Level of Excellence Award Winner: 2011 – 4 Star; 2012 – 5 Star 2013 – 5 Star; 2014 – 5 Star; 2015 – 5 Star; 2016 – 5 Star; 2017 – 5 Star; 2018 – 5 Star; 2020 – 5 Star; 2021 – 5 Star; 2022 - 5 Star

# THE OUTBACK

## NACMOAA

Established 1972

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# NACMOAA STAFF & DIRECTORS FOR 2023

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From the President

By: Sharon Douglas

It's finally starting to feel like fall and the holidays are right around the corner. Alex and I have been planning the NAC Holiday luncheon. The menu and full details are located in this newsletter. We will be doing a Welcome Table and fellowship time starting at 1100. We will have appetizers, wine, eggnog, a hot apple cider, and soft drinks to enjoy while socializing with fellow members. As always you may pay at the door but I do need your RSVP by Wednesday, 22 Nov. I look forward to you joining us.

It's that time of year again when your chapter membership dues are payable and due at this time. Please note that the member dues have increased to \$30; the surviving spouse dues remain the same at \$5. You may mail your dues to the NAC P.O. Box 95 Dewey 86327 or directly to our treasurer Dick Jonas at P.O. Box 1226 Chino Valley, AZ 86323. You have the option of using a credit card if you pay online at MOAA.org. Go to online chapter membership renewal where you may pay for multiple years and make donations to our chapter scholarship fund.

During the holiday season the need for goods and services to assist those less fortunate in our community is greater than ever. Food insecurity is a particular problem. For the second year in a row, our VP Alex Torrance has taken this on as a priority mission.

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Lunch location and reservation form: Page 3

Please see his request for your help in this newsletter. If you would like to make a donation to the Yavapai Food Bank and include it with your payment for lunch or dues, please make sure you denote how the funds are to be dispersed.

On Monday 30 Oct we lost a long-time member of NAC. Maj. Wade Rutt passed away at home after a brief illness. Wade has been an active member through the years. He and his wife, Gloria usually work the luncheon check in table. Wade did a great job selling scholarship raffle tickets and greeting everyone at the front door with his big smile and infectious laugh. Wade also served as a member of NAC Board of Directors. Most recently he was able to enjoy the trip of a lifetime visiting Washington D.C. on the Honor Flight with his escort, Col. Jon Berry. Major Rutt you will be missed and thank you for your years of service to our country and our chapter. A Military Honors Service for Wade will be held on 17 Nov with more details in this newsletter

The end of 2023 marks the end of the four-year term of elected service for both VP Alex Torrance and myself. I want to thank the chapter members for all of their help and support over the years. We certainly faced some challenges with the Covid-19 epidemic. It limited face to face contact with our members and community partners and veterans we try to help. But I am happy to say that NAC persevered and came up with creative ways to stay engaged and to serve. The NAC Board continued to hold monthly meetings via Zoom and conduct chapter business. The Ladies of NAC started a Holiday Card writing campaign. Members were asked to write cards to residents at Granite Gate who were quarantined to their rooms and had little or no contact with family and friends. We also took cards to those veterans residing or hospitalized at the Prescott VA. One of our members drove cards to Granite Gate all the way from Cottonwood. NAC members also decorated vehicles and drove around the facilities at G.G. playing patriotic music so the residents could celebrate Veterans Day on their balconies while maintaining a safe distance.

I also want to thank the Staff positions, Executive Committee, and Board of Directors for everything they have done. Their help and support proved invaluable. Special thanks to Dick Jonas for all the positions he has held as well as Roberta Rice and Mary Jonas for ALL of the hours spent on the award-winning newsletter. The Chairman of our Board, Bob Wallace, has always been there to advise and encourage me. I have learned so much from him. Bob, thanks for your time and expertise. Alex Torrance, I could not have done this job without your help and assistance. You have always stepped up when asked and taken the initiative on many chapter projects. Alex took special pride in JROTC and ROTC projects and scholarships. Alex was responsible for all of the Color Guards at our luncheons and was there at the scholarship ceremonies to present the NACMOAA Awards in person. It has been my pleasure serving with you these past four years. Semper Fidelis.

We will be holding elections at the 06 December luncheon. More details to follow.

Again, thanks to everyone. It was my pleasure to serve as the NAC President. I am proud of the work our chapter has done. I have enjoyed getting to know all of you and call you my friends

All the best, Sharon Douglas, Surviving Spouse, President NACMOAA Chapter



#### NEXT LUNCHEON: 6 DEC 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



#### TIME TO BE MERRY & BRIGHT



Welcome Table: Wine, Apple Cider, Eggnog

with stuffed mushrooms, shrimp, cheese log, cranberry brie bites

#### **THEN ON TO THE MAIN COURSE**

Green Salad with cranberries, pecans, feta and a citrus vinaigarette

Prime Rib; Chicken Thighs with honey or cranberry glaze

#### **ACCOMPANIED BY**

Mashed potatoes with brown gravy; rice pilaf; fig and bacon roasted brussel sprouts; heirloom carrots

#### **AND THE BIG FINALE**

GINGERBREAD & WHITE CHOCOLATE MOUSE GINGERBREAD; CHERRY & CHOCOLATE BUCHE de NOEL

COST: The Buffet Lunch is \$30.00 per person. The reservation deadline is 22 NOV.

IF YOU HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE ADVISE SHARON DOUGLAS

Sharon must have an accurate attendance count for the caterer by 22 Nov.

<u>DIRECTIONS:</u> As you approach the Granite Gate Entrance, watch for the flagpole with the Granite Gate flag because there are no street name signs. <u>FROM PRESCOTT:</u> 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. <u>FROM THE AIRPORT / PIONEER PARKWAY AREA:</u> 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: <u>www.GraniteGate.com</u> or call (928)771-8200.

Phone: 928-771-8200

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

#### TO RECEIVE NO LATER THAN - 22 NOV 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 REFUNDED

6 DEC Meeting: Please make checks payable to: NACMOA

All meals are \$30.00

My check for \$\_\_\_\_\_\_is enclosed
Attendees: Members: Guest

Lunch - \$
2024 Dues \$30.00 - \$
Scholarship - \$

#### Membership Corner:

Wishing all a Happy and meaningful Thanksgiving, a very Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year! It's a time of year to reflect in gratitude for our blessings and to raise our eyes and spirits in hope for the new year ahead of us. My wife Caryn and I wish to thank you all for being a part of our NACMOAA family.

Please, if you know any former, current, or retired officers who are not MOAA members or members of NACMOAA, please invite them to join us. We would love to meet them and welcome them aboard our chapter.

Yes, it's time for annual Chapter dues again. Our yearly dues are \$30 for Members and \$5 for Surviving Spouses. Dues for the year are due by January  $1^{st}$ . Of course, there is a grace period for those unable to remit by January  $1^{st}$ . However, please consider submitting your dues as early as possible. Remember too that you can submit payment for multiple years in advance if you wish. For your convenience, and as a reminder, if you pay for additional years in advance, the year you are paid through will be posted to your listing in our annual membership roster. Thank you so very much for your membership in our chapter.

Please also consider a donation to our 2024 NAC Scholarship fund. Our Chapter typically provides Scholarships to three JROTC, and two ROTC Cadets. Please help our Chapter recognize these fine young future leaders of our country.

Dues and contributions can be sent to our Treasurer, LtCol Dick Jonas, at P.O. Box 1226 Chino Valley, AZ 86323. You may also contact him at: az04nac@erosonic.com. Thank you!

#### **Public Information Officer**

As your Public Information Officer, I am continually looking for ways to let others know of our Chapter's activities and events. Currently our chapter information appears 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 the Prescott area. Additionally, such information is available on our chapter website NACMOAA.org. If you have ideas for other ways of reaching new prospective members, please don't hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

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#### INFORMATION FROM VICE PRESIDENT ALEX TORRANCE



Happy Holidays. I try to be thankful all during the year, but I am especially reminded how lucky my family is during the Holidays. I may have been deployed for several Thanksgivings and Christmases, but always knew my family was safe, sheltered, and fed. During these challenging times, I try to pass that security to those who might be going through some difficult situations by making monetary donations to the National and local organizations that help those in need. I am donating early this year to the Yavapai County Food Bank, a local volunteer organization helping our Quad-cities. I say "early" because donations can be used for special Thanksgiving boxes and Christmas packages that will include warm clothes and gifts for the children. YCFB is a Qualified Charitable Organization for the AZ Tax Credit of \$841 (Joint file). You can make your donation directly through the YCFB web page or include it in your December Chapter payments (make sure you annotate exactly how much you're donating to YCFB). In lieu of our traditional 50/50 raffle we encourage to donate to local charities of your choice such as Toys for Tots or U.S.Vets.

Additionally, we are continuing our Chapter tradition of personalizing holiday cards with personal wishes for veterans residing or living at the VA or residents of Granite Gate. Please separate your cards if they are to be distributed to anyone or if personalized for veterans only. We will have cards available at the luncheon but suggest you might want to complete this activity at home and bring them with you. We also request you indicate NAC MOAA Chapter in your signature line along with the more universal greetings of *Peace Be With You* or *Happy Holidays*. These cards are distributed to a wide variety of residents at both facilities.

Thank you for your participation as we emphasize the season of giving.

#### **Nominating Committee Recommendation**

With voting for President and Vice President scheduled for the December meeting, the following information is shared with the membership.

I would like to introduce Mr. Raymond Jordan to the Membership for consideration as our Chapter Vice President. Ray graduated from University of Wisconsin in 1959 and received a regular commission in the Army Corps of Engineers. In 1962 he became the Commanding Officer, 93rd Engineering Company, Float Bridge, VII Corps, USA Europe. With his 7 boats Ray likes to say he had the Army's largest fleet in Europe. In 1963 Ray resigned his commission and entered civilian life culminating in owning his own wholesale auto parts distributorship.

Ray is a Life Time member of MOAA. He was the Grand Canyon Chapter 2nd Vice President in 2019. Moving to Paulden in 2020 he joined our Northern Arizona Chapter. When asked to become our Vice President Ray did not hesitate to say "yes, glad to".

I recommend we approve Raymond Jordan as our next Vice President.

Respectfully.

Alex Torrance, Vice President



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.

These dates are all the  $2^{nd}$  Friday of odd numbered months. The dates for 2024 are:

#### Jan 12; Mar 8; May 10; Jul 12; Sep 13; Nov 8.

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) 925-4674.

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#### Legislative Affairs Update - By COL (RET) Steve Woods, U.S. Army

Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly USAF (Ret), MOAA President, recently published an article asking for member input concerning topics for the next Advocacy In Action (AIA) campaign. Please use this link to access the article and then respond to Gen Kelly's request. <a href="https://bit.ly/46yZHm4">https://bit.ly/46yZHm4</a>

This is an excellent opportunity to have your voice heard by the MOAA leadership as to which topics should be the top priorities for AIA. AIA meets face-to-face with all the players in Congress to push for support for MOAA's legislative issues. Please take time to read the article and respond to Gen. Kelly's call for input by clicking on "Have your say: Upcoming Advocacy in Action Topics" in the article to share your concerns. Please consider joining the Legislative Action Center (LAC) so you can reach out to your lawmakers in support of these priorities. The LAC is the cornerstone for MOAA's grass-roots strategy in promoting legislation that supports active duty, veterans, retirees, and their dependent's issues. We know the advocacy programs work but they would be even more effective with a greater number of the members participating by signing up and using the LAC.

You can sign up on the MOAA website at: <a href="https://moaa.quorum.us/sign">https://moaa.quorum.us/sign</a> in/. Non-MOAA members can also use this website. Once a member is registered with the LAC, he/she remains registered UNLESS either of the following two things happen:

- 1. The member does not accept cookies from the MOAA LAC website.
- 2. The member clears the history or cache on their computer.

If you are not registered with the "Legislative Action Center" (aka Quorum), please:

- Go to https://moaa.quorum.us/sign\_in/
- 2. Fill out the information required and submit.

On the Arizona legislative scene, the AZ 56th Legislature, 1st Regular Session adjourned Sine Die on 31 AUG 2023 at 5:15 PM. This session set records for the longest run and having the most vetoes on record.

Moving on, the latest retiree Advocacy action from the most recent "National MOAA Newsletters" are:

- <u>Here's What the 2025 Military Pay Raise Should Look Like.</u> The figure comes from a recently released economic benchmark....but it's far from guaranteed. (See pre-formed letter.)
- More Than 130 New Employers Join Military Spouse Employment Partnership. MOAA has been part of the organization since 2011. Find out the latest on its work to strengthen military families. (See pre-formed letters.)
- <u>New DoD Suicide Prevention Policy Misses the Mark.</u> Congress must act to ensure quality of life concerns are addressed. Here's how you can help MOAA's advocacy efforts. (See pre-formed letter.)

Pre-formed advocacy letters to send to your Legislators are available by following below. Note that only the items I've noted above in red will have pre-formed letters:

- 1. Click on MOAA MOAA Home Page
- 2. Click on "ADVOCACY" at the top of the page
- 3. Click on "ADVOCACY NEWS" in the left-hand column.
- 4. Click on "Read More" below each advocacy item and see "**TAKE ACTION**" within the article to generate preformed letters to your Legislators.
- 5. If you wish to vew all advocacy issues available, please feel free to go to the **Legislative Action Center** on the home page to write your Legislators on any advocacy issues.

Once again, thank you for your interest and action in addressing these legislative issues for the benefit of all who have served.



#### MOAA National Surviving Spouse Corner Submitted by Sharon Douglas

The Western Regional MOAA Meeting and Workshop is coming up 17-28 Nov in Phoenix.

**Gail Joyce,** MOAA BoD, Surviving Spouse Advisory Council will be speaking. Look for her remarks in future newsletters and at the next S.S. Virtual Meeting. Arizona's own Nora Durham will be participating in the S.S. Liaison training session. Nora is also a member of the S.S Advisory Council.

I have compiled a few items from the MOAA website and Thursday Newsletter briefings. These are items that concern Surviving Spouses and benefits.

An update on S 414 The Caring for Survivors bill. Unfortunately, we have only secured 19 cosponsors. Considering the challenges facing Congress right now, I don't think we will see much progress in the near future but we must continue to keep this issue in front of our lawmakers.

The 2024 Social Security COLA is 3.2%. The increase is far less than last year. You will see the increase in your January checks.

It is open enrollment for Medicare right now through 07 Dec.

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There is a very good article about Tricare for Life on the MOAA website. The link is below. It is a must read for everyone considering signing up for TFL. There is also a print booklet available from MOAA, "Transitioning to Medicare and Tricare for Life.

https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2021-news-articles/65-and-beyond-understanding-medicare-and-tricare-for-life/

#### \*\*Act Fast to Meet a New Deadline for Survivor Benefit Plan Enrollment

https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2023-news-articles/finance/act-fast-to-meet-a-new-deadline-for-survivor-benefit-plan-

enrollment/?utm\_source=newsletter&utm\_medium=email&utm\_campaign=TMNsend&utm\_content=YSh\_LQEDG7sIAMHJh1eJHNA==+AZ+AFHSM+1+ERet+P+CC

\*\*Social Security 101: Understanding Spousal Benefits and Survivor Benefits

<a href="https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2023-news-articles/finance/social-security-101-understanding-spousal-benefits-and-survivor-benefits/?utm-source=newsletter&utm-medium=email&utm-campaign=TMNsend&utm-content=YShLQ</a>

\*\*More Burial and Funeral Costs Can Now Be Covered by Veterans Benefits

https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2023-news-articles/health-care-and-earned-benefits/more-burial-and-funeral-costs-can-now-be-covered-by-veterans-

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\*\*MOAA Supports Survivor Advocacy Efforts on Capitol Hill

Hill https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2023-news-

articles/advocacy/moaa-supports-survivor-advocacy-efforts-on-capitol-

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#### **HELPFUL INFORMATION & NOTICES**

SPECIAL ONLINE ACCESS INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS TO STAY CONNECTED

**TAKE ACTION Page**: https://moaa.quorum.us/ or moaa.org/takeaction

Web Page for NACMOAA: 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 & Treasurer's Report

You may now request a copy of the NAC MOAA Board Meeting minutes and/or current Treasurer's Report from Roberta Rice, Secretary - rbdrice@verizon.net or find them available on groupworks.

<u>The Outback</u> Newsletter is published by the Northern Arizona Chapter, which is an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). MOAA and its affiliated chapters and councils are an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.



#### IN REMEMBRANCE: MAJOR WADE RUTT, US ARMY (RET)

Beloved member of our NAC MOAA chapter Major (RET) Wade Rutt passed away recently after a brief illness. Major Rutt was a nurse anesthetist and served as Director of the School of Nurse Anesthetists at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Colorado. In his early years he was stationed at Ft. Chafee, AK where he cared for Vietnam refugees after the fall of Saigon. He is survived by his beloved wife, Gloria.

Services are scheduled for 17 Nov at 1400 at the Prescott National Cemetery, 500 Highway 89 N Prescott, AZ 86313. Please be prompt as each ceremony begins promptly and is scheduled for 20 minutes.

#### 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.

#### **EDITOR'S REQUEST MOAA MEMBERS - ACTIVE IN THEIR COMMUNITY**

I would like to highlight MOAA members actions/activities in their communities so please send me information and pictures for consideration in future issues.



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.



If you would prefer to receive The Outback via email, please make sure Spencer O'Neal has your correct email address. H\_Spencer\_ONeal@yahoo.com

#### **Veterans Suicide Prevention Line**

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the <u>988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline</u>), 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.







#### New Regular Membership Application Northern Arizona Chapter

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PO Box 1226	national Military Officers Association of America.					
Chino Valley AZ 86323	See NACMOAA on the web at www.nacmoaa.org					

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.



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You can donate up to \$841 for a joint tax return or \$421 per individual return

Your donation helps provide critical services for our veterans

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AZ Tax Credit has INCREASED! You can make a donation to U.S. VETS - Prescott until April 15, 2024. Your contributions make a positive impact in the lives of the veterans we serve! U.S. VETS is a qualifying nonprofit for the AZ Tax Credit which means you can donate up to \$841 for a joint return...and it may be deducted from your Arizona State Tax bill. \*Consult your tax professional and the AZ Dept of Revenue Guidelines. Please make check payable to U.S. VETS - Prescott, 1040 Whipple St. #400, Prescott, AZ 86305 or call 928 583 7199. U.S. VETS - Prescott's assigned tax credit code is 20136.

Surviving Spouse members pay dues of \$5.00 per year. This will help us keep more accurate information for our membership roster.

Surviving Spouse Members can vote on Chapter issues and hold office.



#### NORTHERN ARIZONA CHAPTER ~ APPLICATION FOR

#### **SURVIVING SPOUSE MEMBERSHIP**

Must be completed and submitted with dues payment (\$5) to

NACMOAA Treasurer

PO Box 1226, Chino Valley AZ 86323

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AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$	(]	Make check payable to NACMOAA)			
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#### IN THE COMMUNITY - PRESCOTT VETERANS STAND DOWN



September Veterans Stand Down

Steve Woods works the Registration Table

Veteran Check In staffed by Clyde Meade, Bob Wallace & Alex Torrance



### Members Celebrate Oktoberfest at Granite Gate

Guest Speaker: Mr. Jackson Medel, presented a wide review of folklore items in our lives.







Prescott High School JROTC Honor Guard did themselves proud! They stayed and enjoyed lunch with our members.



Delicious assortment of
Oktoberfest food and drinks was
enjoyed by Anne Seney while Bob
Wallace celebrated with the
Frasiers.

#### NAC MOAA PARTICIPATES IN ANNUAL PRESCOTT PARADE HONORING VETERANS







Prescott High Air Force JROTC Cadets Reed, Cash, Whitmore & Reynolds were accompanied by Alex & Chris Torrance, Clyde Meade and Mary & Dick Jonas in their NAC MOAA patriotically decorated vehicles.

More pictures will be posted to Groupworks and will be shared at the December Luncheon.



THANK YOU - WORDS ARE NOT ENOUGH

A Big Round of Applause for our President & Vice President as they complete four years serving the NAC MOAA Chapter and beyond. Thank You SHARON & ALEX for providing Guidance and Steady Hands during very unprecedented times.

You led us with Strength, Honor and Good Humor



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