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# THE OUTBACK

**NACMOAA**

Established 1972

NOV/DEC 2020

## NACMOAA STAFF & DIRECTORS FOR 2020

Mrs. Sharon Douglas – President

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## *From the President*

*By: Sharon Douglas*

The October 1st NACMOAA Picnic marked the first in person gathering since Feb. It was well attended, numbering 27 members and 2 guests. The event was catered by US Vets. There was a large variety of picnic fare. We celebrated Al Cheney's 100th birthday with a big chocolate cake complete with an Army logo. Al addressed the members giving us insight into his long life and his time in the military. It was a great day of food and fellowship.

Due to the uptick in local and statewide Covid-19 cases, and the challenge of finding an appropriate inside, value priced venue, we will not be having a Dec. luncheon. While I hate to cancel our holiday gathering, I feel it is the prudent move. We will revisit our options after the first of the year.

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**Due to the uncertainty of the Coronavirus and out of an abundance of caution, NAC MOAA will not gather for our December meeting/luncheon.**

*"Join with your fellow Officers and continue to make a difference!"*

# MOHAVE SATELLITE NEWS

**Officers:** President – LtCol Jerry Hietpas; 1st Vice President –Charlene (Char) Eastman; Vice President for Programs –CPT Joan McDermott; Secretary – Maj Bob Roberts

The next meeting for our NACMOAA group will be held at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1561 Marlboro Dr., Lake Havasu, [next to IHOP]on Saturday, 9 January at 11 am. A limited lunch of burgers, sandwiches, etc. will be offered from their Saturday menu. We will be able to eat in the meeting room or dining room, which ever you prefer. Any questions—just ask!!!

From the very large parking lot enter through the corner double doors and turn right through the dining area to the short hall straight ahead, then left. Please let me know if you are not a member so that I will be at the doors to let you in.

HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE!

LtCol Jerry Hietpas, USAF, Ret.
President Mohave Satellite
Contact Information: Phone: 928-715-6628
Email: gjhiet@gmail.com




At right is a photo taken on Oct. 17th at the Veterans Stand Down in LHC (l to r) Joan McDermott, VP for programs, Jerry Hietpas, Pres. NACMOAA-Mohave Satellite and his wife Dody Lee-Hietpas.



Maj. Bob Roberts presents the award certificate, MOAA medal for outstanding cadet and the Mohave Satellite's check for $500.00 on 5 October 2020 to AFJROTC Cadet Major Jaime Lozoya. Cadet Lozoya was a student leader and athlete at Mohave High School and is enlisting in the United States Air Force.

Due to COVID-19 this presentation was delayed.

## *From the President:* [cont. from page 1]

The Board of Directors continues to have monthly meetings to take care of NACMOAA business. The website committee continues to meet and work on our new NACMOAA Facebook page.

Another casualty of the virus is the Yavapai Stand Down that was scheduled for Nov 12-14. It was cancelled this past week due to health concerns. NACMOAA donated $200.00 for hygiene kits. Those will still be handed out along with cold weather gear and food bags to go. All these items will be prepackaged so they can be safely handed out to our veterans.

NACMOAA did participate in the Prescott Veterans Day Parade on Nov 11th. We had three vehicles decorated in patriotic gear and MOAA banners. You will find photos in this newsletter on page 5.

NACMOAA is collecting donations for two local charities this holiday season. We are supporting Toys for Tots and our local US Vets organization. If you are interested in donating, please send a check to our treasurer, Heather Weil. The mailing information can be found in this newsletter. Make your wishes known by putting which charity you want your funds to go to in the memo line of your check. Please send your donations by Dec. 10th so they can be distributed before the holidays.

It's almost that time of year, 2021 NACMOAA dues are payable now and due as of 01 Jan 2021. The amount stays the same as last year, $ 25.00 for members and $5.00 for spouses and surviving spouses. There are two payment options, by check to NACMOAA Treasurer or if you want to use a credit card, you can pay through the MOAA national website. There is also an option to donate up to $ 100.00 tax free to our chapter. Instructions for both can be found in this newsletter.

Just a reminder it is open season for Medicare now through Dec. 7, 2020. Tricare and Federal Employees Dental and Vison Insurance Program (FEDVIP) open season is now through Dec. 14, 2020. Find more information at benefeds.com or 1-877-888-3337.

The changing leaves and cool nights signal the upcoming change of seasons. Maybe a more welcome sight than usual after such a long, hot, dry summer.

Wishing you all a most plentiful Thanksgiving  the merriest of holidays 
And a healthy and happy 2021 

Best Wishes:

Sharon Douglas, Surviving Spouse
President, Northern Arizona Chapter



## *Ladies of NACMOAA*

Rita Murrens & Mary Jonas had lunch at Augie's on Nov. 13th. We had a good time and talked about all kinds of things.

We gather at 11:30 AM, order off their menu and pay individually. Our lunches are usually over by 2:00 PM. We encourage all ladies of NACMOAA to join us for this social event.

Our lunch dates for 2021 will be: January 8th; March 12th; May 14th; July 9th; September 10th and November 12th.

If you know of any of our Ladies who have moved or have health issues we should be aware of, please forward that information to Mary Jonas at mlgjonas.2012@gmail.com or call her at (928) 636-2259. You can also share wishes for prayer or spiritual questions with our Chaplain, Peter Jensen, at (323) 928-9918.

**Membership Corner:** Please forward any Membership Changes and/or Updates to Dick Jonas at <az04nac@erosonic.com> or call him at (928) 636-2259. Dick has the responsibility of maintaining our membership roster so inputs help to keep it current.

If you are in need of a NACMOAA nametag, Dick is the man to contact. The name tags cost $5.82 each. There is no shipping fee if you pick up your nametag at one of our meetings.

**Membership Updates:**

Our main recruiting efforts consist of using the NRT from National MOAA which comes in each month. That is the list of National MOAA members in our area who have not yet affiliated with a local chapter. The list is shortened somewhat over the last few months, due I'm sure to the adverse impacts of covid19. We did send out two prospect letters last month, and we're sending four more this month. There was a fifth this month for the Mohave area, which we forwarded to LtCol Hietpas, the Mohave president.

Also, over time, we have had a small but steady recruiting effort via word-of-mouth from our active chapter members. As of November, our total numbers include 78 Regular/Surviving Spouse members, plus 15 Auxiliary members.

I'm thinking that recruiting will pick up when we are able to resume regular, in-person, meetings as in the past.

As a reminder, dues for Regular Members are now $25 per year, which also applies to Regular Chapter members who hold Basic memberships in National MOAA. Dues for Surviving Spouses and Auxiliary members are $5 per year. Make your checks to NACMOAA and note on the Memo line that this is a dues payment. Mail them to:

NACMOAA
4839 N. Viewpoint Dr. Apt. A
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

**~Chaplain's Corner~** Please contact Chaplin Peter Jenson for prayer requests, solace regarding family and friends, or spiritual guidance. He can be reached by phone: (323) 982-9918 or by email: <chcpetercjensen@gmail.com>

## From LtCol Alex Torrance: Lunch Coordinator –

As an organization, NAC is not having a Christmas party in December. The current and forecast COVID situation is just not conducive to indoor gatherings of large groups. But, we can still share in some of the Christmas spirit by contributing to others less fortunate than ourselves. Isn't that the real spirit of Christmas, anyway? Please think about taking whatever money you may have been planning on spending for the party and making a contribution to someone who could use it. NACMOAA can combine our many small contributions and send a significant contribution. The Board of Directors has decided on two charitable organizations; ***U.S. Vets and Toys for Tots*** (only 2 in an effort to maximize our contribution to their efforts). We have supported these groups in the past and have a local connection with them.

So, when you are thinking about how nice it is here and how lucky you are to live in Prescott, Arizona, United States of America, take some time and write a check to NACMOAA. Let Heather Weil (our new Treasurer) know what percentage you want to go to which charity. Guess you could include your 2021 Chapter dues, also. The sooner we get your contributions the sooner we can get a check and card out to ***U.S. Vets and Toys for Tots.***

***Nov. 11, 2020 Prescott Veterans Day Parade – Form-Up Area Pictures: Theme; The Military Family: Courage–Strength–Sacrifice.***




NAC MOAA Entry: Sharon Douglas, Clyde Meade & Alex Torrance decorated their trucks for the parade.



Colonial Color Guard.



Embry-Riddle Air Force ROTC Rifle Squad.

**MOAA NOW OFFERS TWO METHODS TO PAY CHAPTER DUES FOR 2021**

**MAIL:** Please make check payable to NAC-MOAA and send it to:

Heather Weil, NAC Treasurer
4839 N. Viewpoint Dr. Apt. A
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

**ONLINE:**

Go to the following link: http://www.moaa.org/Content/Chapters-and-Councils/Chapters-and-Councils.aspx#Chapter-Dues

Click on **"Join or Renew your Chapter dues**" in the blue box (middle of page)

You will see the following three Questions with pull-down options:

Do you want to join or renew? – Select **"Renew"**

State? – Select **"Arizona"**

Chapter? – Select **"Northern Arizona Chapter"**

Then click on **"Next"**

Fill out the requested information. You will need your MOAA member number.

Click **"Next"**

Select the **"Renewal Term"** from the pull-down options.

You can pay for 1, 2 or 3years.

Click **"Next"**

Optional Donation – You will see the following wording: **"You may donate up to $100.00 as a tax-free donation to this chapter. Donations will go to the Scholarship Fund unless instruct otherwise"**

Payment and Billing Information – fill in the requested information.

Click **"Finish"** You will receive a **"Payment Confirmation"** that you can print if desired.

## Surviving Spouse Information Never Stop Serving

## Surviving Spouse Corner

Gail Joyce introduced Lt Gen Atkins, MOAA President and CEO, for his report on current MOAA activity.

- This has been a unique year, particularly with regard to the virtual environment. In fact, the level of engagement has been greater than that in person, for instance, the Annual Meeting, usually has about 200 in attendance. 600 plus are signed up for this year's meeting, scheduled virtually for October 23, 2020. MOAA will be exploring the use of virtual environments for the future.

- The MOAA Board of Directors has been supportive in making technical investments to enhance the legacy of the organization.

- At Storming the Hill, done virtually this year, MOAA reached 535 congressional offices regarding legislative issues, including those regarding medical treatment facilities and reduction in spending in the military health system. Many communities impacted by the reduction in care at military facilities are not able to absorb that patient population.

- One of the biggest challenges is the National Debt. In this Pay-Go environment, it is important to be aware of where money comes from; and Pay-Benefit is a factor in determining where the money goes.

- MOAA is keeping an eye on Chapter 61 issues regarding concurrent pay for service members forced to retire early for medical reasons. These retirees get no disability pay.

-SBP-DIC offset (widow=s tax) has been addressed with a three year phased approach.

-Arlington National Cemetery: MOAA is engaged in working on solving issues regarding space and eligibility for burial at the cemetery.

- **Make your voice heard on Arlington National Cemetery.** Please consider sending a message to your lawmakers and making comment on the Federal Register to stop proposed eligibility changes to Arlington National Cemetery. MOAA is concerned about the discriminatory nature of proposed eligibility changes and recommends grandfathering those currently eligible and expansion of ANC to federal land not connected to the cemetery in order to ensure operations can continue well into the future. https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2020-news-articles/advocacy/act-now-dont-let-arlington-cemetery-changes-move-forward-without-your-voice/

Sign up today, and check out more upcoming MOAA events at:
https://www.moaa.org/content/events/moaa-events/

Submitted by: Sharon Douglas
AZCoC Surviving Spouse Liaison

For the very extensive and detailed Meeting Recap [4 pages] of the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter SSVC-02, from 20 October 2020 provided by Barbara Bowman, Recording Secretary Surviving Spouse, I have posted the entire document on GroupWorks.

Mary Jonas

## *Treasurer's Report: As of Nov. 4, 2020*

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|---|---|
| Cash on Hand | $12,136.58 |
| Less Events Fund | -560.06 |
| Less Reserve for Scholarships | -2,883.08 |
| Less Reserve for Mohave Satellite | -961.91 |
| Less Reserve Mohave Scholarship Fund | -1,100.00 |
| Less NACMOAA Honor Flight | -1,854.75 |
| Net General Funds | $4,776.78 |

*Submitted by Heather Weil, Treasurer*

GRANITE GATE SENIOR LIVING

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The Northern Arizona Chapter of MOAA wishes to express our thanks to the staff of Granite Gate Senior Living for their continued efforts on the behalf of their residents. We hope they are all staying safe and well during this pandemic. We hope to be back with them in 2021.

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MOAA VISION: To promote and protect a strong national defense and lead our nation to honor its commitments to all who serve.

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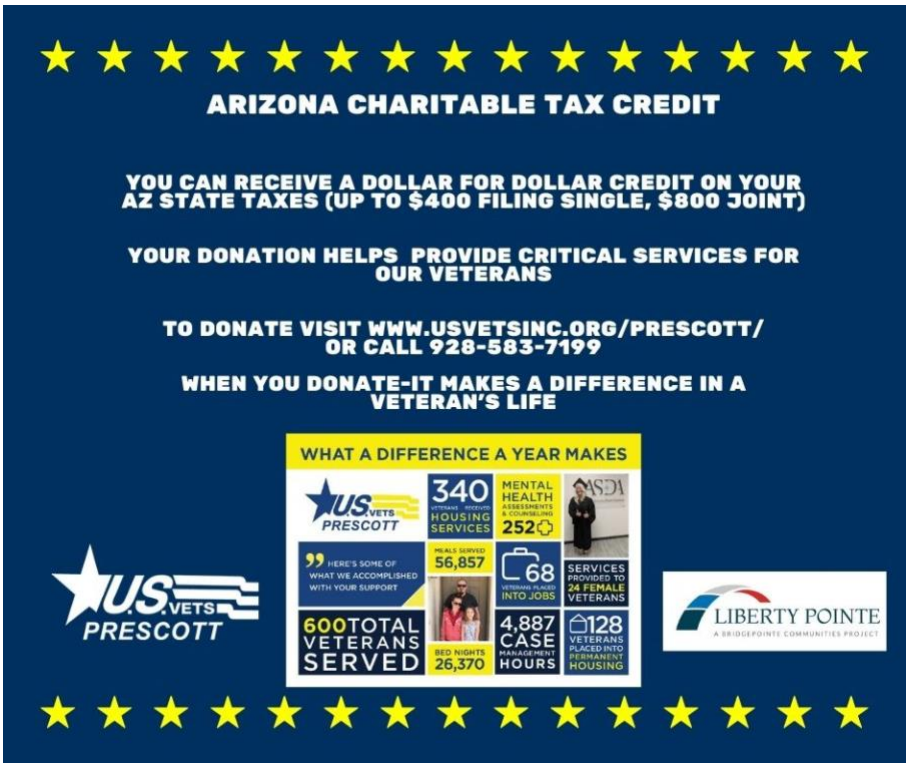
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NACMOAA President, Sharon Douglas presents Matthew Phillips of US Vets our $200.00 donation check for hygiene kits for the 2020 Veterans Stand Down.




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**Membership Changes:** **Effective January 2019** All Surviving Spouse and Auxiliary Members will pay $5.00 per year. This will help us keep more accurate information for our membership roster.
What this means for Surviving Spouse and Auxiliary Members, after completing the form below, is that we can now vote on Chapter issues and hold office [effective January 2019].

MOAA™
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NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER ~ APPLICATION FOR
**SURVIVING SPOUSE/AUXILIARY MEMBERSHIP**

Must be completed for you to have a vote on Chapter Issues or to hold elected office.

NAME: FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____ LAST _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _(_____)_____ ALTERNATE PHONE: _(_____)_____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

Spouse (Auxiliary): Your regular member spouse Rank / First / M Int / Last Name / MOAA Member #

_____

Surviving Spouse: Your deceased spouse Rank / First / M Int / Last Name / MOAA Member #:

_____

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: $_____ (Make check payable to NACMOAA)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ DATE _____

**EFFECTIVE JANUARY 2019** Surviving Spouse/Auxiliary dues are $5.00 per year.
Send this application to NACMOAA Treasurer 4839 N Viewpoint Dr Apt A,
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

# MOAA

Military Officers Association of America

## Regular Membership Application Northern Arizona Chapter

Name _____ MI _____ Last _____

Rank _____ Service _____ Component _____

Status: Active Retired Former Reserve NG DOB (optional):

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ Zip _____

Home phone _____ Cel _____

EMail _____

Spouse Name: First _____ Last _____

Member of National MOAA: Yes No (circle one). You do not have to be a National member to join our chapter. If you are, circle membership type: Basic Premium Life and provide your National MOAA Membership # _____

**Dues** (choose the one which applies to you):

New Regular member who signs up in the 1st qtr - $25; 2nd qtr - $20; 3rd qtr - $15. If you sign up in the 4th qtr it's $25, but that covers your 4th qtr in the current year, plus dues for the entire follow-on year.

Amt enclosed: $ _____ (make check payable to NACMOAA)

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail check and application to:

NACMOAA Treasurer
4839 N. Viewpoint Dr. Apt. A
Prescott Valley, AZ 86314

**See MOAA on the web at www.moaa.org**

All Chapter members are encouraged to be members of national Military Officers Association of America.

Any person who has ever held a commission or a warrant in any of the eight uniformed services is eligible for membership in the Military Officers Association of America.

# THERE WILL NOT BE A DECEMBER LUNCHEON!

Please cut on the line below and mail with your check for 2021 dues &/or donations to: Heather Weil, Treasurer

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NACMOAA Treasurer's address is 4839 N. Viewpoint Dr. Apt. A, Prescott Valley, AZ 86314.

Member Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

**2021 Dues** - $ _____ Member $25.00 Spouse/Aux $5.00

Scholarship - $ _____

Honor Flight - $ _____

Holiday Donations:

U.S. Vets - $ _____

Toys for Tots - $ _____

TOTAL - $ _____

Please send your donations to Heather Weil on/or before December 10th so she can combine them and get the monies to the groups.

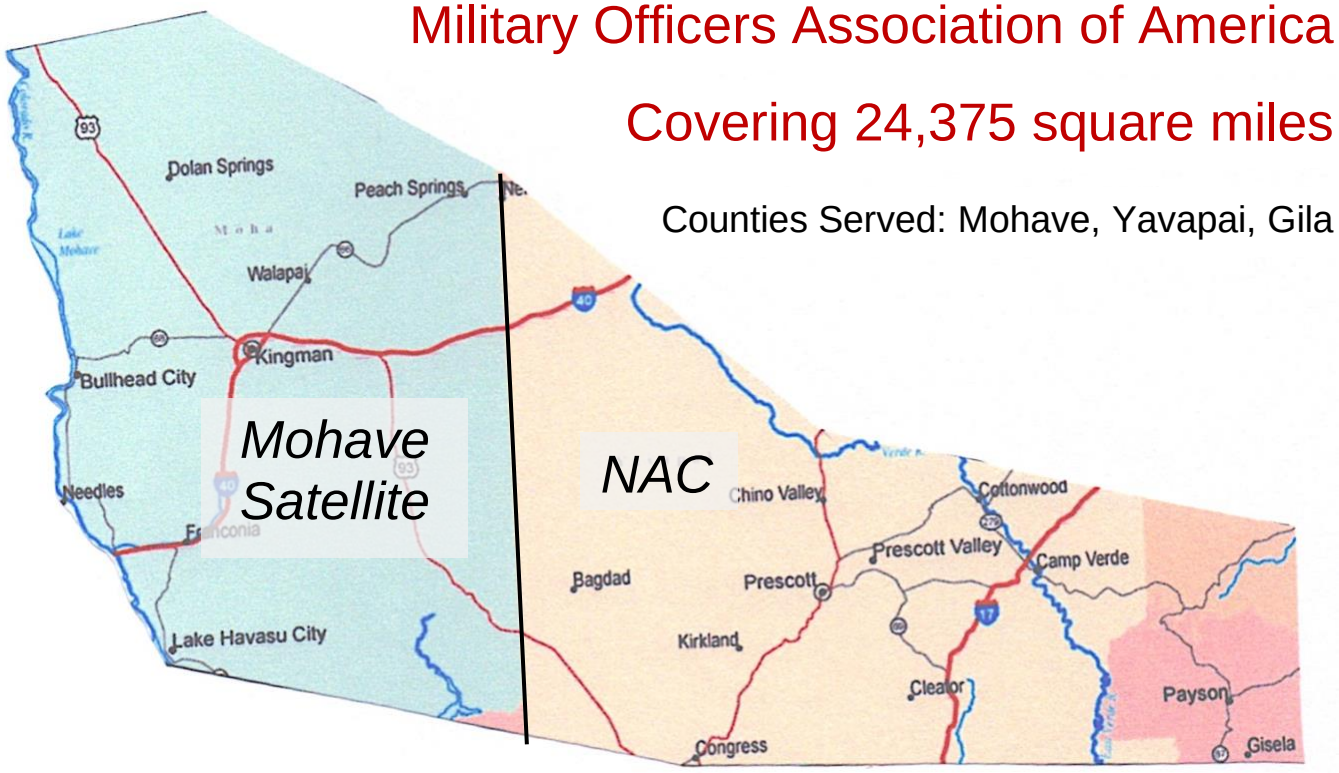
Chapter dues needed to be paid by the end of April 2021.

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