

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



If you have not yet renewed your membership for 2022, we hope you will soon. It is renewals that help us maintain our 5-Star Level of Excellence status and continue the work we do to provide assistance to the veteran community. **The dues form is on page 7 of this newsletter.** In the near future we will be making available the ability to renew your dues online. Details will be forthcoming.

Details of our annual scholarship dinner can be found on page 2. I encourage you to attend as we recognize outstanding youth in local JROTC units. These students represent our future and we want as many of our members as possible to show them support and encouragement by attending the dinner.

 Our Chapter is always looking for ways to expand our community outreach to the veteran community and have decided to create a **Facebook** page. If any of you have interest in working with our webmaster, Marianne Cobarrubias, on this endeavor, let me know.

THERE ARE DIFFERENT WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CHAPTER. We  have previously outlined the program we set up with **AmazonSmile**, where **Amazon donates money to our Chapter for your online purchases at no cost to you.** To join this program, please go to: [AmazonSmile](#) (↩ click link). [More information is on our website.](#)

 Another way to provide support for your Chapter and have a fun time is through **MOAA VACATIONS**. **MOAA's travel agent will provide our Chapter a small commission when our members use them for their travel needs.** We recently received some income from them for a trip one of our members took using their services. For more information, follow this link: brennco.com/MOAAVACATIONS. (↩ click link)

As you know we recently joined the [Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce](#) and to commentate our joining, there was a ribbon cutting ceremony at our March dinner. We are excited about this collaboration and look forward to this becoming another outlet to reach the veteran community and "Never Stop Serving." *Scan our Chamber page code ⇨*

Elliott Jones 1LT USA (former)
2022-2023 Chapter President
Green Valley Chapter, MOAA

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONY

The formal ribbon cutting ceremony was held at our March dinner meeting to commemorate the Chapter's induction into the Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce.

Participating in the ceremony were (L-R): Randy Graf, President and CEO of the local Chamber, Peggy McGee, Elliott Jones, Marianne Rogers Faust, Robert Lewis, Jim Whitehead, Darren Venters.



[GV Chapter Member page](#) (Photo by John McGee)

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS DINNER SET FOR MAY 2

Peggy McGee, 2nd Vice President/Programs

Does the news sometimes get you down? Do you want to feel uplifted? Then mark your calendars for Monday, May 2 for dinner at Grill on the Green. That evening you will be introduced to three outstanding JROTC cadets whose academic achievements and community service projects serve as inspiration to all. These young adults prove that the future of our Country will be in good hands.



At the event, the cadets will be asked to share with us what receiving the \$1500 scholarship means to them. We are hoping that we will be able to increase the amount of the scholarships in future years to keep up with the rising costs of higher education.

Cost for the dinner is \$30 and includes the entrée, dessert and non-alcoholic beverage of your choice. A cash bar will also be available.

The deadline to reserve is **April 25**. The reservation form is on page 6 of this newsletter.

GRADUATION TIME FOR JROTC CADETS IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER

Marianne Rogers Faust, Director/JROTC Liaison



All three JROTC units continue to be very active even though the end of the academic year is rapidly approaching. They will all conduct awards ceremonies this month and I will attend along with other board members. Our chapter will present some of the cadets with MOAA medals and challenge coins.

Our annual chapter awards dinner will be held on Monday, May 2nd at the Grill on the Green at Canoa Ranch. **Details are on page 2 and the reservation form can be found on page 6 of this newsletter. Please note the April 25 deadline.**

We strongly encourage our members and spouses to attend this important event to honor our scholarship winners from the Army, Navy, and Air Force JROTC units. Your generous contributions to our Scholarships and Military Assistance Fund throughout the year truly make a difference in the lives of these cadets. And we encourage you all to continue helping us in our efforts to provide scholarships to this next generation of leaders in our Country.

JIM CLICK RAFFLE TICKETS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

Peggy McGee, 2nd Vice President/Programs



The Chapter has once again been enrolled to participate in the annual Jim Click raffle. For those who are not familiar with this raffle, every year car dealer Jim Click donates a new vehicle as the 1st place prize. This year it's a 2022 Ford Maverick Lariat Hybrid. A quick online search revealed that the truck starts at around \$20K.

The second prize is two round-trip, international, first-class plane tickets to anywhere in the world (some restrictions apply), and the third prize is \$5,000 in cash. Click [HERE](#) for the flyer.

Tickets will go on sale at the Scholarship Awards dinner on May 2 and are \$25 each or five for \$100, cash or checks payable to MOAA S&MA Fund. Only 100,000 tickets are printed and are limited to 501(c)(3) charities. Besides giving yourself a chance to win a great prize you are also helping our scholarship fund because the proceeds from all ticket sales stay with the Chapter. If most members buy tickets, that might enable the Chapter to increase the amount of the scholarship awards to keep up with increasing costs of a college education. Raffle tickets will be available at all events throughout the year. Winning names will be drawn on December 15, 2022.

If you have questions or to purchase tickets if you won't be able to attend events, please contact Peggy McGee at pjmccgee@cox.net or 520-207-6188 and she will get tickets to you.

MEMBERSHIP DUES ARE NOW OVERDUE

Jack Bundy, 1st Vice President/Membership



As mentioned last month, it is time for all members to pay their 2022 Membership Dues. To those of you who have already paid, thank you very much. For those of you who responded by paying their dues after last month's reminder in our newsletter, a special thanks. For those of you who have not yet paid, we encourage you to do so. We have several members on our roster who have not paid their dues for 2022. We hope you will consider doing so soon.

In order to pay your dues, simply follow the instructions below:

- Make out a check to: **Military Officers Association of Green Valley**
- Go to our Green Valley Chapter [Membership website page](#) (↩ click the link or type this: greenvalleymoaa.org/membership-info)
- Scroll down and click the link: [Membership Application/Renewal Dues Form](#) (*Depending on the device you are using *smartphone, computer, iPad* the form may auto-download.*)

- Once downloaded, fill out the form, and mail it with your check to: **Green Valley MOAA, P.O. Box 1535, Green Valley, AZ 85622-1535**
NOTE: Dues Form is also in this newsletter (page 7).

Or if you prefer, bring a check to our May 2 meeting!

Also, for all of you Green Valley Chapter members, don't forget to ask all of your eligible friends, neighbors, family members, or acquaintances to join our Chapter! One does not have to be a retired military officer to join MOAA. One only has to be or have been a commissioned officer or warrant officer from the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or from the Public Health Services. Surviving Spouses of deceased officers who were eligible for membership when living can also be members in our Chapter.

We welcome all and hope you will invite and enroll some new members.

TRAVELLING TIME

Peggy McGee, 2nd Vice President/Programs



If you have recently travelled and stayed in hotels, please bring unused, unopened travel sized toiletries for the homeless veterans to the May 2 meeting. Needed are shampoo, conditioner, lotion, sun screen, tooth paste, tooth brushes, razors. The homeless veterans would also appreciate hats that will shield them from the sun and non-prescription sunglasses. If you can't attend the dinner, please deliver donations to the McGee's house, 1908 E Longspur Place in Quail Creek.

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Peggy McGee, 2nd Vice President/Programs



COL Ken Cottrill and his wife Linda joined our Chapter in October 2021 and at least one of them has attended every meeting since. Ken and Linda grew up in Helena, Montana. They attended Helena High School

graduating in 1962.

The High School sweethearts married in 1965 and will celebrate their 57th Anniversary in August. Ken received his undergrad degree from Regents College, State University of New York (Albany) and his MA from American Military University. Linda attended Montana State University.

Ken enlisted in the Montana Army National Guard in November 1965, attended Basic and AIT training at Ft Lewis in 1966. He attended Officer Candidate School and was commissioned 2LT in July 1968. Ken attended the Ordnance Officer course in 1971. He graduated from Battalion S-1 course, Command and General Staff, the Military Comptroller Course and the National Defense University (Honor Graduate). Ken served as a traditional member of the MT ARNG until 1987 when he entered active duty in Active Guard and Reserve status. In 1997 he was assigned to the National Guard Bureau (NGB) in Alexandria, VA and retired in December

1999. Ken had over 33 years of service including 13+ years active duty.

Ken worked for the State of Montana as an accountant and was the Chief Administrative Officer for the Department of Military Affairs until retirement in 1987. In 1987 he was appointed the Facilities Engineering Management Officer and in 1992 Director of Military Personnel for the Montana Army Guard. He served as the Executive Officer and Deputy Director for the NGB Counterdrug Directorate until another retirement.

After retiring from the military Ken worked as a Management Consultant in Alexandria, VA until his final retirement in 2006 as the Director of Client Operations for The McVey Company International. Linda worked as a real estate agent in Virginia and West Virginia. Ken and Linda moved to Hedgesville, WV after retiring and resided there until moving to Green Valley in August 2020. They reside in Quail Creek.

Ken and Linda have three children, two residing in Colorado and one in Maine, and three grandchildren. Interests include reading, golf, playing horseshoes, billiards, fly fishing and bird hunting. Ken and Linda are full time AZ residents but spend time in Colorado during the summer months. They enjoy traveling and have visited every state in the lower 48 states and Hawaii. They also have traveled to Europe, North Africa, China, Thailand, Nepal, India, and Japan.



RESERVATION FORM

May 2, 2022 - Social 5PM Dinner 5:30PM
Grill on the Green - 5800 S. Camino del Sol, Green Valley

Please make your reservations by April 25th

Reserve _____ places Cost: \$_____ (\$30 per person)

MENU SELECTIONS:

#1 GRILLED SALMON Roasted Garlic with Spinach & Creamy Sundried Tomato Sauce, Jasmine Rice, Seasonal Vegetables

#2 FIRECRACKER SHRIMP BOWL with Sweet Peppers, Green Beans, Onion, Asparagus

#3 CHICKEN CORDON BLEU Golden breaded chicken breast stuffed with layers of Swiss cheese & smoked ham, topped with Mornay sauce, mashed potatoes, seasonal sautéed vegetables

Dessert and choice of non-alcoholic beverage included.

Check # _____
Attn: GV MOAA Reservation

Mail check and reservation form to:
MOAA of Green Valley - PO Box 1535 - Green Valley, AZ 85622-1535

Rank: _____ Name: (please print) _____

Indicate Menu Selection (#1, #2, #3)

Member/Guest name: _____

Member/Guest name: _____

Member/Guest name: _____

Member/Guest name: _____

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 (leave a message if no answer):** Peggy McGee by email: peggy@greenvalleymoaa.org or 520-207-6188. **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.



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2022 CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP DUES

This Membership Dues Form may also be found on the [GreenValleyMOAA.org website](http://GreenValleyMOAA.org)

Chapter Dues: (Regular-\$25; Spouses-\$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 # _____

Spouse/Partner _____

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.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Robert D. Lewis, Chaplain

I guess it was a few years back that I had a kind of “revelation” when understanding the Easter Story. From a small child I have heard the Easter story over and over again. Not in a boring way, but just trying to understand the true meaning(s) in the story. Or put a better way, answers the story provides. At times I would have a break-through in understanding one more point of the story. The Stations of the Cross was, I would say, a big revelation. So much that on Good Friday I started fasting and praying during this time (noon until 3 p.m.). Also, Jesus’ humanity, when in the garden, asking God to take this cup (crucifixion) from him.

But the most telling, for me, was Jesus hanging on the cross and His resurrection from the dead three days later. This was truly the most enlightening event for me and my faith. As Jesus hung on the Cross, he had two robbers (one on each side) being crucified with him.

Jesus’ response to the robber that asked to be remembered was “today you will be with me in paradise.”



So many questions were answered by this one statement. First, you are responsible for your actions even if you are saved. He did not save the robber from death, but forgave him his sins. At death, those that are saved will be with him instantly. Jesus didn’t tell him you will be with me at some future time... but “today.”

Easter brings the greatest opportunity to ensure you will be with him immediately by one simple act. The great Billy Graham stated “anyone who repents of sins and accepts Jesus Christ will be saved.” Our only hope is in Jesus Christ. Seek and accept Him today!

ADVOCACY IN ACTION 2022

Darren Venters, Transition Liaison

Storming the Hill, a term which we have heard about for several years, has been replaced by “Advocacy in Action 2022”. MOAA National is focusing on three issues:

- Major Richard Star Act: H.R. 1282/S. 344
- Stop Copay Overpay Act: H.R. 4824
- 4.6% Military Pay Raise

Leading the Arizona team to talk with Congresspersons and their staffers is Colonel Pete Kloeber, AZ Council of Chapters President. But we need your help. Please write to your Congresspersons and urge them to support the resolutions so that they pass sooner rather than later.

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Following is a summary of the three bills:

Major Richard Star Act: H.R. 1282/S. 344

The Star Act will support 50,300 combat-injured veterans and is a concurrent receipt issue. Concurrent receipt may sound complicated, but it isn't:

- DoD is responsible for retired pay for vested years of service (in the past).
- VA is responsible for disability compensation for lifelong injury (in the future).
- These are two different payments for two different purposes. Congress acknowledged this as an injustice in the 2004 NDAA and partially fixed it.
- Instead, service members who were injured in combat and forced to retire face an offset in which their retirement pay is reduced for every dollar of disability compensation received from the VA.

To reduce retirement pay because of a combat-related disability is an injustice. Our combat-injured veterans earned their retirement pay through extreme personal sacrifice. This is not the place to seek out savings through an offset.

Stop Copay Overpay Act: H.R. 4824

Military Health System reforms have more than doubled TRICARE mental health copays over the last few years. Because mental health care often requires multiple visits, higher copays quickly add up and can make treatment unaffordable for many TRICARE families.

High copays are a fixable problem. Mental health care access is a challenge across the U.S. health care system. Surging demand coupled with a national mental health provider shortage means many families have difficulty finding appropriate care. TRICARE copay increases have created an additional financial barrier to access for military families — a barrier Congress can fix.

MOAA urges Congress to pass the Stop Copay Overpay Act. This bill (a Senate companion is needed) would reduce TRICARE beneficiary copays for mental health visits to make sure military families don't face a financial barrier to seeking mental health care.

4.6% Military Pay Raise

Keeping our service members' wages competitive shows our Nation's commitment to the all-volunteer force. Based on current Department of Labor assessments, and reflecting the rising costs of employment, the FY 2023 NDAA should include a pay raise of 4.6%.

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Undercutting the pay raise negatively impacts several groups:

- **Recruits:** Individuals considering whether to join the military may see this as an omen of things to come. Why join if pay will not keep up with the civilian sector?
- **Currently serving:** Those prepared to go into harm's way may see this as a slight to their service and sacrifice. Why stay if their sacrifice is not appreciated?
- **Those about to retire:** These service members may decide to get out soonest, taking their 20-plus years of experience to go work for a government contractor or some other enterprise – and start building their next retirement as soon as possible.

All of these issues compound the difficulties not only for recruiters but also commanders who count on experienced leaders to accomplish the mission.

MARK YOUR 2022 CALENDARS

18 January – Luncheon Meeting
11:30-1:30 Location: Dominick's

15 March – Surviving Spouse program.
Dinner 5-7:30 Location: Grill on the Green

2 May – Dinner 5-7:30 Scholarship Awards
Location: Grill on the Green

21 September – Luncheon 11:30-1:30
Location: TBA

15 November – Dinner (possibly Mix & Mingle)
5-7:30 Location: TBA

8 December –Holiday Dinner
5-7:30 Location: TBA

The Board of Directors meeting is the 1st Wednesday of each month 9-10:30am 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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TRIVIA

1. Aspirin was first marketed in 1899, 1900, or 1934?
2. What is a deficiency in red blood cells called?
3. What type of apparatus joins together a team of oxen?
4. Which actor and filmmaker directed the film, *A Beautiful Mind*?
5. Who was the only female president of the GV MOAA Chapter?

*For answers,
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