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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We began 2015 with a turnout of 45 members on Sunday, January 18th for the first chapter meeting of the New Year. Not bad at all, considering the competition of the Jazz Festival and the NFC playoff game. After a nice meal, we had the pleasure of hearing a most enthusiastic presentation from Lt Col Ross Pearson who commands the Predator units stationed at Davis Monthan AFB and also at Fort Huachuca. Ross Pearson brings a wealth of experience to this position. Having begun his military service as an enlistee in 1988, he was commissioned in the Arizona Air National Guard in 1989 and has risen to his present rank in 2005. A qualified pilot with over 5,800 flying hours he now flies in his "cockpit" in Arizona, piloting an aircraft 7,000 miles away from that position using linkages to satellites that can send instructions and course corrections in fractions of a second. He shared with us the basics of the UAS (unmanned aerial system) in the role as a reconnaissance platform, capable of sustained flight for over 24

hours and its capability of undertaking a precision combat role by having a newer version carry the deadly "Hellfire" missile. The "surgical strike" capability of the MQ-9 (Reaper) aircraft can deliver the missile thru a specific window or, as seen in part of his presentation, to destroy a trip wire on a highway leading to an IED [improvised explosive device]. Ross did an excellent job of presenting the material while walking the fine line of keeping the classified material out of his presentation.

I was personally very impressed with the advance of the technology and the scope of applications open to the predator. This stems from my own experience working with the Army Aviation Systems Command in 1972 on the "Aquila", the Army's first RPV (remotely piloted vehicle). I commented to Ross that the "State of the Art" had advanced from the Model T (RPV) to the Corvette (Predator).

We also got a glimpse of what the future holds with the newest version; Predator C Avenger, larger in size, range and capability. When questioned

"why" the use of an unmanned aerial systems, Ross indicated it was more cost effective in dollars, safer in personnel exposure and surgical in strike capability as well as being able to have time on target. Having the capability of flying for 24+ continuous hours allows for a significant amount of intelligence gathering. It was an excellent and most informative presentation and the chapter thanks Ross for his visit.

On other notes; congratulations to Lt Col Ed Brown, winner of the \$100 attendance award. Also several chapter members attended the Massing of the Colors at Sahuarita High on Saturday. CWO4 Bob Ozier delivered the invocation as well as an excellent and inspired benediction. Also pictured in the newsletter is Cadet Sariah DeFazio, who presented the Chapter flag in the ceremony. She also described two traditional Massing ceremonies.

Dick Newman, President

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PHOTOS

Sahuarita High School JROTC Massing of the Colors = Saturday, January 17



January Meeting = Arizona Air National Guard

Predator Orientation



FEBRUARY GUEST SPEAKER

SOLDIER'S BEST FRIEND-VET & DOG

You don't want to miss this presentation



Leslie Bryant-

Joined the U.S. Navy out of high school and served 4 yrs. as an Aircrew Survival Equipmentman, Third Class Petty Officer.

Moved overseas and worked as the lead advertising designer for the Navy Exchange, Rota, Spain and Keflavik, Iceland.

Returned stateside and became the Design Manager for Norfolk Florist and Gifts 11 stores for a period of 10 yrs then became a Sheriff's Deputy for the city of Virginia Beach, while attending Animal Behavior College where she graduated with honors.

Moved to Arizona in 2009 working with Northrop Grumman and has served as a Trainer and Mentor with Soldiers Best Friend for 2 years.



GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

1st Lt Joseph Longo USA (Former)



I was born in Jersey City N.J. I graduated from St Peters University with a B.S. in Marketing and a Commission in the United States Army.

I spent one tour in Darmstadt Germany with A-1-67th Art. (Nike Hercules Unit). Finishing as interim BCO.

Eventuality I enrolled at American Graduate school of International Management (Glendale AZ) and received my M.S. in International Management. Hired out of grad school by the American International Group (AIG) I lived, worked and traveled extensively in West Africa and the Caribbean.

In the late 70's we moved to Yakima WA where I worked in various media outlets while owning and operating a small business with my wife Diane.

After snow birding for approximately 6 years between Green Valley and WA state we have taken full residency in Green Valley where I still maintain my Real Estate license.

Personal pursuits include hunting/shooting sports. Having served as past President of Sun Valley Shooting Park (Yakima WA) and President of the local chapter of Safari Club International. I admit to being something of a world Events/International News Junkie.

2015 Chapter Dues Renewal

Here is form to submit your Green Valley MOAA chapter dues for 2015. Please detach the statement and return it with your check to the address shown on the form. Please verify your address and make any changes required including your ZIP code and please provide your e-mail address so you can receive notices of meeting changes and updates.

If you are able to do so, you may also send a tax-deductible contribution to the **Green Valley MOAA Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund**. Your contribution to the Fund will provide scholarships to outstanding JROTC cadets from Sahuarita, Rio Rico and Nogales High Schools who will be attending college. The Fund also provides assistance to service personnel and veterans and their families who are in need and distress.

If you desire to contribute to the Fund please send a separate check made out to the Green Valley MOAA Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund and return it with your dues check to the address listed. Thank you. (Contributions to the Fund are tax deductible for state and federal tax purposes.)



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2015 Chapter Dues Renewal

Dues for 2015:

(Regular-\$20; Auxiliary-\$10)

2015 Membership Dues \$ _____

Make check payable to: **Military Officers Association of Green Valley or GV MOAA.**

Scholarship & Military Assistance Fund \$ _____ Donation.

Make check payable to: **Green Valley MOAA Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund or GV MOAA Scholarship or GV MOAA Military Assistance.**

TO INSURE PROPER CREDIT, PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

Name: _____

Rank ____: _____ Branch of Service: _____

Address: _____

City, _____ State, _____

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DOB _____
Month/Day/Year

Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ - _____

E-Mail: _____

Renew your CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP



IN MEMORIAM

Capt Richard Wendell Snow USMC (ret) born on 29 July 1929 in Tipton County, Indiana passed peacefully 22 December 2014 of Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Dick was a former President of MOAA for two years. He was also a member of the Marine Corps Mustang Association and the Marine Corps League.

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**February Meeting Sunday February 15th - 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 February 10, 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
Pork Scalopini w/ Tomato Basil Sauce served w/ Soft Polenta and Roasted Vegetables _____ or
Chicken Manhattan - Thin Cut Breaded Chicken topped with Spinach and Provolone Cheese served
with Soft Polenta and Roasted Vegetables _____**

**NOTE: If you cannot get your reservation and check mailed timely, please call Barbara Brown
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meeting.**

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

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Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation, conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal.

Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle-field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field, as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this.

But, in a larger sense, we can not dedicate—we can not consecrate—we can not hallow—this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here, have consecrated it, far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note, nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us the living, rather, to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us—that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion—that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain—that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom—and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

November 19, 1863.

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Name: _____
Last First MI

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Street or P.O. Box

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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:

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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 (Ron Barber Invited).

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)

Quail Creek JROTC Scholarship Award presentation. 5:30 Social, 6:00 Dinner

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, Meeting, Quail Creek, Speaker (TBD)

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, Kelly Laurich, Recreation Therapist ,SWBRC , "The impact recreation has on Veteran's lives

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, no speaker scheduled.

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

Thursday, December 10? , Venue and Time TBD, Christmas dinner/drawing and installations of Officers for 2016.



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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Lt Col Robert Little Jr - LCDR Glenn Lundell - CDR Bruce
Summers