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Military Officers Association of America

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FROM THE EAGLES NEST

By Polly Parks
Tucson Chapter MOAA President

November has arrived. I trust you voted. Results are still coming in.

At the October meeting, Paul Cunningham, Tucson Ward 5 City Council Member, delivered a wide-ranging, informative, and humor-sprinkled talk and Q&A that covered his Tucson childhood, the political legacy of his parents and grandparents, and how his military service, Sheriff's Department experience, and TUSD teaching experience have informed and enriched his 16 years as a City Council member. He has already announced that he will not run in 2027 but is considering a run for Mayor, depending on how the November political winds blow.

Matthew Langseth, City of Tucson Veterans Program Coordinator, will speak at the November 12 luncheon meeting. The agenda also includes our upcoming Board elections in December. The luncheon will be held at American Legion Post 36, 5845 E. 22nd St., Tucson. The meeting begins at 11:30. The menu is posted on page 3, and the cost is $25. You can pay in cash, by check, or by credit card via the chapter's CHEDDAR UP portal link.

To simplify the process during this transition and expansion period, the membership will vote in December to elect three Board members: the President, Secretary, and Treasurer, each of whom holds statutory or fiduciary responsibilities. All other Board members will be appointed by the President. This approach will provide maximum flexibility as appointed Board members gain experience and transition to a more orderly succession plan.

The current President and Treasurer have agreed to seek re-election for another term; former Treasurer Gary Pettitt has agreed to seek election as the Secretary. Nominations may also come from the floor or be submitted to me for inclusion. Two weeks prior to the December 10 meeting, you will receive an email ballot from the Membership Chair. You may respond to the email or vote in person at the meeting.

We plan to continue focusing on membership growth, with a special emphasis on attracting younger members. To that end, in addition to the January luncheon, we will hold an evening meeting. Details to come.

The Jim Click Millions for Tucson raffle: We started with 200 tickets, and with sales rapid, I got 200 more. MOAA Tucson Fund funds the ROTC Scholarships at the University of Arizona. We met Mr. Jim Click's $1,000 sales goal through a generous donation from Kristi

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Upcoming Tucson Chapter Meetings

Venue Change: American Legion Post 36
5845 E. 22nd Street, Tucson, AZ 85711 / Time: 1130

November 12, 2026 @ 1130
Speaker: Matthew Langseth
City of Tucson Military Veterans Program Coordinator

December 10, 2026 @ 1130
Holiday Luncheon & Board Elections

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Menu November 12: $25

Mix green salad with appropriate toppings and three dressings
Fruit display
Fried Rice
Stir fried veggies
Sweet and Sour chicken
Chard sui pork loin
Assorted desserts

WHO CAN JOIN
THE MOAA TUCSON and VAIL SATELLITE CHAPTER?

Tucson Chapter MOAA membership is open to all officers, commissioned or warrant, whether on active duty, retired, former, reserve or national guard, their spouse, 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 third Tuesday of the month, at 5 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 pollyparks@earthlink.net. If you desire to participate, please email pollyparks@earthlink.net to receive the access link.

MOAA Tucson and Vail Satellite Chapter Mission

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2. Advocate and support the Arizona and metro Tucson programs, activities, and proposed legislation.

From the Eagle's Nest

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Scully. Mr. Click pledged an additional $1,000 to the Fund if we reached that. Remember that all sale proceeds go directly to our tax-deductible Fund.

In addition, John Davee has been tapping his networks of friends and colleagues. Tickets sold well at the October meeting, and several Catalina Mountains members have chipped in. However, we still have more tickets to sell before the December 3 deadline. We'll have tickets at the meeting. John Davee has some available in the Foothills. You can pay in cash, by check, or by credit card via the chapter's CHEDDAR UP portal link. If you pay via the portal, let John or me know so we can set aside the tickets and fill in your information.

Dues: You will hear from Caleb Martiny, Membership Chair, over the next month regarding the 2027 dues, which are due by the end of the year. If you don't pay them, you will hear from Caleb. For your convenience, you can pay in cash at the meeting, or mail a check, or pay online at the Chapter's CHEDDAR UP portal link.

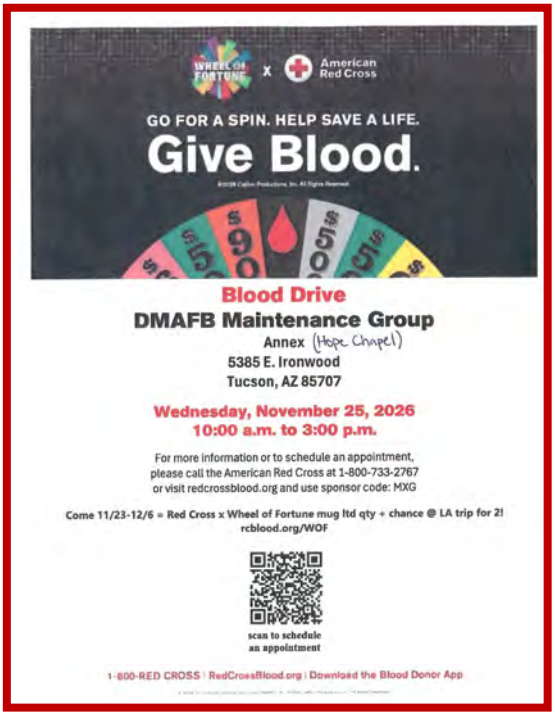
Sherry Ford, Brenda Hughey (LtC, USA, Ret), and I will represent the Tucson Chapter MOAA in the Tucson Veterans Day Parade on November 11 at 11:30 am. If anyone else would like to join us, please let me know.

The Arizona Council of Chapters will hold its semiannual meeting, November 5-6, in Surprise, AZ. I will attend. AZOC President Chuck Vaughan's two-year term ends, and Vice President Bruce Kosaveach of the Arizona Chapter in Phoenix will begin his term as President.

At the D-M RAO meeting last Monday, the on-site Red Cross office is holding a food drive from November 2 to November 16 to restock the food bank that provides essential food to Airman, military, and civilian families across the installation, especially those facing challenging times. Items needed include Breakfast Items, Jams, Peanut Butter, Canned Veggies, white rice, baked potatoes, pasta, flour, and canned soup. If you have any of the items you wish to donate, bring them to our meeting, and I'll make sure they reach the base.

Hope to see you at the November 12 meeting.





Budget & Legislative Update

By Tom Waddell
AZCoC Legislative Chair
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AZCOC Legislative Chair
and Polly Parks
The Territorial Editor

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION: Make Your Voice Heard

As you read this, the midterm elections are being tabulated, and the results so far show the 120th Congress has changed hands in both the House and Senate. Statewide, out of nine Congressional seats, AP has called three for Democrats and one for a Republican, including the reelection of Adelita Grivalva (CD-7). Of the remaining five, AP considers three likely Democratic, including Joanna Mendoza (CD-6). For the remaining two, AP considers them leaning Republican. For the state Senate and House, it appears both will be majority Democratic.

The 119th Congress, which includes our current Senators and Representatives, will return to work on 9 November for what is currently scheduled as 20 days in session until the end of the year. House and Senate leadership drew up the schedule before the election. However, with must-pass legislation in the lame-duck session, it is expected to be adjusted.

MOAA and The Military Coalition intend to push hard to pass the Take Care of American Veterans Act (TCAVA) and the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2027 before they recess and the 120th Congress begins January 3.

The NDAA is currently navigating a divided Congress, with the House having passed its version and the Senate preparing for floor action and eventual conference negotiations. Both the TCAVA and the NDAA remain MOAA legislative priorities for the 119th Congress and will continue to push for their passage before the 119th Congress adjourns in mid-December.

BUDGET
House and Senate leadership enacted a Continuing Resolution (CR) that will run from October 1 to December 11. The President signed the CR on September 2. It expires December 11. If another CR is not enacted, the government will shut down.

So far, of the remaining 12 Appropriation bills, the House has passed only Defense. The Senate has passed none, so much work remains. Another CR will likely pass, and the bills will roll into the 120th, like last year.

What Happens to Unpassed Legislation
When Congress officially adjourns at the end of its two-year term (sine die), any legislation not enacted into law dies. Because the U.S. Constitution treats each two-year Congress as a distinct legislative body, bills, resolutions, and amendments do not carry over into the next Congress.

Total Reset to Zero: Even if a bill passed one chamber unanimously, cleared full committee markups, or had hundreds of co-sponsors, all legislative progress is erased once the term expires.

Must Be Reintroduced: For a stalled measure (such as TCAVA or standalone versions of the Major Richard Star Act) to be considered in the next Congress, a lawmaker must reintroduce it as a new bill with a new bill number.

Restart the Entire Process: A reintroduced bill must begin from scratch—referral to committees, hearings, markups, floor debates, votes in both chambers, and conference negotiations.

Let's hope the lame-duck session passes TCAVA and NDAA before it adjourns. To do so, it will need your support. Please continue

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to monitor the MOAA Legislative Action Center (LAC) for updates and actions.

"Every voice matters. And the more members who participate, the more powerful we can become."
— Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), MOAA President and CEO

For maximum impact, consider adding a personal touch by calling our Arizona congressional representatives directly at their Washington, D.C., or local offices:

Senator Mark Kelly | kelly.senate.gov | (202) 224-2235 | Phoenix: (602) 671-7901
Senator Ruben Gallego | gallego.senate.gov | (202) 224-4521 | Phoenix: (480) 697-3600 (currently moving office in Tucson, contact Phoenix)
Representative Juan Ciscomani | https://ciscomani.house.gov/ | (202) 225-2542 | Tucson: (520) 881-3588
Representative Adelita Grijalva | https://grijalva.house.gov/ | (202) 225-2435 | Tucson: (520) 416-7680

Our past legislative victories prove that consistent grassroots advocacy works—lawmakers listen when our members speak with one united voice. With critical defense and veteran priorities hanging in the balance before Congress adjourns, your direct engagement matters now more than ever. Thank you for your tireless advocacy over the last year. Let's keep the pressure on and finish strong. Never stop serving!

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Arizona Veterans Caucus is working hard to define its legislative agenda and draft key proposals to continue supporting Arizona veterans, active-duty personnel, National Guard and Reserve members, and their families. As part of this process, the Caucus is carefully factoring in anticipated shifts in legislative membership following the midterm elections and the new legislature's convening in January 2027. Once the Caucus finalizes the proposed measures, it will identify sponsors to introduce them for committee consideration. As soon as this process is complete, we will launch our advocacy campaign. Stay tuned for further information.



D-M RAO & Base News

Monday, October 5, Davis-Monthan held its monthly meeting.

BASE NEWS: Operationally, the Base is at a high tempo, with deployments, bedding down new components, and the 55th Electronic Combat Group's reframing.
November brings a number of exercises in preparation for the spring Wing deployment.

Fort Huachuca is undergoing a major renovation of the main hangar for the 214th Attack Group of the Air National Guard's 162nd Fighter Wing. The 214th is a unit of the 162nd and is based at Fort Huachuca. The 214th has deployed MQ-9 Reaper UAVs since 2017, both domestically and in surveillance operations in Southwest Asia. In the interim, the wing will move to Davis-Monthan. These drones aren't small, so expect to see them overhead. Tell your local neighbors not to panic.

Prep for Operations Exercise Agile Flag is underway. The exercise strengthens Air Rescue Squadron airmen's ability to hone demanding operational skills under realistic, repetitive conditions.

Colonel Cabrera, 355th Wing Commander, and Darin Gregg (Col, USAF, Ret), 355th Wing Director of Staff and Community Partnership Coordinator, are available for coffee and conversation with active-duty personnel and retirees every Wednesday at Pins & Pals (1500-1800) and every Friday at Friday Unwind (1500-1800). They welcome your participation, questions, and input.

November 6th brings an Employment Fair with 30-40 employers and PVC Education. They are seeking 150-200 volunteers to support the event.

The Welcome Center is seeking volunteers willing to commit to a set schedule. They will need T1 for computer access.

On October 16th, the Davis-Monthan Tucson Valley Council met. The base is pitching the DoD Warrior Games for early June 2027. The DoD Warrior Games bring together 100s of wounded active-duty service members and veterans to compete in adaptive sports as part of their recovery journey. If it goes through, they will need 500-600 volunteers to support.

Exchange Food Court has CupBop open next to Subway, featuring Korean hot dogs. Starbucks is undergoing renovation in February or March 2027. Commissary is getting ready for the holidays.

The turn at Craycroft and Country Club is now restricted to green during peak hours. Too many accidents.

Let VITA know if you want to volunteer for the next tax season. They will begin training in January. They handled 2,400 federal and state returns in 2026.

VSO is doing a lot of education on the difference between claim submittal (paperwork and exam) and the fact that you don't receive a rating until you separate.



The Davis-Monthan RAO Quarterly Newsletter

Is Live and Online At

https://www.dm.af.mil/About-Us/Library/Retirees-Activity-Program/

Tucson Veterans' Memorial Garden Progresses

By Alan "Al" Young MSgt USAF, Retired
The American Legion Department of Arizona Vice Commander Area A

Over two years ago, I learned that one of the Veterans Memorials in Tucson had been vandalized and desecrated. As my blood began to boil, I pondered what could be done. I researched who owned the property at Aviation Parkway and Richie Blvd. After learning it was Pima County, I went before the Pima County Board of Supervisors and demanded that they correct the vandalism and damage.

Two days later, I learned that the same type of vandalism had also occurred at the Kino Veterans Memorial. I was surprised when KVOA News picked up my address to the Board and published a report on it.

Pima County listened to me and took responsibility for correcting the damage at both locations, which they did. At one of those meetings with the Board of Supervisors, I stated that my dream solution to prevent this type of disrespectful vandalism would be to find another secure, more visible location for these memorials to those who have served.

Along came an unexpected phone call from Mr. Frank Knott, CEO of the Mosaic Quarter Sports Complex, being built across Interstate 10 from Kino Stadium Complex. He said he had attended one of the meetings where I voiced my concerns and told me that Mosaic Quarter was on board and wanted to incorporate a Veterans' Memorial Garden as part of their project. Words cannot describe the emotion that fell over me at that moment.

As time has passed, we have been busy identifying which memorials exist in Tucson and which could be moved to the new location. This has not been without challenge. Several of the memorials are in their current locations for specific cultural and historical reasons. Moving them would dishonor the reasons they are there. In the end, we have determined that all memorial items at the Veterans' Memorial Plaza and all memorial items at the Kino Veterans' Memorial will be relocated, except for the tile wall, which, if moved, would be like putting a puzzle back together again. Another group is working on additions to that project.

We are in the process of recruiting representatives from other Veteran Service Organizations or groups to join our team. In the past, it was a small handful of veterans representing Pima County. If you are a member of or know a member of any such organizations and would like to get involved, please contact me at ayoung3167@comcast.net, and I will provide further information on how you can get involved.



Rendering of Mosaic Quarter Sports Complex from Mosaic Quarter website.

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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.

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 as Caleb Martiny is taking on the Membership Chair. Please consider lending your *LEADERSHIP AND VOICE* to the Chapter teams.

Contact Tucson Chapter President Polly Parks at 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

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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
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Each tee time limited to 16 total players, including guests
32 participants total across both sessions

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Take on our competitive 5K and put your pace to the test on a beautiful Arizona autumn morning. If racing isn't your style, join us for the 3K Fun Run/Walk and enjoy the morning at your own pace. All are welcome to come out, get moving, and show their support for our veterans.

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Proceeds Benefit the VUSD NJROTC Drill Team and Color Guard

Representing 150 dedicated cadets across VUSD under the guidance of Commander Micah Brewer, USN (Ret.), the NJROTC Drill Team and Color Guard builds essential leadership, discipline, and community pride. All funds raised will go towards the purchase of equipment for formal ceremonies.

Saturday, November 7, 2026

Saguaro Creek K – 8
8150 S Rocking K Ranch Loop, Tucson, AZ 85747

Schedule:

7:00 AM – 8:00 AM | Registration & Check-In
8:00 AM – 8:10 AM | National Anthem & Posting of the Colors
8:15 AM | Competitive 5K Start
8:45 AM | 3K Fun Run/Walk Start
9:15 AM | Brunch
9:30 AM | Awards Ceremony
10:00 AM | National Junior ROTC Remarks / US Armed Forces Veterans' Remarks
10:15 AM | Closing

Registration & Sponsorship
Registration: $15 | **Sponsorship:** $150 Individual • $500 Business

Awards & Race Timing

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★ December 19, 2026 ★

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