandchildren.



## November 13, 2019 · Social: 5pm · Dinner: 5:30pm Quail Creek Madera Clubhouse – Crystal Ballroom

**Please make your reservations by November 6<sup>th</sup>**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places.

Cost: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$26.50 per person)

**Indicate your meal choice:** [ ] Stuffed Pork [ ] Chicken Cordon Bleu

Both are served with seasonal vegetables. Dessert will feature a mixed berry pie.

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

**Attn: GV MOA Reservation**

*Mail your check and this reservation form to:*

**MOA of Green Valley, PO Box 1535 · Green Valley, AZ 85622-1535**

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

**I am bringing guest(s) whose name(s) is/are:**

**Write in “meal choice”:**

GUEST 1

GUEST 2

GUEST 3

GUEST 4

If you require a ride to the meeting, program or event, please check here:

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If you cannot get your reservation and check mailed timely, or **if you have made a reservation and find you cannot attend PLEASE CALL Phil Lamb at 520-771-6098 or 503-730-3664. Your chapter is charged for all ordered meals even if they aren't served.** Please bring a check or exact cash amount to the meeting.

**Hearing Aid Assist Device at Quail Creek** ⇨ If you are a member with Hearing Aids who still has difficulty hearing the speakers at the meal-plated meetings, Quail Creek does offer a Hearing Aid Assist Loop device. The Hearing Aid Assist is a loop system in the meeting room and can be turned on and individuals would wear a device around their neck which helps amplify the sound through their hearing aids. In order for this assist device to work the individual must have a Hearing Aid or Cochlear Implants with TeleCoil (T-Coil) capability. This device only works with hearing aids with this capability and will not work on individuals with no hearing aid at all.

If you or a guest would like to utilize this service at Quail Creek for future meetings, I ask that you notify us in advance so we can have it available for you. You can notify us by writing your request on your meeting reservation form or contact **Phil Lamb at 520-771-6098 or 503-730-3664.**

## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: Get to Know Your Members

Contributor: Peggy McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs; Public Relations Officer



Eby-Deardorff assumed the position of Surviving Spouse representative for the Chapter in 2017. She is very quiet so the other board members were not aware of the adventuresome person she really is.

Betty was born and raised in a small town in central Pennsylvania. A bit ahead of her time when it came to women pursuing a college degree, she commuted to Penn State in a 1937 Graham Paige. Though it was an out-of-date looking car, she related that because of the car's supercharger she could pass everything on the road!

After graduating from Penn State, she entered an internship program in medical technology at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit earning an MS from Wayne State University. After completing her studies she returned to Bellefonte, PA and was hired as Chief Medical Technologist. Betty reported that her starting salary was \$300 per month, plus meals and a month long vacation.

In 1964 the hospital where she worked hired its first full time pathologist, John Deardorff. John had completed medical school during World War II and spent time in Europe and was called back to active duty for a brief period during the Korean War.

In 1966 Betty and John started a private clinical laboratory in State College, PA. They each put \$1500 of their own money into the lab and never had to add any more of their personal funds. During this time, Betty resumed her studies and earned a PhD in microbiology and biochemistry from Penn State.

Several years after John's wife died, Betty and John were married. After they sold their business they became "snowbirds" for a few years before retiring to Green Valley in 1996. They joined our Chapter where they enjoyed the programs and making new friends. After John died in 1999, Betty continued with the Auxiliary. She faithfully sells 50-50 raffle tickets before each meeting. She reported that she often shared the national magazine with her grandson before he joined the Navy.

Betty, who just turned 90, still plays 18 holes of golf twice a week. Thanks Betty for your continued support to our Chapter.

## JROTC SCHOLARSHIPS

Contributor: Marianne Rogers Faust, Director/JROTC Liaison

As most of you probably know, your Chapter provides scholarships to outstanding members of the JROTC units in our area. Sahuarita and Walden Grove High Schools are part of the Navy JROTC program; Rio Rico High School has an Army JROTC program; and Nogales High School has an Air Force JROTC program. All of the programs are very active and provide excellent opportunities for high school students to learn about citizenship, leadership, and some basics about our military services.

COL Marianne Rogers Faust, JROTC Coordinator, reported that one of the recent recipients of our JROTC scholarships lived about a mile from the border in a very humble home with her mother and two siblings. The Cadet told her that joining JROTC really changed her life and had a very positive influence on her hope for the future. Eventually holding leadership positions and assuming more responsibility gave this young woman a new outlook on her future possibilities. And being selected for one of our scholarships opened the door to community college where she can pursue her career aspirations.

Our JROTC scholarships can be truly life-changing for our recipients! So, we encourage all of our members to consider a donation of any size to help us continue providing assistance to some very worthy, outstanding students. Remember, all donations are tax deductible. Photos from the May 2019 scholarship dinner can be found on the website:

[greenvalleymoaa.org/photos-events](http://greenvalleymoaa.org/photos-events).

## REMEMBER OUR HOMELESS VETERANS AS WINTER APPROACHES

Contributor: Peggy McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs; Public Relations Officer

With colder weather just around the corner and as a belated Veterans Day remembrance for those less fortunate who served our Nation, please check your closets for winter weight clothing for both men and women that you are no longer using or that no longer fits. Remember, statistically speaking, if it doesn't fit this year, it probably won't fit next year either. Sweater, jackets, hats, gloves, scarves, work boots and backpacks are especially needed.



Those planning to attend the November dinner are also asked to bring 2020 calendars, greeting and note cards, wrapping paper and the many other unordered items that seem to arrive in mailboxes during the holiday season. Also needed are new socks and underwear for men and women, reading glasses, and snacks foods, e.g., cheese and crackers, Granola bars, individual packages of dried fruit, chips, canned tuna. The hospitalized veterans appreciate getting puzzle books in regular and large print styles as well as playing cards and board games.

One of our members will deliver everything to the VA Hospital for distribution to the homeless and hospitalized veterans.

## LOCAL SCHOOLS TO HONOR VETERANS

Contributor: Peggy McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs; Public Relations Officer



One elementary school and the two high schools in Sahuarita have programs on tap to honor our Nation's veterans in Veterans Day celebrations. Because the schools are closed on November 11, their celebrations will take place a few days early.

Basketball teams as well as staff and faculty from Sahuarita and Walden Grove High Schools will gather for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual *Power Pack Attack* basketball game to be held at the Sahuarita High School gym on November 7 starting at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are \$3 for active and retired military and seniors over 65; \$5 for those under 65; \$20.00 for families. Entertainment includes the Wrightson Ridge School Choir; Bands from the Walden Grove and Sahuarita (SHS) high schools; and the SHS Jockeys & Walden Grove Pac Dance Teams! The half-time entertainment will feature a tribute to all veterans and active duty personnel. Funds raised during this event will help the Sahuarita Educational Enrichment Foundation (SEEF) continue to offer teacher mini-grants, teacher assistance toward National Board Certification and summer enrichment activities for students. Tickets may be purchased at the door. There will also be Food Trucks starting at 5 p.m.

Continental School's ceremony will take place at 8:15 a.m. on November 8 at the school's flagpole located just behind the district office at 1991 E. White House Canyon Rd. The elementary school children will sing patriotic songs like we learned in grade school with great enthusiasm. No charge.

## MOD PIZZA DAY

Contributor: Peggy McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs; Public Relations Officer

Thanks to all who went to MOD Pizza on October 14 to support the Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund. With the cost of higher education increasing so rapidly we were hoping to raise some extra dollars to keep the three scholarships going. MOD Pizza, in an effort to give back to the community, donated 20% of all food sales that day to everyone who mentioned they were there to support MOAA. We will try another MOD Pizza day sometime in January when all the winter residents are back. As we went to press we had not yet received the total amount earned that day but will report it in the December newsletter.



## 2019 EVENTS SCHEDULE

**January 16** – Luncheon Meeting: 11:30am Social Luncheon: 12pm. Location: Quail Creek Clubhouse Ballroom #1.

**January 18** – Annual Massing of the Colors at 12pm in the Sahuarita Unified School District Auditorium, 350 W. Sahuarita Road

**March 19** – “Mix & Mingle”: 4:30-6:30pm. Location: Quail Creek Clubhouse Lounge & Gold Room.

**May 1** – JROTC Scholarship Dinner: Social: 5pm · Dinner: 5:30pm. Location: Quail Creek Clubhouse Ballroom 1 & 2.

**September 18** – Luncheon Meeting: 11:30am · Social: 12pm. Location: Quail Creek Clubhouse Ballroom #3

**November 13** – Dinner Meeting: Social: 5pm · Dinner: 5:30pm. Location: Quail Creek Clubhouse Ballroom #1.

**December 11** – Holiday Dinner: Social: 5pm · Dinner: 5:30pm. Location: Quail Creek Clubhouse Ballroom # 1 & 2.

The Board of Directors meeting is the 1st Wednesday of each month 8:30-10am at the Friends in Deed Building, Green Valley. Members are welcomed to attend... join us! There will be no Board meetings in June, July or August.

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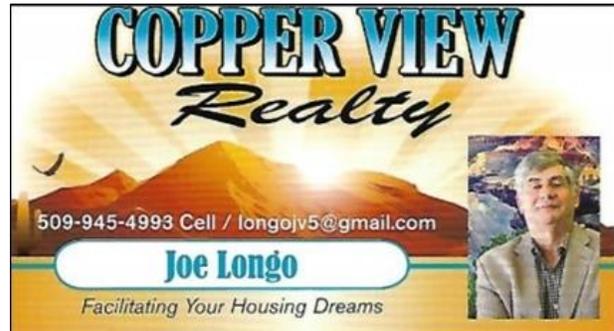
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[greenvalleymoaa.org/news-events](http://greenvalleymoaa.org/news-events)

## NATIONAL NEWS

### As Delays Continue, Help MOAA Fight to Speed Blue Water Navy Benefit Claims

Navy veterans who served in the waters off Vietnam may have won courtroom and legislative victories over the past several months, but they continue to wait for their earned benefits thanks to VA's stay on claims until Jan. 1, 2020. And while [MOAA fights to provide VA with the resources it needs](#) to speed up that process, these veterans face another delay in a process that could expand their eligibility for medical care and other benefits.

A November 2018 study by the [National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine](#) found multiple medical conditions linked to Agent Orange that are not included on VA's "presumptive diseases." [A VA official told a Senate hearing](#) in March that he expected a decision on adding these conditions to VA's list within 90 days. That deadline has long since passed, and [recent reports suggest](#) no new timeframe is in place for the update.

The delays in updating the list and in processing Blue Water Navy veteran claims continue to frustrate veterans and advocacy groups that have worked for years pursuing these benefits via both lawsuits and legislation. [Another legal fight is underway](#) seeking to end VA's stay on the claims, [bipartisan efforts from lawmakers](#) continue, and [actions at the local level](#) show veterans who've been affected by Agent Orange exposure have not been forgotten.

Add your voice to these efforts by helping MOAA push Congress to provide funds to the VA that would allow the department to expand staffing or update systems designed to speed these claims. Time is not a luxury afforded to many of these veterans, and delays on multiple fronts must be met head-on wherever possible. Contact your legislators on [MOAA's Take Action page](#).

*National News, continued...*

## **Hershey Hosts MOAA Council, Chapter Leaders and Spouses for Northeast Workshop**

Nearly 120 MOAA council and chapter leaders and their spouses from six states came together in Hershey, Pa., Sept. 6-7 for the Northeast Region Council and Chapter Leadership Workshop. The workshop provided council and chapter officers with training specific to their leadership roles as well as updates about national MOAA.

The workshop began Friday afternoon with a welcome from MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret). Then, attendees were provided an overview of national MOAA's efforts, priorities, and challenges. This included details about the [MOAA Scholarship Fund](#) and [the MOAA Foundation](#), along with the Community Outreach Grant program.

Attendees were informed about national MOAA's current marketing campaigns and resources. They were also given updates about the role of surviving spouses in the association and in councils and chapters, including the elimination of the [Survivor Benefit Plan-Dependency and Indemnity Compensation offset](#), also known as the widow's tax. Then, they were given information on chapter incorporation and liability insurance, and the 2020 board of directors' election. The workshop divided into three breakout sessions the next day: chapter management training, legislative training, and surviving spouse training.

All attendees received a [workbook](#) that included presentations from each session of the seminar as well as other tips, resources, and contact information.

## **Congressmen Voice Support For Widows Tax Repeal At Maryland Council Luncheon**

Repealing the widows tax was a key topic at this year's Maryland Council of Chapters' Congressional Appreciation Luncheon, where members of Congress gathered to discuss legislative priorities with MOAA members.

The Council thanked the Maryland delegation for their work in support of service members and veterans this past year, especially their push to repeal the widow's tax, which deducts annuity benefits paid to surviving spouses as an offset to a VA benefit for survivors.

MOAA has long supported the legislation to repeal the SBP-DIC offset and has ramped up efforts recently, including making it a primary agenda item during the [2019 Storming the Hill event](#). The House's [Military Surviving Spouses Equity Act](#) and the Senate's [Military Widow's Tax Elimination Act](#) have garnered the support of more co-sponsors than ever before.

Lawmakers also expressed support for mandating a Defense Department review of [proposed cuts to medical billets](#); maintaining Tricare fees; and increasing pay for active duty troops.

MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), lauded the efforts of lawmakers who attended the annual luncheon.

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**December 2019 newsletter deadline: NOVEMBER 21**