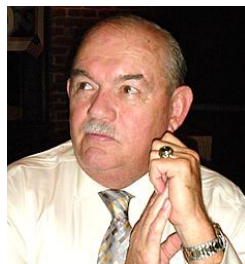




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## President's Message

I hope you all enjoyed the Valor Hospice Care presentation by Kay Boone and Melissa Glass, RN, at our February MOAA dinner. These vivacious ladies both did an excellent job of covering a touchy subject that most of us just don't want to talk about, and presented choices that, at least myself, did not know existed. We look forward to meeting them again. We will have their presentation on our website for all of our members to view shortly.



You definitely need to make plans to attend our next big extravaganza, a Mix and Mingle, (or Meet and Greet) which will be held "happy hour style" at the Quail Creek Madera Clubhouse on March 21 at 4:30. The cost will be \$10 per person, featuring hors d'oeuvres and a no-host bar. You have asked for an event where you don't have to drive in the dark, so here it is! You have asked for an event where you don't sit at a table all night... here it is! You asked for an event that has finger food and not a formal dinner. Here it is! AND... the event will feature a silent auction. Consider bringing something to donate for the auction (most people have something that doesn't match their style or taste, or something good but that they will never use or a hand-crafted item their niece gave them that they can't stand the sight of, etc.). Contact Joe Longo 509-945-4993 with what you are bringing and if you need help getting it to the club-house.

On the good news side, Dick Newman, our former president, has again scored an impressive grant from NRA for funding rifles and a shooting range for Rio Rico JROTC. All of the details are still forth coming, but this promises to be one of the largest grants we have ever handled.

On the downside, March and April are normally the Board's busiest times of the year with determining Medal Awards, Scholarship winners, and attending ceremonies and graduations. We are definitely going to be busy.

*(The following item was copied from the Luke Chapter Newsletter, but it applies to all of us!)*

How do you view your membership? Is it a **Problem** or an **Opportunity**? For one, I believe that all of us look forward to coming to the dinners to enjoy the company of our friends and fellow members. But do we ever think: ***"I don't have to worry about it. It shouldn't bother me. Someone else can take care of that problem. All I have to do is show up and have fun! No Worry!"*** We all must concern ourselves with the state of our Chapter. Why are fewer of our members not wanting or caring to hold an office? We have two top elected positions that must be filled, so give it some thought. Now just which position could I fill in my Chapter to keep the high standards we have achieved and to grow. **We must all work together!**

LCDR Jim Knox (USN, Ret)  
2017 Chapter President



**HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY • MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup>**

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## MARCH PROGRAM

### *MOAA Mix and Mingle*



Invite your friends, your neighbors, your golf and church buddies to the second annual *Mix & Mingle* event on Tuesday, March 21 in Quail Creek's Madera Clubhouse lounge. Guests can include officers and warrant officers, active duty, former and retired. And don't forget that surviving spouses of officers are also eligible to join the Chapter's Auxiliary.

The event will run from 4:30 to 6:30 and will include hors d'oeuvres. There will be a cash bar. Anyone joining the Chapter that evening will receive a free dinner in the future.

Cost is \$10 per person. To ensure we don't run out of food, please send your reservation form to arrive at the Green Valley Post Office no later than March 14. If you miss the deadline, please call Barbara Brown at (520) 625-8066. Members are asked to pay in advance and guests may pay at the door. (Reservation form, page 3)

During the *Mix & Mingle*, attendees will learn about MOAA's mission and the many service projects in which we are involved, to include awarding scholarships to graduating seniors from local high schools.

The highlight of the evening will be a silent auction where the lucky winners will be able to take home some decorative and practical items. Cash or check only.

Those attending are asked to consider bringing a donation for the homeless veterans program at the VA hospital. Especially needed are bottled water, snack items (granola bars, cheese and crackers, jerky, individual sized packets of raisins, fruits and nuts), disposable razors, shaving cream, toothbrushes, toothpaste and foot powder for their shoes. Travel-sized toiletries are always appreciated too.

## NEWS BITES

### *Support Needed for Homeless and Hospitalized Veterans*



The latest needs list from the VA homeless program includes T-shirts, especially XXL and XXXL, men's underwear (boxers & boxer briefs preferred), in sizes small & medium, diabetic socks, shoes in size 13 and 14, watches for both men and women, sunglasses and backpacks. Underwear and socks must be new but all other clothing items can be used as long as they are clean and in good repair.

The VA is eager to receive puzzle books, paperbacks, especially on military topics and Westerns, playing cards, note pads and all occasion cards for the hospitalized veterans. They are still accepting 2017 calendars too.

Please remember those who have served. You may bring your donations to the *Mix & Mingle* on March 21.



### *Volunteer Needed for Short-Term Project*

Looking for an opportunity to serve your Chapter but can't make a long range time commitment? Do you like to work from the comfort of your own home? We have several years' worth of historical files that we would like to digitize. All you need is a PC and scanner. We will give you the flash drive on which to save everything. Examples of documents to be digitized include minutes of meetings, officer reports, articles about the Chapter that have appeared in local media, letters acknowledging our support. You can work at your own pace but we would like to have the project completed by the end of 2017.

If you can help, please contact Jim Knox at [jdkomaha@msn.com](mailto:jdkomaha@msn.com) or by calling (605) 941-0335. Thanks for considering taking on this project to actively support your Chapter.

**Reserve by  
March 14!**

## March 21, 2017 · Social: 4:30pm-6:30pm Quail Creek Madera Clubhouse



**Please reserve** \_\_\_\_\_ places for me for the "Mix & Mingle" social event.

**Cost:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 per person (members pay in advance; guests may pay at the door)

## "Mix and Mingle" · HORS D'OEUVRES · NO HOST BAR

Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: March Reservation

**Mail check and reservation form to:**

MOAA of Green Valley · PO Box 769 · Green Valley, AZ 85622

**Rank:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Name:** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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

Guest 1 \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 3 \_\_\_\_\_

Guest 4 \_\_\_\_\_

If you require a ride to the event, please check here: ☐

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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 meal-plated meetings, 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 the 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 who have 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. You can notify us by writing your request on your meeting registration form or contact: Barbara Brown (520-625-8066) · email [barbara.brown3@cox.net](mailto:barbara.brown3@cox.net).

**IF YOU HAVE MADE A DINNER RESERVATION AND FIND YOU CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE CALL BARBARA BROWN. YOUR CHAPTER IS CHARGED FOR ALL ORDERED MEALS EVEN IF THEY AREN'T SERVED.**

## GET TO KNOW YOUR MEMBERS: LCDR USN (RET) JAMES D. KNOX

After serving in several leadership positions in the Green Valley MOAA Chapter over the years, Jim Knox assumed the presidency on January 1, 2017. Immediately prior to that time, he served as 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, where he was the President's "right-hand man" as well as being responsible for Membership. He has also served as the JROTC liaison and on the Military Family Assistance Board.



Jim was born in 1944, while his father was flying as a Glider pilot in Europe. After the war, the family returned to South Dakota and Jim grew up mostly on a farm, the oldest of seven children. He graduated from high school in Montrose, SD, won a scholarship to the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology, and after a year there, was awarded a nomination to the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1967.

They say "Join the Navy and see the World", which Jim and his family endeavored to do. Jim spent the next 20 years flying for the Navy with tours in Vietnam, Guam, the western Pacific, then transferred back to the East Coast with tours in Bermuda, Iceland, Spain and all of Europe. In the end, he turned down a promotion, which came attached to a 3-year tour on a carrier because his boys claimed they didn't know what life was like in the States.

After retiring from the Navy, he worked as an engineer for PRC, Link-Singer, Hughes, GM-Hughes, and Raytheon, without ever changing jobs (each of them bought out the previous company). Most notably, his job entailed working on the space shuttle simulator and space station construction. Jim was part of the Landsat-7 launch and download team. He retired a second time from Raytheon in 2004 and lived on a ranch South Dakota, which he and his wife, Judy, had built from scratch, raising Arabian horses. According to Jim, it is his wife who loved the horses; he was just a non-paid stable hand, or so it seemed!

In 2009 and 2010, with Judy deployed, as a DCMA Contracting Officer, to Afghanistan, and then Iraq twice, they decided that being snowed in for five months out of the year in South Dakota was more than any sane person could take, so they sold the farm (or ranch, depending on where you're from), 18 horses and colts, equipment, a new house, and moved to Green Valley, not far from where Judy was born (Tucson). His wife now works at Edwards Air Force Base as a DoD Contracting Officer.

They both love it in Green Valley – No Snow! Their four boys, all married, have given them eight grandkids. The boys currently live in Maine, Washington D.C., Houston, and San Diego. And now you know the reason why the Knox's travel expenses exceed a third world country's budget.

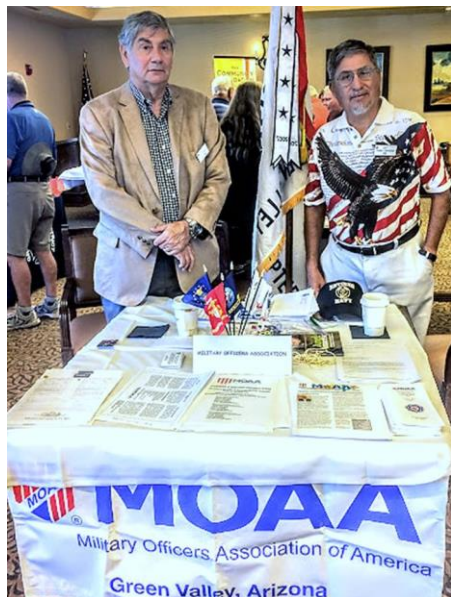


## EVENT PHOTOS

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### Quail Creek Business Expo

1LT Joe Longo (USA, Fmr) and CAPT Tom Contreras (USN, Ret) staffed the GV MOAA table at the QC business expo on Sat., February 11.



### February Dinner

Kay Boone, Clinical Liaison, described the many services provided by the Green Valley based Valor HospiceCare. Jim Knox held the raffle basket as Kay Boone pulled the winning number as Melissa Glass looks on.



Kay  
Boone



Melissa  
Glass



Additional event photos and videos can be accessed on the website: [greenvalleymoaa.org/photos-events](http://greenvalleymoaa.org/photos-events)



### Arizona Chapter MOAA Golf Tournament



Hi Folks. The Arizona Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America will be holding their Golf Tournament on **Friday April 21st, 2017**. This is a really fun event and we would like to have as many MOAA members and other guests as possible participate. This is one of a limited number of methods we use to raise funds for our Chapter Scholarship Fund which helps ASU's Navy, Army and Air Force ROTC Cadets who will soon be seniors. Fun is guaranteed and anyone should win something. So come on out and enjoy helping us support these outstanding cadets with their college expenses.

The AZ Chapter Golf Tournament will be held at **Starfire Golf Club**, 11500 N. Hayden, Scottsdale, Arizona. Check-in from 6:30 - 7:30 A.M. **Shotgun start at 8:00 A.M.**

The **tournament entry fee is \$79** and covers everything including handouts, all prizes including a \$1000 Hole-In-One, golf, cart, pulled pork, chicken and sides buffet luncheon. 50% of the 50-50 drawing, 50% percent of the skins game collection, and 100 % of donations and hole sponsorship fees will go to the scholarship fund.

**Those eating lunch only and not playing golf pay \$15**

Using the attached entry form, please remit a check for entry fees **NO LATER THAN Friday April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**

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# MOAA ARIZONA CHAPTER GOLF TOURNAMENT (continued)

## INTERESTED IN A SUPER DAY OF FUN AND FELLOWSHIP?

**WHEN:** Friday, April 21st, 2017. Shotgun Start at 8:00 AM - please check-in between 6:30 -7:30 AM.

**WHERE:** Starfire Golf Club, 11500 N. Hayden, Scottsdale, Arizona.

**COST:** \$79 - which includes cart fee, green fees and a pulled-pork, chicken and sides buffet luncheon, and a few bucks left over for prizes and the Scholarship Fund.

**WHO:** Members, guests, and anyone else wishing to support the youth of the Valley of the Sun.

**DRESS CODE:** Collared shirts are required. Soft spikes on golf shoes – you may wear sneakers.

**WHAT:** Reservations and \$79.00 fee **must be received by Friday April 14<sup>th</sup> 2017**. Please mail fees and the below form to **Pat Dale**; phone 480-661-5204 or email Pat at [patrickdale1@cox.net](mailto:patrickdale1@cox.net) if you have questions.

**SPECIAL RULES:** The format is division play “USGA index, estimated handicap, and ladies division. Scoring will be based on individual net scores and a low ball team net score. Skill prizes will be awarded on **all holes** (closest to pin on par-3’s, and longest putt made on par 4’s and 5’s). **Those wishing to eat and not play golf will pay \$15,** with those checks also made out to AZ Chapter MOAA, mailed to Pat. This is a very friendly, fun tournament. You do not have to be a super golfer to play and have fun with this group.

*Additional information on the golf tournament is on GV MOAA’s website: [www.greenvalleymoaa.org](http://www.greenvalleymoaa.org)*

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### AZ CHAPTER MOAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

**I WANT TO SUPPORT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND - COUNT ME IN!  
HERE IS MY REGISTRATION SLIP AND ENTRY FEE.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please Print)

I would like to be partnered with: [names] \_\_\_\_\_

USGA Index \_\_\_\_\_ or Estimated Handicap: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Mail entry slip and fees to:

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Scottsdale, AZ 85259  
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Phone: 480-661-5204

\* Make checks out to: **AZ Chapter MOAA**

Check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ included for \_\_\_\_\_ players (\$79 each).

## 2017 Events Schedule

**February 21** ::: Dinner meeting; Quail Creek Clubhouse. Registration 5-5:30pm. Dinner at 5:30pm. Program: Valor HospiceCare

**March 21** ::: 4:30pm-6:30pm Quail Creek Clubhouse. "Mix & Mingle", Hors d'oeuvres. No Host Bar.

**April 18** ::: Dinner meeting; Quail Creek Clubhouse. Registration 5-5:30pm. Program: JROTC Scholarship Dinner and Awards

**April 21** ::: Arizona Chapter MOAA Golf Tournament: Register by April 14. More information and form are on the website.

**May** ::: No Meeting.  
**June** ::: No Meeting.  
**July** ::: No Meeting.  
**August** ::: No Meeting.

**September 20** ::: Dinner meeting; Quail Creek Clubhouse. Registration 5-5:30pm; Dinner at 5:30. Program: TBA.

**October 18** ::: Dinner meeting; Quail Creek Clubhouse. Registration 5-5:30pm. Program: TBA.

**November** ::: No Meeting.

**December 6** ::: Dinner at Quail Creek Clubhouse. Registration 5-5:30pm. Christmas Dinner, no speaker, installation of officers.

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**BOARD MEETING** ::: Board of Directors meeting is the 1st Wednesday of each month 8:30-10:00 a.m. at the Friends in Deed Building, Green Valley. Members are welcomed to attend... join us!

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**HAPPY  
BIRTHDAY!**



*(Names are listed chronologically by birthdate)*