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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With the winter and spring seasons behind us, I would like to close out the first half of the year with a few notes regarding what has transpired and what we hope will be accomplished in the fall.

Firstly, although we had to cancel the annual Scholarship Dinner this year, we did present Scholarships to the three JROTC Programs as planned i.e., Sahuarita, Rio Rico and Nogales.

Again, due to COVID-19, we also had to cancel our Mix and Mingle Meeting in March. Hopefully the meeting rooms at Quail Creek will again open in the fall and we have tentatively rescheduled the Mix and Mingle festivities for October.

Special thanks are in order to our Chapter Secretary Jadine Hilt for her work in producing many COVID-19 face masks and forwarding the donations from them to our Scholarship Fund. Well done, Jadine.

Our Chapter, (health situation permitting), is proposing a Chapter Garage Sale this coming fall, hosted by the aforementioned Hilts at Quail Creek. More about this in detail later when it becomes quarantine possible. If you have items to donate please contact me or any other Board member so as to coordinate pickup and delivery to the event.

Despite the COVID-19 crisis, we are still planning to hold a "Food for the Troops" collection this year. (See article pg. 2 in the newsletter for details). If you wish to make a monetary donation (to support the troops of the 162nd Fighter Wing), please mail checks to Peggy McGee, 1908 E Longspur Place, Green Valley AZ 85614-6039. Make checks payable to MOAA S&MA Fund.

Until we correspond again in the fall, wishing everyone to stay safe, healthy and be able to meet again in more normal circumstances.

Joseph Longo 1<sup>st</sup> LT USA (Former)  
2019-2020 Chapter President  
Green Valley Chapter, MOAA



## Military Pride and Patriotic Masks Now Available

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Even before the CDC started recommending that everyone wear masks to help protect them from the coronavirus, Chapter Secretary and seamstress extraordinaire Jadine Hilt thought about making masks for the military. She gathered material containing the insignia for all five military services and set her sewing machine in motion, first making masks for her family and members of the MOAA Executive Board.

Besides being unique in the pattern design, she added elastic at the bottom of the mask to help ensure a snug fit as well as a wire sewn in at the top to pinch over one's nose, making them more comfortable to wear. The pinched wire also keeps glasses from fogging up.

Now with Independence Day just around the corner Jadine has come up with masks with US Flags or Stars and Stripes. These masks will help you celebrate our Nation's independence in style while helping to protect yourself and those with whom you come in contact. Masks are also available in a variety of other patterns to include sports and floral.



Masks may be ordered by contacting Jadine at [jadinehilt@gmail.com](mailto:jadinehilt@gmail.com). Although Jadine does not charge for the masks, she gratefully accepts donations for the Chapter's Scholarship and Military Assistance (S&MA) Fund that provides scholarships for members of the three JROTC units in southern Arizona. Checks may be made payable to MOAA S&MA Fund. Receipts will be provided to all donors. If you don't live in Quail Creek and don't want to pick up your masks, they can be mailed to you.

In addition to scholarships the S&MA Fund, a 501(c)3 charity, also supports the 162<sup>nd</sup> Fighter Wing, Air National Guard with its Food for the Troops and Turkeys for the Troops Programs and provides layettes for homeless veterans when they learn a baby is due, lap blankets for hospitalized veterans and hand knitted hats for troops stationed overseas.

Many thanks to those who so generously donated to support the scholarship program for the 2020-2021 school year in exchange for a "Military Pride" mask.

## Mark Your Calendars

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

The virus threw off everyone's schedule and your Chapter was no different. Here's what we have planned for the remainder of 2020.

Details for each event will be provided as the date gets closer.

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| September 9 | Luncheon       |
| October 22  | Mix & Mingle   |
| November 9  | Dinner         |
| December 9  | Holiday Dinner |

## Major General John R. Dolny

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



**Long time Chapter member Maj Gen Dolny passed away on April 13 at the age of 99. A WWII Fighter Pilot, Wing Commander and Air National Guard (ANG) leader, Dolny** joined the Army Air Corps (AAC) as a cadet **after the Pearl Harbor attack** and received his wings and commission in February 1943. After training he was assigned to North Africa, attached to the 525th Squadron, 86th Fighter Group H, flying the A-36 fighter bomber version of the P-51 Mustang. In March 1944 while on a bombing run, his aircraft was hit with ground fire near Rome. He nursed it along back to the west and bailed out just over the friendly side of the battlefield, receiving leg injuries in landing. By war's end then Major Dolny had completed 135 combat missions and was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with clusters, Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star.

After being released from active duty in September 1946 Dolny returned home and separated from the AAC as a Lieutenant Colonel. He worked briefly for Honeywell as a draftsman. Then in March 1947 as the ANG was reconstituting its flying units, he signed up and became the 109th Fighter Interceptor Squadron commander that flew F-51 Mustangs and various other support aircraft out of Holman Field, now the St Paul Downtown Airport. In 1950 he was promoted to Colonel at the age of 29, and took command of the 133rd Fighter Interceptor Group, the parent organization of the 109th.

Returning to traditional Guard status, Dolny commanded the newly established 133rd Air Defense Wing. He was the driving force behind the ANG's effort to get a heavy airlift mission from the Air Force, and in January 1960 the 133rd received the four engine C-97 heavy transport. He was promoted to Brigadier General in 1961. In October, the Wing was called to active duty for 11 months in support of the Berlin Crisis. After deactivation, the 133rd continued its airlift mission, becoming much more involved in Southeast Asia as the Vietnam War heated up.

Dolny continued as the Wing Commander until 1977, when he was promoted to Maj Gen and assigned as ANG Special Assistant to the Commander, Air Defense Command (ADCOM). He provided liaison between ADCOM and the many ANG air interceptor units around the country. Dolny retired in 1981 with 39 years of service. In recognition of his long, distinguished service to his nation and the state of Minnesota, John was inducted into the Minnesota Aviation Hall of Fame in 1998.

He survived by his wife Gisela, son Keith, daughter Patricia, five grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

## Garage Sale Planned

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If like many of us you have cleaned garages, closets, drawers while being confined to your homes and found items you no longer need, please save them for the Quail Creek Garage Sale currently **slated for November 14**. Popular items may include garden supplies, home décor, children's clothing and all manner of entertaining and household goods. All earnings from this sale will go to our Scholarship and Military Assistance (S&MA) Fund. New items might be appropriate for a future Silent Auction.

## Despite Virus MOAA Scholarships Still Awarded

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On the agenda for the April 1 Green Valley Chapter Military Officers Association board meeting was *Screen the Applicants and select the 2020 scholarship winners*. With COVID-19 that meeting got cancelled. Thanks to the military's emphasis on never being late, the cadets had completed their applications and obtained their letters of recommendation before the schools were shut down for the remainder of the school year. Without face-to-face contact, all applications were reviewed and winners selected.



Cadet/Colonel Diego Olea, Cadet/Captain Paola Palafox, and Cadet/Lieutenant Commander Kelley Forehand are each receiving a \$1500 scholarship with the check being mailed to the school of the winner's choice.

**Cadet Olea** joined the Air Force JROTC program at Nogales High School when he was in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade and rose through the ranks during his four years in high school. He plans to major in Business Management and Administration with a minor in Military Science. As a member of the University of Arizona ROTC program, he hopes to obtain a commission in the Army upon graduation.

A member of the Rio Rico High School Army JROTC for 4 years, **Cadet Palafox** served as the S-2 (Intelligence) for the Battalion in her senior year. Throughout high school she managed to maintain high grades as well as give back to the community through several volunteer projects. Cadet Palafox plans to major in Early Childhood development at Eastern Arizona College. She hopes to work with adolescents after graduation.



**Cadet Forehand** served as Executive Officer in her senior year as a member of the Naval JROTC program at Sahuarita High School. She will pursue a degree in Business Administration and join the Marine Corps ROTC program at Embry-Riddle University.

After graduation, she will apply for a commission in the USMC. She hopes to become a military pilot and eventually become a commercial airplane pilot.



## Free Tax Service Resumes

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Locations and times have changed but the mission of providing free tax preparation service remains the same. IRS certified volunteers will be preparing tax returns at various locations in Green Valley through July 15. These are the same volunteers who have been preparing returns at La Posada, St. Francis Episcopal Church and the East Center all of which remain closed for tax preparation due to COVID-19. In order to comply with Social Distancing guidelines, all returns will be prepared by appointment only. Please call (520) 300-6407 to sign up for this free service. They will tell you which site is opened on the date you request.