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Arizona Council of Chapters eNewsletter – Fall 2020

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Who We Are. The Arizona Council of Chapters (AZCOC), an affiliate of The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), is a dynamic organization of more than 1,100 active, retired, and former officers of the uniformed services of the United States, and the surviving spouses thereof. The AZCOC was chartered on 6 Jun 1975 and later incorporated in the state of Arizona on 30 Sep 1992. It is comprised of [nine chapters and three satellite chapters](#).

Vision. MOAA is recognized as Arizona’s most committed and effective advocate for the rights and benefits of—and service to—active duty, >>>

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retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families.

Mission. To provide a unified voice and support for all MOAA members and chapters in Arizona in promoting and supporting National MOAA's goals, objectives, and advocacy for the rights and benefits of—and service to—active duty, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families.



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First and foremost, I sincerely hope all of you—our Arizona MOAA members—and your families are staying healthy and safe during these continuing challenging and abnormal times.

In my article for our last eNewsletter I said our Spring state council meeting was different than any previous meeting due to it being conducted virtually, with no in-person interaction. I honestly thought our Fall meeting would be back to normal with all of us meeting in-person. I was sadly mistaken. Our recent Fall council meeting was again conducted virtually due to concern from the increasing threat of the COVID-19 pandemic.

With the assistance and support of our council officers and staff, and our chapter and satellite chapter presidents, the Fall council meeting was a success with 25 participants. We were privileged to have two great guest speakers from the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services: John Scott, Deputy Director, and Jennifer Harris, Legislative Liaison. John provided a summary of the department's current issues and priorities, and Jennifer >>>



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provided a summary of legislative matters affecting Arizona's military and veterans. All of our chapter presidents received a copy of John's presentation should you desire to see/learn the details. You will find the *key takeaways* from the meeting in the [Topics of Interest](#) section of this eNewsletter. The Fall meeting also serves as our annual business meeting and as such, it includes a few special items which are highlighted below.

Levels of Excellence Awards. I was honored to present (virtually) 5-Star Awards to our council and all nine of our chapters. This was the eighth consecutive year that all ten affiliates received a 5-Star Award, MOAA's recognition of the "very, very best councils and chapters."

Council Budget. Our Council Treasurer, Charlie Bitner provided the status of the 2020 Budget and presented the 2021 Budget for approval. The council unanimously approved the Budget.

Election of Council Officers. Per council bylaws, elections are held >>>



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every even year. The appointed Nominating Committee of Col Ron Perkins and Lt Col Dick Jonas nominated the following for council officers: Col Pete Kloeber (myself) for President and LtCol Nicholas Knight for Vice President. The council unanimously approved both nominations. I then re-appointed the two remaining officers: Pam Wojtas (Secretary) and Charlie Bitner (Treasurer).

As always, the absolute highlight of the meeting was the update from each of our nine chapters. I am constantly amazed at the dedicated leadership of our chapters and how much our chapters and satellite chapters are doing within their respective communities. In the last year, our nine chapters have contributed \$66,700 in scholarships and \$65,300 to their respective communities for veterans, their families and caregivers—a remarkable total of \$132,000. Additionally, all ten of Arizona affiliates (our council and all nine chapters) are now official [Be Connected](#) Partner Organizations supporting Arizona's unique and proven Be Connected program. Not surprising, the consistent theme of the “challenges” >>>



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reported by our chapters centered on the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on all facets of chapter life – meetings, community outreach and service, member support, recruitment, retention, etc. Even though this impact has been significant, our chapters are learning to deal with it as best they can and exercising great ingenuity and innovative thinking as they continue to never stop serving on behalf of MOAA, their members, and their communities.

I continue to be proud to represent you and MOAA as our state council president. I am especially honored that you have elected me to serve another term as you council president and look forward to working with our new vice president, LtCol Nicholas Knight and our other council officers and staff, and chapter presidents. I want to specifically recognize two individuals. First, thank you to Col Tom Owens, our outgoing council vice president for his loyal and dedicated service to our council and for his many years of service as president of the Tucson Chapter. Second, I want to >>>



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thank Pam Wojtas, our council secretary for her dedication and outstanding work over the past six years...*she is truly the glue of our council.*

In closing, I again ask you is to please send us stories and photos of your noteworthy activities so we can share them on our website, which you can check out for yourself at <http://azcouncilofchapters.org>.

Thank you again for constantly exemplifying MOAA's motto of "Never Stop Serving."

Peter Kloeber
AZCOC President



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- Federal Legislation

- The federal government continues to operate under a continuing resolution set to expire 11 December. MOAA is urgently pressing Congress to finish up the defense bill authorizing funding for the new fiscal year that began 1 October. The FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) includes many provisions important to servicemembers and their families.
- The House and Senate versions of the NDAA, [H.R. 6395](#) and [S. 4049](#), respectively – both passed in late July and were referred to a joint conference committee. As of last week, the conferees, which include key members of the House and Senate Armed Services Committees, were in the process of finalizing negotiations to reconcile the bills.
- The NDAA is the primary piece of legislation for meaningful DoD >>>



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reforms/improvements, including MOAA-supported measures such as:

- A three-percent pay raise for members of the uniformed services.
- Language that stops [military treatment facility \(MTF\) restructuring and medical billet cuts](#).
- The addition of [three conditions to the list of those presumed connected to Agent Orange exposure](#).
- While both versions of the bill include language that aligns with MOAA's priorities, there is more work to be done to ensure MOAA-supported provisions make it into the final version of the NDAA. You can make your voice heard on these improvements by clicking the Legislative Action Center link here: [Take Action](#). Send a message to your legislators with MOAA's easy to use email message system.
- [Arizona State Legislature](#)
 - The Arizona state legislature retains narrow Republican majorities >>>



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in both houses following the November elections. As thoughts turn to the next session of the legislature starting in January 2021, there is considerable uncertainty over what impact the COVID-19 pandemic will have on the agenda and focus of the House and Senate.

- The 2020 legislative session ended with no progress on two important veteran's issues.
 - First, supporters had hoped to see at least six new Veterans Benefits Counselors (VBC's) funded this year to meet a pressing need in the state. But this initiative did not get into the 2021 budget.
 - Second, Governor Ducey's call for full exemption of military retired pay from state taxes did not get traction in the Arizona legislature.
- Issues are now being developed for 2021. At a stakeholder meeting on 14 September 2020, hosted by the legislature's Veterans Caucus leaders, the discussion centered on the uncertainty driven by >>>



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COVID-19 on the legislature's business in the next session. The only clear priority was more VBC's for the Arizona Department of Veteran's Services. The first Veterans Caucus meeting is set for 3 December where further discussion will take place on direction for next year's session.

- MOAA State Legislative Consortium
 - In late 2019, MOAA's Government Relations Team launched a State Legislative Consortium to provide a forum for councils and chapters to share best practices on state level advocacy. Two chapter leaders have stepped up to lead the effort. They are:
 - Col Tom Robillard USAF Ret: email Thomas.robillard47@gmail.com
 - LTC Don Wolfinger USA Ret: email don17609@yahoo.com
 - The council recommends chapter participation in the consortium. You can sign up by sending the two leaders above an email with your Name, Chapter, Email Address, and Phone Number.



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- There have been five online meetings since the forming of the consortium. The next meeting will be via Zoom in January 2021, with date and details to be announced later.

Lee Lange

AZCOC Legislative Chairman



Treasurer

The council's finances have not changed over the last several months. We continue to maintain a healthy balance largely for the same reasons it built up—the lack of travel and other face-to-face meetings resulting from the pandemic. We also received two nice grants; one from MOAA National for council travel and one that Lee Lange secured for us from USAA. At the November Zoom meeting, the council approved a budget for 2021 that was designed to reflect a "normal" year, and assuming we get back to using the council funds as they have been used over the years, the 2021 end-of-year balance would likely fall back to more traditional numbers.

Pam Wojtas will be giving me numbers for 2021 dues based on your 31 December committee module stats, and I will then be sending out notices.

Charlie Bitner
AZCOC Treasurer



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Hope that all of you and your families are staying healthy and safe during these strange times. Let's hope that COVID will get under control so we can meet in-person for the Spring council meeting which will take place on 7 May 2021.

As most of you are aware, when we were meeting in-person for the council meetings, I would pass around a Master Council Roster of officers for updates. Since the past two council meetings have been virtual, prior to the meeting I sent each chapter president their section of the master roster for any updates for their chapter and satellite. I want to thank all of you for providing me the corrections and updates.

If you have changes to any of the officer positions on your portion of the roster, please send them to me when they occur. You do not have to wait until I pass around the roster at our council meeting.

I know that many of our chapters hold their election for officers in >>>



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November or December and, if there are changes, the elected officers take office in January. If your chapter is one of the chapters holding elections and you have changes to your roster because of these elections, please send this information to me so I can update the master roster with these changes.

The other positions listed on the master roster are council officers, council staff and past council presidents. If one of these positions apply to you and you have a change to any of your information, please let me know so I can make the corrections.

I would like to make sure the master roster is correct. I thank you for your help in ensuring that happens.

Pam Wojtas
AZCOC Secretary



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- Survivor Benefit Program (SBP)/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) Offset Phased Elimination Timetable
 - The National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for the year 2020 modified the law and allows for surviving spouses to receive both DIC and SBP payments without penalty
 - 2021 – SBP will be reduced by no more than two-thirds of the amount of DIC received, rather than the whole amount
 - 2022 – SBP will be reduced by no more than one-third of the amount of DIC received
 - 2023 – The SBP/DIC offset will be eliminated in total, allowing for full payments of both; this will be effective Jan of 2023 and paid Feb 2023
 - The most important action SBP annuitants can take at this time is to ensure your annuity account information is up-to-date and includes your correct mailing address so, if needed, you can be contacted >>>



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- Also, if you're not using [myPay](#), set up a profile now and add your email address
- Please Note: Only annuitants who are currently receiving an SBP or SSIA payment from DFAS can access myPay
- Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter
 - The latest Virtual Chapter teleconference was held on 20 October; the chapter currently has 133 members and over 50 members from across the country attended this meeting
 - The meeting's topics included: Covid-19 Relief Grants, Regional Leadership Meeting update, and legislative items affecting Surviving Spouses; the minutes have been posted and shared with chapter Surviving Spouse Liaisons
 - An application can be found on the Surviving Spouse Community tab at <https://www.moaa.org/Content/Personas/Family/Surviving-Spouses.aspx>



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- Facebook Page
 - Another way to stay up-to-date with the latest Surviving Spouse information is to visit Facebook
 - Join us at:
 - [MOAA Surviving Spouses and Friends](#)
 - [DIC Surviving Spouses & Friends](#)
 - [Military Survivor DFAS / SBP Issues](#)

Sharon Douglas
AZCOC Surviving Spouse Liaison



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- COLA Watch
 - The September 2020 Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 254.004, 1.5 percent above the FY 2020 COLA baseline.
 - The CPI for October is scheduled to be released 12 Nov. The CPI baseline for FY 2020 was 250.200; the CPI baseline for FY 2021—based on FY 2020 figures—is 253.412, a 1.3 percent increase that will be reflected in most military retiree pensions and Survivor Benefit Plan payments beginning in January.
 - The calculation is made by comparing the average CPI from July through September of the current fiscal year to the average for the same months of the year prior. Remember, active duty pay raises are calculated differently.
 - This information is calculated from the non-seasonally adjusted CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W). Calculation for >>>



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monthly COLA change: (Monthly CPI - Yearly Baseline CPI) / Yearly baseline CPI.

- You can learn more about CPI and its uses on the Bureau of Labor Statistics' [Consumer Price Index Home](#).

John Chernoski

AZCOC Personal Affairs Officer



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- Satellite Chapter Membership
 - Catalina Mountains: 42 Regular Members / 2 Surviving Spouse Members
 - Central Arizona: 10 Regular Members / 2 Surviving Spouse Members
 - Mohave: 13 Regular Members / 3 Surviving Spouses
- Satellite Chapter Recruitment
 - Catalina Mountains: 0 Regular Members / 0 Surviving Spouse Members
 - Central Arizona: 0 Regular Members / 0 Surviving Spouse Members
 - Mohave: 0 Regular Members / 0 Surviving Spouse Members
- Satellite Chapter Retention
 - Catalina Mountains: No Change
 - Central Arizona: No Change
 - Mohave: No Change



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- Catchment Area Changes
 - 24 Show Low area zip codes were reallocated from Northern Arizona Chapter (NAC) to Grand Canyon Chapter in August
 - The Roosevelt zip code moved from NAC to Superstition Mountain Chapter

Ron Perkins/Dick Jonas

AZCOC Chapter Development Committee



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- What is a Transition Liaison (TL)?
 - A TL is the successor to the former The Officer Placement Service (TOPS)
 - This program was established to provide all MOAA members and their Spouses with another venue for job research and placement
 - The mission of MOAA TL is to compile, publicize, and disseminate job opportunities via its network of industry, MOAA chapters, military leaders, veteran service organizations, and other MOAA stakeholders.
 - In Summary, the MOAA TL mission is to provide Professional Guidance and Support for MOAA Members & Spouses in Job Transition
- What is the AZ TL?
 - The AZ TL Organization is comprised of 40+ business/industry executives and other professionals who routinely provide notices of job opportunities in their areas to post to the former MOAA TOPS1 database
 - MOAA TL AZ is an arm of National MOAA that serves the AZ community



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- MOAA AZ operates a [website](#) for posting information of interest to our stakeholders
- If you have information you want to share, send that information to me and I will have it posted on the website
- Services Provided
 - Provide local networking contacts for MOAA members and spouses in job/career transition
 - Each chapter is viewed as a primary career and geographic resource
 - Each Chapter provides needed “sponsor” assistance
 - Provide Job Listings on the website for access to the membership
 - Provide career related links and information for the membership in transitioning to civilian workforce as well as pertinent military and retired changes in benefits



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- Provide Career Fair Listings
- Serve the membership with Networking Contacts
- National Resources Available
 - MOAA Career Center Website: www.moaa.org/careers
 - Linked In (Join MOAA Career Networking Group)
- Arizona Resources Available:
 - Council and Chapter Policies and Procedures Guide
 - Arizona MOAA Website: moaatopsaz.org
- AZCOC TL Contact Information (Harry Bowen): harrybowen@aol.com /
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Harry Bowen

AZCOC Transition Liaison



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- Employer Support of Guard and Reserve (ESGR) ... What's in it for the Servicemember?
 - Employer Outreach: Promote a culture where all employers support and value military service through education, recognition, and mediation
 - Military Outreach: Make Service members aware of their rights and responsibilities under the law and the value of employer support and recognition
 - Employment: Increase career opportunities through strategic relationships with employers, state and Federal partners, and professional associations
 - Ombudsman Services: Provide informal, neutral mediation for issues or conflicts between employers and Service members before they escalate
 - Service Member Responsibilities
 - Provide advanced notice to employer (verbal or written)



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- Leave a civilian job for fulfillment of military obligations
- If on extended active duty, receive a qualifying military separation (served honorably)
- Serve for no more than five cumulative years away from the workplace, excluding exceptions
- Notify employer of intent to return to work in accordance with USERRA guidelines
- Employer Responsibilities
 - Allow military leave of absence
 - Reinstatement employee promptly
 - Restore employee seniority
 - Reinstatement employment benefits
 - Provide training or refreshing of skills



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- Do not discriminate or retaliate
- What Protections Do Servicemembers Have?
 - The Uniformed Services Employment & Reemployment Rights Act (USERRA) is a Federal statute that protects Service members' and veterans' civilian employment rights.
 - An employer must not deny initial employment, reemployment, retention in employment, promotion, or any benefit of employment to an individual on the basis of his or her membership, application for membership, performance of service, application for service, or obligation for service in the uniformed Services.
- Among other things, under certain conditions, USERRA...
 - Requires employers to put individuals back to work in their civilian jobs after military service.
 - Restores employees who engage in military service to the same >>>



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level of seniority, status, and pay ordinarily attained if they were not called up for military service.

- Protects Service members from discrimination in the workplace based on their military service or affiliation.
- ESGR Employer Awards: [Service Member Patriot Award](#), [Spouse Patriot Award](#), [Seven Seals Award](#), [Above and Beyond Award](#), [Pro Patria Award](#), [Extraordinary Employer Support Award](#), [Secretary of Defense Employer Support Freedom Award](#)

John Chernoski
ESGR Liaison



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Chapter Membership. As of 1 Nov 2020, total membership for our nine chapters was 1,079. The chapters recruited 102 new members but lost 179 for a net loss of 77; this reduced total membership was due to many factors including deaths, moves, non-renewals, and of course COVID-19 concerns.

MOAA Membership. All nine chapters remain above the 95% threshold for members belonging to national MOAA. The total for all chapters increased to 99%. Especially noteworthy is that six chapters and all three satellite chapters are at 100%. As a reminder, any chapter with 100% of its members belong to National MOAA as of 1 Jun 2020 will receive a \$50 bonus.

Chapter Catchment Areas. In July of 2020 all chapters reviewed their lists of catchment-area zip codes and legislative districts. Also, in July, three chapters agreed to a reallocation of some zip codes. The Northern Arizona Chapter transferred 25 zip codes in the White Mountains area to the Grand Canyon Chapter and one zip code (Roosevelt, AZ) to the Superstition >>>



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Mountain Chapter. The council submitted the changes to MOAA which made the necessary changes to their official Zip Code Table. The Table is used for many purposes including recruitment lists, congressional districts by chapter, and the chapter locator.

MOAA Grants. Arizona chapters represent 2.4% of all MOAA chapters and received more than their fair share of MOAA grants.

- [COVID-19 Relief Grants](#) – 2 (18%) of 11 grants for a total of \$10,000 (Grand Canyon and Luke Chapters).
- [Community Outreach Grants](#) – 4 (17%) of 23 grants for a total of some \$18,700 (Arizona, Grand Canyon, Luke, and Tucson Chapters).
- [COVID-19 Emergency Financial Relief Grants](#) through chapters: The Arizona council and chapters have processed 12 (11%) of 108 small \$500 grants totaling \$6,000.

Be Connected Partner Organizations. In May 2020, only one of our >>>



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chapters (Grand Canyon) was an official [Be Connected](#) Partner Organization. Now all nine chapters and the council have been so recognized. MOAA is the first and only veterans' organization in the State to have all of its affiliates named a Be Connected Partner Organization.

MOAA Storming the Hill. This year there was only one main issue: Request Congress include a provision in the [National Defense Authorization Act \(NDAA\) for FY 2021](#) to stop DoD medical billet reductions and Military Treatment Facility (MTF) downsizing amid COVID-19 uncertainty. The typical in-person Storming the Hill for 2020 was cancelled 15 days before the event due to the COVID-19. MOAA asked all state councils to conduct virtual storming with their respective state legislators. With the help of our council's legislative liaison Lee Lange and several of our chapters, we were able to meet with six of our 11 legislators during MOAA's prescribed time frame. The following provides a snapshot of the effort:

- Sen Sinema (staff) – 21 Apr and 2 Jun: Council and Arizona Chapter >>>



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- CM O’Halloran – 19 May: Council and Grand Canyon Chapter
- CW Lesko – 29 May: Council and Luke Chapter
- CM Gallego (staff) – 1 Jun: Arizona Chapter
- CM Schweikert (staff) – 4 Jun: Arizona Chapter
- CW Kirkpatrick – 11 Jun: Council and Coronado Chapter

The MOAA-wide virtual storming resulted in House inserting two sections (715 and 716) in its version of the FY 2021 NDAA requiring DoD to conduct additional analysis and mitigation planning on MTF restructuring and medical billet cuts. MOAA then requested councils conduct a “Summer Storm” to focus on contacting senators and asking them to support the House version. Again, with the help of Lee Lange, our council had very successful virtual meetings with Senators Sinema and McSally’s staffs.

Old Business – MOAA Visits to Chapters. Two of our chapters originally had MOAA visits scheduled for 2020: The Superstition Mountain >>>



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Chapter in April and the Grand Canyon Chapter in August. MOAA canceled all in-person visits through at least December of 2020 due to the COVID-19. The Yuma Chapter is also due a visit in 2021. An alternative to the in-person visits is to schedule a virtual visit during a virtual chapter meeting. MOAA says such virtual visits will count as official visits.

Council Bylaws. The council unanimously approved amendments to the [AZCOC Bylaws](#) during the Fall meeting. The amendments clarify MOAA affiliate status, modify voting rights by giving past presidents voting rights at the discretion of the elected council officers rather than standing voting rights, and add a non-discrimination article.

Host Chapter Liability Insurance and Satellite Chapters. The Tucson Chapter asked [Mercer](#) if its commercial general liability (CGL) insurance (through Mercer) also covered its Catalina Mountains Satellite Chapter. After several communications with Mercer, the Tucson Chapter received An endorsement to their policy showing the satellite chapter as a “named >>>



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insured.” Mercer said the carrier will handle such matters on a case-by-case basis. MOAA general counsel is satisfied with Mercer’s response as it has now set a precedent for future similar cases. **ADVICE TO HOST CHAPTERS WITH A SATELLITE(S):** If you have or plan on obtaining CFL insurance, work the coverage for the satellite up-front and not after-the-fact.

Possible Assistance from Law Students. CDR John Chernoski, Legislative Liaison for the Green Valley Chapter and past MOAA National board member, has a good relationship with veterans who are students in the law school at the University of Arizona. These students are willing to assist the veteran community and may be a research resource for the council and chapters (e.g., locating state legislation on X topic to use a model for an AZ Bill, assisting a chapter with incorporation, IRS nonprofit status, etc.). Dealing with individual personal problems is likely outside the scope. Coronado Chapter has already initiated a dialogue with one of the students. If a chapter is interested in obtaining assistance or more information, >>>



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please contact John Chernoski at jchernoski@cox.net.

Chapter Governance. Just a reminder that all chapters should have their pertinent documents and know where they are located. Examples: Arizona incorporation documents, IRS tax exempt status, MOAA charter, bylaws, annual tax returns (990s), etc.

Chapter Updates. The presidents of all nine chapters presented outstanding updates on their respective chapter leadership, membership, successes, challenges, program and legislative activities, and goals. Each president received a copy of all updates. The council secretary will send copies of the updates or any of the Council Fall meeting presentations upon request (jp7wojtas@gmail.com).

Chapter Recognition. In case you missed them, the links below are to two MOAA.org articles on [Arizona](#) Chapter's MOAA Grant outreach successes and [Grand Canyon](#) Chapter's Navajo Nation COVID-19 pandemic food donations.



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Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society (AVHOFS). Historically, among the AVHOFS inductees each year are some of our fellow MOAA chapter members. This year was no exception, so it is with great pride and admiration that we recognize the following MOAA members of the AVHOFS Class of 2020:

- Albert Benjamin Crawford Jr, USA – Arizona Chapter
- Frank Murdock Hoak III, USN, (posthumous) – Arizona Chapter
- Edward Charles Logan, USAF – Luke Chapter
- Clyde David Meade, USN – Northern Arizona Chapter
- Maureen Pryor, USA – Coronado Chapter

For more information on the AVHOFS and their inductees by-class, please use this link: [AVHOFS](#).



AZCOC Meeting Information

- Spring 2021: The next AZCOC meeting is scheduled for Friday, 7 May, 2021 with a social the evening prior on 6 May. We will hopefully be able to meet in-person and the tentatively planned venue is the Colonnade in Surprise, AZ. Final location and details are TBD.
- Fall 2021: TBD (tentatively scheduled for 5 Nov 2021)
- Spring 2021: TBD (tentatively scheduled for 6 May 2022)

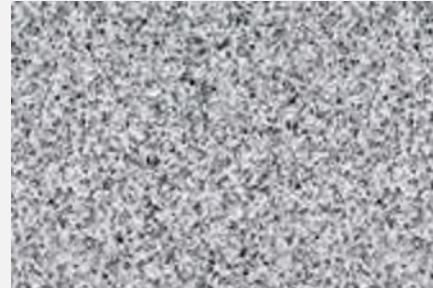


Photo Gallery

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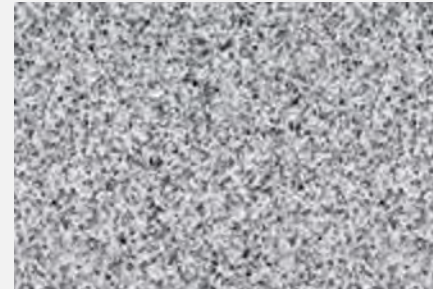
**AZCOC Meeting
8 Nov 2019**



Pending



**Arizona State
Veterans Home
(Yuma)**



Pending



**AZCOC Meeting
3 May 2019**



Pending



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- [Take Action](#) - *MOAA Advocacy Information*
- [MOAA National Homepage](#)
- [MOAA Publications](#)
- [MOAA Councils and Chapters](#)
- [MOAA TOPS Arizona](#)
- [Opt-in for the MOAA Newsletter](#)
- [MOAA Council and Chapter Policies and Procedures Guide](#)
- [Arizona Department of Veterans Services \(AZDVS\)](#)
- [Arizona Be Connected](#)
- [Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame Society \(AVHOFS\)](#)
 - [AVHOFS Copper Sword / Copper Eagle Nomination Criteria and Forms](#)
- [Unified Arizona Veterans \(UAV\)](#)



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- [Veterans Administration Regional Office - Phoenix](#)
- [VA Medical Center - Phoenix](#)
- [State Veterans Home - Tucson](#)
- [State Veterans Home - Phoenix](#)
- [Southern Arizona VA Healthcare System \(Tucson VA Medical Center\)](#)
- [Northern Arizona VA Healthcare System \(Prescott VA Hospital\)](#)
- [Arizona Military Family Relief Fund](#)
- [VA Benefits Administration Links](#)
- [How to obtain a copy of DD-214 on the Internet](#)
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