

**COMMANDER**

COMPANION: Ronnie D. St. Clair

**CHAPTER STAFF NOTES**

**ADJUTANT**

COMPANION: Marlon Ruiz

COMMANDER'S REPORT:

Holiday Season's greetings to "one and all." It is hard to believe that Halloween has come and gone with Thanksgiving soon being upon us. Our chapter operations continue at a most successful pace and filled with great milestone achievements, with regard to our published Chapter Action Plan for the current 2024-2025 MOWW operation year. WE also congratulate everyone who contributed to our most successful chapter recruitment campaign ever in our chapter operational history. According to HQ MOWW current recruitment numbers, our chapter is currently listed among the top four recruiting chapter efforts Order-wide! Wishing all our companions and supporting affiliates and community partners a wonderful Holiday Season 2024.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Our current 2024-2025 end of second quarter chapter account fund balances are as follows, thus far in the current operating year. The chapter CHASE bank account balance, as of the end of November shows us at SAVINGS - \$440.02 / CHECKING - \$568.46 USDs. The Chapter AZYLC Program Fundraising Campaign US Bank account balance is \$3,453.69 USDs. The next significant account deposit will be for DEC 2024. Our chapter has been notified that it will be presented with a Country Fair White Elephant (CFWE) non-profit organization Grant Committee Patriotic Education Program support donation in Green Valley, AZ (12 DEC). We anticipate the grant committee donation to at least be equal to what was received last year (\$3,500.00 USDs). These added funds will keep our chapter operations flowing through the beginning of the annual ROTC-JROTC awards season - towards the end of MAR (end of QTR-3) and the early months of APR-MAY-JUN (QTR-4) when our attention will focus on whether an annual P&M Dividend payout will be authorized this operating year to help defray operational costs until the end of the current OY in JUNE.

ADJUTANT'S REPORT:

Season's greetings to everyone. Our chapter operations continue successfully and, in some Chapter Action Plan stated goal areas, ahead of schedule. Our chapter is currently showing our recruitment OY achievement at 133% of our HQ MOWW assigned category recruitment goal. Our chapter is also currently showing an IRS Reporting Veteran Percentage status of 78% and climbing. This is due to continued recruitment emphasis on bring in new companions with military services records, as a prime consideration. Meanwhile, our chapter continues to attract and bank new prospects in to our chapter Patriot Program - in anticipation of further broadening of current MOWW recruitment policy in the coming year(s). While still not a major concern, our chapter needs to take a more pro-active fundraising stance, when it comes to building our participation support for our Region XIII AZYLC summer program. We welcome all ideas and suggestions. Until our next Chapter Christmas Edition next month, wishing everyone a safe and restful Merry Christmas and Holiday Season.

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**MONTHLY SCHEDULE BULLETIN BOARD**

- Oct 05<sup>th</sup> – VSO-2: UAV Monthly [M] VCC Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Oct 05<sup>th</sup> – MIAP: Bi-Annual Burial Ceremony, Marana, AZ - 10AM
- Oct 05<sup>th</sup> – RM-2: SCV Chapter [M] Mtg, Green Valley, AZ - 12PM
- Oct 07<sup>th</sup> – VSO-1: NOV (4) WOW HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 10:30AM
- Oct 09<sup>th</sup> – VSO-3: TVAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 6PM
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: VAC VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 9AM
- Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – R-13: MGM Chapter Monthly HYB Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
- Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – MOWW: CAC VCC [S] Mtg, Virtual, AZ - 12PM
- Oct 17<sup>th</sup> – VSO-5: ALOV Post 132 Mtg, Oro Valley, AZ - 6:30PM
- Oct 18<sup>st</sup> – R-13: AZYL, INC BOD QTR VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 5PM
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – MOAA: CM Monthly Mtg., Saddlebrooke, AZ - 11AM
- Oct 19<sup>th</sup> – GELP Chapter HYB VCC Mtg., Virtual, AZ - 11AM
- Oct 21<sup>st</sup> – VSO-4: PVAHCS VCC MTG, Virtual, AZ - 11:30AM

**NEXT SCV CHAPTER MTG: DEC 14<sup>th</sup> (HYB)** **MEETING LINK**

**MEETINGS:** (formats: HYB "membership" & VCC "staff")

**EVENT:** RM-3: SCV Chapter Christmas Meeting - 11AM

**ATTIRE:** Guest - Casual / Members - MOWW Meeting Attire

**PROGRAM:** OY 2024 SCV Chapter Annual Christmas Program

**AGENDA:** "QTR-2 SCV Chapter Special Event Luncheon Activity"

*NOTE: "Local Chapter staff meetings are programmed on a quarterly ("QTR" every 3-month intervals on the 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of the designated month) and alternating chapter fellow companion regular hybrid/locale membership meetings ("AM" on selected months without scheduled special events or staff meetings on either the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the designated month).*

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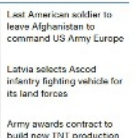
Ukraine fires US-made longer-range missiles into Russia for first time
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Army's long-range assault aircraft fuselages to be built in Kansas



Last American soldier to leave Afghanistan to command US Army Europe

Pentagon



Pentagon picks programmers to connect its Replicator drone swarms
This announcement comes a week after the Pentagon revealed several of the drones it plans to buy through Replicator.



US to send Ukraine \$275M in new weapons to bolster Kyiv before Trump
The latest tranches of weapons comes as warzone grow about an escalation in the conflict.



China defense minister declines US meeting, breaking military talks
The decision not to meet marks the first time the talks have broken down in a year.



Pentagon to send Ukraine anti-personnel mines 'soon', US says
US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin wouldn't say whether the mines are part of a new round of military aid announced this week.



Pentagon chief visits island near South China Sea in sign to Beijing
U.S. Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin ended his last trip to the Philippines by visiting a military site near the disputed waterway.

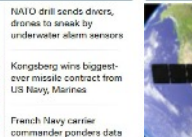


Notre Dame unveils first-ever hypersonic Mach 10 wind tunnel
A first-of-its-kind test facility unveiled earlier this month at the University of Notre Dame could improve the Pentagon's hypersonic research.

Naval



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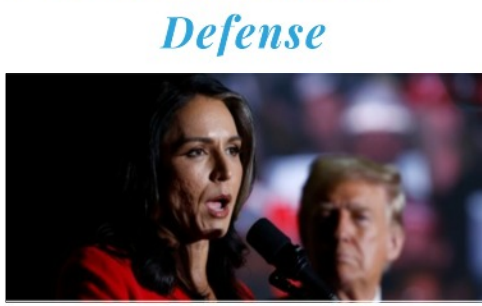
This Marine was given opioids for combat wounds. He was never the same.
Jan Basera wanted to be the best Marine he could be - but trauma from combat weighed him. For relief, he was given opioids, sparking a years-long struggle.

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**NOTABLE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES**



Contact the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter and your local district youth leadership development organizations today for a complete listing of scheduled activities in your local community and surrounding areas.

**ACTIVITY ACCOLADES:**

**PROGRAM CONTACTS:**

**AJROTC Events** – For an update on local Rio Rico HS Army JROTC activities and information please contact LTC Ronnie St. Clair at [rstclair@scv35.org](mailto:rstclair@scv35.org) Program Website – <https://sites.google.com/site/jrotcriorico/>

- 01 NOV Football Color Guard, Rio Rico, AZ
- 02 NOV Padilla Raider Meet, Rio Rico, AZ
- 03 NOV Massing of the Colors, Tucson, AZ
- 05 NOV JLAB Level 1 Test, Rio Rico, AZ
- 07 NOV Cadet of the Month Board, Rio Rico, AZ
- 08 NOV Veterans Day Color Guard / Lincoln Elementary School, Rio Rico, AZ
- 11 NOV Veterans Day Parade, Nogales, AZ
- 16 NOV Queen Creek Raiders Meet, Queen Creek, AZ
- 18 NOV Top 3 Middle School Visit, Rio Rico, AZ
- 19 NOV JROTC Program Accreditation (JPA), Rio Rico, AZ
- 22-23 NOV Bataan Memorial Death March with NHS, Nogales, AZ
- 28- 01 DEC Thanksgiving Break, Rio Rico, AZ
- 30 NOV Tree Lighting Ceremony Parking Lot Detail, Rio Rico, AZ

**NJROTC Events** – For an update on local Sahuarita HS Navy JROTC activities and information please contact Commander Bradley Roberson, USN (ret.) at [broberson@sahuarita.k12.az.us](mailto:broberson@sahuarita.k12.az.us)

- 01 NOV Color Guard SHS Football, Sahuarita, AZ
- 02 NOV Rio Rico Raider Meet, Rio Rico, AZ
- 02 NOV All Services National Raider Meet, Molena, GA
- 03 NOV Massing of the Colors Ceremony, Tucson, AZ
- 08 NOV Color Guard SHS Football, Sahuarita, AZ
- 11 NOV Veterans Day Ceremonies, Green Valley, AZ
- 16 NOV Queen Creek Raider Meet, Queen Creek, AZ
- 24 NOV Catalina State Park Orienteering, Oro Valley, AZ



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October 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5 MIAP Event UAV VCC MTG RM-2 SCV CH MTG
6	7 WOW Weekly HYB	8 TOP-3 VCC MTG	9 NSC VCC MTG TVAC VCC MTG	10	11	12
13	14 COLUMBUS DAY WOW Weekly HYB	15 VAC VCC MTG MGM CH HYB MTG	16	17 GAS WG VCC MTG ALOV POST 132	18	19 GELP HYB MTG MOAA CMC MTG
20	21 PVAHCS VCC WOW Weekly HYB	22	23 NFC VCC MTG	24	25 SPC VCC MTG	26
27	28 WOW Weekly HYB	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN EXCOM VCC MTG		

November 2024						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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- NOV 07 Transcript for MHWB: Tabernaing Evidence of Recent H5 Bird Flu Infections among Dairy Workers and CDC Guidance Updates

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

PSALM 107: 8-9

“Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for mankind, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things.”

1 Corinthians. 13:13

“Jesus, Make us grateful. Give us eyes to see what it is that really makes us blessed, and forgive us when we allow our gratitude to extend only to those blessings which can be measured in “likes.” For we know that when all else fades, faith, hope, and love remain. In Your Name, Amen.”

Katie Harmon

A Prayer of Gratitude:

"Let us therefore proclaim our gratitude to Providence for manifold blessings - let us be humbly thankful for inherited deals - and let us resolve to share those blessings and those ideals with our fellow human beings throughout the world."

President John F. Kennedy,  
Thanksgiving Day, 1963



We thank MOWW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief, fellow Santa Cruz Valley Chapter - 193 companion and current Adjutant Officer Lt Col (RET) Marlon Ruiz, USAF for compiling and contributing this year's Thanksgiving Edition Prayer Collage - which offers some special words of gratitude to reflect upon this Thanksgiving Day observance. AS we all take a moment to celebrate with visiting family and good friends, let us not forget to reflect upon our personal commitment to living as we once served.

Lt Col Ruiz is also serving as our Region XIII Interim Commander and Adjutant, committee representative in the MOWW Council of Area Commanders (CAC), national Veterans Affairs Committee Chapter representative, along with his other MOWW higher headquarters corporate responsibilities and commitments.

**COMPANION CORNER**

**Companion Membership Anniversaries**

**October Anniversaries:**

- Ira W. Austin, PM (33 years)
- Lissette M. Bake, PM (21 years)
- Don H. Barnhart, PM (38 years)
- Frederick W. Baum, PM (44 years)
- Joseph S. Bean, PM (39 years)
- Albert C. Burrows, PM (66 years)
- Fulvio J. Cataldo, PM (33 years)
- Howard S. Coleman, PM (38 years)
- George O. Commenator, PM (44 years)
- Herman R. Jacks, PM (44 years)
- Fred A. Kaps, PM (39 years)
- Scott P. Kellen, PM (38 years)
- Katherine G. Knez-Phillips, HPM (24 years)
- Eugene L. Lash, PM (39 years)
- Peter M. Leander, HPM (22 years)
- Richard C. Leander, PM (24 years)
- Michael J. Masee, PM (20 years)
- Suzanne Ottoy, PM (43 years)
- Harold I. Spencer, PM (39 years)
- Thomas H. St. Clair, PM (45 years)
- Juan M. Trevino, RM (01 years)
- Vasilli P. Vannoni, PM (39 years)
- David F. Welch, PM (36 years)
- David A. Williams, PM (18 years)

**Companion Membership Anniversaries**

**November Anniversaries:**

- Agnes E. Ballard, PM (34 years)
- Donald S. Ballard, PM (34 years)
- Wayne W. Canwright, PM (39 years)
- Fred J. Cone, PM (40 years)
- Thomas J. Faires, PM (76 years)
- Peter T. Gainas, PM (36 years)
- Jay C. Hess, RM (8 years)
- D. S. Hopkins, PM (32 years)
- William Kitt, PM (41 years)
- George F. Krochi, PM (38 years)
- Eugene L. Lash, PM (34 years)
- Lynda A. Linker, PM (15 years)
- John T. Myers, PM (19 years)
- Gloria J. Nelson, HPM (19 years)
- Margaret A. O'Bannon, HPM (37 years)
- Lyman Phillips, PM (37 years)
- Joann W. Ralyea, PM (35 years)
- Arturo Roque, RM (1 year)
- Marlon Ruiz, PM (16 years)
- Ferrell D. Sears, PM (46 years)
- Jack E. Summerville, PM (40 years)
- Frances M. Wainwright, HPM (19 years)

**Companion Birthday Celebrations**

**October Anniversaries:**

- Howard G. Annas, PM (remembered on the 10<sup>th</sup>)
- William F. Applegarth, PM (remembered on the 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Daniel R. Free, PM (celebrated on the 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Lloyd R. Logan, Jr., PM (remembered on the 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Thomas E. Ozier, HPM (celebrated on the 16<sup>th</sup>)
- Adriana Y. Ruiz, HPM (celebrated on the 23<sup>rd</sup>)
- Larry W. Rumans, PM (celebrated on the 24<sup>th</sup>)
- Brandine L. Simon, HPM (celebrated on the 2<sup>nd</sup>)
- David L. Swartz, PM (remembered on the 9<sup>th</sup>)
- Jorge E. Zequiera, RM (celebrated on the 20<sup>th</sup>)

**Companion Birthday Celebrations**

**November Anniversaries:**

- Dolores M. Cataldo, HPM (remembered on the 22<sup>nd</sup>)
- William E. Corson, PM (celebrated on the 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Donald D. Doran, PM (celebrated on the 29<sup>th</sup>)
- Vernon P. Harms, HPM (celebrated on the 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Christian A. Ruiz, HPM (celebrated on the 27<sup>th</sup>)
- Nicole M. Ruiz, HPM (celebrated on the 21<sup>th</sup>)
- Ronnie D. St. Clair, PM (celebrated on the 26<sup>th</sup>)



**CHAPTER-IN-ACTION**



**VSO-1: WOW Weekly HYB MTG - NOV 2024**

The Wings Over Wendy's (WOW) non-profit organization is among our most supported cross state lines veterans service organizational partnerships. WOW meets weekly each Monday morning at 9:30 AM (PST) at a local high school auditorium facility. Their hybrid meetings helps propagate military service heritage and shares history with younger generations. Activities include wonderful guest speakers, and the support of many attending local veteran service organizations.



**VSO-2: UAV Monthly VCC MTG - NOV 2024**

Our Santa Cruz Valley Chapter is affiliated and partnered with the United Arizona Veterans (UAV) non-profit veterans support organization, which holds a monthly online video conference live streaming meeting using ZOOM services. The UAV provides a "one-stop-shop" monthly online veteran support forum where over 60 veteran service organizations (VSO), civic support private services and federal veteran support services congregate each month to provide briefing updates and special presentations on key support services.



**R-13: SCV Chapter Annual MOC-1 Event - NOV 2024**

Listed as one of our primary annual Chapter Action Plan goals, the Santa Cruz Valley Chapter hosted its first (of two) scheduled Massing of the Colors signature events in east Tucson. This event is scheduled for the first Sunday in November each calendar year and in collaboration with the Tucson Women's Club and over 20 participating veterans service organizations, youth leadership programs, community civic groups and the local Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Public Affairs office, who provides the invited guest speaker.



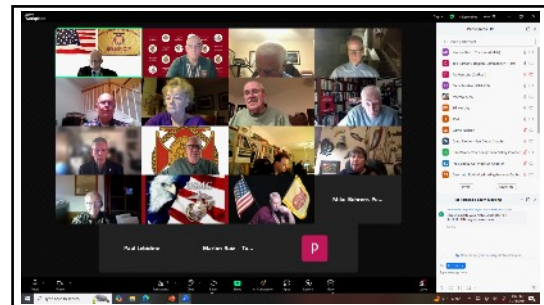
**MOWW: TOP-8 Annual HQ MTG - NOV 2024**

With our current chapter Adjutant officer also serving as the MOWW Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief (SVCINC), fellow companion LT COL (RET) Marlon Ruiz also represents our chapter at all scheduled MOWW TOP-8 staff meetings. The photos provided capture the various event commitments supported this year while in Alexandria, Virginia for the annual Veterans Day observance at Arlington National Cemetery - where the day is spent honoring the fallen and remembering our MOWW founding father's grave.



**MOAA: CM Chapter Monthly MTG - NOV 2024**

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Catalina Mountains Chapter meets monthly in Saddlebrooke, Arizona - west of Oro Valley in Tucson on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each operational year month. Our chapter is a contributing partnership component of their operations and supports their events and activities throughout the operational year. This month's presentation offered an insider combat look at the historic World War II battle of Iwo-Jima and the fierce taking of Mount Suribachi in the Pacific theater of operations.



**R-14: Annual Winter Conference VCC MTG - NOV 2024**

Our chapter was also invited to participate in the annual Region XIV annual Winter Conference - which was offered exclusively through online live streaming ZOOM services. Also participating were all region 14 (R-14) local chapters, the MOWW Commander-in-Chief LT COL (RET) David Worley, USAF and the Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief LT COL (RET) Marlon Ruiz, USAF. The conference program lasted about one and a half hours, with presentations by the Council of Area Commanders, Chair.

## MONTHLY FEATURED ARTICLE

## My Thunderstorm Project

At the end of a weekend in 1950, Lieutenant John L. Peterson and I, both forecasters, took off from Selfridge Field, Michigan, our home base, in a single-engine plane, an AT-6 (we called it "T-6"). We challenged thunderstorms in pitch darkness for what seemed half a night and landed at Chanute Field, Illinois, where we were students in the Specialized High Altitude Forecasting School. I was enjoying the solid feel of



concrete on Chanute's ramp as Peterson, the pilot, said, "I was worried about how I was going to get you out of there," referring to the T-6. Then, as we unbuckled our parachutes, he added: "I decided I would have to roll it over (the T-6) and drop you out." As a buck sergeant I was lucky in being sent to the school, but it came at a bad time. I wanted to assist dad, Louis Cogut, and father-in-law, Walter Nordstrom. On their own volition, the two were enlarging our house. Only a mile from Selfridge, it was too small but one Marie and I could afford. In class one day Peterson had asked me to go to Selfridge in the T-6. On approach to Selfridge, he flew us directly over the house. Too quick to be



We welcome fellow Santa Cruz Valley Chapter - 193 companion CWO (RET) Theodore L. "Ted" Cogut, USA to our monthly newsletter writing staff contributor team for the new year. Ted transferred his chapter membership affiliation over to our chapter from the former Catalina Mountains Chapter which operated out of east Tucson until this past June 2022 when they ceased operations. Ted was also a very active chapter newsletter article writer for the CM Chapter, contributing regularly to the "Ted's Page" monthly entry where he routinely provided very interesting and entertaining articles for that publication. With the addition and 2023 launching of Ted's Page to our monthly publication, we hope will further enhance our publication's outreach among our chapter readership and general public outreach appeal. As always, our staff welcomes every opportunity to continue to deliver our MOWW award-winning publication and most importantly your inputs and feedback.

sure, I thought I saw Marie's father standing on the bay window roof, building a dormer and a second floor (photo left by Marie Cogut). On the return flight, we ran into thunderstorms. I wanted to know more about thunderstorms. A couple years earlier Air Force made tests: *The*



*Thunderstorm Project* (published in 1948). P-61 WWII night fighters called "Black Widows," were flown into thunderstorms in Ohio and Florida. If any crashed, I didn't know of it, and it gave me confidence that flying into thunderstorms wasn't a sure bet you'd crash. Strong winds and our going in and around thunderheads caused Peterson, a skilled pilot, to lose his bearings. He took the T-6 down low and found Battle Creek, Michigan, northwest of our track. From my seat in back, attention was fixed on constant lightning flashes, sparking all around. I don't recall unusual buffeting. Tough plane, the T-6. Peterson corrected heading and we had an *intended* landing. As we walked away from the T-6 he said: "We only had 15 minutes of fuel left." I think that great friend mainly made the trip for me to see family and the work on our house, and it gave me *my thunderstorm project*.

*Note: Decades later, at a warrant officer's meeting in Tucson, a CWO from California said Peterson, his uncle, had retired as a major and sadly was deceased. TLC*



## NOVEMBER IN HISTORY

### November 1

**November 1st** - All Hallows Day, also known as All Saints Day among Roman Catholics, commemorating those who have no special feast day.

**November 1, 1700** - Charles II of Spain died and was succeeded by Philip V, resulting in the War of Spanish Succession.

**November 1, 1776** - Mission San Juan Capistrano was founded in California. Each year, the swallows of Capistrano leave their nests there around St. John's Day (October 23rd) and return the following year near St. Joseph's Day (March 19th).

**November 1, 1848** - The first medical school for women opened in Boston. The Boston Female Medical School was founded by Samuel Gregory with just twelve students. In 1874, the school merged with the Boston University School of Medicine, becoming one of the first co-ed medical schools.

**November 1, 1936** - The Rome-Berlin Axis was proclaimed by Italian Dictator Benito Mussolini following a visit to Berlin by Italian Foreign Secretary Ciano.

**November 1, 1950** - President Harry S. Truman was the target of an unsuccessful assassination attempt by two members of a Puerto Rican nationalist movement.

**November 1, 1963** - South Vietnamese President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother Ngo Dinh Nhu were killed in a military coup.

**November 1, 1993** - The European Union came into existence as a result of the Maastricht Treaty.

**November 1, 1995** - The first all-race local government elections took place in South Africa, marking the end of the apartheid system.

### November 2

**November 2, 1721** - Peter I was proclaimed Emperor of all the Russias.

**November 2, 1930** - Haile Selassie was crowned Emperor of Ethiopia.

**November 2, 1947** - The first and only flight of Howard Hughes' "Spruce Goose" flying boat occurred in Long Beach Harbor, California. It flew about a mile at an altitude of 70 feet. Costing \$25 million, the 200-ton plywood eight-engine Hercules was the world's largest airplane, designed, built and flown by Hughes. It later became a tourist attraction alongside the Queen Mary ship at Long Beach and has since been moved to Oregon.

**November 2, 1962** - During the Cuban Missile Crisis, President John F. Kennedy announced on TV, "the Soviet bases in Cuba are being dismantled, their missiles and related equipment being crated, and the fixed installations at these sites are being destroyed."

**Birthday** - American frontiersman Daniel Boone (1734-1820) was born in Berks County, near Reading, Pennsylvania.

**Birthday** - James K. Polk (1795-1849) the 11th U.S. President was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina. He served from March 4, 1845 to March 3, 1849. He declined to be a candidate for a second term, saying he was "exceedingly relieved" at the completion of his presidency.

### November 3

**November 3, 1534** - King Henry VIII became Supreme Head of the Church of England following the passage of the Act of Supremacy by Parliament.

## Geo Challenge Trivia

Name the country where you can see sunrise over the Pacific Ocean on one coast and sunset in the Atlantic Ocean on the opposite coast. HINT: This country is part of a continent, not an island.

For the answer to this riddle or question go online to <http://www.geomidpoint.com/challenge.html>



**FEATURED CHAPTER EVENT**



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Invites one and all to join us in celebrating the 39<sup>th</sup> annual  
*Massing of the Colors & Service of Remembrance Event 2025 - Sahuarita*



- When:** Friday, 17 January 2025
- Where:** Sahuarita HS Auditorium Complex (350 W. Sahuarita Rd.)
- Time:** 10:00 AM until 12:00 noon
- MC:** Marlon Ruiz, Lt. Col., USAF (RET)
- Featuring:** Demonstration Teams (SHS NJROTC / RRHS AJROTC)
- Attire:** Guest informal casual (event photos to be taken)

This signature MOWW event is free and open to everyone. All interested guests and contributing / participating organizations, regardless of "military" or "non-military" affiliation are welcome. We are grateful and encourage all local community service organizations to get involved and be represented with your organizational Honor / Color Guard contingent and/or have your organizational flags / banners displayed have everyone join us in attendance, to show your community solidarity support for all our fellow veterans and local community service and youth leadership and development program participants. We also encourage as many local area resident family and friends of our beloved veterans (whether they previously served or continue to serve currently) to attend this most celebrative and solemn ceremonial and special event program venue that honors and brings together in celebration all who love and cherish our great nation, remembering all those who serve her and those who are inspired by her and may choose to serve her in the foreseeable future.

**NOTE:** Doors will open beginning at 9:00AM to the general public. For further information or to answer any questions please contact the MOWW Santa Cruz Valley Chapter Commander at (520) 780-7107 or email us at [ruizmarlon08@gmail.com](mailto:ruizmarlon08@gmail.com) at the earliest opportunity, to secure your place for this annual MOWW signature event. Participating organizations in the event program should arrive no later than 8:00AM to 9:00AM, the morning of the event.



*Our Chapter needs your help and involvement today! Consider taking a more active roll in your Chapter activities by donating, sponsoring, mentoring, and volunteering your time and services today. There is a standing invitation to each and every Chapter member every month to attend local Chapter meetings, luncheons and/or event gatherings. Help your Chapter companions keep the vision and ideal of helping others alive by showing your pride, solidarity and support for what you and the MOWW stand for in your community.*

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## Why MOWW?

*Is National Security a concern of yours? Is it important to you, for everyone living in America to understand how this Country was founded and the great history it has to tell? Do you believe that our young people need a chance to learn and experience leadership and civics? Do you feel that it is important that every citizen get a chance to not only meet, but ask questions of community, military, and business leaders? Are you concerned that the youth of America do not know how to honor our Flag or understand and respect our democratic principles? Do you agree that "Freedom is not free"?*

*If you answered YES to any of these questions, you are in good company, because the members of the Military Order of the World Wars (MOWW) say YES to all of them. Some of you might even say, "I want to become involved, how do I join, how do I help?"*

*Well, there are several ways you can help—the main way is to join the Order, if eligible. Consider supporting the Order by contributing financially to its efforts if you are not eligible to join.*

*If you have questions regarding MOWW membership, or how to financially contribute to the Order, contact MOWW National Headquarters, or a Chapter in your local area. See MOWW web site for membership application form or to review Chapter locations at [www.militaryorder.net](http://www.militaryorder.net)*



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