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2019 – 5 Star

THE OUTBACK

NACMOAA

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From the President

By: Sharon Douglas

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season.

2020 certainly handed us a number of challenges, personally, professionally, and socially. Words like Zoom, pivot, and unprecedented became a part of our everyday vocabulary. Our fast paced lives were replaced with spending time with family in the sanctuary of our homes.

Going forward let's hope and pray the roll out of the vaccine will allow us to return to a more normal lifestyle, including in person events and meetings.

There will not be a meeting/lunch in February. We will continue to monitor the situation and hopefully later in the year we will be able to meet in person.

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**Due to the uncertainty of the Coronavirus and out of an abundance of caution,
NACMOAA will not gather for our February 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

Char Eastman and Joan McDermott are busy with the surviving spouse program. They are currently helping two women get a determination from the VA on their individual cases.

We are hoping to commence with our regular meetings at the Eagles on February 8th. It will depend on what the Pandemic allows.

For additional information about the February meeting contact Jerry Hietpas at gjhiet@gmail.com or by phone at 928-715-6628.

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

From the President: [cont. from page 1]

NACMOAA was forced to change or cancel many events we had planned this last year. Some of these include information tables at the Wings Out West Airshow and Crusin4Vets Car Show and participating in Wreaths Across America, and Prescott Veterans Stand Down.

While there were many things cancelled, I think NACMOAA was still able to accomplish many things for our chapter and continued to help our local veteran community. Below are a few highlights of 2020.

***NACMOAA** partnered with our friends at Granite Gate Senior Living Facility for two projects. **First-** Our chapter members responded to a request for cards and letters for the residents, to ease the loneliness of the imposed quarantine. These cards were placed on the food trays delivered to their rooms. Barbara Conner at Granite Gate sent NACMOAA a letter of thanks and appreciation to our members. She told me there were a lot of smiles and some tears looking at the cards.

(Due to the uptick in Arizona Covid-19 cases, Granite Gate is pretty much back to lock down protocol. So, it’s not too late to participate in the card writing project. I send several at a time in a large envelope with a notation on the front “cards for residents.”)

Second- We held a mini Memorial Day Parade, with 13 members and 8 vehicles decorated in patriotic bunting and flags. We made 3 circuits around the parking lot.

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Honking horns and playing a patriotic CD created by our own Dick Jonas. Residents stood on their balconies to watch, cheer and wave mini flags.

***NACMOAA** became a full partner with Be Connected. An organization that focuses on early intervention with veterans and service members providing support and resources. In Feb six NACMOAA members went through the navigator training.

***Our Vice President**, Alex Torrance came up with an innovative idea to raise money for our Scholarship Fund. He set up a GoFundMe account and we raised \$1,155.00. Alex, thanks for thinking outside the box and thanks to all who made a donation.

***NACMOAA** Bylaws were updated in Oct.

***Donations were made to:**

-The 100 Club of Arizona in Memory of Commander Greg Carnicle.

-Fort Veteran. Supplies and monetary aid was collected and sent to the Navajo Nation during the height of the pandemic.

-US Vets for hygiene kits.

***Annual clothing drive for local veterans.**

*** Held a picnic Oct. 01** for our members, the first in person meeting since Feb. It was well attended by nearly 30 members and family. We also celebrated the 100th birthday of NACMOAA member Al Cheney.

***Mohave Satellite** participated in the Lake Havasu City's Veterans Stand Down.

***The website committee** has identified a webmaster to update and maintain our new website. We expect the new site to be up and running by the end of the first quarter of 2021.

***Awards**

-For the 8th time NACMOAA was awarded 5 stars in the prestigious Level of Excellence Award (L.O.E.)

-LCDR Clyde Meade was a first ballot inductee into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. The Induction Ceremony recognizes and honors Arizona veterans who have honorably served their country and continue to serve and inspire their fellow American citizens with civic deeds and accomplishments outside their military service.

Clyde joins a distinguished group of honorees who are MOAA members. I am proud to say we have several in our NACMOAA and satellite chapters. This includes Lt Col Dick Jonas, Lt Col Bob Wallace, Maj Stewart Fraiser, Maj John Tapia, CPT Joan McDermott, and Col Bill Sahn. Congratulations Clyde.

More information can be found at www.avhof.org

-NACMOAA Outback Newsletter editor Mary Jonas won the 2019 Marvin J. Harris Communications Award for Print/E newsletter. Mary received a certificate and NACMOAA received a streamer medallion for our flag. Well-deserved Mary. Thank you for your continued efforts as our newsletter editor.

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Ladies of NACMOAA

Rita Murrens, Heather Weil & 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: 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>](mailto: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:

The virus continues to adversely impact recruiting efforts. As in the past several months, prospects come mostly from the NRT (near real time) prospects lists sent down from National MOAA. We do continue to get a few prospects via word of mouth from our diligent chapter members. We have recruited one new Regular member in this way since the last report. Special thanks to the NAC family for the continuing "word of mouth." We sent out eight letters and emails on the December NRT. Thus far we have received no responses, so it's time to hit the phones. There are two more prospects on the January 2021 list. We will send letters to them in the near future.

We have added three new Auxiliary members bringing our AUX total to 18 members now. By definition, any spouse of a Regular member is eligible for AUX membership. And the price is right — dues are only \$5 a year, as is the case for our Surviving Spouse members. AUX members can fill staff positions on the Executive Committee. We have a couple who are doing just that as we speak.

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. 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 Chaplain Peter Jensen 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>](mailto:chcpetercjensen@gmail.com)

From the President: [cont. from page 3]

-On Jan 18th Mary Jonas received the Delissa G. Blair Military Spouse Award from “Heroes Among Us”.

***Scholarships**

-NACMOAA awarded JROTC Scholarships to cadets at Bradshaw and Prescott High Schools. ROTC scholarships were awarded to both Air Force and Army ERAU Cadets.

-Mohave Satellite awarded a scholarship to a 6 year Air Force Reservist, who is persuing her nursing degree.

-Mohave Satellite also awarded the MOAA medal for outstanding cadet along with a check to AFJROTC Cadet Major Jaime Lozoya of Mohave High School.

***NACMOAA had 3 decorated vehicles** in the annual Prescott Veterans Day Parade.

***The Ladies of NACMOAA** have continued to hold bi-monthly lunches at Augie’s Restaurant.

***We had 2 holiday projects.**

-We asked our members to donate to charities our chapter has been supporting. I am happy to report that we were able to send a check to Toys for Tots for \$818.00 and to US Vets for \$535.00. Thank you to everyone who made a donation.

-Clyde & Deborah Meade brought an idea to our board to “adopt” a family for Christmas. We identified a local family with ties to JROTC. On Christmas Eve Lt Col Bill DeKemper and I picked up a big Holiday dinner from US Vets and delivered it to the family, along with a gift card.

A big thank you to Carolyn Baca and US Vets who did a great job as always with the food preparation.

We close the book on 2020 and look toward the new year with hope and optimism. Please stay safe and well. Be patient, better days are coming.

Sharon Douglas, Surviving Spouse
President, Northern Arizona Chapter

SBP-DIC Offset Elimination – 2021 Phase One Estimate Letter Explainer

- No eligible spouse will receive less money in 2021 than they currently receive.
- The change in the law does not affect the amount of Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) you receive from the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). You should continue to receive your normal, full DIC amount from the VA.
- Your pre-estimates for 2021 in the letter are only for Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) payments made by the Department of Defense (DoD) via the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS).
- For a full explanation of the three phases of the SBP-DIC Offset Phased Elimination, please see our new DFAS Survivor SBP Newsletter: www.dfas.mil/survivornews.
- The Survivor Benefit Plan laws and regulations are complex. To see a full range of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs), see our SBP-DIC News webpage: www.dfas.mil/sbpdicnews.

For a more complete view of this Letter Explainer, it is posted on our GroupWorks page.

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 instructed 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 Virtual Chapter: Our next meeting is scheduled as follows:

Date: Tuesday January 19, 2021 Time: 10 AM MST

Programs/Speakers: Lt Gen Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret) MOAA Pres. & CEO
Gen Walter “Skip” Sharp, USA (Ret) Chairman, MOAA Board of Directors
Col Dan Merry, USAF (Ret) LTC Mark Belinsky USA (Ret): SBP-DIC Offset update
LTC Shane Ostram, USAF (Ret) Scams
Open Discussion
Micki Costello: Virtual Chapter Update.

Because of the presentations, this meeting may last up to an hour and a half.
Participants need not stay the entire time. Zoom connection information will be sent out several days before the meeting. Hope to “see” you there.

For more information, email mssvco2@gmail.com or go to the [surviving spouse section of MOAA.org](http://www.moaa.org/surviving-spouse).

Treasurer's Report: As of Jan. 12, 2021

Cash on Hand	\$12,765.44
Less Events Fund	-560.06
Less Reserve for Scholarships	-2,988.08
Less Reserve for Mohave Satellite	-961.91
Less Reserve Mohave Scholarship Fund	-1,100.00
Less NACMOAA Honor Flight	<u>-1,909.75</u>
Net General Funds	\$5,245.64

Submitted by Heather Weil, Treasurer

GRANITE GATE
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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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The Marine Corps League gives you the opportunity to get involved and make a difference in your community, to help those less fortunate and to participate in an organization that gets things done.

The VA Hospital Bingo Night Special Volunteers Sports Outings Fund Drives Visitation

Marines Helping Marines Wounded Marines Program Veteran Family Programs Holiday Visitations Raffles & Fund Drives

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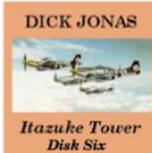
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Friday, January 29th
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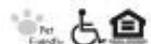
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Out with the old and in with a clutter-free new year! **Granite Gate** is hosting a community shred-a-thon to benefit the Yavapai County Food Bank. Bring any old documents that you want to shred, along with canned good donations for the food bank, and we'll have your documents safely disposed of so you can start the year with less clutter. To abide by social distancing protocols, this event will be held in our parking lot.

Open to the public. Call 928-771-8200
to learn more.



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Chaplin’s Corner: Below is an article I found interesting and would like to share with you from the “Presidential Prayer Team” email dated Jan 5, 2021.

Congress Passes Historic Anti-Corruption Legislation: Included in the defense bill is a provision that bans anonymous shell companies.

The defense bill that Congress recently passed, which overrode the President’s Veto, includes new legislation requiring companies to report their real owners or “beneficial ownership” to the Department of Treasury’s Financial Crimes Enforcement Unit. Part of the Defense Authorization Act, the Corporate Transparency Act is intended to prevent companies from hiding funds acquired by criminals or corrupt officials or hiding behind corporate organizations capable of concealing that information. The U.S. led the world in anonymous shell companies as of 2011.

**Chaplin Pete has also written an article on the history of our country’s motto. If you would like a copy of that or the above item, please contact Peter Jensen at chcpetercjensen@gmail.com or (323) 982-9918.

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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].



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,
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Military Officers Association of America

Regular Membership Application Northern Arizona Chapter

Name _____ MI _____ Last _____

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

Address _____

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E-Mail _____

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 FEBRUARY LUNCHEON!



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

NACMOAA Treasurer's address is 4839 N. Viewpoint Dr. Apt. A,
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Member Name: _____

Spouse /Aux Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

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

Scholarship - \$ _____

Honor Flight - \$ _____

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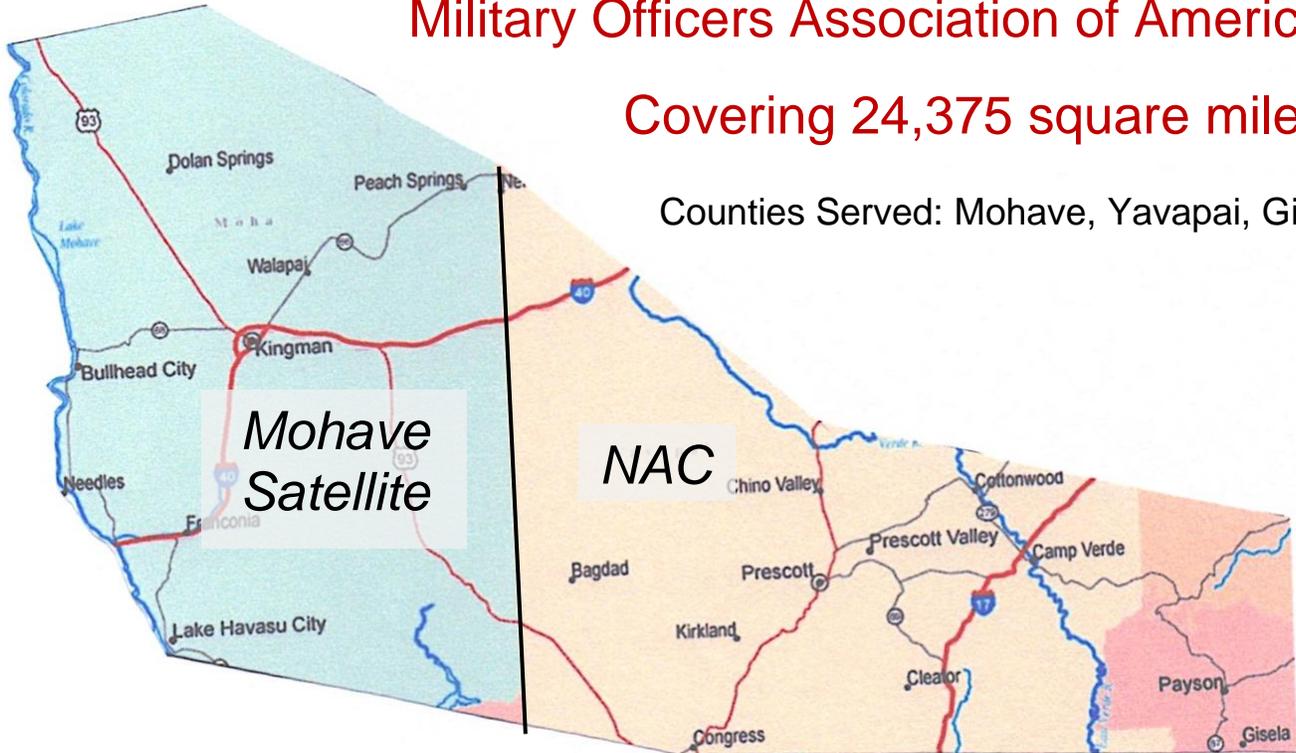
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Chapter dues need to be paid by the end of April 2021.

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