



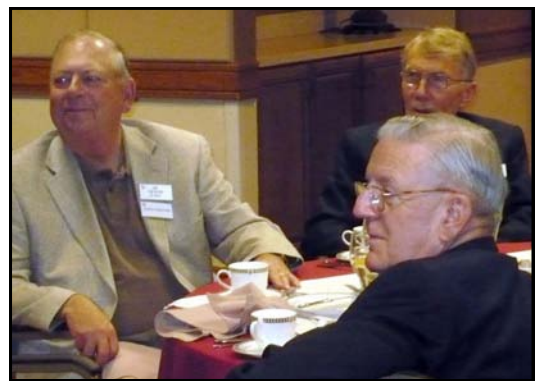
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GOING OUT WITH A BANG FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2011

We had a nice crowd come to enjoy the usual great meal and service from Nicole and her La Posada staff and hear our November speaker. Thanks go out to all those who helped make this, and all our meetings through-out the year, possible. You have done a splendid job! And, congratulations to our 50/50 winners. You must attend to win.

Now on to our speaker. It is often very helpful for the “folks out in the hinterland” to hear about their organization from someone from the “home office.” This was the case at our meeting on November 20th. Through the efforts of Major Steve Abel, our speaker was Colonel Gary Fredericks, USAF (RET) who is now in his third year of a six year term on the MOAA National Board of Directors.



MOAA's Mission

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and to preserving earned entitlements of members of the uniformed services, their families and their survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy Air Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or NOAA and their surviving spouses.

It was gratifying to hear about MOAA at the national level and what our organization can accomplish with a relatively small staff and somewhat limited resources. Yes, our National staff lobby for us across a broad spectrum of service related activities, including treatment of military on active duty, as well as retirees. They are deeply concerned about potential automatic budget cuts that may occur if the "Super Committee" fails to come up with legislation to cut the deficit by 1.2 trillion dollars. Colonel Fredericks cited a long string of executive and legislative activities dealing with budget issues that impact on the military which have been complete failures.

It was good to hear all that MOAA can offer the membership on a very low or no cost basis. The range of services is extensive and covers all aspects of military life. Perhaps one of the most uplifting segments of the presentation was the MOAA top management perspective on the individual chapters. Colonel Fredericks indicated the chapters are the front line troops and are vital to the success of the MOAA national efforts to convince our legislators of the wisdom of the MOAA positions. He cited instances where inundating an elected official with cards, letters, phone calls and e-mails can cause a Representative to think twice about an issue.

Of particular interest was the experiment now being conducted by MOAA in Virginia and Texas to aid in "target marketing" for the local chapters. This is accomplished when a person joins MOAA at the national level. Based on geographic location, the new member is "provisionally assigned" to a local chapter. The local chapter membership chair is notified and it becomes the responsibility of the local chapter to follow up. I came away with the distinct feeling that MOAA is not an address in Alexandria, Virginia; but an efficient and viable entity whose focus is strongly on the wants and needs of us 370,000+ members.

Upon completion of the presentation I was presented with a MOAA National Coin of Recognition which I feel reflects the contribution of the Green Valley Chapter in serving its "customers"; the active military, their families, our retirees and the returning military many of whom may soon transition back into civilian life.

Lt. Col. Venters was called upon to add the Chapters five star level of excellence streamer, for 2010, to the chapter flag. The chapter has won the five star award for five consecutive years.

Major Steve Abel presented the chapter with "good news" and "more good news" as he cited the contributions from Quail Creek residents in terms of food contributions and cash donations in celebration of Veterans Day. Thirty deserving families had Thanksgiving dinner for them courtesy of the Green Valley MOAA chapter. Great job, Steve. See his article and pictures inside. Also, a special note to the Knit Wits. Thanks for all you keep doing. See the article and pictures inside.

See the pictures inside of the Sahuarita High School Navy Jr ROTC Cadets at Veterans Day, at the White Elephant Parade and at their annual Pass-in-Review. It is noteworthy that our own member, Lt. Col. Howard Richey, USMC (RET), was the Keynote speaker. Do not forget to donate to one, or all, of the three Jr ROTC units we support. The form is inside.

More pictures inside from all of our members attending the Green Valley Veterans Day celebration, our board at work, the White Elephant Parade and the submarine motorcycle parade to Tombstone.

We know our Editor takes many of the pictures but it is important at this time of year to thank Sandra Maratos for easily half of all this year's photos, and to thank Navy men Dale Gumbert, Jack Warth and Lenny Viccaro for many others in our various issues.

For those of you I will not see, have a Merry Christmas, a Happy Hannuka, and a Happy New Year. For you who will be at our meeting this month, we will meet December 18 for our holiday luncheon, installation of the officers and board members, recognition of our Chapter Person of the Year, Toys for Tots collection, good holiday fellowship, and terrific entertainment by Al & Julia Saterbak. See you there.
Dick Newman

2012 Chapter Dues Are Due



Military Officers Association of Green Valley
P.O. Box 769
Green Valley, AZ 85622-0769

Here is form to submit your Green Valley MOAA chapter dues for 2012. Please detach the statement and return it with your check to the address shown on the form. *Please verify your address and make any changes required **including your ZIP code** and **please provide your e-mail address so you can receive notices of meeting changes.***

Chapter Dues

Dues for 2012: (Regular-\$20; Auxiliary-\$10)

2012 Dues \$ _____
Make check payable to: **Military Officers Association of Green Valley or GV MOAA.**

Scholarship & Military Assistance Fund \$ _____
Make check payable to: **Green Valley MOAA Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund or GV MOAA Scholarship or GV MOAA Military Assistance.**

If you are able to do so, you may also send a tax-deductible contribution to the **Green Valley MOAA Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund**. Your contribution to the Fund will provide scholarships to outstanding JROTC cadets from Sahuarita, Santa Rita and Nogales High Schools who will be attending college ROTC programs. The Fund also provides assistance to service personnel and veterans and their families who are in need and distress.

TO INSURE PROPER CREDIT, PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

If you desire to contribute to the Fund please send a separate check made out to the Green Valley MOAA Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund and return it with your dues check to the address listed. Thank you. *(Contributions to the Fund are tax deductible for state and federal tax purposes.)*

Name: _____
Rank: _____ Branch of Service: _____
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Renew your CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP



OUR DECEMBER ENTERTAINERS: AL & JULIA SATERBAK



Al Saterbak can't remember not being on stage!! He sang his first solo in a Christmas program at age 3. He majored in music at Luther College in Decorah, Iowa. After serving as a navigator-bombardier on B-52s for five years, he attended Luther Seminary. He served as a pastor in the Lutheran Church for several years, then spent the rest of his working career in fundraising. His musical interests are broad; he has sung in opera, oratorio and musical theater. He played kettledrums in the La Crosse Symphony Orchestra for 45 years. Al and Julia met on stage playing husband and wife in "The Remarkable Mr. Pennypacker" in La Crosse Wisconsin. Their performances in that play were honored with Dionysus Awards, the local equivalent of Broadway's Tony Awards. Al received additional awards in subsequent years.

Julia Saterbak spent her career in education. The majority of her professional working life was as a teacher of teachers at the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse. She has been on stage almost as long as she can remember. She began in high school and college productions and hasn't quit since. A veteran of many theater groups in Wisconsin, she appeared in "The Gin Game" with La Crosse Community Theater. That production was honored with first place award by the Wisconsin Theater Association, and she received the Lunt-Fontanne award for excellence in acting. She too was honored with several Dionysus awards for her acting.

Al and Julia continue to be involved in theater. They have appeared locally with Valley Players, Roadrunner Productions, Lessa and Ford Productions and Shoestring Players. They both sing with Green Valley Community Chorus for which Al is the Assistant Director and Julia is the Librarian.

The Saterbaks have created a series of themed programs which they present to numerous groups throughout Southern Arizona. All of the proceeds for these programs are donated to the Community Performing Arts Center. The program they will be presenting on December 18 is called "Holiday Pot-pouri." In addition to some favorite holiday songs, they will regale us with written selections, such as "Recipe for a Holiday Cake," and "Twas the Night before Christmas on My Home on the Range."

GREEN VALLEY VETERANS DAY CELEBRATION



QC VETERANS DAY EVENTS BENEFIT "OUR" MILITARY FAMILIES

The residents of Quail Creek (QC) celebrated Veterans Day on 11-11-11 in a big way. The Veterans Day Celebration Committee planned numerous activities during the day which started with the Presentation of the Colors, and a military flyover at their Clubhouse. This was followed by the QC Veterans Golf Association Golf Tournament. There was a Bavarian Band playing while the Clubhouse sold brats and beer following the Golf Tournament. The QC Celebration Committee also held a 50/50 raffle during the day.

The evening was capped off by a special Veteran's Day TGIF Dance and Raffle. The raffle prizes were all donated and in order to receive a raffle ticket, residents were asked to bring nonperishable food items or monetary donations for the Green Valley MOAA Military Assistance "Food for Families" program.

All of these prizes made a lot of people very happy but nobody was as happy as the GV MOAA Military Assistance program which was the benefactor of all the day's events. The TGIF Dance and Raffle collected 275 lbs of food and an additional \$474 to support the "Food for Families" program.

The QC Veterans Golf Association held a fund raising campaign to go along with their Golf Tournament, and raised an amazing \$880, and along with the 50/50 raffle proceeds of \$273 were donated to our GV MOAA Military Assistance Fund.

I was there to represent our GV Chapter of MOAA, and I expressed our gratitude for all of these efforts to support the "Food for Families" program. In total, the Veterans Day event contributions amounted to \$ 1,602.00 and 275 lbs of food. These donations are used to help needy families of our deployed service members in the Tucson Air/Army National Guard along with families of the "Wounded Warriors" program. I told them that I was very grateful for all the donations but was not totally surprised. The organizations and people of QC are a very generous group and they have always supported our program to help these very deserving military families.

Ms. Laurie Holland, Tucson National Guard Family Assistance Coordinator, was thankful as well when I delivered the 275lbs of food along with 30 "Turkeys for Troops" donated by our GV MOAA Military Assistance fund. Laurie expressed her appreciation to the GV MOAA "Food for Families" program stating 'We are now going to be able to offer 30 families the opportunity to enjoy a special Thanksgiving dinner which they otherwise might not have been able to afford'.

This is a great example of our Military Assistance Fund in action. Your donations can go a long way in helping those who serve this wonderful country we live in. Steven Abel, Maj, USAF, (Ret), GV MOAA Board of Directors



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For the year ending December 31, 2011,
with contributions being received by the district by December 31, 2011.

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Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Taxpayer Social Security Number: _____

For the Air Force JROTCU: \$ _____ MOAAGV Member

Taxpayer Signature

Date

Nogales Unified School District Number One

For the year ending December 31, 2011,
with contributions being received by the district by December 31, 2011.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Taxpayer Social Security Number: _____

For the Air Force JROTCU: \$ _____ MOAAGV Member

Taxpayer Signature

Date

Sahuarita Unified School District Number 30

For the year ending December 31, 2011,
with contributions being received by the district by December 31, 2011.

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Taxpayer Social Security Number: _____

For the Navy JROTCU: \$ _____ MOAAGV Member

Taxpayer Signature

Date

HIGH SCHOOL JROTC -- A WORTHY CONTRIBUTION THAT COSTS YOU NOTHING!

(How to donate money to a JROTC program and get every buck back at tax time)

The JROTC programs at Sahuarita, Nogales and Rio Rico High Schools deserve our support. They demand scholastic achievement, instill discipline, and require extensive involvement in extracurricular and community service activities. Support is easy, painless and cost-free (if you are an Arizona resident). A dollar-for-dollar tax credit is allowed for donations up to \$200 by a single taxpayer, and \$400 for married taxpayers filing jointly. This rare, 'something for nothing' opportunity should not be overlooked. Complete one or both of the forms in this newsletter (you may split your contribution between the schools), and mail with a check to your choice. At tax time enclose an AZ Form 301 with your return, and get every dollar back. Contributions must be received by a school no later than December. The forms are on the preceding page. Mail to:

Nogales Unified School District # 1
ATT: Business Office
310 W. Plum St.
Nogales, AZ 85621

Sahuarita Unified School District # 30
ATT: Business Office
350 Sahuarita Rd
Sahuarita, AZ 85629-9522

Santa Cruz Valley School District # 35
Maribel Aguilar, Tax Credit Liaison,
1374 W. Frontage Road,
Rio Rico, AZ 85648.

SAHUARITA HIGH SCHOOL NAVY Jr ROTC

VETS DAY



WHITE ELEPHANT PARADE



PASS-IN-REVIEW



KNIT WITS DELIVER MORE AFGHANS

On November 9th, 20 more hand knit afghans were delivered to the VA Hospital in Tucson. As usual, the donations was much appreciated. In asking what other items may be needed, our group agreed to expand what we knit for the veterans. Watch caps are needed for both the hopeless and many who just get cold while in the hospital.

Since women now serve, they are having babies at the hospital. Baby blankets of 3'X3' size are needed. If our group gets ambitious, we may also make booties and caps. To this end, the board voted to give us \$50.00 towards yarn for the baby blankets, and we already started on the projects.

The group is open to anyone who knits or crochets, or any who wants to learn. Meetings are the second Thursday and fourth Wednesday of every month from 2:00 - 4:00pm. Contact me, Donna Lou Hetler, at 399-3550 for further information.



CURRENT INFORMATION REGARDING DD-214's

Please pass on to other vets. It's official; DD-214s are NOW Online. The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214s online: <http://www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records/> . This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his/her DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files.

Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents. Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized. The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

Please pass this information on to former military personnel you may know and their dependents.

WHITE ELEPHANT AND SUBMARINE PARADES AND OUR BOARD MEETING



La Posada La Perla Building El Dorado Room Luncheon for Military Officers Association of Green Valley

Date: Sunday, December 18, 2011 Meet -- 12:15; Lunch – 12:45

Salad with dressing.

Main course choice: **Carved Tri-Tip, Roasted Turkey with Gravy, or Catch of the Day.**

Cornbread Stuffing & Vegetable of the Day; Assorted rolls basket with Butter; and condiments; **Signature dessert** of the week, and Coffee, Tea, Iced Tea & Lemonade.

The price is \$20.00 Per Person, all inclusive. Beer, Non-Alcoholic Beer, White, Red and Rose Wine, and Champagne Mimosas. Still \$1 per serving (buy tickets at the door).

Bring non-perishable goods, coupons and money for our Deployed Soldier Family Food Drive & VA Goodies, including clothes. AND, BRING "TOYS FOR TOTS".

*Our fourth meeting of the 2011-2012 season. Our holiday celebration! We will be entertained by Green Valley's own Al and Julia Saterbak, door prizes, 50/50 drawing, "Toys for Tots", Installation of Officers, and great camaraderie. What could be better? What a way to end the year! And, of course, we have our usual "World-Class" food, service, and ambiance from Nicole Zanon & her staff. We continue to have great get-togethers. Friends, relatives, and potential members are always welcome. Let us gather them up & bring them all. We can get 100 in the room. Let's have another splendid afternoon enjoying the terrific food & service. **Let us fill the room. Be there!***

Directions: Continental Road to La Posada. Turn into complex on Park Centre, then right at first stop sign, onto Morningside. Straight to the main entrance of the La Perla Building. Second floor, right out of elevator and around the corner.



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Reservation Request For Luncheon Meeting-Sunday, December 18, 2011

Social time 12:15 PM Meeting & Lunch 12:45 PM

Please reserve _____ places for me for the luncheon at La Posada. I am sending a check in the amount of \$_____ (\$20.00 per meal), payable to MOA of Green Valley, P.O. Box 769, Green Valley, AZ 85622-0769. This request must be mailed to arrive **not later than Dec. 14, 2011.**

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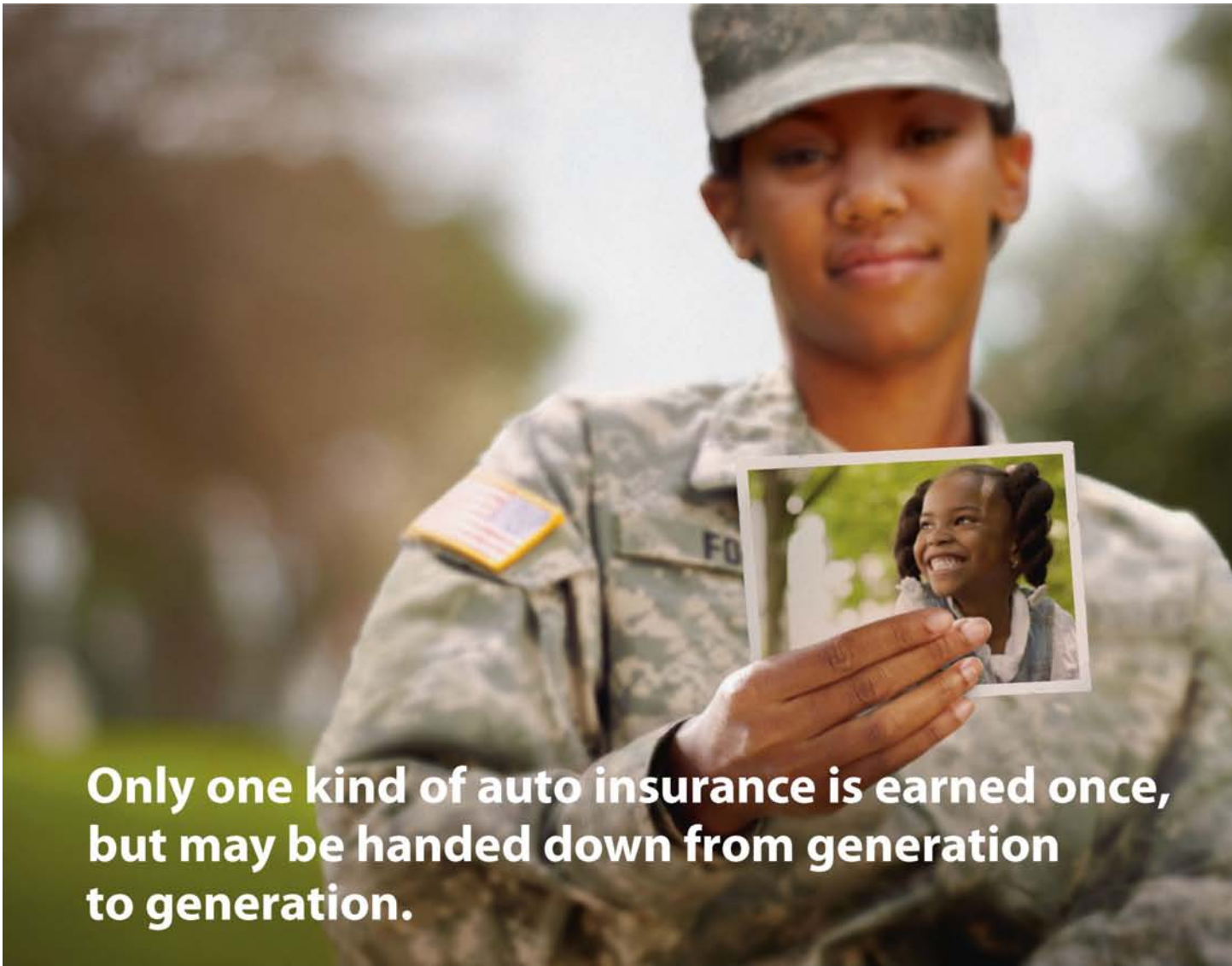
I am bringing a guest whose name(s) is/are: _____

Rank and Name (please print): _____

Circle meal selection & indicate number of each type: ___ Beef ___ Turkey ___ Catch of the day

Note: If you cannot get your reservation and check mailed timely, please call Barbara Brown at 625-8066 to make your reservation, and please BRING A CHECK or EXACT AMOUNT to the meeting.

If you would like a ride to the luncheon, please check here _____.



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If you know of a member or family member who is ill or hospitalized or who could just use our help with their benefits, please feel free to let me know.

Maj. Steven Abel

2011 SCHEDULE

Sunday, January 16, Meeting, La Posada, CDR. Brad Roberson, Commander, SHS Jr NROTC.
Saturday, January 29, Massing of the Colors, Nogales High School.
Sunday, February 20, Meeting, La Posada, Speaker 1st LT Isaiah Staley, USAFR.
Sunday, February TBD, Four Chaplains ceremony, Tucson.
Friday thru Sunday, February or 4-6, Tucson Navy Days.
Saturday, March 12, Quail Creek Welcome Event.
Sunday, March 20, Meeting, La Posada, Speaker Sheriff Paul Babeu, Pinal County.
Saturday, April 16, Baby Shower
Sunday, April 17, Meeting, La Posada, Speaker Chuck Penson, Titan Museum.
Thursday, April 28, Nogales High JrROTC awards.
Saturday & Sunday, April 30 & May 1, Arizona Military Women's Conference, Phoenix.
Tuesday, May 10, Rio Rico High JROTC Awards
Wednesday, May 11, Sahuarita High JrROTC awards.
Friday, May 20, AZ Council of Chapters meeting, Phoenix.
Saturday thru Monday, May 21 thru 30, Sea Fox Reunion, Green Valley.
Wednesday, May 25, Joint Dinner Meeting with Sea Fox Association, Quail Creek Clubhouse, CAPT Charles MacVean, USN (Ret)
Monday, May 30, Memorial Day wreath laying.
Tuesday, June 14, Flag Day celebration at Elks.
Thursday, June 23, Summer Outing, Western Army Aviation Training Center.
Monday, July 4, Various Celebrations
Sunday, September 11, Various Commemorations
Sunday, September 18, Meeting, La Posada, FBI SWAT Team
Monday - Wednesday, October 3-6, Korean War Reunion
Sunday, October 16, Meeting, La Posada, State Rep. David Gowan.
Saturday, October 22, Gulf Vets Welcome Home, U of A.
Saturday, October 27, March in White Elephant Parade.
Thursday, November 3, AZ Council of Chapters meeting, Tucson
Friday, November 11, Veterans Day wreath laying and Tucson Vets Home Dedication
Saturday, November 12, Tombstone X-Giving Parade.
Sunday, November 20, Annual Business Meeting, elections, La Posada, Col Gary Fredericks, USAF (Ret) MOAA National Director on MOAA Benefits.
Wednesday, November 23, SHS Jr NROTC Pass-In-Review.
Sunday, December 4, 70th Anniversary USS Arizona Memorial Ceremony, U of A.
Sunday, December 18, Annual Christmas Meeting, installation & Toys For Tots, La Posada.
Entertainment by the Saterbaks.

BOARD MEETINGS

First Wednesday of the month,
Friends-In-Deed, Conference
Room, 8:30 am.
You are all always invited.
See you there.

V.A. Comfort Items

You are always invited to
bring comfort items to our
functions which will then be
donated to the Tucson V.A.



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**DECEMBER
 BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

(Those with birthdays this month who show up at our luncheon will get a free 50/50 raffle ticket.)

Kathy Abel

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We wish you all well.
Many happy returns.

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