

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Green Valley Chapter • DESERT DUSTER NEWSLETTER

June 2024 • Summer Issue



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



And, the GREAT NEWS is ...

We, once again, were awarded the [National MOAA Level of Excellence Award \(LOE\)](#) for our overall service to the military community in 2023.



Additionally, our [Green Valley Chapter received two 5-STAR Awards for Levels of Excellence in Communications](#), one for our Newsletter, Peggy McGee, Editor, and one for our Website, Marianne Cobarrubias, Webmaster. Another proud moment for our Chapter! **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL** who provided submissions for our application!

I wish all of you Green Valley Chapter members and spouses a happy start to the summer. Our Board completed its last meeting in May and now starts its summer hiatus until our [next Board meeting on September 4 at Friends-in-Deed, 0900 hrs.](#) As a Green Valley MOAA Member, you are always welcome to attend our meetings. Your input is always important to us. Our next membership gathering will be a dinner on September 19 at La Posada. [Details will be forthcoming.](#)

I want to continue to express my thanks to all of you for honoring me with the privilege of representing you as President of the Green Valley Chapter. These first 5 months have gone by quickly as we work to support JROTC, Veteran Students at the University of Arizona, and our continued support to military members, veterans, and their families in our community.

(continued, next page)

IN THIS ISSUE

- President's Message
- Scholarship & Educational Grants Dinner
- On Independence Day, Remember the Troops Who Are Presently Serving
- Chaplain's Corner
- MOAA Vacations – A Full-Service Travel Agency
- In Memoriam – Lynda Linker
- Travel-Sized Toiletries Still Needed for Homeless Veterans
- 2024 Officers, Directors & Chairs
- Sponsors
- Mark Your Calendars
- Contributors

QUICK LINKS

[GV MOAA WEBSITE](#)



[GV MOAA member page](#)

**GREEN VALLEY/SAHUARITA
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

We're on Facebook: facebook.com/GVMOAA

MOAA.org/takeaction

[MOAA's "Never Stop Serving" Podcasts](#)

[Surviving Spouses webpage](#)

Referenced in this issue:

[MEMBERSHIP DUES FORM](#)

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Green Valley Chapter • DESERT DUSTER NEWSLETTER

June 2024 • Summer Issue



We have also participated in several community events in these past few months, including Green Valley/Sahuarita Chamber of Commerce events, various Business Expos, and the First Responders Fair that was held at Historic Canoa Ranch on March 23. Our hope is to widen the MOAA presence and recognition within the community. [\[Photo Gallery\]](#)

Reminders:

1. **[MOAA's LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER](#)**: If you have not already done so, register on the National MOAA website, moaa.org, Advocacy, and send a message to your political representatives to support the various MOAA initiatives which help support all military members, retirees, veterans, and military families.
2. **[MEMBERSHIP](#)**: There are four types of MOAA Membership: Regular Basic Member, Regular Annual Member, Surviving Spouse of Deceased Member, and Regular Life Member. If you are not already a Life Member of MOAA, please consider becoming one. You pay dues one time, you never pay National dues again, and you receive all the benefits of a Life Membership. If you do not wish to become a Life Member and are currently only a basic member, consider becoming a Regular Annual Member. The Chapter also collects dues that help sustain their programs. Dues are \$25/year for military members and \$15 for spouses/surviving spouses. If you have not yet paid your 2024 dues, please consider doing so. The form is linked in this newsletter (Sidebar, page 1), or on our website, greenvalleymoaa.org.
3. **[OPTING IN](#)**: National MOAA would like to be able to communicate with all members. To that end, it is important that each member is opted in for communication. Please go to the website below to opt in if you have not already done so. Check the box for MOAA Newsletter, select the frequency you would like to receive it (Weekly, Biweekly, or Monthly), and then check any of the other offerings on that page you would like to receive. moaa.highroadsolution.com/moaa_preference_page/EmailSearch.aspx
4. **[MEETINGS](#)**: We encourage each of our members to attend the luncheons and dinners we hold most months. Please look at the [schedule on our website](#) or on page 11 for upcoming events for the remainder of 2024. Our next gathering will be on September 19. Look for the particulars on our [Chapter website](#) as we get closer to the event. **WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!**
HAPPY SUMMER!

Jack Bundy, CW3 USA (Ret)
2024 Chapter President
Green Valley Chapter, MOAA

Never Stop Serving!!



MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Green Valley Chapter • DESERT DUSTER NEWSLETTER

June 2024 • Summer Issue



Scholarship & Educational Grants Dinner

Marianne Rogers Faust, Scholarship & Educational Grants Director

Many chapter members joined us for our annual scholarship dinner on May 1st that was held at the American Legion Post #66. Our JROTC scholarship participation was a bit different this year.

Unfortunately, we did not receive any scholarship applications from either the Air Force JROTC unit at Nogales High School or the Army JROTC unit at Rio Rico High School. This was unusual, but we hope there will be scholarship candidates from those programs next year.

However, we did receive two outstanding scholarship candidates from the Naval JROTC program. And Cadet Kevin Reyes from Sahuarita High School received a \$2,500 scholarship from us. Kevin plans to study aerospace engineering at the University of Arizona. Another Naval JROTC cadet, Isabella Sizer, from Walden Grove High School, qualified for our scholarship, but she will not need it. She has been selected to attend the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Newport, Rhode Island. After successfully completing that year of study, Cadet Sizer will enter the Naval Academy. Cadet Sizer and her father attended our dinner, and we were happy to acknowledge her accomplishments.

We have now started offering educational grants to a few deserving veterans pursuing degrees at the University of Arizona. These grants will not impact their GI Bill finances but will help a lot to cover some of the many additional expenses these veterans encounter.

Two of the veterans who will receive these grants in the fall semester attended our scholarship dinner. One of them is Destiny Rivera who served six years in the USAF as an Arabic linguist. She is pursuing degrees in mathematics and Arabic. The other veteran is Eleazar Rios who served 10 years in the USN as a nuclear-trained electrician. He is pursuing a degree in chemical engineering, and he continues to serve in the Naval Reserve.

The other veteran who will receive our educational grant is Shyla Barton who served two years in the USMC in intelligence. She is pursuing a degree in East Asian studies and the Chinese language. Unfortunately, she was not able to join us at our dinner, but we will have a presentation for her at a future chapter event.

We will continue to keep you informed about the activities of all the JROTC units and our grant recipients. [Included in the photos: Jack Bundy, GV MOAA President; Marianne Rogers Faust, GV MOAA Scholarship & Educational Grants Director]



On Independence Day Remember the Troops Who Are Presently Serving

Peggy McGee

The weather is warming up so that means it's time to start thinking about the annual *Food for the Troops* collection. Our Chapter will once again be collecting non-perishable food items for the young airmen at the 162nd Wing, Arizona Air National Guard. The troops seem to like all types of Chef-Boy-R-Dee products, granola bars, pasta and sauces, tuna, and canned meats. Many of the airmen have young children so dried fruit, cereal, fruit juices would also be appropriate. Paper, cleaning and hygiene products will also be accepted and much appreciated.



If it's too hot to shop but you still want to help, checks payable to MOAA S&MA Fund may be mailed to Green Valley MOAA, P.O. Box 1535, Green Valley, AZ 85622-1535 or mailed to or dropped off at 1908 E Longspur Place, GV 85614.

Groceries may be placed in the baskets in the Madera Clubhouse, 2055 E Quail Crossing Blvd., between July 1- 4. MOAA members will be in front of the clubhouse on July 4 between 7:15 and 9 a.m. to accept donations. If you will be travelling on July 4, you may leave donations at the McGee's, 1908 E. Longspur Place, first right after the Quail Creek waterfall, during the last week of June.

On July 4, right before and after the flag raising ceremony that will be conducted by the Naval JROTC cadets in front of the Clubhouse, MOAA members will be selling 50-50 raffle tickets to support its *Turkeys for the Troops* program at Thanksgiving time as well as Jim Click raffle tickets to support scholarships for JROTC cadets and veterans attending the University of Arizona. They hope to have the Jim Click truck on display too. One does not have to be present to win the 50-50 raffle for which the winning name will be drawn in the afternoon on July 4. The 50-50 raffle tickets are 6 for \$5, 14 for \$10 or 30 for \$20 while the Jim Click raffle tickets are \$25 each or 5 for \$100. The winning names for the Jeep Wrangler, first-class airline tickets for two and \$5,000 cash will be drawn on December 12.

Please show your patriotism by supporting the troops of the 162nd and future military leaders.

Chaplain's Corner

Robert D. Lewis, Chapter Chaplain



The recent Chapter dinner honoring our lone Cadet Scholarship winner and Educational Grants recipients was a huge success. Having a high school senior selected for the Naval Academy Preparatory School was a first. Another first was our being able to award grants to veterans who are enrolled at the University of Arizona. The entire evening was inspiring given the high caliber of the students being honored. Please keep them in your prayers as the road for them will not be easy.

Now that I am swimming almost every day (along with my dogs) summer is officially here in my book. "Snowbirds" have headed back north, and those of us staying in the Green Valley area will enjoy the lazy days of summer in the desert.

Even though we may be apart, please continue

to pray for our Board members as we work behind the scenes during the summer to continue the Chapter's business. I continue to be amazed at the dedication of each Board member.

We have had or will have a few patriotic holidays before we meet again—Memorial Day, Flag Day, and Independence Day. Pray for our Country and for our veterans who are struggling with a multitude of medical and mental health issues. And let's not forget to pray for our surviving spouses. They all deserve to be remembered and honored.

This being the last newsletter until we meet again on September 19, I want to wish all of you safe travels wherever the roads may take you. Enjoy a peaceful summer while you enjoy the company of family and friends. Peace be with you.

MOAA Vacations – A Full-Service Travel Agency

Marianne Rogers Faust



You may have seen their ad in *Military Officer Magazine* where they proclaim that they provide service on EVERY cruise line, EVERY ship, and EVERY tour company in the world. Well, it's true and they really do provide outstanding, personalized service to MOAA members and their families!

My husband, Mike, and I have been using [MOAA Vacations](https://greenvalleymoaa.org) for over five years and we are very pleased with the service they provide. We have booked ocean and river cruises and a land tour with them and we have been delighted with their attention to detail and personal attention.

(continued, next page)

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Green Valley Chapter • DESERT DUSTER NEWSLETTER

June 2024 • Summer Issue



One of the most memorable cruises we have ever taken was a MOAA *Signature* cruise to Normandy for the 75th anniversary commemoration in 2019. A *Signature* cruise means that everyone on that cruise is a MOAA member or their family members or friends so there was lots of camaraderie! We look forward to taking another *Signature* cruise soon.

Another benefit of using [MOAA Vacations](#) is that they give your local MOAA chapter a check that represents a small percentage of your booking costs. That's a nice additional benefit!



Again, we highly recommend that you consider [MOAA Vacations](#) for your next trip. You can contact the president, Jon Brenneman (jon@moaavac.com) or Mike Tyrell, the vice president, (mike@moaavac.com). Jon and Mike can be reached at 913-660-0121 or 800-211-5107. They will be very happy to assist you with your travel plans.

In Memoriam – Lynda Linker

Peggy McGee

COL Lynda Anne Linker, USA (Ret) passed away at age 76 on February 25, 2024, in Green Valley. Raised in a military family, Lynda spent most of her childhood in Iowa, Germany, and Texas. Lynda served as Green Valley MOAA Chapter President in 2009.

Lynda was a Community Health Nurse in the Army. She received her Bachelor's degree in nursing at the Texas Women's University in 1969 and Master's degree in nursing from the University of Arizona in 2000. Throughout her military career, she received many decorations and awards for her outstanding service to the community and for her dedication to the field of preventative medicine. Lynda retired in 1994, after 27 years of service, with the rank of Colonel.

Lynda was known for her generosity of spirit and her infectious smile. She was rarely seen without either a book or a knitting project in her hands. She enjoyed relaying stories of her many adventures, including tracking gorillas in Uganda and hiking Mount Kilimanjaro. She proudly wore unique necklaces indicative of some of the places she visited during her travels.



Thank you for your service to our Country and the Green Valley Chapter, Lynda.

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Green Valley Chapter • DESERT DUSTER NEWSLETTER

June 2024 • Summer Issue



Travel-Sized Toiletries Still Needed for Homeless Veterans



If you are traveling this summer and happen to be staying in a facility that still gives individual bottles of shampoo, conditioner and body lotion, please put any unopened containers in your suitcase as you pack to check out. The homeless veterans definitely appreciate these hygiene products. With summer upon us they can use sunscreen and Chapstick too. You may drop off items anytime at 1908 E Longspur Place, the first right after the waterfall in Quail Creek.

2024 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & CHAIRS

	PRESIDENT CW3 Jack Bundy USA (Ret) (951) 760-8706		1st Vice-President LT Joseph Longo USA (Fmr) (509) 945-4993		2nd Vice-President, Programs, Public Relations COL Peggy McGee USAR (Ret) 207-6188			
	Immediate Past President, President, 501(c)(3), Membership 1LT Elliott Jones USA (Fmr) (847) 366-6466		Secretary Bettie Rundlett (509) 389-1696		Treasurer LTC Gene Graff Army (Ret) (425) 269-8694		Personal Affairs Director CWO3 James Rundlett USCG (Ret) (509) 389-4286	
	Legislative Affairs & Transition Director Lt Col Darren Venters USAF (Ret) 490-4470		Community Sponsor & Outreach Director Maj. Gen. James Whitehead, Jr. USAF (Ret) 475-8033		Historian Col Mike Faust USAF (Ret) (210) 861-9440			
	Surviving Spouse Liaison Nora Durham (719) 232-9277		Chaplain CW3 Robert Lewis USA (Ret) 481-6994		Scholarship & Educational Grant Director Col Marianne Rogers Faust USAF (Ret) (210) 861-9440		Grants & Donations Director COL Ken Cottrill Army (Ret) (304) 702-3693	
MOAA • GREEN VALLEY CHAPTER • 2024 Officers & Board Members				Webmaster/Newsletter Editor: Marianne Cobarrubias <small>Phone numbers are 520 area code unless otherwise indicated</small>				

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Green Valley Chapter • DESERT DUSTER NEWSLETTER
June 2024 • Summer Issue



SPONSORS

A special "thank you" to our sponsors who support MOAA of Green Valley with a sponsor ad.

A real estate advertisement for Lisa Larkin Esq. The top half features a background of a waving American flag with the text "You have Invested In Your Country. Now Invest in Your Future." in white. Below this, on a dark background, is the text "SERVICES OFFERED" followed by a bulleted list: "• Buyer Consultations", "• No Fee Buyer Representation", "• Seller Rebates", "• Investor Guidance", and "• And More...". Below the list is the text "STRATEGIC REPRESENTATION". The bottom section contains logos for "THE VALLEY TEAM", "RE/MAX Select", and a blue box with "EXPERIENCE for today's market" and a RE/MAX logo. To the right is a headshot of Lisa Larkin Esq. with her contact information: "Lisa Larkin Esq.", "520.940.2024", and "Call or Text". At the very bottom is a row of various professional and organizational logos including Equal Housing, NAR, MLS, CRS, ABR, PSA, SFR, CMAA, GUILD, SRES, and URES.

**You have Invested
In Your Country. Now
Invest in Your Future.**

SERVICES OFFERED

- Buyer Consultations
- No Fee Buyer Representation
- Seller Rebates
- Investor Guidance
- And More...

STRATEGIC REPRESENTATION

THE VALLEY TEAM | **RE/MAX Select**

EXPERIENCE
for today's market


Lisa Larkin Esq.
520.940.2024
Call or Text


Proud Sponsor of **MOAA**
Military Officers Association of America

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Green Valley Chapter • DESERT DUSTER NEWSLETTER

June 2024 • Summer Issue



guaranteedRate 

Proud Partner of 

No lender fee for US Veterans!*

Exclusive offer for Veterans and Armed Forces.

As a proud partner of the USO, we're dedicated to helping guide and support veterans and their families through the homebuying process. Qualifying military homebuyers pay no lender fee on VA loans. Veterans and current members of the US Armed Forces can save \$1,440 when they buy or refinance with Guaranteed Rate.

OUR VA LOAN PROGRAM FEATURES:

- 0% down payment options
- No monthly mortgage insurance
- Minimum FICO score applies
- VA refinance options with 100% cash out

*Noted: Guaranteed Rate is available for VA loans that have a triggered RESPA app date as of January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023 at origin EIS. This offer does not extend to Housing Finance Agency loans. "Triggered RESPA" in accordance with Regulation K, is defined as lender receipt of all six pieces of information received in a secure format: applicant name, primary address, home value, loan amount, income and SN. Not all borrowers will be approved. Borrower's interest rate will depend upon the specific characteristics of borrower's loan transaction, credit profile and other criteria. Offer not available from any affiliate or operations that do not operate under the Guaranteed Rate name. Restrictions apply. Guaranteed Rate, Inc. has no affiliation with the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, the US Department of Veterans Affairs, the US Department of Agriculture or any other government agency. United Service Organizations, Inc. (USO) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization (EIN Tax ID: 13-1894941) and not part of the Department of Defense (DoD). Using funds from a Cash-out Refinance to consolidate debt may result in the debt taking longer to pay off as it will be combined with borrower's mortgage principle amount and will be paid off over the full loan term. Contact Guaranteed Rate for more information.

Save on your client's home financing today.



Rob Sanchez
Area Manager

O: (520) 245-8622 C: (520) 245-8622
rate.com/robsanchez robsanchez@rate.com
140 West Duval Mine Road, Suite 106 Green Valley, AZ 85614



© 2024 Guaranteed Rate. Rob Sanchez NMLS #220497. Guaranteed Rate Inc., NMLS #1035, for licensing information visit nmlsconsumeraccess.org. Equal Housing Lender. Conditions may apply. AZ - 1401 N. Highland Blvd., Ste. 100, Scottsdale, AZ, 85254, Mortgage Banker License #002702.

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
Green Valley Chapter • DESERT DUSTER NEWSLETTER
June 2024 • Summer Issue



MOAA
INSURANCE
PLANS

**Standing with you
at every stage.**

1-800-247-2192
www.moaainsurance.com/plans

100392

**Tierra Antigua
REALTY**
Southern Arizona's Largest, Locally-Owned Real Estate Company

JUSTINE LEWIS, REALTOR®
Direct: 520.481.6997
justinelewis@tierraantigua.com

RE/MAX
Professionals

Lisa Larkin, Esq.
Associate Broker/Owner
CRS, SFR, CLHMS GUILD, AHWD, IRES

520-940-2024
llarkin@remax.net
Serving Southern Arizona Since 1992
Each Office Independently Owned And Operated

Robert D. Lewis, DBA
Licensed Ordained Minister
National Association of Christian Ministers
520-481-6994

Christian Weddings/ Funeral/Memorial and
vow-renewal services.
Email: rdlewis1393@gmail.com
WEB: thecalling1.godaddysites.com

**COPPER VIEW
Realty**

509-945-4993 Cell / longojv5@gmail.com

Joe Longo
Facilitating Your Housing Dreams

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA

Green Valley Chapter • DESERT DUSTER NEWSLETTER

June 2024 • Summer Issue



MARK YOUR CALENDAR for these dates!

2024 Chapter Dues Campaign continues!

19 September: Dinner, La Posada

17 October: Cocktail Party, La Posada

21 November: Dinner, La Posada

12 December: Holiday Dinner, La Posada

The Board of Directors meetings are the first Wednesday of each month 9-10:30am at the Friends in Deed Building, Green Valley.

Members are welcomed to attend... join us!

There are no Board meetings in June, July or August.

Check the Chapter website for Calendar updates:

greenvalleymoaa.org/news-events

The **Desert Duster Newsletter** is published by the members of the [Green Valley Chapter](https://greenvalleymoaa.org) of the [Military Officers Association of America](https://www.moaa.org) (MOAA). The newsletters are sent electronically to Chapter members and posted on our website's [News and Events page](#) (in a downloadable PDF format).

GV MOAA CHAPTER CONTRIBUTORS, this issue:

Jack
Bundy



Peggy
McGee



Robert
Lewis



Marianne
Rogers Faust



Marianne
Cobarrubias

