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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A wise person once commented that "No amount of planning beats dumb luck". This is an axiom of Murphy's Law. So it is the case with our chapter. As some of you may know, our guest speaker for September, Lt Col. Myron Donald, had to cancel his presentation for September. Concurrently, both Betty Atwater and I have been trying to get Representative Martha McSally to speak to the chapter. I had requested an October date, but she would not be able to appear on that third Sunday.



However she could be available in September. With that piece of luck, we now have our two speakers lined up to present on their schedule. Again, "no amount of planning, etc.etc". I would hope the chapter turnout for Congresswoman McSally would be in record numbers. If you have any guests who you feel would enjoy hearing our newly elected member of the House, please consider bringing them. As many of you know Martha McSally is a retired USAF Colonel with an outstanding record of service.

Now that the issue of speakers is resolved, had the pieces not fallen into place, the September meeting would have been devoted to Organizational Change. Over the past several months, there has been a group of board members looking into possible changes in the organization. These changes include number of chapter meeting to be

held in 2016; days on which meetings are held; subjects of the meetings: social versus professional as well as board structure.

One issue that is quite clear is the depth of "competition" we have for Sunday meetings. In the Fall, we have professional football on TV; the Opera; Arizona Theatre Company; religious activities; Tucson symphony and finally what Sunday means to many: a day of introspection, meditation and rest.

In addition, there is the issue of program content and duration. Abraham Lincoln's observation about "pleasing some of the people, all the time; all the people some of the time, but never all the people all the time" is as appropriate today as it was in the 1860's. Whatever the program is and how long it lasts will always find a critic or two.

The board members have come up with suggestions also as to board structure. All in attendance at chapter meetings have heard me continue to plead the case for more member involvement. For the most part, it has been met with underwhelming response. Steps will have to be taken to realign our present board structure.

Had it not been the good fortune of our speaker's schedules, you would have been exposed to me speaking on this subject. I am sure some of you feel this would be as exciting as watching paint dry. Thus please attend the September 20th meeting to thank our Representative for being available.

Dick Newman

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CHAPTER at the JUNCTION

Over the past three months the chapter members attending the monthly meetings have heard me ask for help in filling vital positions on the Board of Directors. We will be losing three key members by December. The silence to these “cries for help” has been truly deafening, to say the least.

As time goes by, we are reaching a proverbial junction. With the loss of three board members with no replacements in sight, the board will be down to five or six members who will be doing 95+ percent of the work associated with chapter operation. That comes down to five or six pulling the wagon with 90+ on board.

This ratio of workers to observers is not sustainable, given all the activities carried on by the chapter in support of the military and their families. For the past nine years we have displayed the coveted five star level of excellence banner on our flag. This award is not given for counting heads going to lunch once a month. It is the result of a great deal of hard work and long hours by a few dedicated people. Look at the Board composition and, for the most part, it is the same faces, year after year. However with the upcoming losses, we face three possible options, namely:

1. Try to continue with a smaller board. This means relying on the same small group to do all the work with 90+% of the members as “observers”.
2. Become a satellite to the Tucson or Sierra Vista.
3. Chapter becomes “inactive”; a nice term for saying the Green Valley chapter disappears into the sunset.

What are the consequences of each option? If we continue, it may mean fewer meeting per year. This will also lead to fewer activities in the community, loss of community support and slipping further into the “mold” of the luncheon club. Eventually, it translates into to a slower demise of the organization. The workers will soon tire of the load and become as apathetic as the majority of current members. No apathy? Look around on any given Sunday! Count the number of members attending a meeting and rarely does it exceed 25% of our membership.

The second option is apparent. Stay home rather than go to a meeting. If you think our attendance at monthly meetings is small now, close your eyes and see how many will travel over twenty miles to attend a meeting.

Option three is the most devastating as the real losers are the victims of “collateral damage”. Who are these victims? Let’s see: JROTC cadets who would get scholarships; JROTC units who lose dollar support; troops who get Turkeys; Food banks who get our support; VA hospitals who get knitted products and personal care items and the recipients of the efforts of our Auxiliary with the special programs they initiate, support and staff. These are the real losers and they pay the price for the apathy in this chapter.

Also, add the loss of credibility with the community who supports our efforts with food drives, contributions and coupons to support military families and veterans.

My question to you is simple. As a chapter member, are you going to let us take the road to extinction? The decision is in the hands of the chapter members. Volunteer or ignore the problem.

GVMOA'S 2015 SUMMER OUTING

The chapter had another memorable summer outing on Thursday, July 23rd. Fifteen of our members and one guest enjoyed a private tour of the Pima County Emergency Communications and Operations Center (PECOC) in Tucson. Mr. Jeff Guthrie, Director, Pima County Office of Emergency Management honored us by personally conducting the tour.

Designed to withstand just about anything nature or man could throw at it, the Center is equipped to lock down and coordinate emergency operations for several days. Redundant power sources, including huge back-up generators, a kitchen, showers, sleeping area and even an exercise room are available to support 24-hour operations.

Shown in the accompanying photo is less than half of the large Operations Center that can seat over 100 action officers from local to national agencies.



Interestingly, there is a telephone only at every other desk in the Ops Center. Mr. Guthrie explained that the action officers preferred to use their cell phones with their contact lists. However, cell phone communications can be lost in a disaster, so the center also has a well-equipped radio room for Amateur Radio Operators (Hams). Mr. Guthrie said his office is seeking support from local Ham clubs to expand this backup communications network. [see the Wednesday, July 22nd edition of the *Sabuarita Sun*, page A7, for an article about this]

The Pima County Emergency Operations Plan is reviewed annually, and the review is taking place now. Green Valley, as an unincorporated area, is covered under that plan. Incorporated areas such as Marana and Oro Valley are required to have matching plans. Even local

government plans must follow the structure of the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Day-to-day operations at the facility include the County 911 call center. If you dial 911 for fire or police help, your call will be answered at the PECOC. A 911 operator there will calmly take down all the necessary information and then dispatch the appropriate responders. It happens very quickly, as you know if you have ever had to make such a call. The center includes a quiet room for operators after handling a disturbing call. Tucson city has a separate 911 call center, but also has a back-up call center in the PECOC.

Exercises are held annually. For example, last year the emergency response exercise simulated a wide spread, prolonged power outage. Lessons learned included the need for households to be prepared for at least 72 hours without power. Preparations should include a cash supply, primarily small bills (ATM's won't work).

The visit was an eye-opener and also reassuring. It's good to know the County plans for and rehearses responding to a regional disaster. Also, that there is a state-of-the-art center in Tucson from which to coordinate the response.



Shown in the photo from left to right are: Dave Hinken, Dick Newman, Joe Longo, Diane Longo, John Rychener, Lucille Rychener, John McGee, Thelma Hendricks, Joe Lanzel, Peggy McGee, Steve Abel, Betty Eby-Deardorff, Jim Knox, Beryl Sumner, Bob Atwater, Betty Atwater.

YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS THESE UPCOMING MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER 20, 2015



Congresswoman Martha McSally proudly represents the people of Arizona's Second Congressional District in the U.S. House of Representatives, where she serves on the Committees on Armed Services and Homeland Security and as the chair of the Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Communications.

Prior to serving in Congress, Representative McSally served 26 years in the U.S. Air Force, retiring in 2010 as a full Colonel. She is the first female fighter pilot to fly in combat and first to command a fighter squadron in combat in United States history.

OCTOBER 18, 2015



Myron Donald grew up in central New York, the son of a carpenter and a housewife. In high school, he played football, baseball and basketball and was president of the Student Council. He graduated from the United States Air Force Academy in 1965 and entered pilot training in Selma, Alabama, just a few months after Martin Luther King, Jr.'s civil rights march to Montgomery.

On his 73rd combat mission, he was shot down by a Mig 21 near Hanoi in February, 1968. He was captured immediately after parachuting into a rice paddy and taken to the Hanoi Hilton. After being held in six different prison camps, he was released in March of 1973 after a little more than five years in captivity.

4th of July Food for the Troops Collection by COL Peggy McGee

The 4th of July celebration at Quail Creek started at 7:30 a.m. with the Color Guard from the Sahuarita Police Explorer Program Post 693 presenting the Colors. And that's when the first donations for the annual *Food for the Troops* collection started to fill the bins. The donations are given to the Airmen of the 162d Wing, AZ Air National Guard for the Family Readiness Program to show the Quail Creek residents' support for the men and women who stand ready to serve our country and state no matter where they are needed.



This annual program is coordinated by MAJ Steve Abel and actively supported by COL Peggy McGee, GV MOAA member and President of The Women of Quail Creek (TWOQC). The donations bins stayed in place over the 4th of July weekend and yielded 400 lbs. of food and household items and \$160 in cash/checks which are used to buy gift cards for use at the Davis/Monahan Commissary. Of these amounts, 120 lbs. of groceries and \$60 came from TWOQC's collection at their summer luncheon.

Photo Caption: (L-R) Captain (Chaplain) Nathan Mestler, 162d Wing, AZ Air National Guard, COL Peggy McGee, and Barbara Gavre, 162d Family Readiness Program Manager with just some of the food and household items that Quail Creek residents donated to show their support for the Airmen and their families. (Photo by MAJ Steve Abel.)

Social Media Safeguard: Simple Common Sense

Content provided courtesy of USAA.

Would you say it on the public address system at the Super Bowl? Then don't say it on Facebook® or any other social media site.

That's the simplest rule for protecting yourself online, according to USAA member Rob La Gesse, who is vice president for social strategy at a leading managed cloud company in San Antonio.

"If you say when you're going on vacation, you can be sure there are thieves who will be able to track down your address, and they are going to know when you're not home," La Gesse says.

La Gesse joined the Navy right out of high school and served as a combat medic with the Marine Corps in the early 1980s. After his service, he became a neonatal respiratory therapist. But a part-time job at Radio Shack led to a full-time career working with computers.

"I don't have a college degree, but I became a totally self-taught programmer," he says. "Eventually, it led to a job with a small engineering company where we developed Wi-Fi."

He worked as a successful consultant for several high-tech startups, but after being a customer of his current employer for seven years, La Gesse joined the company in 2008 as the first director of software development. His ability to communicate with customers through blogging and Twitter® led to his current position.

"Social media has really exploded and is constantly evolving," La Gesse says. "Staying safe is mostly common sense. Don't put stuff out there you don't want people to know. I change my credit card number and PIN every year. Hackers know how to find different pieces of information about you in order to do 'social engineering' so they can break into your financial accounts."

More tips from La Gesse:

Don't use the same password on more than one site — ever.

Use a password manager such as LastPass or 1Password.

Change your passwords often.

September Meeting Sunday September 20th QUAIL CREEK

Social Hour 12:00 - LUNCHEON 12:30

Guest Speaker - Congresswomen Martha McSally

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 Sept. 15, 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 at the table

Sliced Roast Sirloin w/ Black Peppercorn Cabernet Sauce _____ or Chicken Cordon Blue _____ served Mixed Seasonal Vegetables - Dessert - Chocolate Brownie w/ Ice Cream & Whipped Cream

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 below

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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.



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GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS



Lt Col Herb Pahoresky USAF (ret)

Lt Col Herb Pahoresky was born and raised in northeastern Ohio where he graduated from John Carroll University with a major in History and a minor in Economics. He then worked as a civilian for a year at the Navy Electronic Supply Office, Great Lakes, IL. Subsequently he was accepted to attend USAF Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, TX. Upon completion of OTS Herb was commissioned as a 2nd Lt. After completion of a 16 week Food Services Officer course he was assigned as the Commander of the 3902nd Food Services Squadron at Offutt AFB in Omaha. His duties included the challenging tasks of managing four food service facilities and 170 cooks and bakers. After promotion to 1st Lt he was assigned to the 51st Services Squadron, Naha AB, Okinawa where his duties included the management of three base food services facilities and oversight of four remote radar sites. As a result of his experience he was promoted to Captain and was selected for advanced education through the AFIT (AF Institute of Technology) program. For nearly a year and a half he was a full time student at George Washington University where he earned his MBA degree. Afterwards Herb was assigned to the 1st Composite Support Group, Andrews AFB, MD where he had the dual responsibilities of Assistant Chief of Services and USAF Mortuary Officer for the entire Washington DC area.

Herb's next assignment was to Cam Ranh Bay AB, Vietnam where he was the Operations Officer at the headquarters of the Cam Ranh Area Exchange (AAFES). In this capacity he exercised general supervision of 33 retail facilities, 28 food services facilities, and numerous contract outlets. The most challenging aspect of his duties in Vietnam was the deactivation and drawdown of operations and facilities. Upon returning from Vietnam he was assigned as Deputy Chief, Services Division, Hq 15th AF, March AFB, CA. Here he exercised staff supervision of food services, base exchanges, commissaries, clothing sales stores, laundries, linen exchanges, mortuary affairs, and redistribution and marketing. He went TDY numerous times to most of the 15th AF bases. While at March AFB he was recognized as an Outstanding USAF Services Officer.

Lt Col Pahoresky's next assignment was to Wiesbaden AB, Germany. Initially he was the area Housing Officer with the responsibility of housing approximately 5000 families. Upon promotion to Major he was given the responsibilities as the Chief of Services for the Wiesbaden area. Upon returning to the USA he was assigned as the 27th Services Squadron Commander, Cannon AFB, NM. Here he was recognized as the outstanding senior services officer in TAC (Tactical Air Command). Upon promotion to Lt Col Herb was assigned to the Alaskan Air Command as Director of Housing and Services. His responsibilities included staff supervision of all housing and services at two major bases, three forward operating bases and 12 radar sites. His awards and decorations include AF Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, and Bronze Star.

After retiring from the USAF Herb remained in Alaska and worked in real estate and other sales positions. He met his wife Margaret in Anchorage and they have been married for over 25 years. Between them they have five children and nine grand children. Both of them enjoy travel. In 2004 they moved from Alaska to Arizona and purchased a new home in Quail Creek. They both enjoy the climate, activities, and people here in southern Arizona.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION



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Last First MI

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Type of Membership desired (check one)

Regular: _____ **Auxiliary:** _____
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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

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___ 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)

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

Thursday, May 21, 9 AM, AZ Council of Chapters meeting, The Grill on the Green, Green Valley Chapter hosting.

Monday, May 25, Memorial Day wreath laying.

JUNE – JULY – AUGUST no meetings - Summer Outing - July 23rd
Sunday, June 14, Flag Day celebration at Elks.

Saturday July 4, Various celebrations.

July, Summer Outing, **Thursday, July 23**

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 11, Various celebrations.

Sunday, September 20, Quail Creek, CD 2 Congresswomen Martha McSally

OCTOBER

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

Sunday, October 18, Quail Creek, Lt Col Myron Donald "Tales from the Hanoi Hilton"

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

Saturday October 31 White Elephant Parade.

NOVEMBER

Wednesday, November 11, Veterans Day wreath laying.

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

Sunday, November 22, Annual Business Meeting, elections, Quail Creek, Speaker - DPS Air Rescue

DECEMBER

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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