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MISSION STATEMENT

The Mojave Desert Chapter of MOAA embraces *"Never Stop Serving"* our uniformed service retirees, veterans, those currently serving, their families and surviving spouses, through advocacy at the Federal and State levels on issues relating to the unique challenges of uniformed service.

Additionally, we are committed to volunteer engagement with the needs of the communities, jointly and individually.

You are cordially invited

to participate in our membership luncheon on Wednesday, 19 November 2025 at the Bear Valley Country Club, at 13299 Spring Valley Parkway, Victorville CA 92395. The social hour will begin at 1100 hours followed by lunch at 1200 hours. The "Michelin Star" meal will include a delicious entrée with vegetables, dessert, and a varied assortment of non-alcoholic beverages. A vegan meal is also available upon request, but please make reservation for it by Thursday 13 November. The cost is \$28.00 per person. Please make reservations by Monday, 17 November by contacting our President at michaelwmoticha@verizon.net or (760) 792-5004 (cell).

Our guest speaker will be Rick Bui, President of the Apple Valley Rotary Club. Rick is a self-described "busy body." He says his passion for volunteering began at age 15 when he started work at the University of California Irvine (UCI) Medical Center in Orange County. After his father's death, he became more aware of what his Vietnamese family had endured during the Vietnam War years, and gained a profound respect and appreciation for the American servicemen and women who fought alongside the South Vietnamese to save his family and many others, like USAF veteran of 21 years, Joe Jackson. He will also talk about his Veterans Oasis Project and his work with VFW Joshua Palms Post 2924.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

LTC Michael W. Moticha

*Continuing the effort to
promote our Chapter
Providing 53 years of service
in our High Desert*



NOVEMBER OPPORTUNITIES

Here in the High Desert, the month of November is associated with Veterans to a very high degree. November 11th, Veterans Day, is a single day of the month, celebrated by all. However, if you check out the High Desert activities calendar, especially the first week of the month, there are many more days giving you the opportunity to not only acknowledge Veterans, their individual and mutual accomplishments, but to meet them and express your true feelings for their dedication to the United States. I hope you have the time, the desire and the ability, to participate in these other events.

I'm not trying to "Call the Kettle Black," though it may sound that way. Everyone of our Chapter members is a Veteran and deserves recognition. So, why not wait on someone to shake your hand and say "*Thank you for your service*"? It is because your involvement in celebrating Veterans Day—and the other below listed events—helps to strengthen and promote the very purpose of why we honor Veterans, why the 'title' deserves recognition, and why they are all so admired. From me to every member of this Chapter, my thanks is extended out to you for your service.

Many of these activities may have already happened and closed by the time you receive your newsletter. I announced them all at the 22 October Chapter luncheon and in the October Bugle. I hope you were able to make plans to attend those that you wished.

1 NOV: The Annual Gathering of Eagles 2025 Gala in Lancaster at 1700 hours at the Hellenic Center.

5 NOV: The 31st Annual Kiwanis Tri-Community High Desert Veterans Dinner at 1700-1830 in the Serrano High School Gymnasium, Phelan. FREE but requires a ticket.

7 NOV: The Veterans Day Event put on by the Veteran Resource Center of Victor Valley College at 1000–1400 hours at the College's Lower Campus, Victorville. FREE. No ticket required.

8 NOV: The Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser—with eggs, sausage, juice or coffee—0800–09:45 hours at Apple Bees, 19201 Bear Valley Rd, Apple Valley. The cost is \$10.00.

8 NOV: The Rotarians 2nd Annual Veterans Car Show and BBQ at 1100 hours at the Singh Center at Central Avenue and Bear Valley Road, Apple Valley.

8 NOV: The Marine Corps 250th Anniversary Military Ball, 1630-2230 hours at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12603 Mariposa Road, Victorville.

11 NOV: The Victorville Veterans Day Parade will begin at 0900 hours at 7th and Tracy Streets and end at 7th Street and Forester Avenue, Victorville. Once the parade has ended, a Ceremony will begin with a salute to honor the Victorville Veterans at Forester Avenue.

20 NOV: The Don Ferrarese Charitable Foundation will host a *Pizza Dinner and Dessert Auction* 1730-1930 hours at the Phelan Pizza Factory, 4264 Phelan Road, Phelan. Reservations are required.



Please Read On!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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JUDGING CADETS:

One of the School Sponsored Military Units in our Annual Youth Awards Community Project is the 18th Brigade of the California Cadet Corps, Headquartered at Riverside Preparatory School, Oro Grande. The program serves 12 schools in the High Desert with a strength of 550 Cadets. On 25 October 2025, from 0815-1330 hours, I had the privilege of participating as a judge for the unit's *Individual Major Competition*. I have been volunteering for this event annually for many years.



Certificate of Appreciation

The Individual Major Awards Competition is the most prestigious competition in which the Cadets participate. The recognition is roughly the equivalent of the *Cadet of the Year*. Competitors deliver a self-prepared three to four-minute speech on a topic of current national interest, after which they answer a series of questions covering Cadet Curriculum—which they have been taught during their years of participation in the program. The Cadets are judged on their poise, appearance, knowledge, self-confidence and awareness of current events, as well as the quality of their speech. Judging criteria and questions were provided to the judges at a morning briefing prior to the competition. Those Cadets chosen as first place winners will advance to the *State Championship* in January 2026.

My goal in continuing to volunteer for all of the opportunities I have as Chapter President and as a member of the Mojave Desert MOAA Chapter is to further the promotion of **“Never Stop Serving.”** I would hope that I would inspire more members of the Chapter to follow my lead. Participating in the many chances we have as fellow Veterans to support future Veterans is a once in a life time opportunity for us all.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING:

During the November Membership Luncheon and in conjunction with the Mojave Desert Chapter By-Laws, a Chapter Business Meeting will be held. Board of Director Members will present reports to the Membership on their area of responsibility. Also, the current slate of officers—which will be voted on by the



members at the December Christmas Dinner—will be announced. Everyone should understand that any Chapter member, retiree or active, including spouses, and surviving spouses, may volunteer and run for any Board position for 2026. If you are interested, please let me know. Your name will be added to the slate of individuals in the position you wish and voted on by the membership in December.

The Chapter is going to need help during 2026. We are currently short three members of the Board, covering the areas of Legislature, Community Projects and Chapter Programs. Currently, Board Members are filling those positions, doing double work. If you are interested in my position as Chapter President—or serving on the Board in any capacity—please step forward. Your involvement will be well accepted and appreciated by the membership.

CHAPTER DUES:

The Chapter dues for 2026 will be required by 31 December 2025. The annual dues, paid by members, covers the January to December time period of the year and is used to run and pay for the Chapter's administrative costs, such as our Postal Box mailing address and Chapter dues paid to CALMOAA. By paying your dues on time you will save the Chapter President and Treasurer the necessity of chasing down delinquent accounts during the year to collect unpaid dues. See the Treasurer's Report for further information. The Membership Renewal Form is at the end of this newsletter.



Please Read On!

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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GRAND OPENING



Entertainment at the Grand Opening.

On Thursday, 2 October 2025, MAJ Meera Maheswaran and I attended the Grand Opening of the Funeraria Del Angel, Victor Valley, located at the Victorville Memorial Park and Cemetery, 15609 11th Street, Victorville. When Dignity Memorial purchased a number of memorial parks in the High Desert, they decided to rename the funeral operation at the Victorville location. The Memorial Park and Cemetery will remain under the Victorville name. To begin the opening ceremony, the unit honor guard presenting the US Flag was conducted by the California Cadet Corps, one of our Youth Awards Community Project units. The Contact for the newly named facility is Darla Montenegro at (760) 245-8164.



Miranda Munoz (center) approves the great food served.



MAJ Meera Maheswaran plays a game.



17 fish caught this time! 😊

GONE FISHIN'...AGAIN!

On 31 October/1 November (overnight), I attended another enjoyable fishing trip out of the Long Beach Harbor. The fishing boat took 25 able fishermen out past Catalina and San Clemente Islands. We actually sat at 0300 hours Saturday morning on top of a squid mating and egg laying nest, waiting on a school of Yellowtail to come by in a feeding frenzy. The squid were so thick in the water it was difficult to see much at any depth. The Yellowtail came through about 0530 hours, got their fill of squid and moved on. The whole action lasted about 45 minutes. Only one fisherman was able to hook and land a Yellowtail on the boat. There were many bites without success. The one caught was 36 inches long and weighed in at 57 pounds. It took the fisherman 40 minutes to haul the fish into the boat. What a fighter and beautiful fish it was!

Throughout the trip, we moved around the Islands fishing for sea bass, bonito, sheepshead, halibut, and barracuda. On our way back we stopped for rock cod drifts. My catch for the trip was 17 fish of various types. This will fill my freezer with about 45 meals. Not bad for the action. My only disappointment in this trip was that more Yellowtail were not caught. On a trip two weeks prior, the same boat brought in over 100 Yellowtail. I would love to have been able to brag about catching just one of the large fish and bringing it home to share with my friends. Maybe next time. Isn't that why I keep going out?

"Never Stop Serving!"

EDITOR'S REPORT

1st. Lt. Jack Barry



Retired? Choose a Life of Significance!



To those who have so graciously provided feedback on our **BUGLE** newsletter, “Thank You!” Your thoughts, concerns, and suggestions are greatly appreciated.

As we enter this Holiday Season, let us do so with **GRATEFUL HEARTS** for everything we have and don't have. Yes, even “don't have.” Ever since Adam and Eve brought a broken world into Mankind, there are many evils out there that could fall on us: Cancer, blindness, loss of a loved one, shattered dreams/goals, et al. God's Word tells us not to compare, which is easier said than done. Just look around and observe those less fortunate than you. There are many opportunities to **“Never Stop Serving.”**

In this edition of our **BUGLE**, there are opportunities shared with YOUR name all over them. The impact we Veterans can have on our local communities—AND youths!!!—is immeasurable. Be sure to read and take into your heart Todd Anton's vision for his “Greatest Generation Education” and how we/YOU can be a significant factor in the lives of others.

Ahh, there's that key word: **SIGNIFICANT**. My previous home church was Pastor Rick **Purpose Driven Life** Warren's Saddleback Church. You may have heard of him. He once gave a heart-piercing message on retirement, one which really opened my mind and heart and changed my perspective on retirement. Pastor Rick shared that Dr. Abraham Maslow missed the mark on his **“Hierarchy Theory.”** There is yet another need to be fulfilled. The five levels of Maslow's hierarchy of needs, in order from the bottom to the top, are:

- 1 **Physiological needs:** These include basic biological needs such as food, water, shelter, warmth, and sleep.
- 2 **Safety needs:** These include the need for security, stability, and protection from danger or harm.
- 3 **Social needs:** These include the need for love, affection, belongingness, and social interaction.
- 4 **Esteem needs:** These include the need for self-esteem, achievement, recognition, and respect from others.
- 5 **Self-actualization needs:** These include the need for personal growth, fulfillment, and the realization of one's full potential.
- 6 **SIGNIFICANCE:** Where #5 is self-centered, #6 enables you to put #5 to work by reaching out to one's community to make a significant difference through volunteering your God-given talents, learned skills, and experiences...giving back to one's community at least a little of what you've been sucking out of it all your life. Be sure to read the article **“How Veterans Strengthen Our Nation.”**



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Love and enjoy life! It has an expiration date this side of Heaven.

EDITOR'S REPORT

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What Subjects Would You Like to Have as Programs?

We are interested in learning what subjects are of particular interest to you. So, we offer the subjects below as possible ones for you to learn about and enjoy. We will appreciate your responding with your top six. Just kindly email us at JackBarry151@gmail.com. On 19 December, we will host our Annual Christmas Party, so we're covered there with great camaraderie, food, and entertainment. **YES, PLEASE DO RESPOND. THANK YOU!**

1. The United States Constitution: What We Fight For
2. The Evolution of U.S. Army Uniforms
3. Women in the Military
4. Air Force One
5. 17 Coincidences in U.S. History That Still Defy Logic
6. Unsung Heroes: Honoring the Strength and Sacrifice of Our Military Spouses
7. 39 Military Heroes Who Represent the Best of American Valor
8. The Sacred Story Behind the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier
9. Animals in the Military
10. U.S. Presidents That Served in the Armed Forces
11. America's Biggest Airplane Graveyard
12. The Pentagon's Unique Shape Explained
13. Most Decorated Soldiers in History
14. Celebrities Who Served in the Military



Your time is precious. We want to make the most of it.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Maj. Ronald Matsuda



*Be a Good Egg and
Renew Your
Membership Today!*



We began the month of October with \$8,434.12 in our chapter accounts. We had revenues of \$793.00 and expenses of \$750.00 resulting in an ending October balance of \$8,477.44.

The 2025 Youth Scholarship Award Fund remains at \$5,621.81. The funds for the Barstow Veterans Home, the Apple Valley Legacy Museum, and the Flight Museum are \$100.00 each and the Parade of Pianos is \$100.00.

Remember that your dues go exclusively for our chapter's administrative costs. Please note that our administrative costs are comparatively low—our dues being \$35 a year, and \$10 for surviving spouses and active-duty personnel. You help us live our motto of *"Never Stop Serving."*



Our dues for 2026 are due by December 31, 2025.

When sending dues payments or contributions, please send your check to:

TMDC-MOAA, PO Box 785, Victorville CA 92393-0785

Make checks payable to TMDC-MOAA. In the "memo" line please designate "Dues," "Youth Awards" or any of the other charities that we support.

Thank You!

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS REPORT

MAJ Meera Maheswaran



Write Congressman Jay Obernolte to Support H. R. 5401



Dear Representative Obernolte,

I am writing to ask you to support H.R. 5401, the Pay Our Troops Act of 2026, to protect servicemember pay in spite of the current government shutdown.

The ***Pay Our Troops Act of 2026*** would guarantee members of the Armed Forces—which statutorily includes the Coast Guard—continued receipt of pay and allowances during any lapses in appropriations in FY 2026.

MOAA continues to advocate for full parity across all eight uniformed services, including the commissioned corps of both the U.S. Public Health Service and MOAA. While they are not included in this legislation, MOAA recognizes and values the work of Congress in advancing H.R. 5401. Ensuring continued pay for servicemembers and their families during a government shutdown is a critical step forward, and I urge swift passage of this bill.

Our servicemembers and their families stand ready to serve through any crisis. Congress must provide them the certainty of uninterrupted pay so they can remain focused on the mission, not potential financial hardship.

As your constituent, I urge you to support H.R. 5401 and do all that you can to see that this bill is signed into law.

Sincerely,
[Insert Your Name]

**Take Obernolte's Veterans Survey:
Veterans Survey Representative Jay Obernolte**

ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE JAY OBERNOLTE:

Representatives. A video game developer and business owner, Rep. Obernolte is dedicated to ensuring the High Desert and Inland Empire have a strong voice fighting for their interests in Congress.

Rep. Obernolte proudly serves on the House Committee on Energy and Commerce where he is a member of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology; the Subcommittee on Health; and the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing, and Trade. He also serves on the House Budget Committee and House Committee on Science, Space, and Technology as the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Research and Technology. He is currently the only serving member of Congress with a graduate-level degree in AI.

Previously, Rep. Obernolte served as a member of the California State Legislature representing the state's 33rd Assembly District and as Mayor of the City of Big Bear Lake. He has also served on the boards of the Big Bear Lake Fire Protection District, the Mojave Desert and Mountain Integrated Waste Authority, the Mountain Regional Transit Authority, the League of California Cities Desert-Mountain Division, and the Big Bear City Airport District. In these positions he worked across partisan lines to pass legislation helping California's hardworking families by lowering taxes, stopping government encroachment into privacy and personal liberties, and upholding law and order. He has also been a strong advocate for local veterans, defending funding for the Barstow Veterans Home and helping ensure California veterans receive the care and respect their service has earned.

Rep. Obernolte lives in Big Bear Lake with his wife, Heather. They have two sons, Hale and Troy. In addition to owning a videogame development studio, Rep. Obernolte is a certified flight instructor and a teacher of martial arts. He holds a B.S. in Engineering and Applied Science from the California Institute of Technology (Caltech), an M.S. in Artificial Intelligence from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), and a Doctorate in Public Administration from California Baptist University (CBU).

Take Action today and write Representative Obernolte!

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Lt. Col. Thomas Brown



Through Teamwork MOAA Grows!



New Recruiting Best Practices

- Every member is a recruiter
- Establish recruiting budget line
- Create internal recruiting competition
- Build a recruiting package including an invitation letter, current newsletter, and a membership application
- Always carry recruiting info
- Provide online join option, use online dues program
- Use social media such as e-mail to recruit
- Conduct meetings at different venues and times
- Include spouses and surviving spouses
- Consider programs that attract a younger demographic
- Strive for and earn recruiting and retention incentives and awards
- Utilize sales training techniques
- Add chapter meetings have a welcoming diverse environment
- Integrate new members quickly
- Assign sponsors to incoming members
- Ask new members to provide BIOS or short vocal resume on their active uniformed service



Motivators for Membership

To be successful in growing membership, the chapters must demonstrate how MOAA's value is relevant to an individual's life. In today's highly personalized world, using a one size fit all approach to recruit and retain members is not an option. We must speak to the individual. Starting next month, I will be addressing the different MOAA personas that highlight key attributes about each group with suggested messaging and relevant products. Be sure to add in relevant chapter benefits and events, too.

MOAA highlighted eight different groups from Jr Officers to Former Officers and Surviving Spouses with the "Message" general "Markers" of the probable needs of the group, and what MOAA provides for each group such as "Transition Services" for those looking for a new Career.

The larger we are, the more political clout we have in Washington.

HISTORY REPORT

Maj. David A. Meyer



When Did We Start Celebrating Birthdays?



Family celebrating a birthday in the 1950s.

Birthdays are often a big deal in the modern world, marking milestones such as being old enough to drive or vote, or acknowledging the start of a new decade of life. But for most of human history, a birthday was just another day, and many people didn't even know when theirs was.

Ancient societies sometimes recorded births within noble or wealthy families for lineage or inheritance purposes, but systematic recordkeeping was rare. It wasn't until the 1530s in England that churches were mandated under King Henry VIII to document baptisms. Similar practices appeared in colonial

America, though coverage varied widely by region and denomination. In Massachusetts, for example, Puritans kept birth and baptismal records as early as the 1600s, while in many Southern states, records remained patchy into the 20th century.

For centuries, tracking your age was inconsistent, as was celebrating it. Ancient feasts marked special occasions for elite members of society (sometimes even with cake), but it wasn't until the mid-19th century that birthdays were commonly commemorated with parties, especially for children. With the rise of industrialization, strict work schedules, pay periods, and age-based job requirements meant tracking calendars closely, making people more aware of their age and birthday. In the early 1900s, state-level birth registration became more widespread in America: By 1933, all U.S. states were participating in official birth recordkeeping, and by the mid-1940s, most Americans had birth certificates.



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NOTICE: Email JackBarry515@gmail.com with your birthday and anniversary celebration dates.

CHAPLAIN'S REPORT

Phyllis Skirvin, PhD



"One Nation Under God"



*"For the lack of guidance, a nation falls, but victory is won through many advisors."
~ Proverbs 11:14 ~*

Let us pray for our leaders and elected officials that they maintain Godly and wise decisions. Keep praying for the honorable men and women who have served and are serving our great Nation now. Our *Pledge of Allegiance* says it all: ***"One Nation under God, with liberty and justice for all."***



"Freedom is not free."

The origin of this phrase is credited to retired U.S.A.F. Colonel Walter Hitchcock, and it is engraved on the Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

MOAA LUNCHEON PRESENTATION

"High Desert Veterans' Final Farewell Outreach"



After being enlightened by our Chaplain Phyllis Skirvin on the fascinating history of "Taps," Dan Tate, Founder of the Don Ferrarese Foundation and close friend of our guest speaker, introduced Todd Anton, a veteran history teacher with 35 years of experience in Snowline Unified School District (he has taught 5,000 plus students!). Dan also seized this opportunity to share the background of the Foundation, which we expect to hear more about in January.

Todd is reaching out to our High Desert veterans, organizations, businesses, and communities to participate in making a vision a reality.

VISION:

Anton's Jeep is fully restored and has a WWII Bantam Jeep trailer, too. Together, they look amazing. Anton envisions volunteering his Jeep and trailer to local cemeteries and veterans' families to be used for funeral services. The Jeep and trailer (restored by his 8th grade students assisted by our very own Bill Lundelius) would be carrying the flag-draped casket to the veteran's final resting place. An honor guard would take the casket to the burial site, fold the flag, and present honors such as "Taps," a rifle salute, and a folded flag to the family.

This community/veteran's outreach Anton envisions would involve members of MOAA and any other veteran's organization inspired to honor a family in their time of grief and final farewell. This is an idea in progress. Anton believes we can achieve something truly special. The 31st Annual High Desert Veterans' Dinner is on Wednesday, November 5th, at Serrano High School's gym in Phelan. To learn more, visit:

www.hdveteransdinner.com/Veterans' Dinner 2025

BACKSTORY:

Anton, his students, and the local community of Phelan have restored his WWII 1944 Ford Jeep (GPW) and Bantam trailer together over the years. In 2003 to honor Anton's "Annual Veterans' Dinner" and outreach with his students, the community, veterans, and parents all chipped in to buy Anton a WWII Jeep as a "thank you" for connecting students and veterans in respect and love.

Anton's father, Lt. Wallace P. Anton, a combat veteran of WWII and Korea, was an artillery scout, and his jeep got him out of many scrapes. He was given this Jeep with the message to "Do some good with it," and that is why Anton is reaching out to MOAA and the High Desert communities. Todd is dedicated to giving back.



Todd has published many historically-based books, including: *When Football Went to War*; *No Greater Love: Life Stories from the Men Who Saved Baseball*; and *When Baseball Went to War*. Todd shared that in accomplishing his history research, he has interviewed over 5,000 WW II veterans, was an advisor on the films *Band of Brothers* and *Private Ryan*. He said he always wanted to know what it was like to give up one's career to serve our Country.

EDITOR'S COMMENT: It's not often that such a unique opportunity to serve our fellow veterans comes along, especially during a time of loss and grieving. It behooves each of us to look deep into our hearts to see how we may best support Todd's ministry/project. 20 November at the Pizza Factory in Phelan is a prime opportunity. To buy your ticket, search: [Don Ferrarese Charitable Foundation](#) and click on the ticket displayed.

"Good things happen when people get together." ~ Todd Anton

MOAA LUNCHEON GALLERY



Guest speaker Todd Anton and his 1944 WW II restored Jeep with sign donated by Jack Barry.



Todd Anton, founder of Greatest Generation Education Project thanks Dolores Payne for her generous donation.



Welcome!



High Desert Marine Lee Kinney introduces Sonia Munoz to new member MAJ Chaplain Peter Kim



Pat Hagler (L), MAJ Meera Maheswaran, and Mary Matsuda



Maj. Byron Ward (L) and LTC Michael Moticha welcome 21-year USAF veteran Joe Jackson, guest of Rick Bui of the Veterans Resource Center.



Rocky Pacini (American Veterans Fly Fishers), Todd Anton and Daniel Tate (Don Ferrarese Charitable Foundation).



Daniel Tate with Rick Bui, Apple Valley Rotary Club President and November's Guest Speaker.

Join us and live a life of significance.

MOAA LUNCHEON GALLERY



LTC Michael Moticha shares the impact of a Christmas card he received from Alexis Alexander some 10 years ago when he attended a Veterans event.



Sonia Munoz warns of the possible SNAPEBT Program cutoff.



Marcy Taylor, Apple Valley Legacy Museum President and Daniel Tate, Founder of the Don Ferrarese Charity Foundation.



Rocky Pacini with his fishing buddy MAJ Chaplain Peter Kim.



Delightful opportunity drawing items to win!



MAJ James Skirvin and Chaplain Phyllis Skirvin.



*Winner Again!
Pat Hagler*



Great fellowship is priceless! Come join us.



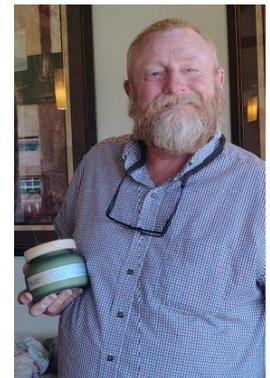
Winner Diana Seixas



Winner Phyllis Skirvin



Debbie Fahnestock accepts for guest Joe Jackson



Winner Rocky Pacini

PROFILE OF A HERO

CPT Byron Ward



Colonel John P. Lawton: A Veteran to be Remembered



Pictured is Colonel John P. Lawton, the finest soldier I ever knew. In 1980, I had the honor to serve as one of his company commanders at Fort Dix, New Jersey, when he was a battalion commander. One afternoon, he learned that one of his sergeants was in the midst of a violent confrontation with his wife in family housing. He rushed to the scene to find the sergeant threatening his wife with a shotgun. Unhesitatingly placing himself between the pair, Lawton saved the wife's life when the sergeant fired his weapon. The Colonel was severely wounded and lost two fingers from his right hand, but he survived and went on to serve another decade in the Army.

The incident at Fort Dix was not the closest this great soldier had come to death, however, as evidenced by the following citation from early in his career (1967):

“Captain Lawton distinguished himself by exceptionally valorous actions as the company commander of an infantry company during a mission near Chu Lai, Vietnam. He received word that his second platoon had been heavily attacked in an open rice paddy by a North Vietnamese Army company firing automatic weapons and mortars and had suffered many casualties. Captain Lawton evaluated the situation and led a squad across 50 meters of open ground. He received multiple fragment wounds as he advanced. Disregarding his severe wounds, he continued to crawl to the casualties, only to discover that they were all either dead or could not be moved. For a full 45 minutes he single-handedly held the attackers at bay and prevented them from capturing the wounded. He placed suppressive fire on the insurgents until he ran out of ammunition and his position was overrun. With a burst of reserve energy he lunged forward to grab a weapon from one of the enemies, but was wounded for a fourth time and left for dead. Through his courageous actions he had delayed the enemy to such an extent that when the relief force arrived moments later, the attackers were caught in the open and were quickly routed, suffering heavy casualties.”

For that action, John Lawton was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross, the nation's second-highest decoration for valor. His other major awards include two Silver Stars, seven Bronze Stars, three Purple Hearts, and, for his lifesaving action at Fort Dix, the Soldier's Medal.

Following his retirement from the Army in 1991, Colonel Lawton was the Special Assistant to the Director of the National Cemetery System, Department of Veterans Affairs. He passed away in 2015 and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery. He has been inducted into the Ranger Hall of Fame and is in the 327th Parachute Infantry Regiment Hall of Heroes. He is also in the Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame, as he gained his commission through OCS after leaving West Point (for some mysterious reason) in 1959. His other ties to West Point are his three-star general father (Class of 1922), his brother (Class of 1958), and his son (Class of 1998).

Colonel John P. Lawton was an exceptional soldier, the epitome of the word “hero.”



A SPECIAL REPORT

How Veterans Strengthen Our Nation

Offered by: Jack Barry



Veterans uphold core American values like resilience and dedication

© Credit: Picryl.com Photo of Van with vets

Resilience stands out in the lives of veterans, claims Warrior Allegiance. They face tough challenges during and after service, yet keep moving forward. That kind of strength lets them adapt and get through obstacles, showing what real resilience looks like.



Veterans bring leadership skills to civilian workplaces and organizations.

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When you hire a veteran, you get someone who knows how to lead when things get tough, writes Anita Murphy on LinkedIn. Veterans learn to make quick, clear decisions, which helps your team stay on track. The veteran employee works hard and stays dependable. They take pride in what they do.



They contribute to community service and local development.

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Veterans play a big role in making communities stronger, even if you don't always notice, as highlighted by NIH study. They use what they picked up in the military to help with local projects and support people around them. Plenty of veterans start their own business and do so successfully because of their work ethic and deep desire to serve others.



Many veterans advocate for social and political causes.

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It's surprising how many veterans use their experience to fight for important causes. They bring a different perspective to issues like justice, equality, and support for fellow veterans, as emphasized by Equal Justice Works. When veterans speak out, they have a solid foundation of combined knowledge and experience to share.



Their military discipline enhances workforce productivity.

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When you work with veterans, you notice their strong discipline right away, as noticed by People Keep. Years of training taught them that being dependable and focused actually matters. Veterans meet deadlines and stay organized, which helps the whole team do better.



Veterans inspire youth through mentorship programs.

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Veterans make a big impact by mentoring young people, as reported by *VA News*. They share lessons about discipline, responsibility, and leadership—stuff you don't always learn in school. It helps you see what it takes to grow, lead well, and succeed. When veterans mentor you, they don't fabricate things—they share from experience and their growing wisdom.

These days, it's hard not to feel like the world 's divided. Veterans have a knack for bringing people together when things get tough. Their training teaches teamwork and respect—skills that help bridge the gaps between different groups. Veterans have a calming influence.

SPECIAL REPORT

Continued

OPEN CONVERSATIONS ABOUT SUICIDE: MYTHS AND FACTS

When warning signs are observed, it's appropriate and recommended we ask directly about thoughts of suicide. While this topic is uncomfortable, asking creates an open and honest conversation about how the person is feeling. There is a myth that having these conversations increases suicide risk or increases the chances the person will act on their thoughts. Studies have shown the opposite is true. Acknowledging and talking about suicide can actually reduce thoughts of suicide.



There is another myth that when an individual talks about suicide, they are seeking attention. This is also not true. Suicidal thoughts or actions are signs of tremendous distress and a sign the person needs help. They feel trapped and cannot picture a future. By us connecting with the person and holding space for these conversations, it helps provide an alternative view of their existing circumstances. Partnering together with the person struggling fosters hope. Our conversations that explore desired outcomes, identifying and celebrating past successes, brainstorming multiple paths to reach current goals, celebrating successes while still planning for setbacks provides purposeful guidance.

TREATMENT AND RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THOSE AT RISK FOR SUICIDE

Because conversations about suicide can be difficult, you might need to engage additional resources. It's important that we don't promise secrecy if there is an immediate danger. Safety is our priority. It's okay to involve additional trusted supports for help. This support can look like local or national crisis lines. These lines are free and available 24/7/365.

Other assistance can include outpatient therapy. There are several evidence-based psychotherapy approaches that reduce suicide thoughts, promote helping-seeking behaviors and identify new ways of coping.

It is important to remember that suicide is a major health concern that can be preventable. Those struggling with suicidal thoughts should be reminded that they are not alone in their struggles, and we/you are there to listen and connect them with support and resources. Together we can prevent suicide.

SOURCES:

- [Samhsa.gov/mental-health/suicidal-behavior/warning-signs](https://www.samhsa.gov/mental-health/suicidal-behavior/warning-signs)
- [Nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/5-action-steps-to-help-someone-having-thoughts-of-suicide](https://www.nimh.nih.gov/health/publications/5-action-steps-to-help-someone-having-thoughts-of-suicide)
- [Save.org/find-help/for-someone-else](https://www.save.org/find-help/for-someone-else)
- [Afsp.org/therapies](https://www.afsp.org/therapies)



If you are experiencing or know someone of experiencing difficult thoughts call:

988

Emergency Number

911

NOVEMBER'S SPECIAL DAYS

11 November

Veterans Day



Veterans Day is observed on November 11 in commemoration of the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice that ended World War I. Hostilities officially ended in 1918 at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. Formerly called "Armistice Day," the holiday was originally intended to honor veterans of the First World War. Later, the meaning of the holiday was expanded to include all US military who served in either wartime or peacetime. Show your appreciation for our country's military veterans and their families who sacrificed to guard our freedom. Attend a parade or special ceremony, lay flowers in a cemetery, or send a card to a veteran in your community.

11 November

Armistice/Remembrance Day



Armistice Day, later known as Remembrance Day in the Commonwealth and Veterans Day in the United States, is commemorated every year on 11 November to mark the armistice signed between the Allies of World War I and Germany at Compiègne, France, at 5:45 am for the cessation of hostilities on the Western Front of World War I, which took effect at 11:00 am—the "eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month" of 1918. The armistice initially expired after a period of 36 days and had to be extended several times. A formal peace agreement was reached only when the Treaty of Versailles was signed the following year..

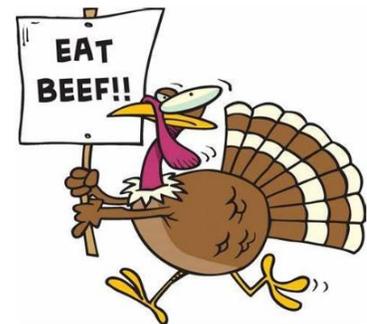
27 November

Thanksgiving Day

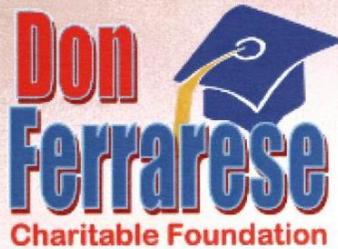


Thanksgiving Day in the United States is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November each year. Traditionally it is a time to give thanks for all the sacrifice and hard work done for the harvest. In modern times people take time off work (4-day weekend starting Thursday) and spend time with family and friends over a large feast held on Thanksgiving Day.

Thanksgiving in the early days of the United States was celebrated on a variety of dates and eventually Abraham Lincoln in 1863 with help from Sarah Josepha Hale [1] decided Thanksgiving should be on the final Thursday in November. Later, Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the day into law, making the day officially celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November.



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**WWII DINNER AND
DESSERT AUCTION
Nov. 20, 2024 5:30-7:30**

Join WWII Historian/Author Todd Anton and our special guest, an eyewitness survivor of the Pearl Harbor attack, for dinner on Thursday, Nov. 20 from 5:30 to 7:30 at Phelan's Pizza Factory. The dessert auction, featuring Morgan Reed's specialties, will support the High Desert's ONLY "hands-on" WWII educational program focused on the American experience. Additionally your tax-deductible support will sponsor our "Veteran's Honor's Program" where we can offer military honors at local veterans' funerals. Get your \$20 tickets at Pizza Factory or online at www.don-frse.com.

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10TH ANNUAL VETERAN RESOURCE CENTER VETERANS DAY EVENT



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10AM-2PM

Friday, November 7, 2025
Victor Valley College

Educational Event Center | Lower Campus
12395 Mojave Fish Hatchery Rd, Victorville, CA 92395

We look forward to celebrating with you.
Whether you are a veteran, active duty,
family member or supporter.

This event is a heartfelt **THANK YOU**
to those who have served.

Veterans Resource Center: (760) 245-4271 ext. 2245



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HONORING FAMILIES IN THEIR TIME OF GRIEF AND FINAL FAREWELL



We accept donations of support.

Please allow me to introduce myself as Todd Anton, a veteran history teacher with 35 years of experience in Snowline Unified School District. I am reaching out to our High Desert veterans, organizations, businesses, and communities to participate in making a vision a reality. Anton, his students, and the local community of Phelan have restored his WWII 1944 Ford Jeep (GPW) and Bantam trailer together over the years. In honor of Anton's "Annual Veterans' Dinner" and outreach with his students, the community, veterans, and parents all chipped in to buy Anton a WWII Jeep as a "thank you" for connecting students and veterans in respect and love.

Anton's father, Lt. Wallace P. Anton, a combat veteran of WWII and Korea, was an artillery scout, and his jeep got him out of many scrapes. He was given this Jeep with the message to "Do some good with it," and that is why Anton is reaching out to MOAA and the High Desert communities.

VISION:

Anton's jeep is fully restored and has a WWII Bantam Jeep trailer, too. Together, they look amazing. Anton envisions volunteering his Jeep and trailer to local cemeteries and veterans' families to be used for funeral services. The Jeep and trailer would be carrying the flag-draped casket to the veteran's final resting place. An honor guard would take the casket to the burial site, fold the flag, and present honors such as "Taps," a rifle salute, and a folded flag to the family.

This community/veteran's outreach, Anton envisions, would involve members of MOAA and any other veteran's organization inspired to honor a family in their time of grief and final farewell. This is an idea in progress. Anton believes we can achieve something truly special. The 31st Annual High Desert Veterans' Dinner is on Wednesday, November 5th, at Serrano High School's gym in Phelan. To learn more, visit: www.hdveteransdinner.com/Veterans' Dinner 2025



Scholarships are available!



WORLD WAR II EDUCATION AND HONORS

Imagine a 1944 WW II Jeep pulling up to establish a WW II encampment, beckoning people to journey back in time. Experiential education is the BEST way to create a lasting understanding and earning for everyone. The "Greatest Generation Education" is now available to schools, communities, memorial events, and veteran organizations for the simple purpose of honoring the memory of the blood, toil, tears, and sweat of those who sacrificed their lives. There was a saying in WW II all across America: "*We are all in this together.*" Such unity of purpose and teamwork was the foundation for the victory of liberty over the forces of darkness...and the glue for making this vision a reality. We must remember these examples and apply them to our personal lives and our community.



We are always looking for more students.

CONTACT: ToddAnton1964@gmail.com

A CAUSE WORTHY OF OUR ACTIVE SUPPORT AND PARTICIPATION

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FLIGHT TEST MUSEUM/EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE



Flight Museum is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed in 2027.

INVEST IN OUR FUTURE



The Air Force Flight Test Museum is in the midst of its most exciting transformation since 1992, when the Flight Test Museum Foundation (FTMF) erected the current facility at the center of Rosamond and Lancaster Boulevards on Edwards Air Force Base.

An aggressive fund-raising campaign continues to move and expand the Flight Test Museum to outside the Base's West Gate. The new Museum will still be located on Air force property but outside the Base's security fence making it assessable to the general public.

At its completion, the \$7.75 million-dollar project will improve the experience for Museum guests and provide a world-class venue for an aerospace-related Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education program.

The 75,000 square-foot facility must be funded completely by private contributions. It will include enough indoor exhibit area to house the majority of the Flight Test Museum's collection of historic aircraft and its many thousands of artifacts. Other indoor areas will include a classroom for aerospace-related STEM education programs., gift shop, museum offices, and artifact restoration area. The new facility will also be large enough to host special functions and events.

The Foundation confirmed its support for the project and the initiation of efforts to secure necessary funding. "The location of the new Museum will provide unencumbered access for aviation aficionados and greater opportunities for use by educational organizations in Southern California," former FTMF Chairwoman Lisa Gray said. "Our future STEM programs will be designed to engage youths in aerospace-related learning opportunities."

"We look forward to the community supporting what will be the largest single fund-raising project for the Museum," Rex Moen, Capital Campaign Chairman said. "We are confident people will make an investment to preserve flight test history and inspire future generations."

ORDER AN ENGRAVED BRICK TODAY!

For a donation of \$100 USD, your name--or that of someone you wish to honor or remember--will be engraved on a brick lining Century Circle. This display area overlooks the future home of the new Air Force Flight Test Museum. Your engraved brick will affirm for posterity your *Esprit de Corps* with the pilots and engineers who risk their lives developing the capabilities needed to protect our freedom. And your gift will help the Museum preserve flight test history and heritage and forever attest to the honor, courage, and commitment that embodies the motto of Edwards Air force Base: "*Ad Inexplorata*"—Latin for "*Toward the Unexplored*."

You may purchase as many bricks as you like. For each \$100 USD gift, you will receive a special certificate of completion recognizing your contribution and confirming the inscription(s) you have submitted as they will appear on the engraved brick(s). You will also receive a one-year enrollment as a "*Friend of the Flight Test Museum*," normally \$50 USD annually. Space for bricks is limited, so order today.

MUSEUM MISSION STATEMENT

The Air Force Flight Test Museum (AFFTM) is an Air Force Field Museum operating within the guidelines of the United States Air Force (USAF) Heritage Program. Its Mission is to collect, interpret, preserve, and display the material history of Edwards Air Force Base, its antecedents, and the history of flight testing at Edwards Air Force Base.

FOUNDATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission of the Flight Test Museum Foundation (FTMF) is to raise funds to support the development of the Air Force Flight Test Museum at Edwards Air Force Base, California and the Museum's Blackbird Airpark Annex at USAF Plant 42 in nearby Palmdale. The Foundation's fund-raising efforts focus primarily on Museum improvements, new construction, exhibits, aircraft acquisition and restoration, and educational programs.

COMMUNITY PROJECT
FLIGHT TEST MUSEUM/EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE

*Foundation Fights
to Preserve History of American Aviation
at Edwards Air Force Base*

Story by Brian Day, *Victorville Daily Press*
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Many of mankind's historic achievements in aviation have taken place over a dry lake bed in the Mojave Desert known as Edwards Air Force Base, and continue to this day.

From the first aircraft to carry a human faster than the speed of sound to the first-ever stealth aircraft, the artifacts and history at the United States' largest airfield could easily fill a palatial museum. That's the plan.

Edwards Air Force Base has been at the forefront of military aviation technology since it was established more than 80 years ago, according to retired Air Force Lt. Col. and 412th Test Wing spokesman Mike Paoli.

"The future of the Air Force is flying over Edwards Air Force Base today," he said.

THE AIR FORCE FLIGHT TEST MUSEUM HOUSES ICONIC CULTURAL ARTIFACTS

To document that history, the Air Force Flight Test Museum currently consists of a 12,000-square-foot building within the security perimeter of the base that houses a collection of trophies of some of the nation's most significant achievements in flight.

Largely due to its inaccessible location, the museum generally sees about 1,000 visitors per month, according to Director George Welsh. The facility had previously been open to the public without security screening, but that changed along with increased security measures in the wake of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. Construction is already well underway to build a new 75,000-square-foot museum to preserve the one-of-a-kind treasures and better share them with the public, representatives said.

The new museum's construction is well advanced at the base's Century Circle, which sits just outside the security perimeter and is readily accessible to visitors. But spiking construction costs that came with the onset of the pandemic in 2020 brought progress to a halt. A small but dedicated team of staff and volunteers of the Flight Test Historical Foundation are working to raise the funds needed to complete the construction, explained Board Member and Friendship Committee Chair Rex Moen. Law prohibits the Air Force, itself, from spending money on a museum, Welsh said. So, the endeavor rests on the shoulders of the nonprofit Flight Test Historical Foundation. "I want to emphasize that the museum buildings are constructed by the Flight Test Museum Foundation and then transferred to the Air Force since the Air Force, by law, cannot build structures for museums," he explained. "However, we can fill them with airplanes and artifacts and staff the museum to operate it."

PLEASE CONTINUE READING

Supporting the Flight Museum is a worthy cause!

**COMMUNITY PROJECT
FLIGHT TEST MUSEUM/EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE**

**Flight Test Museum Foundation
Brick Order Form**



EXAMPLE

	S	M	I	T	H		F	A	M	I	L	Y		

BRICK: UP TO 3 LINES (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

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DETAILS FOR THE INSCRIBED BRICK

Become a viable part of the Edwards Air Force Base history with an inscribed brick on the Flight Test Heritage Walk, located at Century Circle, West Gate. It's a great way to honor or memorialize that special someone and to also help the Flight Test Museum Foundation raise the necessary funds to support expansion of the Air force Flight Test Museum. Yes, you can help us with our stated Mission to *"Preserve Flight Test History to Inspire Future Generations"* through a world-class aerospace-related Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) program.

Buy a brick with up to three (3) lines of copy for installation on the Flight Test Museum Heritage Walk surrounding Century Circle. This is a prime location for our many visitors (typically 1,000 per month) to see your tribute.

These 4" x 8" bricks are of the highest quality and engraved to last a lifetime. After installation, a certificate of completion and membership card will be provided.

DONATION OF \$100 PER BRICK

Donations are tax deductible under the FTMF's 501c3 status as a non-profit organization. Please contact the FTMF at 661-258-1658, or email: giftshop@flighttesmuseum.org

YOUR \$100 DONATION INCLUDES:

- An inscribed brick
- A special certificate of completion recognizing your contribution
- A one-year enrollment as a *"Friend of the Flight Test Museum,"* normally \$50 annually.

PURCHASER'S NAME:

MAILING ADDRESS: _____ CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

CELL PHONE: () _____ HOME PHONE: () _____

EMAIL:

PURCHASE OPTIONS:

To pay by credit card, please contact the Museum at: (661) 258-1658. We accept Mastercard, Visa, Discover, and American Express.

To pay by check, please make payable to Flight Test Museum Foundation and mail with this form to:
Flight Test Museum Foundation
Postal Box 57, Edwards CA 93523

To purchase online, please go to: www.afftcmuseum.org

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RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR THE NEW YEAR

REMINDER!

Our Dues Year is Calendar: January through December.

Please make check payable to TMDC/MOAA.

Your prompt renewal will help ensure that our Chapter will have the funds to meet our expenses and plans for upcoming functions, activities and projects.

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST: _____ DATE: _____

RANK: _____ BRANCH OF SERVICE: _____

___ RETIRED AND FORMER OFFICER \$35.00 \$ _____

___ ACTIVE DUTY: \$10.00 \$ _____

___ SURVIVING SPOUSE: \$10.00 \$ _____

At this time, you may also make donations to our various Community Projects supported by our Chapter, as listed below. The funds collected for these activities go directly for their support and are not used for any other expenditures.

___ YOUTH FUND FOR JROTC, YOUNG MARINES, CALIFORNIA CADET CORPS: \$ _____

___ APPLE VALLEY LEGACY MUSEUM/VICTOR VALLEY LEGACY MUSEUM: \$ _____

___ PARADE OF PIANOS (POP): \$ _____

___ BARSTOW VETERANS HOME: \$ _____

___ FLIGHT MUSEUM (EDWARDS AIR FORCE BASE): \$ _____

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED: \$ _____

NOTE: Chapter members may pay up to three years in advance: 2026-2027-2028. Accordingly, let us know by multiplying your dues by one, two, or three.

PLEASE NOTE ANY CHANGES TO YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION BELOW

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ARE YOU A MEMBER OF MOAA? ___ YES ___ NO ___ UNKNOWN

NOT A MOAA NATIONAL MEMBER YET? CHECK HERE
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TO COMPLETE YOUR ENROLLMENT: Fill in this form, scan and email it to: michaelwmoticha@verizon.net as an attachment. Or, print it out, fill in by hand, and with a check payable to **TMDC-MOAA**, mail to:
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