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2019 – 5 Star; 2020 – 5 Star; 2021 – 5 Star; 2022 - 5 Star*

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From the President

By: Clyde Meade

What a way to start 2024! Our first luncheon was postponed a week due to the weather. Thought for a while that we were going to have to postpone altogether however, lucky Granite Gate was gracious and flexible enough to allow us to slide a week with no issues. Thanks to all who attended and for their patience in making the move.

SPRING FLING – our theme for April. A time when plants are starting to show some growth and flowers are starting to bloom. Also, April is also the time when we get to recognize the cadets from Embry-Riddle University ROTC, Prescott, Bradshaw, and Mohave High Schools JROTC programs. As a chapter it is always an honor to recognize some of the outstanding young adults in our community.

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April also brings with it that often-dreaded word, Taxes! As we embark on that arduous task of filing, compiling, sorting, and attempting to navigate through all the confusing tax laws, there is a bright side to the entire process. Usually the tax deadline is April 15th, that date has been extended until the 18th. Just adding a few more days to extend the stress level out too.

A couple of quotes to ponder on for the month of April. "If the highest aim of a captain were to preserve his ship, he would keep it in port forever" Thomas Aquinas. "Someone's sitting in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago" Warren Buffet

Semper Fortis,

Clyde Meade
President, NACMOAA Chapter

APRIL LUNCHEON GUEST SPEAKER: MICHELLE DIMURO



Michelle DiMuro, CFRE has 25 years of non-profit leadership experience, a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Arizona, and the CFRE designation (certified fundraising executive) from the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP). Michelle is a member and past president of the AFP Greater Arizona Chapter.

Michelle entered the nonprofit world after spending seven years as a public relations and event planning professional for manufacturing and software technology firms. She served as the first Development Director for Desert Voices, an oral language school for hearing-impaired children, and Associate Director of Development for Habitat for Humanity Central Arizona (HFHCAZ), where she was part of the leadership team that merged four affiliates and grew HFHCAZ into one of the largest and most productive affiliates in the country. During this time, Michelle began consulting part-time and transitioned to full time in 2009, where she worked with a variety of Arizona nonprofits to raise more than \$12 million dollars.

Michelle consulted with Veterans Heritage Project for 18 months prior to joining them in January 2016 as their first Executive Director. She provides leadership through strategic planning, financial management, capacity building, and board development, and maintains a mission-centric work culture that values teamwork, effective communication, accountability, and outstanding programming and service. The organization has been recognized at state and national levels, including receiving the 2018 Citizen Honors Award from the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. Michelle grew up as an Army brat, and comes from a family with history of service dating back to World War I.

*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*



NEXT LUNCHEON: At Granite Gate - 3 APRIL 2024

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

WELCOMING SPRING

Welcome Table: Avocado Toast, Egg Bites, Monkey Bread with Mimosas

Main Buffet

Waldorf Salad; Potato & Ham Soup

Chicken & Waffles; Brown Sugar Glazed Ham

ACCOMPANIED BY

Quiche Florentine; Cheesy Hash Brown Casserole

And Desserts

Key Lime Pie; Berry Parfait

COST: The Buffet Lunch is \$30.00 per person. **The reservation deadline is 29 MARCH.**

IF YOU HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE ADVISE CLYDE MEADE

Clyde must have an accurate attendance count for the caterer by 29 MAR.

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: wwwGraniteGate.com or call (928)771-8200.

Please cut on the line below and mail with your check to CLYDE MEADE

TO RECEIVE NO LATER THAN – 29 MARCH 2024

NACMOAA address is PO Box 95 Dewey, AZ 86327

You may call Clyde at 602 592 4636 to place a reservation if you prefer to pay at the door.

LATE NOTICE CANCELLATIONS CANNOT BE REFUNDED

3 APRIL 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 & PIO Corner:

Membership:

Happy Spring! It's time to put away those winter coats and welcome back the beautiful Arizona sunshine! As we do, let's remember our fellow service members who are currently on the firing line in harm's way – where we once stood – continuing the mission of standing in the breach ensuring our freedom, security, and our future. Let us serve those who are currently serving, as previous MOAA members supported and served us.

Dues! To those of you who have promptly paid your dues, Thank You! There are still some members who have not yet remitted dues for 2024. Please send them in as soon as possible. Don't forget that, like everything else these days, dues have gone up for regular members. Our yearly dues are now \$30 for Members and \$5 for Surviving Spouses.

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. Thank you for your generosity.

Dues and contributions can be made: In person at our bi-monthly Luncheons,

Or mailed to: NACMOAA Treasurer

P.O. Box 95

Dewey, AZ 86327

(Make checks payable to: "NACMOAA" & write "Dues / Scholarship Fund" in the memo line).

Or dues may now be paid Online through our National MOAA organization's website: www.moaa.org ("Councils and Chapters" page "Fast Access, Chapter Members, Pay Dues Online.").

You may also pay for multiple years in advance if you wish.

We are always looking for new members. If you know or meet any eligible officers, please invite them to join us. We would love to get to know and welcome fellow officers to our ranks.

If you have questions, you may contact our Chapter Treasurer 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. Please help us in reaching new prospective members. Thank you.*

LCDR H. Spencer O'Neal, USN, (Ret)

Membership Chair/Public Information Officer, NACMOAA

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IN MEMORIUM- ALTON CHENEY



Alton W. Cheney 1LT, USAF (Army Air Corps), Ret, age 104 passed away peacefully on January 29, 2024. He was born to Alton (#2) and Hazel Cheney on September 19, 1920, in Springfield, Massachusetts.

He and his wife Lillian were married for 66 years, they had four sons, eleven grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. They moved to Prescott in 1979, and then to Good Samaritan Society Marley House in 2000. For the last few years, he was Lillian's (Lee) caregiver, and he had lunch with her every day in the long-term care area. Someone asked why he did that since she did not know who he was. His reply was "I know who she is, I married the right woman".

Service in the Army was an important part of his life. His father served in WWI and Alton followed volunteering for the military and initially served with the horse-drawn artillery in WW2. Having a pilot's license led him to the Army Air Corps.



Alton earned a degree in Industrial Administration from Yale University. He worked in the field for many years and was always eager to be of service to others. Always giving back, at the young age of 62 he passed the Arizona Bar Exam and practiced Elder Law for the next 20 years (an old Lawyer helping the elderly).

A member of NACMOAA since 2001, Alton missed very few luncheons, always coming in with a smile on his face. On his 100 Birthday our chapter was honored to be able to celebrate with him, a great honor! He also kept busy with many other various organizations volunteering and serving on numerous committees. In 2019 he was honored as AL Cheney Day for the Prescott Veterans Day Parade.

Alton attributed his longevity by eating plenty of vegetables, deep breathing exercises, no smoking or coffee and his only beer, Root beer. Also, Attitude, attitude, attitude. Alton, you will be missed.



In May, we will gather at 11:30 AM, at Applebee's 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 2nd Friday of odd numbered months. The dates for 2024 are:

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

The following will provide you with brief information on national MOAA's top issue for March. It also contains recommendations for personal action on both Arizona state and US Federal levels. Please review the below short description (with pertinent hyperlinks) and consider adding the authority of your voice to these issues that could have a serious impact on those who have served and those that are serving.

You may go directly to our below weekly action item for MOAA and/or act on other issues that call for your personal action. Do this through the [MOAA |Legislative Action Center \(quorum.us\)](https://quorum.us). You may access pre-written draft advocacy letters to send to your legislators by using the below hyperlinks or following the guidance on the Action Center site.

I am asking you to act immediately using the MOAA Legislative Action Center at this link to send a message in support of the Richard Star Act, a MOAA priority for the last few years. We are getting closer to having the Richard Star Act pass this session, but we still need to have our voices heard on the hill. More than 52,000 veterans, who sustained numerous combat injuries downrange, were forced to retire early. As a result, their DoD retirement pay, calculated for years of service, may be docked because they were injured in combat. The Major Richard Star Act would qualify combat-injured veterans for the existing Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) open season that would authorize concurrent receipt of earned DoD retirement pay and VA disability compensation for these heroes.

[MOAA - MOAA, Military Coalition Lead Star Act Advocacy Day on Capitol Hill](#)

[Ask Your Lawmakers to include the Major Richard Star Act in the FY 2025 NDAA](#)

Stay tuned for further information on this year's Advocacy in Action (AiA) campaign. The priorities for this year are passing the Richard Star Act, restoring full BHA and protecting TRICARE for Life. We will be asking you to send letters of support prior to MOAA members meeting with members on the hill in April during AiA 2024.

To contact our U.S Congressional members on these or any other issues of importance to you personally or to MOAA, you can use the MOAA Action Center to send emails or you can visit the members' websites to send a message. You can also call their offices direct:

Arizona U.S. Senate (All of Arizona)

Senator Kyrsten Sinema (Independent) -- www.sinema.senate.gov -- (202) 224-4521

Senator Mark Kelly (Democrat) -- www.kelly.senate.gov -- (202) 224-2235

Arizona U.S. Congressional District 2 (Yavapai and Payson Areas)

Representative Eli Crane (Republican) -- www.crane.house.gov - (202)225-3361

Arizona U.S. Congressional District 9 (Mohave Area)

Representative Paul Gosar (Republican) -- www.gosar.house.gov - (202)225-2315

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ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE INFORMATION

SB1413: Income Tax; Subtraction; Uniformed Services (providing active duty pay parity to all uniformed service members) has passed the Senate Finance and Commerce Committee and the Rules Committee in addition to being approved by both the Senate Democratic and Republican Caucuses. It should soon pass the Senate and be forwarded to the house. The passing of SB1413 is the number one legislative priority for MOAA-AZ. Now is the time to contact our House Representatives and ask them to support SB1413 when it comes over from the Senate. A similar bill failed to pass last session when the House did not approve it in committee. Please see the attached suggested letter; use it as an example and feel free to personalize it as you see fit, then cut and paste it to the email you send to your representative.

As you know, our chapter has members in three legislative districts, please check your current voter registration card for your district. Contacts for state legislature members are:

Arizona Legislative District 1 (Yavapai County Area)

Representative Selina Bliss (Republican): 602-926-4018; sbliss@azleg.gov

Representative Quang H. Nguyen (Republican): 602-926-3258; qnquyen@azleg.gov

Senator Ken Bennett (Republican): 602-926-5874; kbennett@azleg.gov

Arizona Legislative District 7 (Payson Area)

Representative David L. Cook (Republican): 602-926-5162; dcook@azleg.gov

Representative David Marshall, Sr. (Republican): 602-926-3579; dmarshall@azleg.gov

Senator Wendy Rogers (Republican): 602-926-3042; wrogers@azleg.gov

Arizona Legislative District 30 (Mohave County Area)

Representative Leo Biasiucci (Republican): 602-926-3018; lbiasiucci@azleg.gov

Representative John Gillette (Republican): 602-926-4100; jgillette@azleg.gov

Senator Sonny Borrelli (Republican): 602-926-5051; sborrelli@azleg.gov

Grassroots advocacy works and thanks for supporting our legislative efforts both here in Arizona and in Washington. Keep up the great work!!

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.



MOAA National Surviving Spouse Corner

Submitted by Sharon Douglas

This month's article contains a variety of issues of interest to both surviving spouses and veterans. Recently I received an email from the Disabled American Veterans Association. The topic was the alarming number of woman veterans who take their own lives. The DAV has just published their third report on this subject. The Woman Veterans Report is a nearly 50 page assessment of the factors that uniquely contribute to the staggering rate of these suicides and how the healthcare system needs to do better through gender-tailored care.

A few eye opening statistics:

- The suicide rate for woman veterans has increased 24.1% from 2020 to 2021*
- Woman veterans are twice as likely than male veterans to attempt suicide*
- More than 50% of deaths for woman veterans is by self-inflicted firearm injury*

If you would like to learn more about this alarming trend and how you may be able to help, please download this report:

<https://www.dav.org/women-veterans-study/>

Changes to VA health care rules concerning the PACT ACT

Most of us are familiar with the Pact Act, it expands benefits and VA healthcare to veterans who were exposed to toxins from burn pits, Agent Orange, and other hazards while serving our country. Starting 25 March 2024, the VA is expanding health care to millions more veterans years earlier than the PACT ACT calls for.

Starting on this date you will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits.

The VA encourages all those who qualify, to apply starting 25 March 2024. For more information and a complete list of qualifying conditions please go to the VA webpage.

This is a useful number if you are having issues with the VA for DIC or other VA related survivor issues.

VA Office for Survivors Assistance (202) 461-9383

Sad news regarding the family of a true hero for military members and their families. Gary Sinise, through his foundation has entertained troops and raised funds to assist our injured warriors for many years. Recently the family announced the death of their son Mac, to a rare cancer. To read the tribute and send a message to Gary and Moira Sinise and family at:

<https://www.garysinisefoundation.org/mac-tribute>

Update to HR. 1083/S414 The Caring for Survivors Act (as of 19 Feb2024)

The bipartisan, bicameral Caring for Survivors Act of 2023, would adjust monthly benefits for family members and survivors of veterans who lost their lives in service to the United States. DIC is now 43% of basic rate for a veteran receiving disability compensation. Other Federal survivor programs (Military SBP and Fed Civilian) provide up to 55% of their spouses' retirement. Currently there are only 75 co-sponsors in the House and 22 in the Senate.

Arizona currently has 3 House members signed on: Rubin Gallego, Raul Grijalva, and Eli Crane. Neither Arizona (continued on page 10)

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Senator Kelly or Sinema are co-sponsors. Since this is a high- cost item, like the widows' tax, it will take a real grassroots effort to get this passed. Please contact our state legislators and let them know how important this issue is to you and your family.

VA plan to issue urns, memorial plaques sparks concerns veterans will be barred from burial with spouse

[Military.com](https://www.military.com) | By [Amanda Miller](#)

Published February 13, 2024 at 4:51pm ET

The [Department of Veterans Affairs](#) plans to start issuing urns and commemorative plaques to the families of deceased veterans this year, but the move has drawn criticism that it could block those veterans from being buried with their [spouses](#), among other concerns.

One provision of the new rule in particular, which says that once a family member opts to receive the urn or plaque on a deceased veteran's behalf, that veteran's remains may not be interred in a national cemetery. Also, the VA won't provide any other type of marker for that veteran to be buried in any cemetery.

The comments on the VA plan to provide the urns and plaques raised a long list of concerns: Families could be caught off guard after accepting an urn or plaque; it could unnecessarily preclude veterans from being buried together with their spouses; the offer of a plaque or urn will represent a "false choice".

A VA spokesperson said the department is reviewing the comments and expects to publish the final rule and start issuing urns and plaques later this year.

The entire article can be found at <https://www.military.com/daily-news/2024/02/13/va-plan-issue-urns-memorial-plaques-sparks-concerns-veterans-will-be-barred-burial-spouses.html>

Bottom line, please make sure to do your due diligence and understand all of your benefits and choices before making your decisions. Consult the VA website for the most up to date information.

Don't let Congress leave veterans, caregivers, and survivors behind again this year. Reach out to your lawmakers today and ask them to support the [Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act](#), the [Expanding Veterans' Options for Long-Term Care Act](#), and the [Veteran Caregiver Application and Appeals Reform \(CARE\) Act](#). This legislation will make a major difference in the lives of those who need our support the most. Go to the MOAA Take Action Center at <https://moaa.quorum.us/> to make your voice heard.



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.





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.



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.



The advertisements that appear in this publication do not reflect an endorsement by MOAA or this Chapter.



New 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 _____

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 - \$30; 2nd qtr - \$25; 3rd qtr - \$20. If you sign up in the 4th qtr it's \$30, 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: **See MOAA on the web at www.moaa.org**

NACMOAA Treasurer All Chapter members are encouraged to be members of
PO Box 95 national Military Officers Association of America.

Dewey AZ 86327 **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
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Upside Down*



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**Your donation helps provide
critical services for our veterans**

Contact us

*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 95, Dewey AZ 86327

NAME: FIRST _____ MIDDLE _____

LAST Name _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: ____ (____) _____

ALTERNATE PHONE: ____ (____) _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

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

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

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____



February Luncheon New Officers Installation



In clockwise order:

Luncheon Attendees with guest speaker.

Sharon Douglas, outgoing President, installs incoming President Clyde Meade and incoming Vice President Ray Jordan.

Bob Wallace leads the invocation.

Clyde presents Sharon with the President's Award for her outstanding four years of service as President of the NAC MOAA chapter.

And a delicious buffet enjoyed by all.





Spotlight on NAC MOAA MEMBER

Joan B. McDermott

Joan B. McDermott is the Lake Havasu City Veterans Treatment Court Volunteer Mentor Coordinator: A MOAA member and long time Chapter Member of NACMOAA, an Arizona Veteran Hall of Fame (AVHOFS) Class of 2016 and a member of the Board of the Unified Arizona Veterans (UAV).

Job Description: Find and train new veteran mentors, assign them to a justice-involved veteran, take their reports weekly (minimum of 2 contacts each week ordered), record what is appropriate for the court to know in a shared computer program, sit in on staffing and the hearings, interview the new veterans along with the Veterans Justice Outreach Program (VJO) and the specialty court lead after the first official appearance of a veteran in court. Take calls from mentors to advise them regarding any concerns they might have and join the monthly community service events.

In 2014 our Veterans Resource Team (VRT) with the help of the Marine Corps League (MCL), got together the leadership of the city, helping organizations, and veteran organizations in Lake Havasu City to try to better coordinate our veteran assistance programs. Judge Kalauli (City Magistrate and a veteran himself) attended once, then sent his court supervisor. He was starting the veterans court at that time. He suggested we meet at the courthouse for lunch (his motto: "If we feed them, they will come") once a month. That meeting continues to this day - and the VRT is a big part of why we are so successful.

Lake Havasu City's Veterans Treatment Court was established almost 10 years ago. More than 249 veterans have successfully completed the treatment program. This treatment court is one of the most successful in the country. Currently there are twenty-one justice-involved veterans receiving services. The minimum amount of time to complete the process is about 7 months. Each veteran is assigned a veteran mentor for support throughout the time it takes to meet the requirements to succeed.

Requirements include targeted counseling, random drug-testing, attendance at hearings 1 or 2 times a month, and completion of a designated number of hours of community service each month. If a veteran has housing concerns, needs help to find education goals, or needs issues are addressed during interdisciplinary staffing team volunteer service an integral part of the gather with fellow veterans, celebrate holidays, watch their lives.



employment, requires guidance to continue assistance to access veteran benefits, those the program. Veteran care is planned by an and conducted by professionals and organizations. A monthly alumni meeting is program. Veteran graduates are invited to court members, mentors, and family to sports events, or just share happenings in



ONLINE UNIFORMED SERVICES ID CARD (USID) RENEWAL

USID CARDS

- Issued to retired and reserve uniformed Service members, dependent family members, and other eligible individuals in accordance with DoD policy
- Used for access to benefits, privileges, and DoD facilities

CURRENT RENEWAL PROCESS

- ❌ Must be done **in person** at a RAPIDS site
- ❌ Often requires an appointment scheduled in advance
- ❌ No opportunity to renew online



WHAT'S CHANGING?

- ✅ Sponsors can request card renewals **online, from anywhere**
- ✅ Cards will be mailed to the cardholder via US mail
- ✅ No in-person requirement for most renewals



REQUIREMENTS

- Sponsor must be a CAC holder and requesting a renewal of an active USID card
- Sponsor and Cardholder must have email addresses listed in DEERS that they have authorized DoD to use for contacting them
- Sponsor's personnel status must extend at least 30 days in the future from the renewal request date
- Cardholder has a photo saved in DEERS taken in the last 12 years
- Cardholder's mailing address is present in DEERS and is in United States
 - USID cards **cannot** be shipped to PO Boxes

FOR MORE INFORMATION

See ID Card Office Online (IDCO): <https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>



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