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# THE OUTBACK

## NACMOAA

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### *From the President*

*By: Sharon Douglas*

What a winter we have had in northern Arizona this year. It helped the drought and made for some beautiful photographs, but I for one am ready for spring.

Our first meeting of the spring will be held on 05 April. We have a very special guest speaker, Capt. Erin Stone JAGC, USN (ret). She is the Senior Director, Councils and Chapters. She will be addressing our members following lunch and taking questions following her presentation. It's not too late to send me any comments or questions you would like answered. I do need those ASAP. I hope you are able to attend. We may not have another visit from national MOAA for several years.

Speaking of luncheons, I would like to apologize for the quality of the food at the last get together. The head chef had been out sick all week and on top of that they were having staffing issues. I met with several management staff following the lunch. They were apologetic about the quality and are working hard to live up

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If you would prefer to receive *The Outback* via email, please make sure Dick Jonas has your correct email address. <[az04nac@erosonic.com](mailto:az04nac@erosonic.com)>

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to the high expectations NAC has come to expect from Granite while assuring me how important it is to them having NAC as their guests.

The 05 April lunch will have an Asian theme. The menu is posted on groupworks and in this newsletter. The RSVP date will be 24 March. You may pay at the door but I do need a final headcount by that date. Plan to join us starting at 1100 for wine and appetizers. We will get started at 1130; lunch will be served at noon. Alex is confirming a Color Guard as this time of year is difficult due to spring break.

As of 01 March, LCDR Spencer O'Neal will take over as the Membership Chair and PIO. One of his first undertakings will be working on updating our nacmoaa.org webpage. I want to thank Spencer for stepping up and accepting these staff positions. Welcome aboard. Also, in this edition of the Outback, you will find an article about Spencer and his wife, Caryn. We continue to try and highlight our members, especially new members so we can all get to know and welcome them to our city and chapter.

I know you all join me in giving a **BIG THANK YOU** to Dick Jonas, who has held the membership chair position for over 12 years. Dick is always the first one to step up and step in where he is needed. He takes on positions to help the chapter when we are unable to find a volunteer. He is the first one to sign up to work at the Stand Downs, drive in the Veterans Day Parade, deliver holiday cards to the VA, etc. Dick has agreed to stay on as our treasurer for now. On top of all this, Dick is also very busy with his music business and continues to perform his fighter pilot inspired music at military bases and other venues.

We have several new members so I would like to mention "Groupworks" to those who are not familiar with it. It is an information sharing platform. Unlike Facebook, this site is only for members of NAC who have been invited to join the site may get on and look at the information. There are no advertisements. It is a good way to see what is going on with our chapter, find interesting articles, and current events. You are able to see the menu for the upcoming luncheon and even RSVP right on the site. We post pictures from our luncheons and events like the Prescott Stand Down, Veterans Day Parade, and NAC Ladies lunches. If you are not signed up to receive Groupworks, please let me know and I will send you an invitation and link to get to the site.

Since the new three digit 988 *Suicide Prevention Lifeline* came on line in late summer of 2022, call volume has increased by 43% since the same time the previous year. The easy to remember number is being credited with the increase in calls. The Department of Health and Human Services states "The transition to 988 is just the beginning. We will continue working towards comprehensive, responsive crisis care services nationwide to save lives". This is a valuable tool for our veterans and their families in crisis - please help spread the word.

I look forward to seeing everyone Weds 05 April for our spring luncheon. Until then, get out and enjoy the warmer weather.

All the Best,

Sharon

Surviving Spouse, President NACMOAA Chapter

## NEXT LUNCHEON: 5 APRIL 2023 at Granite Gate

**LOCATION:** Granite Gate Senior Living 3850 North AZ-89, Prescott, AZ 86301

GATHERING TIME: 11:00 AM

PLACE: Granite Gate Dining Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS: 11:30 AM BUFFET LUNCH: 12:00 PM

### Celebrate Spring with an Asian Menu:

**Wine & Appetizers**

**Vegetable Egg Rolls; Chicken Lettuce Wraps**

**Beef & Broccoli; Vegetable Stir Fry**

**Accompanied by: Steamed Rice & Fried Rice**

**Dessert: Almond Cookies**



**COST:** The Buffet Lunch is \$30.00 per person. **The reservation deadline is 24 MAR**

**IF YOU HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE ADVISE SHARON DOUGLAS**

*Sharon must have an accurate attendance count for the caterer by 24 March..*

**DIRECTIONS:** As you approach the Granite Gate Entrance, watch for the flagpole with the Granite Gate flag because there are no street name signs. **FROM PRESCOTT:** Drive North on US Hwy 89 past Watson Lake to Boulder creek Lane. The Granite Gate entrance is on the West side of Hwy 89. Turn Left and go to the parking area in front of the large building. **FROM THE AIRPORT / PIONEER PARKWAY AREA:** Drive south on US Hwy 89 by the Phippen Museum past Three Sisters Consignment to Boulder Creek Lane. The Granite Gate entrance is on the West side of Hwy 89. Turn Right and go to the parking area in front of the large building. For additional information go to: [www.GraniteGate.com](http://www.GraniteGate.com) or call (928)771-8200. Phone: 928-771-8200

Please cut on the line below and mail with your check to Sharon Douglas

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**TO RECEIVE NO LATER THAN – 24 MAR 2023**

NACMOAA address is PO Box 95 Dewey, AZ 86327

You may call Sharon at (928) 632-5939 to place a reservation if you prefer to pay at the door.

**LATE NOTICE CANCELLATIONS CANNOT BE  
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5 April Meeting: Please make checks payable to: NACMOAA

**All meals are \$30.00**

My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed

Attendees:    Members:

Guests

Lunch - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

2023 Dues - \$ \_\_\_\_\_


Scholarship - \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL - \$ \_\_\_\_\_


### Chaplain's Corner:

Members of NACMOAA may contact our Chaplain Pete Jensen anytime for prayer over the phone (928-830-3569), or to obtain confidential, Biblical counseling by phone or in person. No question you have is unimportant or “off limits”. The Chaplain generously donates his time to our chapter members.

### *Treasurer's Report: As of 7 March 2023*



\$ 1,408.99	General Fund
\$ 3,379.81	Scholarship Fund
\$ 1,050.26	Honor Flight Fund
\$ 1,403.50	Events Fund
\$ 7,242.56	<b>Total Funds Available</b>



*Submitted by Dick Jonas, Treasurer*



### *Ladies of NACMOAA*

We gather at 11:30 AM, at Augie's Restaurant in Frontier Village, order off their menu and pay individually. Our lunches are over by 2:00 PM. We invite all ladies of NACMOAA to join us for this social event.

**Our lunch dates for 2023 will be: May 12<sup>th</sup>; July 14<sup>th</sup>; September 8<sup>th</sup>; and November 10<sup>th</sup>.**

These dates are all the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of odd numbered months.

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](mailto:mlgjonas.2012@gmail.com) or call her at (928) 925-4674.

### **Membership Corner:**

I took the bait! As a new member of the NAC of MOAA Dick Jonas said he had too many jobs, so I offered to help. As such, I'm now the Membership Chairman and the Public Information Officer. Now I understand why Dick wanted help! I have some big shoes to fill and would like to thank LtCol Dick Jonas for all his assistance and for his years of service to MOAA and particularly to the Northern Arizona Chapter (NAC). Thank you Dick!

As your new Membership Chairman, please let me know if you have changes in your address, phone numbers, email address, etc. so that I can keep the chapter's roster up to date.

Our membership now stands at 53 (44 Regular Members plus 9 surviving spouses). Dues for 2023 have been renewed by 45 of us; we still hope to receive dues from 8 more of us. The deadline for renewal is 31 March. Our chapter bylaws specify that any member who doesn't renew by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March will be removed from the active membership roster unless a postponement is granted by the Chapter President. Please maintain your membership in our NACMOAA family. You are all vital to our sustained growth, influence, and mission.

New members - We would like to welcome new members to our chapter: LtCol Roger Allen, USAF (Ret), and his wife, Marilyn; and LtCol Dan Fennessy, USAF (Ret) and his wife, Marjan Terhorst. We look forward to meeting you at our April 5<sup>th</sup> luncheon.

Please, if you know any former, current, or retired officers who are not MOAA members or members of NACMOAA, invite them to join us. You can offer them a membership form from our newsletter and/or put them in touch with me. We would love to meet them and welcome them aboard our chapter.

LCDR H. Spencer O'Neal, USN, (Ret)  
Membership Chair, NACMOAA  
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### **PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER CORNER:**

Hello again, I am the new PIO and am replacing LtCol Dick Jonas who has served admirably in this position for a number of years. Thank you Dick!

I will be following in Dick's footsteps by maintaining the announcements of our chapter's events that currently appear regularly in two news publications, the Daily Courier newspaper including the online edition and in Coffee Talk, which you can see in most restaurants in our area. I will also be making inquiries of other media who may wish to publish information of our activities.

I am also in the process of learning to maintain our chapter's website: <https://nacmoaa.org> and ensuring that our most current newsletter is always available online – which includes the time, date, location, and menu for the upcoming luncheon meeting.

We want to keep the website up-to-date, so if you have any recommendations in that regard, please send them to me. Or, if you are a Webmaster Guru... and have some spare time, I'd love to talk to you!

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# **Legislative Affairs Update**

**BY**

**COL (Ret) Steve Woods, U.S. Army**

## **Deficit-Cutting Options Would Cost Military Members Thousands**

A biennial report from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) offering options to cut the deficit includes several proposals that could weaken or eliminate earned benefits for nearly all members of the uniformed services and veteran communities. The CBO provides a 10-year overview of deficit-reduction measures once every two years, before the start of a new congressional session. The report includes ways to reduce both mandatory and discretionary funding, as well as ways to increase federal revenue, but it considers neither long-term implications nor impact on significant challenges such as military recruitment and retention. These proposals, if enacted, could cost services members past and present- and their families, survivors, and caregivers- thousands of dollars every year. Retirees and survivors would face TRICARE For Life (TFL) enrollment fees and increased medical costs and receive smaller cost-of-living increases for their retirement pay and survivor benefits. Veterans would see significant reductions in available VA care and reduced benefit payments. Servicemembers and their families would suffer from a cap on pay raises and cuts to a critical housing benefit. MOAA has identified 13 options from the CBO report that could inflict such harm; and will continue to fight to ensure proposals like these are not enacted. These thirteen deficit reduction options than can negatively impact the uniformed services and veteran communities are listed below:

### **Mandatory spending**

- Introduce enrollment fees for TFL.
- Introduce minimum out-of-pocket requirements in TFL.
- Means-test VA disability compensation for veterans with higher income.
- End the VA's individual unemployment payments to disabled veterans at the full retirement age for Social Security.
- Reduce the VA's disability benefits for veterans who are older than the full retirement age for Social Security.
- Limit eligibility for VA disability compensation by excluding those with low disability ratings.
- Use an alternative measure of inflation to index Social Security and other mandatory programs.

### **Discretionary spending**

- Cap increases in basic pay for military servicemembers.
- Replace some military personnel with civilian employees.
- Reduce the basic allowance for military housing to 80% of average housing costs.
- Increase prescription drug copayments for all veterans.
- End enrollment in VA medical care for veterans in priority groups 7 and 8.

### **Revenues**

- Include VA disability payments in taxable income.

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### How you can help

We need to let Congress know where beneficiaries stand on these issues. Look for updates in The MOAA Newsletter and on MOAA's Advocacy News page. With your Premium or Life membership to **National MOAA**, you can log in at [www.MOAA.org](http://www.MOAA.org) and access the pre-formed advocacy letters found there to send to your Legislators. If you wish to see advocacy letters for this issue or to see what you can do for all action items, please follow the instructions below:

1. Click on [MOAA - MOAA Home Page](#)
2. Click on "**ADVOCACY**" at the top of the page
3. Click on "**LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER**" in the left hand column. Note the specific blocks that will allow access to specific groups.
4. Click on "**WRITE**" to generate pre-formed letters to your Legislators on issues of importance.
5. Please feel free to write to your Legislators on any of these issues.

Thanks for your interest and action in addressing these legislative issues for the benefit of all who have served.

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### MOAA National Surviving Spouse Corner

Submitted by Sharon Douglas

The repeal of the "widow's tax" was the first step toward getting surviving spouses their rightful benefits. The next step is bringing this benefit in line with survivors of federal civil service retirees, covered by the Federal Employees Retirement Plan. DIC compensation falls well short of the 55% being paid to these federal employee survivors.

**We need your help.** Please contact your Congressional Representative and make your voice heard. Let them know that you support the "Caring for Survivors Act of 2023". Please call or write Senators Kelly and Sinema and let them know how this inequality is unfair and causing undue hardship on you and your family. Urge them to become co-sponsors and vote to index the rate of compensation for DIC to 55 percent of a 100 percent disabled veteran with spousal compensation to be on par with what federal employee survivors receive.

For nearly 40 years, The Independent Budget Veterans Service Organizations (IBVSOs)—DAV (Disabled American Veterans), Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA), and the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States (VFW)—have worked to develop and present concrete recommendations to ensure the Department of Veterans Affairs remains fully funded and capable of carrying out its mission to serve veterans and their families, both now and in the future.

Below are items considered as priorities for the 118th Congress by the IBVSOs

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### **\*\*Reform Survivor Benefits**

The Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) administers and oversees Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) and a host of programs for veterans' survivors. Many of these programs have not been evaluated or modernized in decades; thus, The Independent Budget Veterans Service organizations (IBVSOs) agree that after many years of neglect, survivors' benefits are in immediate need of reform. Created in 1993, DIC is a benefit paid to surviving spouses of service members who die in the line of duty or veterans who die from service-related injuries or diseases. DIC provides surviving families with the means to maintain some semblance of economic stability after losing their loved ones.

### **\*\*Increase DIC Rates**

While DIC helps many survivors of disabled veterans, the value of the current benefit is insufficient to provide meaningful support to survivors of severely disabled veterans. A veteran who is married and rated 100 percent service-connected receives approximately \$3,800 a month in disability compensation, whereas the current DIC benefit is a little over \$1,500 a month. When a veteran receiving compensation passes away, not only does the surviving spouse have to deal with the heartache of losing their loved one, they also have to contend with the loss of nearly \$28,000 of income annually. This loss of income to a survivor's budget can be devastating, especially if the spouse was also the veteran's caregiver and reliant on that compensation as their sole income source.

The rate of DIC payments has only been minimally adjusted since 1993. In contrast, monthly benefits for survivors of federal civil service retirees are calculated as a percentage of the civil service retiree's Federal Employees Retirement (FERS) or Civil Service Retirement System (CSRS) benefits, up to 55 percent. This difference presents an inequity for survivors of our nation's heroes compared to survivors of federal employees. Additionally, the IBVSOs are greatly concerned by the negative economic impact felt by survivors and their families over the past two years. The inflation rate in 2020 was 1.23 percent compared to 8.25 percent as of October 2022.

The IBVSOs Recommend ✓ ★ Congress index the rate of compensation for DIC to 55 percent of a 100 percent disabled veteran with spousal compensation on par with what federal employee survivors receive.

**\*\* Reduce the 10-Year Rule** for DIC If a veteran is 100 percent disabled, to include unemployable, for 10 consecutive years before death, their surviving spouse and minor children are eligible for DIC benefits if the death is not considered service connected. Conversely, if that veteran dies due to a nonservice-connected condition before they reach 10 consecutive years of being totally disabled, their dependents are not eligible to receive the DIC benefit. This happens even though many surviving spouses put their careers on hold to act as primary caregivers for the veteran, and now with the loss of their loved one, they could potentially be left destitute. The IBVSOs agree that the requirement of 10 years seems arbitrary. The DIC program would be more equitable for survivors if there were a partial DIC benefit starting five years after a veteran is rated totally disabled and reaching full entitlement at 10 years. This would mean if a veteran is rated as totally disabled for five years and dies, a survivor would be eligible for 50 percent of the total DIC benefit, increasing until the 10-year threshold and the maximum DIC amount is awarded.

**\*\*The IBVSOs Recommend ✓ ★ Congress replace the current 10-year period for eligibility for DIC with a graduated scale that begins at five years and reaches full entitlement at 10 years**

**\*\*The IBVSOs Recommend ✓ ★ Congress extend increased DIC payments to surviving spouses of veterans who die from ALS regardless of how long they were service connected with ALS prior to death.**



## HELPFUL INFORMATION & NOTICES

### ***SPECIAL ONLINE ACCESS INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS TO STAY CONNECTED***

**TAKE ACTION Page:** <https://moaa.quorum.us/> or [moaa.org/takeaction](https://moaa.org/takeaction)

**Web Page** for NACMOAA: [nacmoaa.org](https://nacmoaa.org)

**Facebook:** NACMOAA

### ***Northern Arizona Chapter MOAA Mission***

*NACMOAA's mission is to promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America; to foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former commissioned and warrant officers of the eight U.S. uniformed services, including the National Guard and Reserve Components; to protect the rights and interests of our members and all U.S. military veterans, their dependents and survivors; and to serve the community and the nation*



### **Minutes of NAC MOAA Board Meetings**

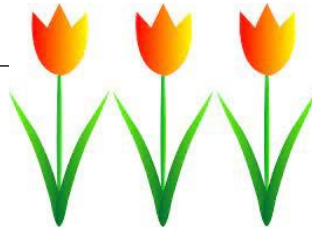
You may now request a copy of the NAC MOAA Board Meeting minutes from Roberta Rice, Secretary - [rbdrice@verizon.net](mailto:rbdrice@verizon.net) or find them available on groupworks.

Thank you

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## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS: Spencer & Caryn O'Neal



Spencer and Caryn O'Neal were both born and raised in or near Downey, CA., a suburb of LA. They met while riding skateboards when they were 13 & 14 and were just friends for six years before 'discovering' each other and getting married in March 1971. At the time, Spencer had enlisted in the USAF and trained with the Naval Seabees as a heavy equipment operator. He was stationed at Norton AFB, CA and assigned to a team trained to erect an operational landing strip for F-4s behind enemy lines within 24 hours. Caryn and Spencer married when Spencer earned promotion to E-3 and brought home a whopping \$264 a month. Caryn gave up college and career dreams to follow her now wealthy husband to keep the home fires burning and raise their family. Spencer's construction team was never mobilized for Vietnam, but Spencer's skills were needed in Galena, Alaska to maintain the site that housed two F-4 interceptors. After his initial tour Spencer and Caryn settled back home in LA, but LA wasn't home anymore. Spencer began taking night college courses and soon rejoined the USAF, this time as a Bombing Navigation Avionics Technician on B-52s at Castle AFB, CA. He continued his education after hours and, when completed, was offered a commission in the U.S. Navy.

Spencer served for 10 years in the USAF followed by 14 years commissioned Naval Service. Spencer's first ship, USS Thomaston (LSD-28) was homeported in San Diego, CA. Once their family was settled there, Spencer sought to keep the family stable and each of his new duty assignments were homeported or ashore in San Diego. The kids went to school there and their son Dustin went 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades in the same school district. Caryn volunteered at the school as Dustin started kindergarten and was soon offered employment there. She worked as a Library clerk for 7 years and then 5 years in the classroom working with students with special needs. Spencer's other assignments were: USS Bronstein (FF-1037), Beachmaster Unit One, USS Bristol County (LST-1198), USS Tarawa (LHA-1) and Naval Leader Training Unit, Naval Amphibious School, Coronado. His more notable deployments included: Evacuation of USAF personnel and dependents from the Philippines during Mt. Pinatubo's eruption, two tours in support of Operation Desert Storm, and Pre-landing operations in Somalia.

After a combined 24 years of military service, Spencer retired, and the family moved to the High Desert area of California primarily for health reasons. Upon arrival in their new environs Spencer began his next career as a School Psychologist and Caryn again began volunteering at their Church working with Jr. High and High School aged students. Spencer retired again after working another 20+ years. Following retirement Spencer joined Caryn in providing volunteer services with their Church and in the community. During most of their time in the Apple Valley area of California, Spencer and Caryn were also both active members of The Mojave Desert Chapter of MOAA.

In September of 2019 Spencer and Caryn bought a 'vacation' home in Clarkdale, Arizona. Three months later, on one of their visits to Clarkdale, Caryn said: "I don't want to go back to California." Of course, Covid would decide to hit at that time, so it took a while for their California home to sell, but they became permanent residents of Clarkdale, Arizona in June of 2020. Now they only return to California to visit their son, daughter-in-law, and two beautiful granddaughters, now 13 and 17 years old. Then one day Spencer said: "I wonder if there's a chapter of MOAA somewhere near here?"

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### Veterans Suicide Prevention Line

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**), and is now active across the United States. When people call, text or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

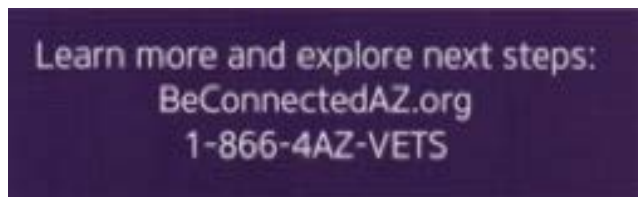
**The previous Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will always remain available to people in emotional distress or suicidal crisis.**





MOAA MISSION: To advocate for our military community and connect it to the nation we serve.

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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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ ALTERNATE PHONE: \_(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

Surviving Spouse: Your deceased spouse Rank / First / Middle Initial / Last Name / MOAA Member #:

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (Make check payable to NACMOAA)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**Surviving Spouse** dues are \$5.00 per year. Send this application with your check to  
NACMOAA Treasurer  
PO Box 1226  
Chino Valley AZ 86323



**New Regular Membership Application Northern Arizona Chapter**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ MI \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_ Service \_\_\_\_\_ Component \_\_\_\_\_

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

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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 # \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Invocation with Chaplain Peter Jensen



Guest Speaker Tom Callaghan receiving thank you coin from Immediate Past President Dick Jonas

## FEBRUARY FUN & FELLOWSHIP WITH MEMBERS & GUESTS AT GRANITE GATE



President Sharon Douglas addressed the members and guests



Mary & Dick Jonas welcome new members Spencer & Caryn O'Neal



Senior Master Sergeant Erik Appeldoorn, JROTC Instructor, Prescott High School



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