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FROM THE EAGLES NEST

Tom Owens, Tucson Chapter President

Several of our members have been hospitalized recently. Jim Whipp has a hip problem and may need surgery, Randy Phelps has heart medication issues and is undergoing treatment, and Polly has COVID-19. We wish them all good luck in their recovery. Gary Pettett has decided to step down as Treasurer and Membership Chair. We need replacements. Please step forward if you can help our chapter.

This month's speaker at our meeting is Ryan

Kinslow, Program Director from Boulder Rest, a veteran's trauma organization located in Sonita, southeast of Tucson. Please come and support our meeting: on Thursday, October 26 at 1130 at [Trattoria Pina](#), 5541 N. Swan at Skyline, southwest corner.

MOAA National is hosting a Workshop, on November 17 and 18 in Phoenix. They will provide updates and information about programs and activities that affect our chapter. Four of our members have been invited: President, Tom Owens; Membership: Gary Pettett; Legislative: Ann Hollis; and Surviving Spouse: Polly Parks. We will update chapter members after the meeting.



CATALINA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER

Chuck Vaughan, CAPT, USN (Ret) Catalina Mountains Chapter President

Greetings everyone.

I believe fall is finally here! The mornings have been cooler and great for walking or jogging or playing pickleball at 7:00 AM as one of our members does. The change in the weather has been great!

Speaking of change, I've been working with national MOAA and got our chapter (AZ12) added to the Legislative Action Center. You can now register with MOAA's Legislative Action Center as a member of Catalina Mountains Chapter AZ12. If you haven't checked out the Legislative Action Center, please do.

Login to MOAA's website and select Advocacy from the top menu bar. Your screen should look like this one shown below. (My mouse is hovered over Legislative Action Center which causes it to be underlined.)

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Upcoming Tucson Chapter Meetings

October 26: Speaker: Ryan Kinslow, Program Director, Boulder Rest, Veterans Trauma Center. 11:30 am. Location: [Trattoria Pina](#), 5541 N Swan, near Sunrise.

**No November meeting.
December dinner is scheduled for Thursday, December 14 at Tucson Country Club.**

Left to right: Meeting attendees at September meeting. Charles Schable, (CAPT, PHSCC, Ret), the Director of the D-M Retired Activities Office receives coin from Tucson Chapter President Tom Owens.



Tucson Chapter Activities

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 to the Secretary: pam.devine@azmoves.com, not later than one week prior to the meeting. If you desire to participate, please email rorvik@orvik.com to receive the access link.

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Tucson & Catalina Mountains MOAA Mission

1. Advocate and support MOAA national goals.
2. Advocate and support the Arizona and metro Tucson programs, activities, and proposed legislation.
3. Encourage and promote a spirit of volunteerism and participation in programs and activities beneficial to Tucson civic and military communities.

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

By Charlene Godec COL, USA (Ret)
Legislative Liaison, Catalina Mountains Chapter

National Legislative News

Well, the U.S. Congress is dealing with two big issues right now as you may well know. With the House of Representatives in the mess they are in without a Speaker everything is at a standstill. That of course complicates or puts on hold work that needs to be done to complete the 2024 Budget/Appropriations Process.

MOAA National is asking that you contact both your Representatives and Senators to urge cooperation and sanity in this process. You can join this campaign by clicking on this link, [MOAA | Ask Your Lawmakers to Avoid a Government Shutdown and Finish the Appropriations Process \(quorum.us\)](https://www.quorum.us) or contacting your legislator's offices directly.

Arizona Legislative News

The first Regular Session of Arizona's 56th Legislature is scheduled for 30 October 2023. You can access volumes of information on current activities at [Arizona Legislature \(azleg.gov\)](https://azleg.gov).

Let me know if you hear of any interesting issues going on in your areas, cmgodec@gmail.com

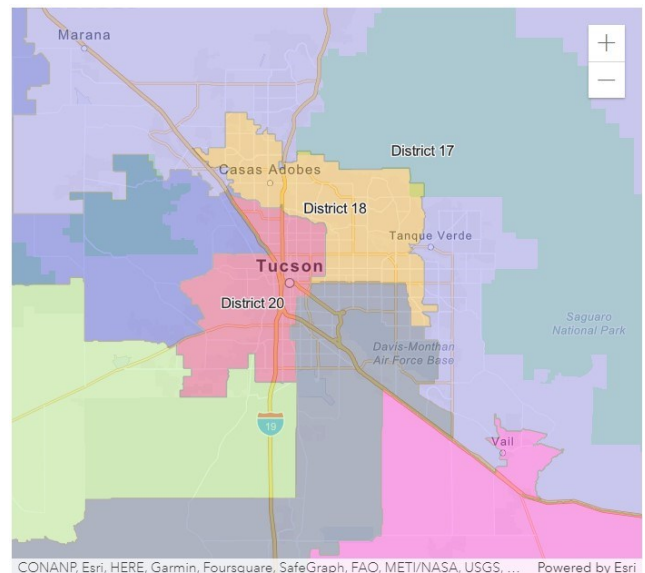
The Tucson and CMC member catchment areas are comprised of Legislative Districts 17,18, 20, and a part of 21.

LD-17: Sen. Justine Wadsack, 602-926-3106, JWadsack@azleg.gov; Rep. Rachel Jones, 602-926-3558, rachel.jones@azleg.gov; Rep. Cory McGarr, (602) 926-3630, CMcGarr@azleg.gov.

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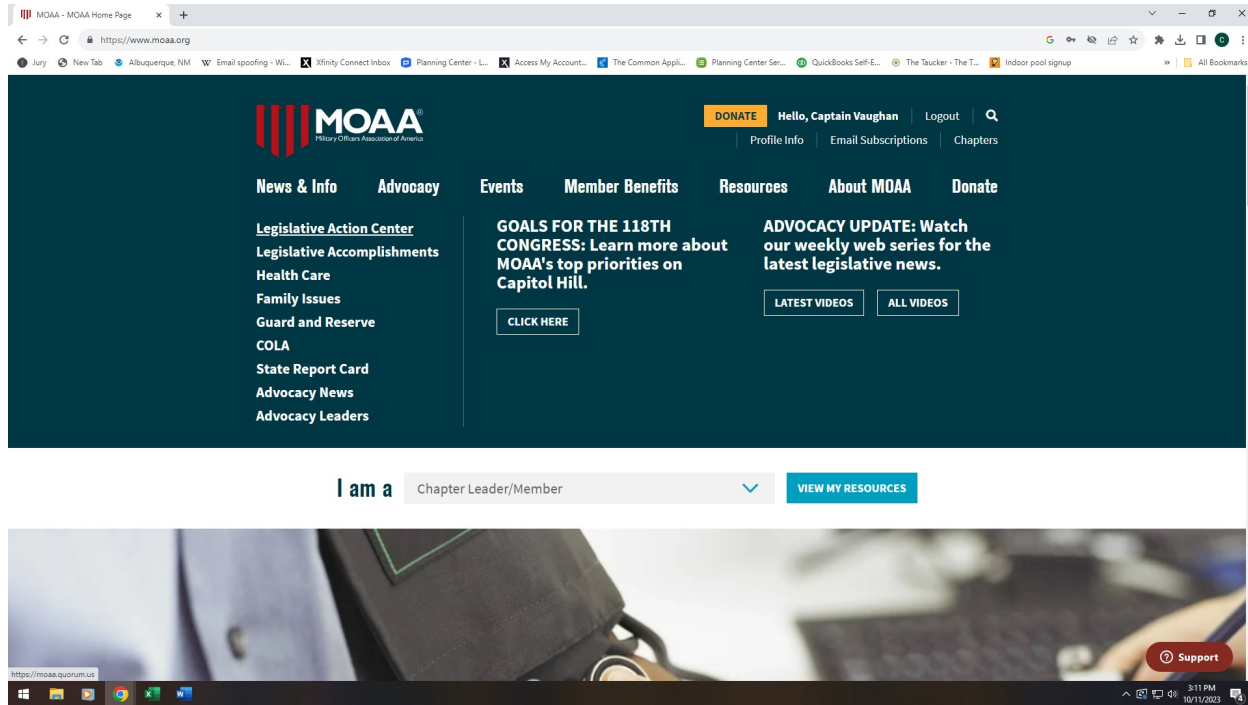
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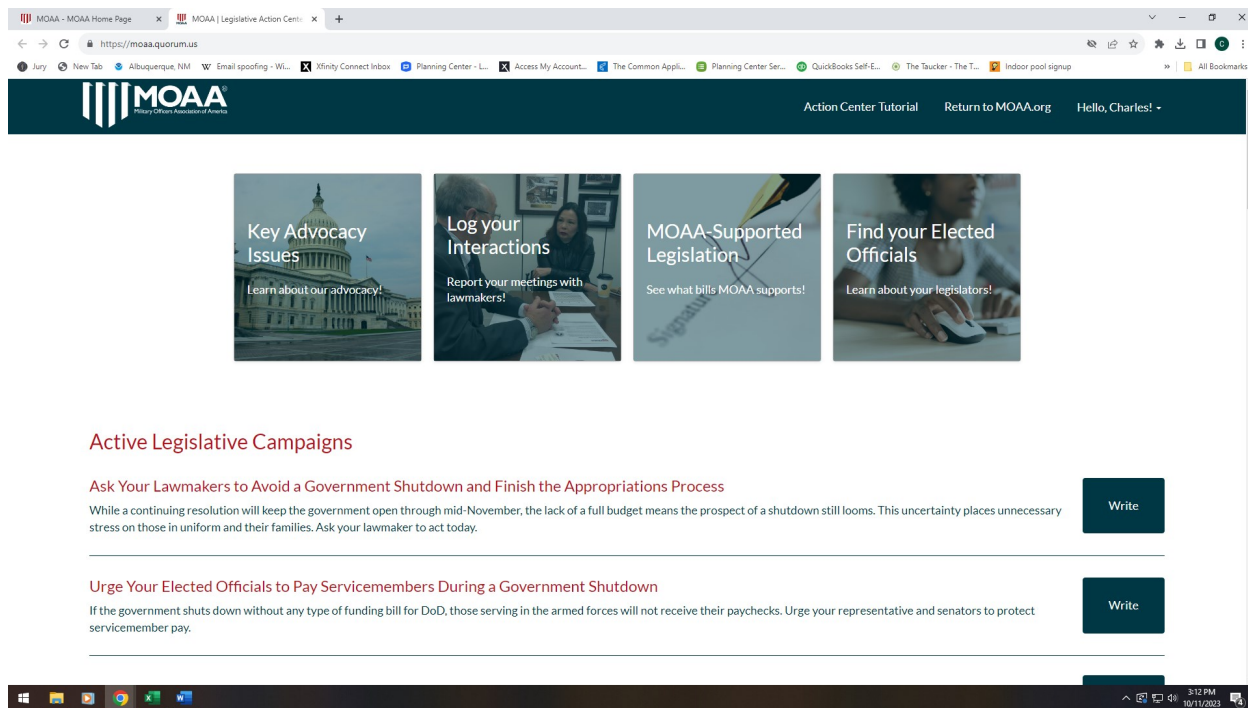


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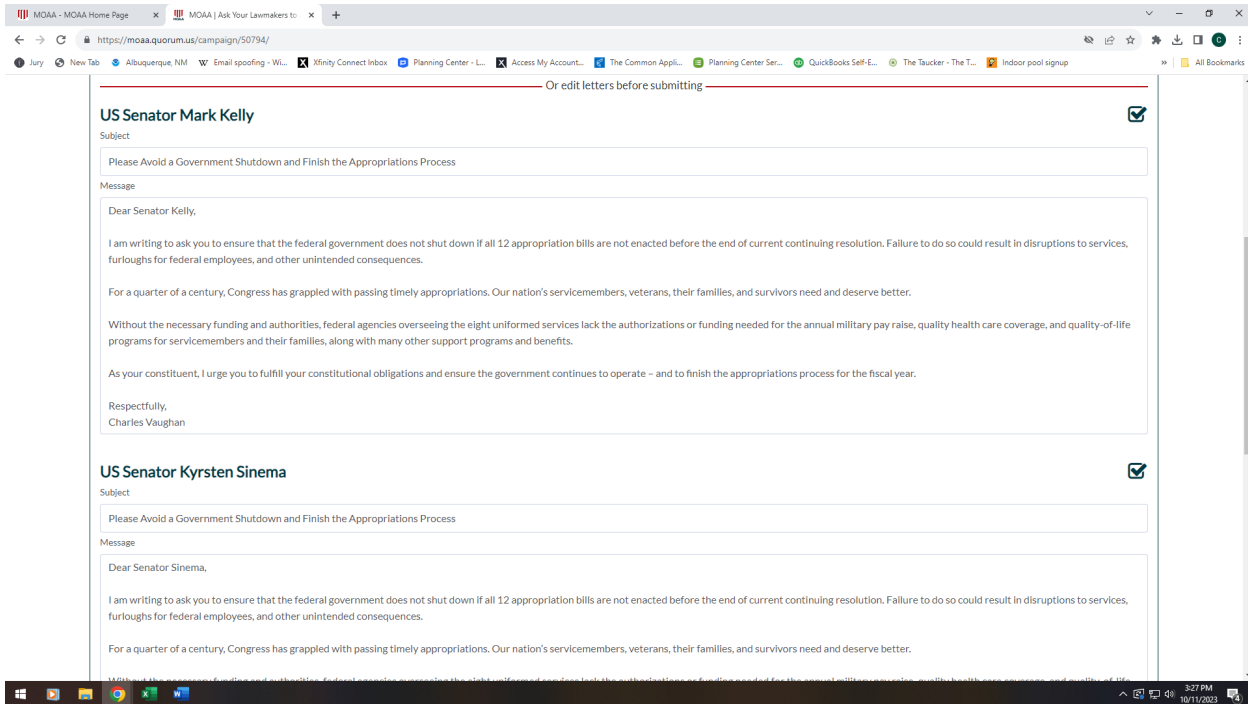
Click on Legislative Action Center. If you haven't registered with the action center previously, you'll have to fill in your address, rank, service component, etc. the first time to register yourself. Once you complete that, and if you've previously registered, the following screen should appear.



MOAA currently has 26 active legislative campaigns. Now here's a great change to the Legislative Action Center – MOAA writes the letters to your U. S. Senator and Representative for you! **You don't have to write the letter or figure out where to send it or who to send it to: MOAA does that for you!** Here's an example of a letter written by MOAA.

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MOAA's software wrote three letters for me to Senator Kelly, Senator Sinema and Representative Ciscomani and signed my name to them. To send the letters all I had to do was click on Submit Selected Letters. How easy is that!

I sent a second set of letters to the same three individuals but this time I modified the MOAA-written letters slightly. It took me a minute or two to change one of the letters and then I copied and pasted the change to the other two letters. I clicked on Submit Selected Letters and I was done. Again, very easy.

MOAA has an excellent legislative advocacy team. With more than 360,000 members, MOAA has clout with U. S. Senators and Representatives to get legislation enacted that benefits active-duty, retired, reserve, all military veterans of all the services and dependents. I encourage you to check out MOAA's Legislative Action Center and to use it to support legislation that will benefit active-duty, retired, reserve, all military veterans of all the services and dependents. Make your voice heard – and MOAA has made it very easy to do that!

VOLUNTEER TO BE A MOAA MOVER:

Tucson: Membership, Treasurer

Catalina: Fundraising Chair, Chaplin

Our MOAA programs and their quality depend on the voluntary efforts of our members. Please consider lending your *LEADERSHIP AND VOICE* to the Chapters' teams. Contact Tucson Chapter President Tom Owens at owensttt@gmail.com or Catalina Mountains Chapter President Charles Vaughan at chuck.vaughan@comcast.net.



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CATALINA MOUNTAINS CHAPTER ACTIVITY

CMC membership meetings are the third Saturday of the months of October through April, at 11:30 hours, at locations TBA in Saddlebrooke. Contact: Chuck Vaughan, 505-553-4364.

Spouses are always welcome. Seating is limited to the first forty (40) members and guests who confirm their attendance. A meeting agenda will be provided to all attendees via email.

If you are interested in Catalina Mountains Chapter membership, contact Membership Chair Don Timian, LTC, USA, 571-216-3679, dontimian@hotmail.com. Dues can be paid on-line.

Surviving Spouse & Personal Affairs

By Polly Parks, *Surviving Spouse Liaison*

I was unable to attend the D-M RAO Meeting due to an unexpected bout of COVID-19. So please get your shots.

The COLA for FY24 has been set at 3.2%. The Defense-State Liaison Office (a DoD agency) has published a list of 10 2024 priorities for military families. This includes Military access to quality family child care; military employment and economic opportunities; defining armed forces in state policy; military community representation on state boards and councils; state support for military families with special education needs; open enrollment flexibility; child abuse identification and reporting; military family anti-discrimination status; state response to military interpersonal violence; concurrent juvenile jurisdiction

WHO CAN JOIN MOAA?

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/>.

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Contact Your Legislators and Urge Them to Support the All-Volunteer Force

- Use all available tools to combat the growing crises facing the all-volunteer force.
- Create long-term programs to widen the recruiting pool.
- Pass meaningful legislation to improve the quality of life of those in uniform and their families.

LOCAL VA CONTACTS

Southern Arizona VA Health Care System (SAVAHCS) 520-792-1450 or 1-800-470-8262
Caregiver Support Program 520-792-1450 extension 5390
Patient Advocate Office 520-629-1819
Care in the Community 520-792-1450 extension 6555
Women's Health Clinic 520-629-4885
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D-M AFB CONTACT NUMBERS

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