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## FROM THE EAGLES NEST

**By Polly Parks**  
*Tucson MOAA Chapter President*

Our February 26 Tucson MOAA Chapter meeting is right around the corner. I hope you have marked your calendar and plan to attend the 1130 luncheon at the [Viscount Suites Hotel](#), 4855 E Broadway.

The February 26 speakers are U of A Army ROTC LT COL Rich Ingleby, who led a group of U of A cadets on a DoD Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) mission to Poland last summer to excavate a B-17 crash site. This promises to be very interesting and informative. Please let me know if you plan to attend and/or bring guests.

The venue is well-appointed with round tables and features a buffet luncheon with vegan and dessert options. The cost is \$35 (cash or checks), though I remind our members on fixed incomes that the Board has authorized a sliding scale with a minimum of \$20. If any of you want to kick in some extra, it is welcome.

At last month's meeting, the Arizona Council of Chapters President (and Tucson Chapter Treasurer) Chuck Vaughn formally inducted me as President of the Tucson MOAA Chapter. We also presented a Certificate of Appreciation from MOAA National to former Chapter

President (and Vail satellite instigator) Tom Owens, which included a personal letter from MOAA National President and CEO, Lt Gen Brian Kelly (USAF, Ret). Our speaker, Sabrina Lugo from the VA Tucson Campus, explained the many ways volunteers, gifts, and donations could be used or dropped off. Included in this shortened version of *The Territorial* is a campus map and the drop-off location.



2nd VP John Davee and Personal Affairs Board Member Brenda Hughey have lined up speakers through the May meeting. The March meeting will feature Tucson Ward 3 Councilmember Kevin Dahl. Be sure to bring any nonpartisan questions you may have about Ward 3, City policies, and how the City and County work (or don't work) together. April is our U of A ROTC Scholarships and Awards luncheon. May will feature Mark Schultz, a Catalina Mountains Chapter member, who will speak on "2026: The Future of NATO."

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# Upcoming Tucson Chapter Meetings

Venue: [The Viscount Suites](#) / Time: 1130

4855 E. Broadway, Tucson, AZ

**February 26, 2026**

**A Mission to Poland**

U of A Army ROTC LT COL Rich Ingleby, recounts what U of A ROTC cadets learned on a DoD DPAA mission to Poland last summer to excavate a B-17 crash site.

**March 26, 2026**

Honorable Kevin Dahl, Ward 3, Tucson City Council

**April 23, 2026**

U of A ROTC Scholarship Awards

**May 28, 2026**

2026: The Future of NATO, presentation by Mark Schultz

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## MOAA Vail Satellite Meeting

MOAA Vail Satellite will hold its next meetings **Saturday, March 21** at the Del Lago Golf Restaurant, in Vail, at 1130. Please let me know if you will attend and please invite any military officers (active or retired) you know to attend. Please come and participate. We have added new members and look forward to others joining.

Col Tom Owens  
Past President, MOAA Tucson Chapter  
520-400-9561 cell <https://tucsonmoaa.org/>

## WHO CAN JOIN

### THE MOAA TUCSON and VAIL SATELLITE CHAPTER?

MOAA membership is open to all officers, commissioned or warrant, whether on active duty, retired, former, reserve or national guard and their surviving spouse of all the eight uniformed services, including the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Public Health Service. To join the Tucson Chapter, click the Join Our Chapter button on our Chapter's home page: <http://www.tucsonmoaa.org/>.

The **Tucson MOAA Board** meets the first Wednesday of the month, at 2 p.m. via ZOOM. Members are invited to submit items for consideration not later than one week prior to the meeting to the President at [annhollis@usa.net](mailto:annhollis@usa.net). If you desire to participate, please email [rorvik@orvik.com](mailto:rorvik@orvik.com) to receive the access link.

### MOAA Tucson and Vail Satellite Chapter Mission

1. Advocate and support MOAA national goals.
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3. Encourage and promote a spirit of volunteerism and participation in programs and activities

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The presentation will examine how the EU and NATO must adapt if President Trump's National Security Strategy is implemented as written and how Ukraine may fare as the war drags on.

## BOARD NEWS

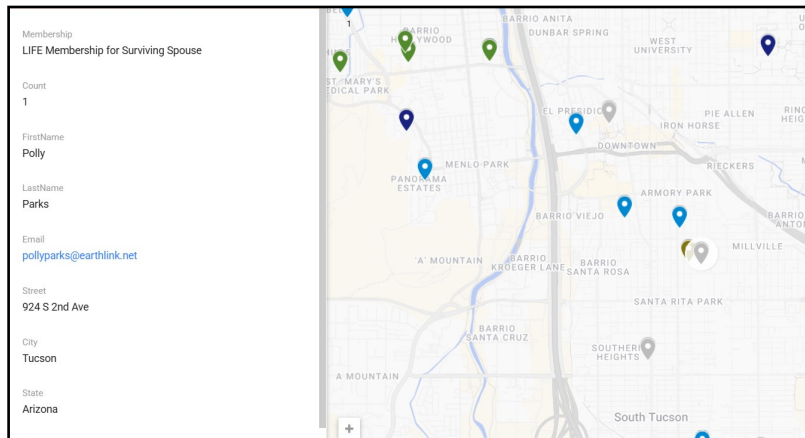
Besides shanghaiing LTC Brenda Hughey (USA, Ret) onto the board as Personal Affairs and chapter representative on the City of Tucson Veteran's Affairs Committee, I have pressed into service Lt Col Caleb Martiny (USAF, Ret), a current GS at D-M, as a Board Member in the position of Legislative Liaison. He will also, time permitting, provide the Chapter with input at the D-M RAO monthly Board Meetings. We now have a board that includes three members who are the future of the Tucson chapter.

**MOAA National Members in Tucson:** Last month, the long-awaited roster of national MOAA members who agreed to share their contact information with local chapters arrived at the AZ CoC, which delivered catchment-tailored lists to the nine Arizona chapters. There are over 1,800 members in the Tucson/Vail and Catalina Mountains areas, including current chapter members, who opted to receive information directly from the chapter.

Caleb volunteered to sort the Excel list, alphabetized by last name, into usable demographic categories. We now have lists tailored to those who provided their email addresses, phone numbers, membership type, service, and zip code. Then Caleb imported some of the data into a Google map, which you can find here by clicking the [Tucson MOAA Membership Map](#).

As you zoom in, the first layer is 5-digit zip codes to give a sense of how many members are in the zip code. Using the sidebar on the left, you can either break the basic map into street-specific all members,

just chapter members, or all national members. Each of those layers is color-coded to reflect service-affiliation, surviving spouse, or unidentified. Clicking a specific icon brings up the individual's data.



The Board decided to initially focus on outreach to those who provided their email addresses. Besides adding them to the chapter newsletter, we will try to attract people to the April ROTC Scholarship Award luncheon and/or to support the April 13-16 Advocacy in Action activities. We also discussed ideas for attracting people who have retired from service but are still working (MOAA calls these 40-to 60-year-olds the 'prized demographic' for chapter membership). After discussion, the Board formed a committee of our three youngest members: 1st VP Rusty Orvik, Legislative Liaison Caleb Martiny, and Personal Affairs Brenda Hughey to tackle developing a plan. The three also represent three branches of service, the USN, USAF, and USA.

I encourage you to take a look at the [Tucson MOAA Membership Map](#), and let me know what you find or ideas on how to manage the geographic/demographic challenges of our catchment area.

## City of Tucson Veterans' Affairs

**Committee:** The Committee's membership approved Brenda Hughey as the MOAA Chapter representative. It now goes before the Mayor and City Council at the March

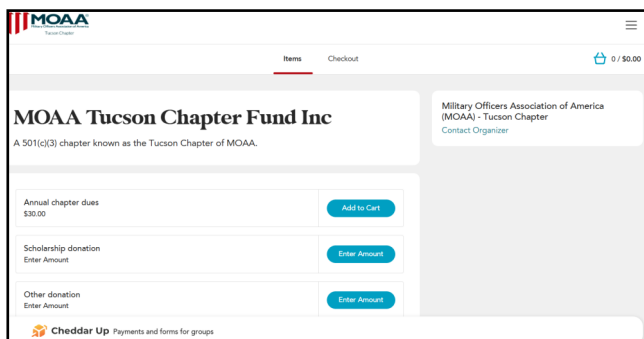
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## From the Eagle's Nest

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Council regular meeting. She has already hit the ground running attending the January and February meetings as an observer. She and I attended the Committee Fundraiser on February 15. In addition to raising our Chapter's profile among the local veteran and surviving spouse community, we made good contacts with local organizations that are part of The Military Coalition and The Star Act Coalition.

**Membership:** If you have not sent in your membership dues or used the new portal (Cheddar Up) to pay online, please do so. The Treasurer gets a notice once the payment is made. Just use the following link: <https://my.cheddarup.com/c/moaa-tucson-chapter-fund-inc/items> and the page looks like this.



The screenshot shows a Cheddar Up payment page for the MOAA Tucson Chapter Fund Inc. The page has a header with the MOAA logo and navigation tabs for 'Items' and 'Checkout'. Below the header, there is a section for 'MOAA Tucson Chapter Fund Inc' with a sub-note: 'A 501(c)(3) chapter known as the Tucson Chapter of MOAA.' To the right, it identifies the 'Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) - Tucson Chapter' and lists the 'Contact Organizer'. The main content area contains three donation items: 'Annual chapter dues' for \$30.00 with an 'Add to Cart' button, 'Scholarship donation' with an 'Enter Amount' button, and 'Other donation' with an 'Enter Amount' button. At the bottom left, the Cheddar Up logo is visible with the text 'Payments and forms for groups'.

I've added the Membership fillable form to this newsletter, and we will have printed ones at the meeting.

**Other Board Meeting Information:** The chapter, newsletter, and website Level of Excellence submissions were submitted on time. We have until the end of the month to apply for the 2026 MOAA Community Foundation Grants. We intend to submit again for the volunteer, on-site D-M RAO VSO, and for the Tucson Veteran Stand Down. The Stand Down is one of the activities the Veterans' Affairs Committee fundraises for. This year, we have a \$1,000 MOAA Community Foundation Grant to purchase clothing and hygiene items. Most likely, Chuck and Brenda will buy the items and deliver them to the Stand Down location. In addition, Rusty will actively participate in this year's kickoff.

Next week is the Tucson Rodeo (La Fiesta de los Vaqueros), and once again, the USS Tucson crew will be in the parade and participating in activities throughout the week. Expect a report from Rusty Orvik next month!

On a personal note, my brother with terminal brain cancer has arrived from Tennessee safe and sound. He has already met with a primary care doctor and oncologist to plan his continued care. A big relief.

## Social Security Field Offices On A 15-Minute Clock

Social Security Commissioner Frank Bisignano apparently believes he can maximize "AI" efficiency by putting the human factor on a time clock. Specifically, a 15-minute time clock for field agents to respond to calls or in-person meetings. This came to light when I called the local field office last week. The time clock apparently is being implemented nationwide, and a follow-up call was rolled over to the Placerville, CA, field office. Since I knew about the clock, I asked the agent if he was on it. "Yes." A third call, picked up by a Tucson agent, I got the same response.

However, that agent admitted she needed technical assistance and put me on hold at minute 12. She was gone for about 15 minutes, came back, and said she had consulted the policy manual and was able to resolve my issue on the call because it did not require me to fill out a form, only her inputting data into the Western Service Center.

I have sent a press query to the Social Security Press Office, but as of yet, have received no response. — Polly Parks, February 21, 2026

# Budget & Legislative Update

MOAA's primary mission is to protect the earned benefits of those who are serving — and those who have served — this great nation. One of the most effective ways we do that at the national level is through grassroots advocacy using MOAA's Legislative Action Center (LAC): [www.moaa.org/takeaction](http://www.moaa.org/takeaction).

As we start a new year, I want to encourage every member to register in the LAC and take a few minutes to make your voice heard. These are your earned benefits — and the benefits of those you served with, as well as those now standing in our stead. They don't protect themselves. They must be defended, explained, and championed — and that starts with us showing up consistently.

## MOAA's 2026 Advocacy in Action (AiA) Campaign

MOAA has released its 2026 Advocacy in Action (AiA) legislative priorities for the AiA campaign in Washington, D.C., April 13–16. AiA teams will meet with Members of Congress on April 15. The four priorities for AiA 2026 are:

1. Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168)
2. Military Care Act (H.R. 6796)
3. Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 2101 / S. 1032)
4. Protections from Predatory Claims Agents

Priorities 1–3 are currently active in the [MOAA Legislative Action Center](http://www.moaa.org/takeaction) (LAC); Priority 4 will be added soon.

MOAA recently updated their guidance of the Richard Star Act. ***“...right now, there's been no movement on the Star Act and Congress remains focused on funding bills. While we expected possible action through the appropriations process early this year, that hasn't materialized, and strategy work is ongoing. Since most offices are already familiar with the bill, broad, LAC action won't move the needle—future outreach will be targeted***

***with specific asks as we focus on getting the bill to the House floor for a vote.”***

The Richard Star Act still has overwhelming bipartisan support in both houses. It is expected that once the appropriations acts are funded, it will require a specific ask: ***“It is time to bring this bill to the floor and work to ensure it is signed into law before the end of the 119th Congress”***. Thanks to all of you who have used the LAC to garner support for the Star Act! Please once again, return to the LAC to send the most current letter to congress asking them to get the Star Act passed.

There are many other issues that need our support so if you haven't already, please take a moment to register with the [MOAA Legislative Action Center](http://www.moaa.org/takeaction) (LAC), and take action on those other important issues.

**Arizona:** The Arizona Legislature is back at work in Phoenix, and numerous veteran-focused bills have already been introduced, awaiting committee review and action. The House Veterans Caucus has been reviewing these bills to help identify which ones to support.

Two bills that may be of interest include:

### **HB 2230 – Property Tax Exemption Reform for Veterans with Disabilities**

This bill restructures Arizona's veteran property tax exemptions into a tiered system tied to VA disability ratings, removes income limits, and creates a state reimbursement mechanism for local governments. It also adds felony penalties for fraudulent claims.

### **SB 1050 – Lifetime State Park Pass for Veterans**

This measure provides a no-cost lifetime state park pass for qualifying veterans. This mirrors the current federal policy for lifetime passes for veterans. For more information, use this link and

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# The Tucson MOAA LTC John A. Devine Scholarship Program

By John Davee, USAF Col, Ret.  
Tucson MOAA Chapter, 2<sup>nd</sup> VP

A great way to recognize our Veterans for the sacrifices and dedication required by service in the United States Armed Forces is to help financially support the tax-deductible Tucson MOAA LTC John A. Devine Scholarship Program, which currently awards three annual \$2,000 scholarships to University of Arizona ROTC cadets or midshipmen.

This scholarship provides support to ROTC cadets in their freshman or sophomore years who have financial need to help pay for college expenses. Over the years, a number of cadets have left ROTC programs in their first two years for financial reasons. Many would have stayed and become officers in our Armed Forces if they had received a little financial assistance. Unfortunately, if a cadet or midshipman is not on a service scholarship, there is no financial support from the service during their freshman or sophomore years.

We are happy to accept any donation to help an ROTC cadet or midshipman. You can also sponsor a "Named Scholarship" in honor of or in remembrance of a particular Veteran who served in a specific branch of the Armed Forces. For a donation of at least \$500, we recognize the Veteran by presenting a University of Arizona cadet or midshipman with scholarship money and a certificate named for or in remembrance of the Veteran.

At our April luncheon, we present the scholarship to the cadet or midshipman along with a certificate. The family or friends of any "Named Scholarship" will receive a letter from the Tucson MOAA Chapter President notifying them of the scholarship presentation and providing a brief description of the recipient.

If you or someone you know is interested in contributing to the Tucson MOAA LTC John A. Devine Scholarship Program, or for further information, please contact John Davee directly. Email [kiddavee@gmail.com](mailto:kiddavee@gmail.com) or call (520) 275-7864.

*MOAA Tucson Chapter Vice President Ross Orvik visits with staff members from "Holding the Hope," which conducts monthly Veteran meetings at Esperanza En Escalante (EEE), a major beneficiary of MOAA Tucson Chapter fundraising efforts and recipient of MOAA Tucson Chapter Sponsorship. Esperanza En Escalante is a nonprofit organization in Tucson, Arizona, dedicated to supporting homeless veterans and individuals transitioning into stable, everyday life through housing, social services, and development programs. The organization is located at 3700 S Calle Polar, Tucson, AZ 85730, and offers family housing and comprehensive assistance to help Veterans and others overcome homelessness.*

*The recent addition of the Phase 2 Family*



*Housing Center allows more Veterans and their families to participate in housing programs and host Veteran Service Organizations such as Holding the Hope. Holding the Hope is a local community Veterans Peer Support Group that provides interactive peer support for all Veterans. Orvik is also the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) representative for the chapter.*

# Southern Arizona VA Updates

The 2026 SERVE Summer Youth Program opportunity at the Tucson VA Medical Center is coming. The Center for Development and Civic Engagement (CDCE) Office strives to provide participants with quality summer volunteer involvement, career exploration, and hands-on experience. The program is scheduled from 06/01/26 to 07/24/26. All youth ages 14-18 who have not yet graduated from high school are invited to apply. Usual time commitment is 16 hrs/wk for 6-8 weeks (minimum of 96 hours). Participants are expected to behave responsibly, work independently, and be reliable. To receive a Youth Serve application, email [TucsonCDCE@va.gov](mailto:TucsonCDCE@va.gov). Application deadline is 04/17/26. For more information or questions, contact the CDCE [TucsonCDCE@va.gov](mailto:TucsonCDCE@va.gov), or call 520-629-1822.

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enter the bill number in the search box: <https://apps.azleg.gov/BillStatus/BillOverview>. To support these—or any other bills—I also encourage you to use the RTS system if you are currently registered. If not, please contact your state legislators using the email addresses available here:

Senate members: <https://www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster/?body=S>

House members: <https://www.azleg.gov/MemberRoster/?body=H>

You can also find information on current bills on the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services Legislative Updates page: <https://dvs.az.gov/about/legislative-updates>



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### Volunteer to be a MOAA Mover Tucson Chapter needs Your Help

Our MOAA programs and their quality depend on the voluntary efforts of our members. We need a volunteer for the Board position of Legislative Chair. Please consider lending your *LEADERSHIP AND VOICE* to the Chapter teams.

Contact Tucson Chapter President Polly Parks at [pollyparks@earthlink.net](mailto:pollyparks@earthlink.net)

### LOCAL VA CONTACTS

**Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS)** 520-792-1450 or 1-800-470-8262  
**Suicide Prevention Coordinator** 520-792-1450 extension 6415  
**Caregiver Support Program** 520-629-1822 extension 5390  
**Patient Advocate Office** 520-629-1819  
**Care in the Community** 520-792-1450 extension 6555  
**Women's Health Clinic** 520-629-4885

**Center for Development & Civic Engagement**  
520-629-1822

### D-M AFB CONTACT NUMBERS

**Base Welcome Center** 520-228-4886  
**Info and Referral Services** 520-228-5690  
**ID/CAC card processing** 520-228-4425  
**Base Exchange** 520-748-7887  
**Commissary** 520-228-3116  
**Retiree Activities Office** 520-228-5100  
**VSO** 520-275-7633



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TUCSON CHAPTER

Membership registration form

If you want to pay online, please use this MOAA National Cheddar Up link:

<https://my.cheddarup.com/c/moaa-tucson-chapter-fund-inc/items>

CURRENT DATE (mm/dd/yyyy): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

MEMBERSHIP: REGULAR:  SURVIVING SPOUSE:

NAME (Last, First, MI): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_ Tucson \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_ AZ \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_

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SPOUSE'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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**The deadline for annual dues is February 28, 2026.**

Dues:

- Regular Member (Officer and Spouse): \$30.00
- Widows/ Surviving Spouses \$8.00
- Scholarship Donation (Optional, Enter Amount) \$ \_\_\_\_\_ • **The MOAA Tucson Chapter is a 501c3 tax-exempt organization.**
- Dues, Donations, and travel to meetings may be eligible tax deductions. Check with your accountant or tax advisor if necessary.

Make checks payable to: **MOAA Tucson Chapter Fund, Inc.**

Detach the upper part of this form and **mail with payment to:**

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% Capt Randolph Long, PhD  
10471 N. Elizabeth Morning Pl.  
Oro Valley, AZ 85737**

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DATE PAID: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ CHECK #: \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Any questions, please contact Polly Parks at [pollyparks@earthlink.net](mailto:pollyparks@earthlink.net) or (703) 338-6881 Rev 2024

## INCOME TAXES

### **SOCIAL SECURITY STILL TAXABLE BUT SENIORS OVER 65 HAVE A NEW DEDUCTION**

Social Security is still taxable under the new tax law for years 2025-2028. The new tax law includes an additional \$6,000 deduction for seniors age 65 and older, which can potentially reduce the taxable portion of your benefits. Joint filers that are both over 65 would have an additional \$12,000 deduction. This deduction phases out for single filers with an adjusted gross income (AGI) exceeding \$75,000 and joint filers with an AGI over \$150,000. No deduction will apply if a single filer AGI exceeds \$175,000 and if a joint filer AGI exceeds \$250,000. *(This information is from the VANCE AFB, OK RAO Newsletter.*

## **"Red Cross Needs You!"**

Red Cross is looking for local volunteers with base access to help maintain a sustainable presence at Davis Monthan. Community members like you can help ensure that service members and their families have consistent access to important information about emergency communications, mental health programming, CPR certifications, upcoming blood drives, and more. Volunteering options include: participating in Newcomers Orientations, deployment briefings, other on-base tabling events, on-base office volunteering and general outreach. There are also opportunities to participate in Veterans Standdowns, International Humanitarian Law, and other Red Cross lines of service. Visit [redcross.org/volunteer](http://redcross.org/volunteer) or contact Morgan Bell (480-979-6280 - [morgan.bell6@redcross.org](mailto:morgan.bell6@redcross.org)) for more information about the Service to Armed Forces/ International Services program.

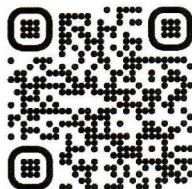
*NOTE: Red Cross also has free [Resiliency Workshops](#) available for veterans, caregivers, contractors, and civilians; please contact Morgan to request.*



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Arizona and New Mexico Region

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#### **To become a volunteer:**

- Visit: [www.redcross.org/AZNM](http://www.redcross.org/AZNM) and click on **"Get Started."**
- Enter your zip code to view available volunteer opportunities.
- Browse the positions and click **"Apply Now"** on your selected opportunity.
- You will be prompted to **"Create a Red Cross ID"** on the right-hand side of the following page.
- Once you complete the application, you will then be asked to activate your **"Volunteer Connection"** account by clicking on the link sent to the email address you provided.
- Follow the remaining steps listed on your new Volunteer Connection profile page!

# Tucson Veteran Stand Down



## Veteran Stand Down March 10

from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

GEM Convention Center: 222 S Freeway

***Open to ALL Veterans and their families, National Guard and Reservists in the local area in need of the following the following***

<i>Clothing/ hygiene item</i>	<i>Housing options</i>	<i>Treatment referrals</i>
<i>Haircuts</i>	<i>Veterans Court</i>	<i>Legal Matters</i>
<i>Mental Health and Religious counseling</i>	<i>Substance abuse counseling</i>	<i>VA services</i>
<i>Benefit applications</i>	<i>Pet Care</i>	<i>And much more</i>

For event Information contact Jessica Grover at  
[tucsonveterans.jessica@gmail.com](mailto:tucsonveterans.jessica@gmail.com)

**NO ALCOHOL • NO DRUGS • NO WEAPONS**



*Next Time You Hear Thunder In The Sky  
Know It's 19 Marines Yelling  
SEMPER PARATI*



*Please Come Out and Show Your Support!*

## **Honoring The 19 Marines**

Lost on April 8, 2000

## **26th Anniversary Memorial Service**

**April 4, 2026 • 10:00 a.m.**

Marana Regional Airport Nighthawk-72 Memorial Park

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