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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



On Sunday, March 15th, the Chapter had the opportunity to hear both an unusual and comprehensive presentation by LCRD Bruce DeWald USN Ret. A veteran of thirty years of service in the U.S. Navy plus twenty years in Civil Service, Bruce made his second appearance at chapter meeting. Previously he had presented a rather eye opening presentation on Soviet spy operations.

On Sunday Bruce presented a very comprehensive overview of aircraft in the Antarctic. His extensive power point presentation traced the history of the role of aviation in the exploration of perhaps the most inhospitable region of the planet. One could classify the region as a huge block of ice larger than America and Mexico of almost unparalleled depth where the temperatures reach – 58 degrees [note the minus sign preceding the 58].

Yet the presentation chronicled the early exploration dating back to the 1920's using aircraft that today's pilots might view as hazardous to one's health under ideal flying conditions. Yet these adventurous flyers braved all the dangers of exploration and ventured into a hostile environment, flying "limited capability" aircraft.

As the presentation continued, we not only saw the advancements of exploration, but the growth in sophistication of the aircraft used in exploration with both traditional aircraft, but the introduction of rotary aircraft [helicopters, to us ground pounders]. Aircraft grew in size, carrying capacity and range. Along with the technical advancements came the need to expand the logistical base. Everything, including food, fuel and shelter had to be carried in or air dropped and the aircraft landing at these isolated spots had to be secured, lest the wind blow them away.

Bruce also pointed out the aircraft were parked on ice and when that ice disappeared, so did the aircraft sitting on the ice. Yet it was interesting to note that none of these problems stopped the exploration of this region of the world. Logistical problems were overcome by the process of standardization of the fuel used for flying the aircraft as well as heating and other uses. The "absence" of gas stations was overcome by the use of positioned fuel bladders.

As the government became more involved, the size of the aircraft used grew larger and the resources became more abundant. In the latter portion of the presentation, Bruce highlighted the competition of the United States and the Soviet Union in "staking out" claims to this area. Today, rumors of potentially huge oil deposits vindicate the wisdom of the exploration.

Toward the end of the presentation, Bruce showed a "slide" of the arrival of a commercial aircraft. This created a stir in the encampment with part of the plane's crew being female.

Thank you, Bruce DeWald, for a highly researched and interesting program. In addition, Bruce also serves as a tram driver at the Pima Air Museum as well as being a valued historian.

Again! Volunteers needed to serve on the Chapter's Board of Directors. Volunteer while we still have a chapter.

Notable APRIL Dates

3 - NATO Founded 1949

12 - First US Space Shuttle Launched 1981

15 - Federal Income Taxes Due

**19 - Bill McCreary
CASA Community
Services**

30 - Vietnam War ends 1975



"I understand you were in the military."

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MOAA/D-Backs Day

The Arizona Diamondbacks in conjunction with the Superstition Mountain Chapter (AZ) will once again present the Color Guard and as many AZ MOAA Chapter Flags available at the opening Ceremony of the September 13th, 2015 Arizona Diamond Backs/ LA Dodgers game..

The Ballgame will start at 1 pm and I realize this date is a long way off but since the D-Backs will be reserving seats for the MOAA attendees. Ed Mangan (Superstition Mountain Chapter President) would like an RSVP ASAP so he can get a count of members and their guest planning to attend..

MOAA attendees and guests will be seated on the second level section 217. Tickets will cost \$20.00 each. Second level seating area is limit to only persons with second level seating tickets. Food and beverages can be ordered and brought right to your seats.

If an afternoon at a D-Backs game sounds like something you would be interested in, this would be a great way to show your MOAA support. Please notify Ed Mangan at emangan3@aol.com or 602-501-0128 if you are interested ASAP with your name and that of any guests you might have.

He will be keeping a list of individuals who would like to attend (so he can notify the D-Backs of how many seats to reserve) and he will also be the person to collect your money which won't be due until August 15th, 2015. Checks should be made out to Superstition Mountain Chapter (write Ballgame in memo section) and mailed to ED Mangan, 4537 E. Shomi St. Phoenix, AZ 85044 to arrive prior to this August 15th deadline.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Ed Mangan or you can contact me at stevenabel8@msn.com or 520-648-2172.

Maj Steven Abel, USAF, Ret.
GV MOAA BOD

Hearing Aid Assist Device at Quail Creek

If you are a member with hearing aids who still has difficulty hearing the speakers at the Luncheon meetings, we have discovered that Quail Creek does offer a Hearing Aid Assist Loop device.

The hearing Aid assist is a Loop system in the meeting room and can be turned on and the individual would wear a device around their neck which helps amplify the sound through their hearing aid..

In order for this assist device to work the individual must have a Hearing Aid or Cochlear implants with TeleCoil (T-Coil) capability. This device only works with Hearing aids with this capability and does not work on individuals with no hearing aid at all.

If you or a guest would like to utilize this service at Quail Creek for future meetings, I ask that you notify us in advance so we can have it available for you at the Luncheons. You can notify us by writing your request on your meeting registration form or contact Steven Abel at 648-2172 or email stevenabel8@msn.com.

Personal Affairs

Later this year, MOAA will launch a new publication titled *The Survivor's Guide*. The purpose of *The Survivor's Guide* is to assist surviving spouses as they accomplish the actions needed following a loved one's death. It will be available in print and as a download from the MOAA website at <http://www.moaa.org/>

The guide was developed by the six surviving spouses who comprise the Auxiliary Member Advisory Committee (AMAC) at National MOAA. During the past year, the AMAC brainstormed on helping others when they experience a loss. The committee decided that a guide with a list of needed actions and phone numbers and a place to record dates, points of contact, and pending actions would fill the gap they had experienced.

The Survivor's Guide is similar to a worksheet. It includes a place to record burial or cremation arrangements, such as the name of a funeral home and a cemetery. There is a place to list names and phone numbers of attorneys, certified public accountants, insurance agencies, and other service providers. The guide includes phone numbers for agencies such as the Defense Finance and Accounting Service, the Social Security Administration, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System, and others.

As AMAC members developed the guide, they realized it would help if both spouses worked together to fill in the guide before it would be needed. One AMAC member said the most helpful advice she received from other widows was to keep a notebook to record phone calls. She learned that some agencies do not respond as promised and that a written record was valuable.

AMAC members emphasize the importance of telling family members or a friend about *The Survivor's Guide*, where it is located, and what it contains. AMAC members also stressed that the Guide is not intended to replace other methods of record keeping. However, the guide is different because it includes information on both military and civilian agencies.

AMAC members suggest that following the guide might prompt spouses and retirees to review their personal files. To do this, spouses should obtain the MOAA *Personal Affairs Action Guide*. For information about [MOAA publications](#), go to www.moaa.org/infoexchange or call MOAA at (800) 234-MOAA (6622). While this guide is in development, MOAA members can refer to the shorter *Survivor's Checklist*.

I hope to have this new Survivor's Guide for distribution to Chapter Members later in the year.

Steven Abel
Personal Affairs, Director

GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS



Robert F. Barry - CDR - USN (ret)

I was raised in the Washington Heights section of New York. I attended Bishop Du Bois High School and graduated from Iona College in New Rochelle, New York.

I was commissioned from OCS in August 1963 and reported to gunnery school in route to my first ship, the USS Rich (DD820). After two years on board the Rich I volunteered for Viet Nam and was assigned to the Delta River Patrol Group. The Group operated 31 foot fiber glass boats in the Mekong Delta. During my tour, the Group was awarded the Presidential Unit Citation. Upon returning from Viet Nam I married Mary Cunningham in July 1967. Returning to sea in 1968 as Operations Officer on the USS Norris (DD 859) . After my tour on the Norris the Navy sent me to the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California. There I was awarded a Masters of Science in Oceanography in 1972 and returned to sea on the staff of Cruiser / Destroyer Group Two (CruDesGru2). The group was charged with developing Anti-Submarine Warfare (ASW) tactics for the Navy. and I was in charge of developing ways to use the ocean environment to improve the performance of acoustic sensors.

After CruDesGru2, there were a series of shore assignments at the ASW training center in San Diego, the Oceanography Command Center on Guam and the Navy's Weather Forecast Center in Monterey. From Monterey I was assigned to the staff of the Mediterranean Fleet Commander (Sixth Fleet) home ported in Gaeta, Italy, as the weather and oceanography officer for the fleet.



My final tour was in Plans and Requirements section of the Unified Space Command in Colorado Springs. After 25 years in the Navy, I retired and accepted a position at Ball Aerospace in Boulder, Colorado. I was the deputy program manager for a satellite mission that launched in 1997 and operated until 2008. I also coordinated multiple efforts by Ball to provide sensors for the environmental satellites that are flying today.

My interest continues in space and oceanography today by teaching an Osher Life Long Learning (OLLI) course "The Ocean from Space" several times a year.



Upon my retirement I was awarded the Defense Meritorious Service Metal. The award was presented to me by BG Knudsen

ANOTHER SUMMER OUTING TO ENJOY

Chapter members who stay for the summer can look forward to another interesting Green Valley MOAA outing. Last year we enjoyed a VIP tour of the Aircraft Maintenance and Regeneration Group ("Bone Yard"). This year's trip promises to be equally interesting--and it will be indoors. On Thursday, July 23rd we will have a private tour of the Pima County Emergency Communications and Operations Center (PECOC) in Tucson.



What's there of interest to us?

- The 9-1-1 call center.
- Dispatch operations of the Pima County Sheriff's Department and local fire districts, including Green Valley.
- Pima County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Emergency Operations Center.
- Backup dispatch facilities for the City of Tucson Police and Fire Department.

The 63,000-square-foot facility contains the most state-of-the-art technology and security features including radio communications equipment and telecommunications infrastructure. PECOC also includes high security fencing, a controlled access system, seismic bracing to prevent earthquake damage, and a number of redundant features and backup generators so that the facility never loses power.

Reservations for the tour will be required so look for more information as summer approaches.

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APRIL Meeting Sunday APRIL 19th - QUAIL CREEK Social Hour 12:00 - LUNCHEON 12:30

**Please reserve ____ places for me for LUNCH. I am sending a check in the amount of \$ ____
(\$22.00 per meal), payable to MOA of Green Valley, P.O. Box 769, Green Valley, AZ 85622-0769.**

This request must be mailed to arrive no later than April 14, 2015

I am bringing a guest whose name(s) is/are: _____

Check Number _____

Rank and Name (please print): _____

**Check meal selection and indicate number of each meal: Mixed Green Salad w/ accompaniments
Thick Cut Sliced Ham w/ Apple Brandy Sauce _____ or Roast Sliced Beef w/ Pinot Noir Demi
Glaze _____ both served with Rosemary Roasted Red Potatoes and Mixed Vegetables - Dessert
Carrot Cake.**

**NOTE: If you cannot get your reservation and check mailed timely, please call Barbara Brown
at 625-8066 to make your reservation. Please bring a check or exact cash amount to the
meeting.**

If you require a ride to the Luncheon, please check here _____

If you require a Hearing Aid Assist, please see note on page 3.

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HONOR FLIGHT # 17 – “The Jubilee Flight”

April 18th & 20th at Tucson International Airport

SEND-OFF / Saturday April 18th

6:00AM–7:30AM/Departure Level US Airways

US Airways Charter 9130 departs at 9:00AM

RETURN / Monday April 20th

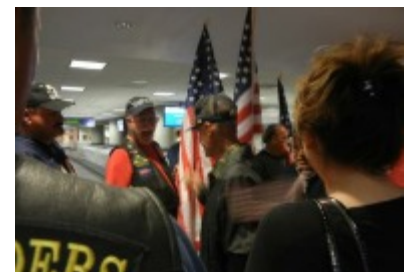
4:00PM–6:00PM/Departure Level US Airways

US Airways Charter 9130 arrives at 3:54PM

**** Please note that charter flight information does not show up on the airline monitors ****

Seventy two WWII Veterans are headed to Washington DC on Honor Flight Southern Arizona’s “Jubilee Flight”! Don’t miss this opportunity to come out and thank our local Heroes for their service and to let them know we remember what they’ve done for us. This is a teachable moment for all children and a couple of hours of your time well spent. Wear your patriotic colors and come celebrate what we as a community have accomplished: with the completion of this flight we will have flown **543** World War II Veterans from Southern Arizona on their Honor Flights and anticipate moving on to the next phase of our mission (taking Korean War Veterans in addition to World War II) in the fall. As this is our only flight this spring and the last flight that will carry exclusively World War II Veterans we know you won’t want to miss this historical event. This may be one of the last opportunities you have to thank members of the Greatest Generation in person and give them the “Welcome Home” they never received!

Parking: Please use either the **Hourly** lot or the **Economy Parking** lot on East Corona Rd (free shuttle provided). Bring your parking ticket with you and TAA **maybe** able to validate it - their way of saying thank you for supporting our Vets!



Check our website for updates: www.honorflightsaz.org

SOURCES: NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION (NHTSA), NATIONAL SAFETY COUNCIL (NSC); GOVERNORS HIGHWAY SAFETY ASSOCIATION (GHSA); NHTSA; NHTSA TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE (NHTSI); UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN TRANSPORTATION RESEARCH INSTITUTE (UMTRI)

The Danger of Texting While Driving

Texting behind the wheel combines visual, manual and cognitive distractions. Learn how this risk adds up.

26%

of all motor vehicle crashes in 2014 are estimated to have involved cell phone use.

2x

Text messaging doubles the risk of a crash or near-crash.

44

The number of U.S. states that currently ban text messaging for all drivers.

1 in 4

teens respond to a text message once or more every time they drive.

10%

of parents admit they have extended, multiple-message text conversations while driving a vehicle.

5 seconds

The average time your eyes are off the road while texting. When traveling at 55 mph, that's like driving the length of a football field blindfolded.



USAA and AT&T have teamed up in support of the "It Can Wait" movement to help stop texting and driving. Have your family take the pledge at itcanwait.usaa.com

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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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Name: _____
Last First MI

Mailing Address: _____
Street or P.O. Box

City State Zip

Date of Birth: _____ (M/D/Yr) **Phone #:** _____

E-Mail _____ **MOAA #** _____

Type of Membership desired (check one)

Regular: _____ **Auxiliary:** _____
(\$20 annual dues) (Spouse of active member or surviving spouse \$10 annual dues)

Regular members, please complete below

Rank: _____ **Spouse's First Name:** _____

Branch of Service:

Check one: USA ___ USMC ___ USN ___ USAF ___ USCG ___ USPHS ___ NOAA ___

Status (check one): Retired ___ Active Duty ___ Reserve/Guard ___ Former officer ___

All Members, please check all that apply:

___ I am interested in receiving the Chapter monthly newsletter by e-mail

___ I am not a National MOAA member, but I desire to become a National member

___ I desire to become active in chapter affairs (Board member, Committee chair, Volunteer, etc.)

Please mail check made out to MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF GREEN VALLEY to the above address

2015 SCHEDULE

Saturday January 17, Massing of the Colors, Sahuarita High School Auditorium

Sunday, January 18, Meeting, Quail Creek, Speaker TBD

Sunday, February 15, Meeting, Quail Creek, Speaker TBD, Soldier' Best Friend – pairing of a Vet and a Shelter Dog.

Sunday, March 15, Meeting, Quail Creek, Speaker Bruce De Wald, Pima Air & Space Museum, US Aviation in Antarctica.

Sunday, April 19, Meeting, Quail Creek, Speaker Bill Mc Creary, CASA Community Services, overview of resources it provides to the community.

April, Nogales High JrROTC awards. (TBD)

Wednesday, April 29, Sahuarita High JrROTC awards. Dinner 1700, Awards 1800.

May, Rio Rico High JrROTC awards. (TBD)

Wednesday, May 20, 5 PM Quail Creek Clubhouse JROTC Scholarship Awards and entertainment by the Classix.

Thursday, May 21, AZ Council of Chapters meeting.

Monday, May 25, Memorial Day wreath laying.

JUNE – JULY – AUGUST no meetings - Summer outing to be scheduled

Sunday, June 14, Flag Day celebration at Elks.

Saturday July 4, Various celebrations.

July, Summer Outing, (T B D)

Friday, September 11, Various celebrations.

Sunday, September 20, Quail Creek, Lt Col Myron Donald, "Tales from the Hanoi Hilton"

October (TBD) AZ Council of Chapters meeting, Grand Canyon Chapter, Prescott

Thursday, October 15, Annual Inspection and Pass in Review, Sahuarita High Football Stadium.

Sunday, October 18, Quail Creek, (TBD).

Wednesday - Saturday, October 28-31 National MOAA Convention, Orlando, FL.

October (TBD) White Elephant Parade.

Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day wreath laying.

Friday, November 13 Arizona Council of Chapters Meeting, Phoenix.

Sunday, November 15, Annual Business Meeting, elections, Quail Creek, Speaker (TBD)

Thursday, December 3, Sahuarita High School Pearl Harbor Day observance.

Thursday, December 10, Christmas Dinner, Quail Creek Clubhouse, Social 5:30, Dinner 6:00 Raffle prizes and installations of Officers for 2016.



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