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TUCSON CHAPTER MEETING SCHEDULE 2018

- NOVEMBER: NO MEETING THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY.
- **DECEMBER 12TH:** ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DINNER AND FUND RAISER, TUCSON COUNTRY CLUB, 5:30 PM 8:00 PM.

2019

- January 23rd: DMAFB Crash Investigation Program, Ironwood Club, DMAFB, 11:30 AM 1:00 PM.
- **FEBRUARY 27th:** ESGR AWARDS PROGRAM, TUCSON COUNTRY CLUB, 11:30 AM 1:00 PM.
- March 27th: Army Intelligence Program, Tucson Country Club, 11:30AM -1:00 PM.
- APRIL 24TH: ROTC SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS PROGRAM, TUC-SON COUNTRY CLUB, 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- MAY 22ND: PROGRAM TBA, TUCSON COUNTRY CLUB, 11:30 -1:00 PM.

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH CHAPTER LUNCHEON AND SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO THE SCHED-

ULED MEETING. TO MAKE A RESERVATION AND SELECT YOUR MENU CHOICE CALL JIM WHIPP AT 520-751-6356. CANCELATIONS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE LUNCHEON TO AVOID CHARGES.

DETAILS ON TIMES, MENUS AND LOCATIONS WILL BE PUBLISHED IN SUBSEQUENT ISSUES OF THE NEWSLETTER CURRENT INFORMATION ABOUT LUNCHEON MEETINGS, PROGRAMS AND MENUS MAY ALSO BE FOUND ON THE CHAPTER WEBSITE: WWW.TUCSONMOAA.COM.

CATALINA MOUNTAINS MEETING SCHEDULE

THE CATALINA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER MEETS ON THE THIRD SAT-URDAY OF THE MONTH FROM OCTOBER THROUGH APRIL. MEET-INGS BEGIN AT 11:30 AM IN THE CATALINA ROOM OF THE MES-QUITE GRILL AT THE MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB COMPLEX. PLEASE CONTACT RETT BENEDICT, (520-825-7424 OF <RETTBENEDICT@GMIAL.CO>) OR BILL NAGY (520-355-5064 OR <WJNAGY@YAHOO.COM> FOR RESERVATIONS OR INFORMATION.

TUCSON CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Tucson Chapter, Board of Directors: The Board meets on the first Wednesday of the month from September through May at 9:30 AM at the Retiree Activities Office (RAO) conference room on DMAFB. There are no meetings in June, July or August. Members may submit issues for the Board's consideration either in writing or in person. Issues should be submitted to Chapter President Tom Owens at least one week prior to the monthly meeting. Board meetings are open to all Tucson Chapter members.

NOVEMBER 2018 MEETINGS

MOAA TUCSON CHAPTER BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 7, 2018

9:30 AM, AT THE RETIREE ACTIVITIES OFFICE (RAO) CONFERENCE ROOM ON DMAFB.

SOCIETY OF MILITARY WIDOWS NOVEMBER 21, 2018

DMAFB, IRONWOOD CLUB (FORMER MIRAGE CLUB)

MOAA MISSION

Military Officers Association of America is a nonprofit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and to preserving the earned entitlements of members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service or NOAA and their surviving spouse.

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12:00 Noon, Luncheon

Make your reservations at 520-721-1688 before November 13, 2018.

CATALINA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER November 17, 2018

CATALINA ROOM OF THE MESQUITE GRILL, MOUNTAIN VIEW COUNTRY CLUB, SADDLEBROOKE.

11:30 AM Lunch available from the Club menu. **Program**: The speaker will be Mr. Ed Torres of the Missing in America Project.

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MOAA TUCSON CHAPTER

THERE IS NO NOVEMBER MEETING DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY. ENJOY YOUR THANKSGIVING.

Our Next meeting is the Christmas Holiday Dinner on December 12th from 5:30 - 8:00 at the Tucson Country Club. This years celebration will feature Holiday Music by The Tucson Girls Chorus under the direction of Jess Edelbrock. Good Friends, Good Music, Good Food, and an abundance of Holiday Cheer. DON'T MISS IT!! Bring friends, and family and get your reservations in Early by Calling Jim Whipp at 520-751-6356.

OCTOBER MEETINGS

CATALINA MOUNTAINS SATELLITE CHAPTER



THE CATALINA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER MET ON
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20TH
IN SADDLEBROOKE. MS.
KAY WILLIAMS, GREATER
ORO VALLEY CHAMBER OF
COMERCE AND LTCDR
STEVE DIDIO, ORO VALLEY
AMERICAN LEGION POST

PROVIDED AN UPDATE ON THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA VETERANS AND FIRST RESPONDERS LIVING MEMORIAL IN ORO VALLEY. THE MEMORIAL HONORS ALL WHO HAVE (INCLUDING DECEASED) OR ARE SERVING THEIR COMMUNITIES. IT WILL BE LOCATED IN NARANJA PARK IN ORO VALLEY OVERLOOKING THE CATALINA MOUNTAINS. THE CITY OF ORO VALLEY DONATED 2.5 ACRES FOR THE MEMORIAL. IT IS THE ONLY "LIVING" MEMORIAL IN SOUTHERN ARIZONA AND WILL BE THE LARGEST WEST OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

TUCSON CHAPTER

THE TUCSON CHAPTER HELD IT MONTHLY LUNCHEON MEETING AT THE TUCSON COUNTRY CLUB ON OCTOBER 24TH. TOM & KATHY MANSUER FROM THE SOUTHERN ARIZONA HONOR FLIGHT PROGRAM (PICTURED HERE WITH CHAPTER PRESIDENT TOM OWENS) GAVE AN UPDATE ON THE TUCSON HUB FOR THE HONOR FLIGHT



Program. Honor Flight began in 2005 and opened in Arizona in 2008. There are two hubs in Arizona, Tucson and Phoenix. Nationally there are 131 hubs in 45 states. Honor Flight is a 100% volunteer organization which takes groups of 25-30 veterans and their escorts on

A 3-DAY TRIP TO VISIT MILITARY MEMORIALS IN WASHINGTON D.C.. STARTING WITH WWII VETERANS, IT HAS NOW EXPANDED TO INCLUDE KOREAN VETERANS (2015) AND VIETNAM VETERANS (2018). THE MOST RECENT FLIGHT (OCTOBER 27TH) WAS THE 26TH HONOR FLIGHT OUT OF TUCSON. TO DATE THERE HAVE BEEN 808 HONOR FLIGHT TRAVELERS OUT OF TUCSON. OF THOSE, 35 WERE WOMEN VETERANS. THERE IS NO CHARGE TO VETERANS FOR THE TRIP.

More information, including donations and flight information can be accessed at www.honorflightsaz.org.

Honor flight is a 501(c)(3) organization funded entirely by Private donations.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

THE END IS IN SIGHT!! NOVEMBER 6TH, ELECTION DAY AND ALL THOSE DISGUSTING CAMPAIGN ADS WILL FINALLY DISAPPEAR. ANY ONE WHO HAS SEEN THEM CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THERE ARE NO MORALLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATES FOR POLITICAL OFFICE IN ALL OF ARIZONA!!

SARCASM ASIDE, DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!!

Our state legislature will re-convene in January. In the meantime you can keep appraised of events on the National level by visiting the MOAA National website www.moaa.org.

OF INTEREST AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL ARE BILLS AUTHORIZING CONCURRENT VA DISABILITY COMPENSATION AND RETIREE PAY; SENATE BILL SB66, HOUSE BILLS HR 303 AND 333.

In the "good news" category Gold, Gold, Gold...to borrow a refrain from the musical *Paint Your Wagon*; cola increases to 2.8% starting in January 2019. That increases both your retirement pay and you Social Security...but ..

THE BASIC PREMIUMS FOR MEDICARE AND TRICARE FOR LIFE PART B WILL INCREASE BY \$1.50 PER MONTH (FROM \$134 TO \$135.50)...AND POOF...THERE GOES COLA!!

WILLIAM WOJCIECHOWSKI, COL USAF (RET) LEGISLATIVE LIAISON

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SURVIVING SPOUSES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS BACK AT DMAFB. THEY CLOSED THEIR OFFICE SEVERAL MONTH AGO BUT NOW HAVE DECIDED TO REOPEN WITH BRUCE HAMILTON AS THEIR MANAGER. TRACY DEASON WILL CONTINUE TO TAKE CARE OF ALL SURVIVING SPOUSE CONCERNS OR QUESTIONS.

CAUTION - THERE WILL BE A BASE WIDE EXERCISE IN THE LAST WEEK OF DECEMBER (NO IT'S NOT SANTA). EXPECT TO EXPERIENCE DELAYS IN SERVICE AND LIMITATIONS ON ACCESS.

CLUB IRONWOOD WILL BE OPENING A NEW CAFÉ FOR THOSE WHO DON'T LIKE THE BUFFET LUNCH. THE OPENING DATE FOR THE CAFÉ WILL BE ANNOUNCED SHORTLY.

DMAFB WILL BE HOSTING AN AIR SHOW MARCH 23-24, 2019. It's open to the public so friends and family are welcome. Mark you calendars.

I hope you all enjoy you Thanksgiving. As always, call or e-mail with any questions.

SHIRLEY PHILLIPS

SSAC REPRESENTATIVE

CALENDAR OF COMING EVENTS

MOAA NATIONAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 1-3, 2018

Arizona Grand Resort & Spa 8000 S. Arizona Grand Parkway Phoenix, AZ 85044

COLORS & SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

NOVEMBER 4, 2018

TUCSON WOMEN'S CLUB 6245 E. BELLEVUE ST. TUCSON, AZ

SPONSORED BY THE MILITARY ORDER OF WORLD WARS, CATALINA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER. CONTACT LTC RICH NELSON, USAF (RET) AT 520-861-1749 OR NLSNHMSTD@MSN.COM.

ELECTION DAY

NOVEMBER 6, 2018

YMCA COMMUNITY MILITARY BALL

NOVEMBER 10 2018

Tucson Convention Center 260 S. Church Avenue Cost: \$150/person Formal Attire

For reservations contact Stephanie Horne, 520-623-5511, ext 257. For more information visit www.tucsonymca.org/events/military-ball

HATS OFF TO HEROES

November 11, 2018

VETERANS DAY

REID PARK

12:00 Noon - 6:00 PM

MILITARY DISPLAYS, MUSIC, LOCAL FOOD TRUCKS. FIREWORKS DISPLAY TO CONCLUDE THE DAY.

HERORPRENUR: NATIONAL VETERANS BUSINESS SUMMIT

NOVEMBER 16-16, 2018

PHOENIX CONVENTION CENTER
REGISTRATION AT HEROPRENEUR.COM
SEE ATTACHED FLYER.

THANKSGIVING

NOVEMBER 22,2018

WREATHES ACROSS AMERICA

DECEEMBER 15, 2018

10:00 AM East Lawn Palms Cemetery 5801 E Grant Road Tucson, AZ

BOWL-A-THON: So. AZ VA FUNDRAISER MARCH 9, 2019

GOLDEN PIN BOWLING LANES 1010 W. MIRACLE MILE TUCSON, AZ

See attached Flyer for further details.

☼ 2019 DUES NOTICE ❖

Don't forget to renew your chapter membership. Our fiscal year ends on December 31, 2019. Unrenewed memberships will expire on that date as will access to our newsletter. Pay your dues (\$20 for regular members, \$8.00 for surviving spouses) early before the Holiday Season rush. See the invoice attached to this issue for payment instructions. It's also a good time to donate to our major philanthropic efforts, ROTC Scholarships and DMAFB Family Center Christmas Charity. If the address label on your newsletter or in the address bar of the e-mail has the number 18 (or less), you need to renew your membership for 2019. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (gpettett45@gmail.com or 520-544-7730).

IN THE NEWS

TRAVELER ID

ARE YOU AN INTERNATIONAL TRAVELER, FREQUENT OR OCCASIONAL? BE AWARE THAT EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2020 YOUR ARIZONA DRIVERS LICENSE WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED AS A

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MEANS OF IDENTIFICATION BY THE TSA! IF YOU DO NOT HAVE ANOTHER TSA ACCEPTED METHOD OF IDENTIFICATION, YOU SHOULD OBTAIN AN ARIZONA VOLUNTARY TRAVEL ID THROUGH THE ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MOTOR VEHICLE DIVISION. THE COST IS \$25 AND REQUIRES A VISIT (APPOINTMENT) TO THE MVD. CUSTOMER INFORMATION AND APPOINTMENT SCHEDULING ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH SERVICEARIZONA.COM. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS ALSO AVAILABLE AT THE VOLUNTARY TRAVEL ID SECTION OF THE ARIZONA DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION WEBSITE - AZDOT.GOV/TRAVELID. YOU WILL BE REQUIRED TO BRING DOCUMENTS PROVING ARIZONA RESIDENCE TO YOUR APPOINTMENT. MAKE SURE YOU KNOW WHAT THOSE ARE AND THAT YOU HAVE OR CAN ACQUIRE SUCH PRIOR TO YOUR VISIT. DON'T PUT THIS OFF!! ACT NOW!!

DENTAL/VISION INSURANCE

Are you a member of the Tricare Retiree Dental Plan (TRDP)? That plan expires on December 31st and will be replaced by the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program (FEDBIP). But you must enroll in FEDVIP, it's not automatic. Enrollment opens on November 12 and extends through December 10, 2018 for coverage beginning January 1, 2019. FEDVIP offers a choice of 10 dental carriers and 4 vision carriers. Visit Tricare.Benefeds.com to review the various options and sign up to receive updates and key deadlines. Be ready to enroll starting November 12th!!

NEW TUCSON CHAPTER WEBSITE

This month the Tucson Chapter Board and Officers announce the opening of a new, completely revamped website!! The address is http://www.tucsonmoaa.com. If you keep a shortcut link on your desktop, delete the old and add this new address (it is slightly different than the old). Be forewarned, it is a work in progress but let us know what you think...what you like and what you don't like. It is your website and we want it to meet you needs and desires. Contact either myself or our President, COL Tom Owens.

TUCSON CHAPTER ELECTION OF OFFICERS

According to our Chapter By-laws we need to have an election of new officers in January of 2019. Please give

SERIOUS THOUGHT TO SUPPORTING THE CHAPTER BY TAKING AN ACTIVE ROLL IN ITS MANAGEMENT. WE'VE HAD A WONDERFUL TENURE (NO BIAS HERE??) WITH OUR CURRENT LEADERSHIP BUT PROGRESS THRIVES ON NEW BLOOD AND NEW IDEAS. PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING FOR OFFICE. NOMINATIONS ARE APPROPRIATE BUT ONLY WITH THE CONSENT OF THE NOMINEE. THE DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS/VOLUNTEERS IS DECEMBER 31, 2018.

DONOR RECOGNITION

Our sincere thanks to the following members who have made donations to either our Scholarship, Christmas or General Funds over the last month.

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MEMBERSHIP REGISTRATION FORM

CURRENT DATE (mm/dd/yyyy):/		
LAST NAME:	FIRST NAME:	,MIDDLE INITIAL:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:
E-MAIL ADDRESS	S:	TELEPHONE NO.: () -
LAST NAME:		
INDICATE PREFERRED CHAPTER: TUCSON CATALINA MOUNTAINS		
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SERVICE BRANCH:LAST RANK: RETIRED: □ ACTIVE DUTY: □ RESERVES: □ MOAA #:		
DATE OF BIRTH (mm/dd/yyyy):/ SPOUSES NAME:		
AMOUNT PAID:		
DUES: \$ (Member \$20.00, Surviving Spouse \$8.00)		
SCHOLARSHIP: \$(Optional Donation)		
OTHER: \$ (Optional, Please Specify Purpose)		
TOTAL: \$		
Detach the upper part of this form and mail with payment to: Gary Pettett, M.D.		
Treasurer, MOAA Tucson Chapter		
8540 N. Arnold Palmer Drive Tucson, AZ 85742		
Please make checks payable to MOAA Tucson Chapter.		
(Detach here)		
The deadline for annual dues renewal is January 1.		
Dues:		
Regular Member (Officer and Spouse): \$20.00 Widows/ Surviving Spouses \$8.00		
Scholarship Donation (Optional, Enter Amount) \$ Other Donation (Optional, Enter Amount) \$		
TOTAL: \$		_
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Keep this bottom portion as your receipt of payment.		
DATE PAID:	CHECK #:	AMOUNT: \$
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