



Military Officers Association of America Desert Duster
35 YEARS

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The President's Message

And a good time was had by all. This was the result of a very pleasant evening spent at the "Christmas Dinner" at Quail Creek. Thanks to the adroit and careful shopping done by Barbars Brown, there were an ample supply of gifts to be distributed to the attendees. While I did not keep count, it appeared that no one went home empty handed. The second biggest winner was Arlis Lundell who captured the attendance prize.



First prize went to the Chapter itself as illustrated by the attaching the Five Star banner, the Level of Excellence award on the chapter flag. It was the tenth banner to adorn the flag.

The banner also showed our chapter had done its part for the MOAA Chapters and Council of Chapters in Arizona. It was another "clean sweep" for the Council and all chapters receiving five star awards for the second year in a row. I want to thank our members, the chapter officers and committee chairs for their efforts in making this possible.

However, while it is nice to enjoy the recognition, it is now time to resubmit the paperwork for the LOE award for 2015. The difference this time is that we must file two months earlier than in previous years. Again, the board members have risen to the challenge and it appears that we will be "on time". At the January board meeting, draft copies of the submission will be given to each board member for review and comments. I cannot make any promises, but the material in the report does look good.

The year of the real challenge for the LOE banner will be 2016. As you have read in the Desert Duster, the chapter board voted to reduce the number of meetings

from ten to six. Six is the minimum number needed to qualify for LOE submission in meetings and newsletters. The actual requirement for meetings is ten, however board meetings are also allowed in the count. We also moved away from Sunday luncheons to Tuesday evening dinners. The rational was the stiff competition we face from NFL playoffs, Arizona Theater, Concerts, Plays and Religious events. Hopefully, members will adjust their schedules to accommodate the new meeting time.

The reduced schedule will attempt to achieve a balance between speaker presentations and chapter focused events. In February, our first meeting in 2016, we will have a joint meeting with the MOWW [Military Order of World Wars] at Quail Creek. In March, it is a social event with an early evening social at Quail Creek. In May, our annual scholarship award presentation will take place. Time off for the summer. We pick up again in the Fall with speaker presentations in September, November and the traditional Christmas event in December.

What I need from our members is a list of military events attended during the year. Keep a log of those events such as Massing of the Colors in January. Attending these events score points for the Chapter in LOE submission.

Have a great 2016.

Dick Newman

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Christmas Dinner 2015 Photos



Our chapter enjoyed a lovely dinner followed by the swearing in of officers for 2016. Thanks to Barbara Brown's keen shopping and wrapping skills, many of our members took home very fun Christmas gifts which were raffled off at the end of the evening. A perfect end to a very productive year for our Green Valley Chapter.



GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS

Lt Walter Dow USN

I was born on Long Island, NY in 1940 and moved to Princeton, NJ in 1954. I went to Brown University in Providence, RI under a Navy Holloway Scholarship and was commissioned into the Regular Navy upon graduation. At Brown one of our Navy instructors started a program to provide private licenses at Navy expense. The idea was to reduce washout rate in flight training. I started that program in September and had my license in November.

A week after graduation, Jackie Holst and I were married. The first of our 11 Navy moves was to Little Creek, VA awaiting my Pensacola, FL class to start. Luckily for us the ship was in overhaul and I didn't have to go to sea. Then off to Pensacola, Meridian, MS, and back to Pensacola for first carrier qualifications. Advanced training resulted in a move to Kingsville, TX where our son was born a week after we arrived. After training in two different aircraft and a second carrier qual, I was awarded my Wings.

Prior to going to the fleet, it was off to Jacksonville, FL for Replacement Air Group (RAG) training in the operational aircraft. After carrier Qual it was onto the Mediterranean to join VA-81 on the USS Forrestal. Just before the end of that cruise I was transferred to VA-72 preparing to return to Vietnam for its second cruise. Our daughter was born almost a month prior to return. After that cruise it was back to the Med. for the third 6-9 month cruise during the first tour of duty. Jackie and the children followed the carrier around the Med during this third cruise stopping in France, Athens, Malta and Naples. Now it was time for shore duty in the A-7 RAG on the west coast in Lemoore, CA. I resigned my Commission the next year in September 1969 with my last Navy move to civilian life in the Chicago area.

During our Vietnam Cruise, one of our pilots, Al Carpenter, was captured and spent many years in the Hanoi Hilton. With the squadron officers scattered, our Skipper arranged a reunion at his house. This was the start of a gathering that has continued thru this year's reunion in Green Valley.

After six months training with my new employer Continental Can Co. it was up to the Milwaukee, WI area.

Then to the Technical Center in Chicago and finally with a buy out to U.S. Can Co, believe it or not all in the same industry, metal containers. Jackie started teaching in the Carol Stream school system and I served as a Lisle Village trustee for 10 corruption free years. Unusual for Illinois. Our kids had stability in the Lisle, IL area thru high school before as empty nesters we moved to West Chicago. We both retired in 2002 and 2 years later moved to Green Valley. We kept our northern Wisconsin vacation house for summer use.



February Meeting's Guest Organization

Military Order of World Wars



About MOWW - Programs include:

Youth Leadership Conferences & Massing of Colors

Boy Scout & Girl Scout Award Programs

Junior ROTC Award Programs

Monuments & Memorials

National Security, Homeland Security and Law & Order Conferences

See speaker's (Lt Col Marlon Ruiz's Bio on page 6)

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February Meeting Tuesday February 16 - Quail Creek

Social time 5:30 - Dinner 6:00

Please reserve ____ places for me for Dinner. I am sending a check in the amount of \$ ____
(\$26.00 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 11, 2016

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 Dinner Salad w/ accompaniments at the table. _____ Sliced Sirloin Steak /w Pimo Demi Glaze or _____ Salmon w/ Bearnaise Served w/ Roasted Red Potatoes and Seasoned Vegetables.
Dessert -Raspberry Cheesecake.

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 Dinner, please check here _____

Lt Col Marlon Ruiz USAF (Ret.)



Marlon Ruiz, Lt. Colonel, USAF (Ret.) – Goes by “Marlon” is currently an active member of both the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) and the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) national veteran service organizations. As a fellow companion of the MOWW, Lt. Colonel Ruiz has served as the organization’s National Membership Committee Vice Chairman and as a junior and subsequently Senior Vice-Commander of the Department of Arizona for that organization. He has served and continues to serve as the current Santa Cruz Valley Chapter commander for the MOWW in Green Valley.

I am a retired career commissioned officer with 27 and a half years of active duty military, professional educator, diplomatic liaison officer and US Government Interagency service experience. While on active duty with the US Air Force, I served in a multitude of combat / instructor aviator missions, military academy educator assignments and diplomatic service / liaison officer positions. Among the most notable military service assignments are – having served as a B-52 flight instructor and combat mission commander, served as a professional military education academy institution associate professor at both the US Military Academy at West Point and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, served as a former Political-Military Foreign Area Officer – Western Hemisphere Specialist and Defense Security Assistance Agency advisor in four countries – while assigned as a Defense Department asset to the US State Department, US Department of Homeland Security, Joint Interagency Counter-Drug Enforcement Task Force - South, US Defense Security Cooperation Agency, US Southern Command, US Southern Air Force Headquarters – 12th Air Force Headquarters, and serving as the US Military Group – Ecuador Air Force Mission Chief in the Republic of Ecuador, South America, shortly before retiring from active duty in the summer of 2007. I am a combat war veteran of the US-USSR Cold War, first Gulf War in Iraq and Kuwait (Desert Storm), the Global War on Narco-Terrorism and the Global War on Terror.

Upon retiring, I have continued to serve local communities throughout Arizona and out of state. Fresh from transitioning from the US Air Force, I served two years as the Senior Aerospace Science Instructor for the Nogales HS Air Force Junior ROTC program, while also being hired as a USAF Air Education and Training Command Online Distance Learning Program as an Adjunct Instructor with the USAF Air Command and Staff College – Air University, in Montgomery, Alabama. During my tenure as an Adjunct Instructor Faculty Staff member, I also served as an online Distance Learning Program Defense Contractor teaching asset with C2 Technologies, Inc. Some of the courses taught include but are solely limited to; teaching with the Air Command and Staff College Faculty – Online Masters Regional / Cultural Studies program, teaching for the Squadron Officers Leadership Development Course – “Expeditionary Leadership in the Intercultural Environment” and “Applied Leadership and Command” Certification courses. I live in the local Marana, AZ local area with my lovely wife of 30 years Adriana. Our son Christian and daughter Nicole reside in Austin, TX and Buena Park, CA respectively.

2016 EVENT SCHEDULE

February 16, 2016 (third Tuesday) - Dinner Meeting, QC Clubhouse, No host bar 5:00-5:30, Dinner to follow. Speaker, Representative of the MOWW - Military Order of World Wars.

March 10, 2016 (Thursday) - Meet and Mingle, QC Clubhouse, 4:30-6:30, No host bar and hors-oeuvres.

April 2016 ... no meeting

May 18, 2016 (Wednesday)- JROTC Dinner and Scholarship Awards, QC Clubhouse, No host bar 5:00-5:30, Dinner to follow.

June 2016 ... no meeting

July 2016 ... no meeting and no field trip.

August 2016 . no meeting

September 20, 2016 (third Tuesday) - Dinner Meeting, QC Clubhouse, No host bar 5:00-5:30, Dinner to follow. Speaker is Kelly Laurich, Tucson VA Fisher House.

October 2016... no meeting

November 15, 2016 (third Tuesday) - Dinner Meeting, QC Clubhouse, No host bar 5:00-5:30, Dinner to follow. Business meeting.

December 8, 2016 (Thursday) Christmas Dinner/Installation of Officers, QC Clubhouse, No host bar 5-00-5;30, Dinner to follow.

MOAA Board of Directors, Green Valley Chapter, meets the first Wednesday of each month from September through May at 8:30 a.m. at Friends In Deed, 301 W. Camino Casa Verde in Green Valley. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend. Please join us!



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Notable February Dates

- 12 - President Lincoln's Birthday
- 16 - 1953 Marine Capt. Ted Williams crash landed his F9F Panther during a bombing raid on North Korea
- 22 - President Washington's Birthday
- 23 - 1945 American flag raised on Mt. Suribachi



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JANUARY-FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Betty Atwater - MAJ William Bracco Jr. - Barbara Cooper - COL Lee Cornelison
- LTC John Danner - Maj Gen John Dolny - MAJ James Goodyear - Maj David
Hinken - Patsy Johnson - Lt Col Robert Little Jr. - LCDR Glenn Lundell - CPT
William Maratos - CPT Robert Marben - Lt Col John McGee - 1LT Larry Nelson
- Maj Larry Nielson - LCDR John Ruse - CDR Bruce Summers