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## FROM THE EAGLES NEST

By Tom Owens, Col, USAFR, (Ret)  
Tucson Chapter President

We have a new Director for the Arizona Department of Veterans Services (ADVS). LTC Dana Allmond, USA, Ret. A 1994 graduate of the United State Military Academy, her Army career took her to the Philippines and many state-side positions. She has been the Chair of the Southern Arizona Veterans Mental Health Advocacy Council and a member of the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System Veteran and Family Advisory Council. Her graduate degrees include MS, counseling and leader development from Long Island University, New York in 2002 and an MBA from Arizona State University in 2019.



Dana lives in Marana with her husband, Jon Wilson who is a Tucson native and emergency medicine physician assistant. She and Jon have a 19-year-old daughter, Sydney, and 11-year-old triplets; daughter, Ciara and sons, Ai-

dan and Parker.

The full roster and biographies of the ADVS leadership team can be accessed at <https://dvs.az.gov/about/leadership>.

We also welcome COL Brenda Hughey, USA, Ret., to the Tucson Chapter.

At the February luncheon, Valerie Cavazos, was the guest speaker. She is a news broadcaster/investigative journalist on Tucson's KOLD, Channel 13. Valerie is a Tucson native, was an Air Force

“brat,” and attended the University of Arizona graduating with a Journalism degree. She spoke about the various topics she has covered and the obstacles to getting them aired.



Upcoming meeting topics are covered on page 2. Come join us for the camaraderie and the insights.



## Catalina Mountains Chapter

By Chuck Vaughan, CAPT, USN, (Ret)  
President

Greetings everyone!

Our chapter had another great luncheon in February. Our speaker was Rick Kreiberg, a retired Command Sergeant Major, U.S. Army, founder

and Executive Director of Veterans Affinity. He gave a great presentation to the group. My thanks to Bill Nagy for arranging last month's speaker.

Our luncheon this month is on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at the Ranch Grill located at Saddlebrooke Ranch. Our speaker will be Lisa Hopper, the Executive Director of the Arizona Heroes Memorial. I invite you to join us for lunch at Saddlebrooke Ranch and hear her presentation.

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# Upcoming Tucson Chapter Meetings

Membership meetings are 1130 each fourth Thursday at Vivace Restaurant, 6440 N. Campbell. Reservations can be made by calling Major Jim Whipp, 520-751-6356.

**MARCH 23:** Watershed Management Group's (WMG) Luis Salgado will talk about "Rainwater Harvesting for Watershed Health". Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) is an approach to managing stormwater as a resource to provide benefits and services to communities; capturing and filtering stormwater, creating wildlife habitat, providing shade, propagating native vegetation, and helping recharge groundwater are a few examples of GSI applications. As WMG's Green Infrastructure Project Manager, Luis uses GSI as a tool to build community across our region, and to teach the principles of water harvesting and promote the implementation of water harvesting systems at a residential and neighborhood scale as an approach to build resilience as we adapt to the effects of climate change.

**APRIL 27:** Scholarships will be presented to University of Arizona ROTC cadets from the different services. Selected students will attend with their commanders to receive their awards.

**MAY 25:** We are tentatively planning to visit the Pima Air and Space Museum. Plans are still tentative. Arrive about 1000, listen to a guest speaker, have lunch, and then tour the museum. We will provide more details soon.

## Tucson Chapter Activities

Tucson MOAA Board meets the first Wednesday of the month, at 2p.m. via ZOOM. Members are invited to submit items for consideration to the Secretary: pam.devine@azmoves.com, not later than one week prior to the meeting. If you desire to participate, please email chuck.vaughan@comcast.net to receive the access link.

Membership meetings are 11:30 am, each fourth Thursday at the Vivace Restaurant, 6440 N Campbell Ave, September through May. Reservations required. Call Jim Whipp at: 520-751-6356

## DMAFB Air Show

The DMAFB air show is scheduled March 25 + 25, 2023.

Parking is free. Arrive early to avoid the traffic.



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Reservations are required; if you plan to attend RSVP Kurt McMillen ([kmmcmillen@gmail.com](mailto:kmmcmillen@gmail.com)) please.

Our chapter continues to grow, with four new or returning members so far this year: LCDR Terry Turner, USN, (Ret); returning LTC Vincent Gwiazdowski, USA, (Ret); Lt Col Ronald Morris, USAF (Ret); and COL Bruce Huffman, USA (Ret). Please welcome these new and returning members when you see them.

I'm sad to say that two of our members recently passed away. Bruce Lape passed away on December 22<sup>nd</sup>. Bruce flew as a U. S. Air Force pilot, and then flew for Trans World Airlines for 28 years. He lived in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia from 1976 through 1978, where he trained pilots flying for Saudia Airlines. Bruce always thought he was most lucky to have a career he loved and a full, rich life with his devoted wife, Lanna, and the company of many dear friends and family.

We also recently lost Richard (Dick) Hudgins who passed away on February 15<sup>th</sup>. Dick joined the U. S. Air Force in 1961 and retired as a Colonel in 1983. He was one of the charter members of our chapter and a founding member of the Saddlebrooke Republican Club. Interestingly he helped to develop the original by-laws of both organizations. After his retiring from the Air Force, Dick worked for the Boeing Company in Seattle, Washington before moving to Saddlebrooke in 2001.

Both Bruce and Richard will be missed. My deepest condolences and love to both families.

Don't forget this month's luncheon on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup>. I hope to see you there!

## **AZCoC NOTES**

The Tucson Chapter and the Catalina Mountains Chapter of MOAA are both members of MOAA's Arizona Council of Chapters. MOAA's Arizona Council of Chapters (AZCOC) leads and coordinates state legislative matters of interest to the military and veteran communities, provides support for national MOAA's legislative and other objectives, and provides a forum for the exchange of ideas among the Arizona Chapters of MOAA.

The March AZCOC virtual roundtable provided a forum for the exchange of ideas among chapters. Chapter members discussed a proposed Chapter Position Responsibilities Guide that chapters could use as a template to develop their own Position Responsibility Guide; a means to track chapter events and accomplishments to assist chapters when submitting an award nomination for their accomplishments; and a chapter self-evaluation guide that new chapter leaders can use to assess their chapter's organization, programs, and accomplishments.

The monthly Arizona Council of Chapters meeting provides a good forum to discuss best practices among the Arizona chapters of MOAA.

Chuck Vaughan, CAPT, USN, (Ret); President, Catalina Mountains Chapter; Vice President, AZCOC

### **CATALINA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER ACTIVITY**

CMC membership meetings are the third Saturday of the months of October through April, at 11:30 hours, at locations TBA in Saddlebrooke. Contact: Chuck Vaughan, 505-553-4364.

Spouses are always welcome. Seating is limited to the first forty (40) members and guests who confirm their attendance. A meeting agenda will be provided to all attendees via email.



**STAY HEALTHY**

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## MOAA MOVERS

**HELP NEEDED:** Become a MOAA Mover. Volunteer for:

**Catalina:** Fundraising Chair, Chaplin

**Tucson:** Chapter VP/Program Chair, Chaplin, Legislative Chair

Our MOAA programs and their quality depend on the voluntary efforts of our members. Please consider lending your *LEADERSHIP AND VOICE* to the Chapters' teams.

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## 4 CHAPLAINS COMMEMORATION



The 80th Anniversary Commemoration of the 4 Chaplains was held February 5<sup>th</sup> at Kino Veterans Memorial Park. The event commemorates the sacrifice of four chaplains of different faiths during the February 3, 1943 sinking of the USAT Dorchester. This year's ceremony, included candles and live music provided by the Old Arizona Brass Band, which provides a living repre-

sentation of the music, uniforms, and musical instruments of the 4th Cavalry Regimental Band of Fort Lowell, Arizona Territory.

Tucson MOAA Personal Affairs liaison, Col Ann Hollis, USAF, (Ret) presented a wreath on behalf of the local chapter.



## CMC ATTENDS SADDLEBROOKE FAIR



The Catalina Mountains Chapter (CMC) was one of 61 clubs/ organizations represented at the annual SaddleBrooke Recreation and Activities Fair on 4 February 2023. The event provided CMC an opportunity to showcase our chapter activities and recruit new members. Approximately 700 visitors attended the 3-hour event.

This Fair is geared toward both new and current residents who are interested in what the participating SaddleBrooke clubs/ groups have to offer. CMC members spoke with dozens of residents and successfully identified four prospective members.

*Members of the Catalina Mountains Chapter staffing chapter table. L to R: David Bull, LTJG, USNR, Fmr., and Bill Nagy, COL, USA, Ret; photo by Ron Spaniol, COL., ARNG, Ret.*

# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

**National:** S.344, the Major Richard Star Act for concurrent relief was reintroduced in the Senate with broad bipartisan support. Currently, there are 53 co-sponsors, including Senator Mark Kelly. Although a co-sponsor last session, Senator Sinema has not yet re-upped. A companion bill H.R. 1282 was re-introduced in the House on March 1 and currently has 220 co-sponsors including, at press, Arizona's Representatives Ruben Gallego, Raul Grijalva, and Debbie Lesko. MOAA urges us to contact our senators and representatives and seek their support for this priority issue. We need to support MOAA's efforts to get it passed. Weigh in at: <https://moaa.quorum.us/>.

MOAA announced two priority issues for its 2023 Advocacy in Action (AiA) campaign in April. MOAA representatives from across the country will be visiting members of the US Senate and House in April to push for action on the following issues:

1. Restore Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) to 100%. Our servicemembers give 100% in service to our country and they should not have to carry the additional burden of paying higher housing costs not covered by their allowance. Please help relieve stress on our military and help support recruitment and retention to sustain a strong all-volunteer force.

2. Reverse TRICARE Pharmacy Cuts. TRICARE Pharmacy network cuts announced in late 2022 have created barriers to accessing prescription medications, particularly for the elderly, rural families, and those with serious medical conditions such as cancer, epilepsy, and multiple sclerosis.

You can support MOAA's AiA and all the MOAA legislative initiatives by writing to your elected officials and urging them to support MOAA's priorities. You can use the Advocacy links at <https://moaa.quorum.us/>. Remember that grassroots advocacy is one of the most effective means to influence national and state legislative action!!

**Arizona:** SB-1206 Military Spouse Tuition is gaining more traction in the state Senate. On 14 Feb 23, the Senate Minority Caucus gave the bill a "DO PASS" recommendation. We need you to continue to push our state representatives in the Senate and House to support this important legislation!

SB-1375 to amend current law to include NOAA and USPHS active members in the active duty pay exemption in ARS 43-1022. The current language in 43-1022 says "Armed Services". SB-1375 would amend this to "Uniformed Services" granting NOAA and USPHS the same exemption for active duty pay. The current language covers active-duty members as well as Guard and Reserves. Again, your support for this issue is needed to get the amendment passed!!

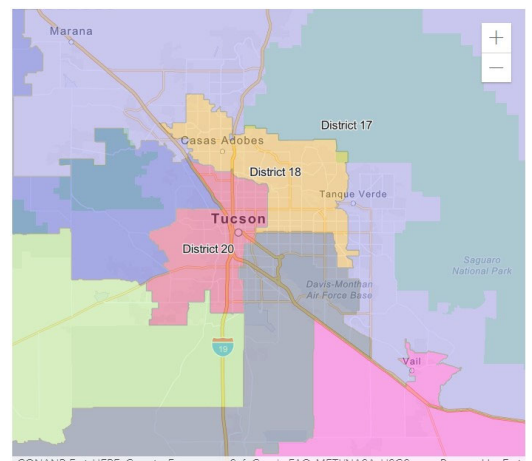
The Tucson and CMC member catchment areas are comprised of Legislative Districts 17,18, 20, and a part of 21.

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<https://redistricting-irc-az.hub.arcgis.com/pages/official-maps#officialmaps>

# D-M RAO March Meeting



**Base News: March 25-26 Air Show needs volunteers.** Tasks range from picking up trash, directing cars for parking, directing people where various activities are taking place, etc. Will require some stamina. POC: Maj Anthony Noto, 520-228-4739. **Heritage Week Training Course** flights last few days (we flatlanders have been hearing them). Base is gearing up for a 2-week-long IG-led Unit Effectiveness Inspection (UEI).

**TRICARE and D-M Medical Group** will host briefings for TRICARE eligible beneficiaries, especially those nearing 65 or above and who have questions or want more information. Tues 11 Apr 2023 @ 1000; 355<sup>th</sup> Medical Group (Bldg 417), 4175 S Alamo Ave. Contact Bob Howard with questions: 520-228-2634. **Pharmacy** says appt. line working, "2778." The QR code on the app is not good. Opt to get in line. The BX annex will need re-arrangement during renovation.

**Exchange:** GM Hafeeza McCullough reports upgrade of whole facility begins March 20. First section will be Concessionaires & portion of main store. While the timeline for the entire project is a year, given the age of the building...updates will be given. Two options for highly popular Click and Go: Door Dash and pickup. Also, for on-line shopping delivery can be to closest facility to final destination, they will hold it for pickup. Two positions opening up: Starbucks management position and a Supervisor for Popeyes. There will be Vietnam War Commemoration Pinning at the Food Court, 1000 March 29. The **Commissary** says Click-to-Go growing; using the Military Star Card is now ok. May 12-13 is warehouse case lot sale along with seafood sale. Off-base deliveries still under discussion. **ITT Office** has relocated to Community Center; Mon-Fri hours. **Dining Facility** to re-open. **Bowling Center** renovation on-going; hope to reopen this summer. **Casualty Assistance** office formally has two people on-board. Have moved to face-to-face intake, rather than "fill out form."

**D-M RAO Office** is looking for volunteers. Five hours a week commitment. **VITA** has processed 927 returns both retired and active duty. Volunteers are needed; besides direct assistance, phones, paperwork, etc. **TMC Hospice:** 3-9 April is Natl. Public Health Care Week. Remember to get your will, Medical Power of Attorney, and Power of Attorney in order. The **Gold Star Family Memorial Dedication** is scheduled for 10:30 a.m., Tues. May 30, 2023 at 2773 S. Palo Verde Road, Tucson. April-May **RAO Newsletter** is being put together; it will be the last till the Fall.

## Davis-Monthan AFB

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### Tucson MOAA Mission

1. Advocate and support MOAA national goals.
2. Advocate and support the Arizona and metro Tucson programs, activities, and proposed legislation.
3. Encourage and promote a spirit of volunteerism and participation in programs and activities beneficial to Tucson civic and military communities.

### The newsletter editor wants your opinion!

What are your thoughts on the recent format changes in The Territorial?

Let me know at moaa@gojo.mozmail.com



# 5th Annual RUN FOR FISHER HOUSE

**Saturday  
March 11th 2023**

**\$ 20 a person  
\$ 30 a couple**

Presented by  
**ABATE of Southern Arizona**

Registration is from **9:00-11:00**  
BREAKFAST AVAILABLE AT 1ST STOP  
Starts at Northwest  
Tucson Moose Lodge  
Rally finishes at  **American Legion  
Post 109**

**\* Food & Drinks  
\* Raffle Prizes  
\* Live Music  
\* Vendors**

**POKER RUN**

**FISHER HOUSE  
ARIZONA  
HELPING MILITARY FAMILIES**

Proceeds to benefit the Arizona Fisher House

# TUCSON VETERANS

## 2023 Stand Down and Career Fair

Grand Luxe Hotel 1365 W. Grant Road



**Veteran Stand Down March 15**  
from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
**and Career Fair March 16**  
from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

\* Please bring extra copies of your resume; business casual attire for the career fair

Open to ALL Veterans, National Guard and Reservists  
in the local area in need of the following resources:

- Clothing/ hygiene items
- Substance abuse counseling
- Disability claims
- Benefits applications
- Haircuts
- Treatment referrals
- Pet care
- Just minor first aid
- Legal matters
- Service Organizations
- Housing options
- Employment assistance and job training
- Veterans Court
- Mental Health and Religious counseling

Lunch will be served

For event information contact  
520-909-4660 or azvet4u@gmail.com

**NO ALCOHOL • NO DRUGS • NO WEAPONS**



## Save the Date

# VETERAN PRIORITY Career Fair

**16th March 2023**

**No-Cost  
Event**

Grand Luxe Hotel & Resort  
1365 W Grant Rd, Tucson, AZ 85745

EMPLOYER SET-UP: 10AM  
VETERANS ENTER: 11AM  
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY: 12PM  
EVENT CONCLUDES: 2PM

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## \*\*\*Save The Date\*\*\*

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Welcome Home! Vietnam Veterans Day

**Saturday, March 25, 2023**  
10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Mountain View Cemetery and Funeral Home  
7900 E. Main Street  
Mesa, AZ 85207

Everyone is Welcome to Attend!

**What is Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day?**  
More than 8 million U.S. Troops served in Vietnam. The last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam and the end of March 1973. These veterans came home to a country divided on their feelings about the war. Many who returned did not receive recognition for their service.

**Schedule of Events:**

**10:00 am - 11:30 am** - We are honored to have Major General Peter Aiyward and his staff from Washington, DC, several guest speakers, Veterans Heritage Project Students, Presentation of Colors by the Navy JROTC Color Guard, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students from Patterson Elementary School, Native American Blessing, Veterans Pinning Ceremony performed by the Dept. of Defense USA Vietnam War Commemoration, Bagpipes, USA Army Field Band (Six-String Soldiers), and White Dove Release.

**12:00 pm - 4:00 pm** - Enjoy fun and entertainment for the whole family:

Informational booths for Veterans  
Free haircuts for Veterans  
Military Equipment  
Wreaths Across America Educational Trailer  
Bands  
Dunk Tank, Food trucks and much, much more!

Questions? Please contact Nancy Juchander at (520) 280-6712