

## President's Message

by *David Ciesielski*

As we navigate these challenging times, I want to begin by honoring the brave men and women currently in harm's way amid the ongoing Iranian conflict. Their selfless service and unwavering dedication remind us all of the profound sacrifices made to protect our freedoms and global stability. Our thoughts and prayers are with them and their families, and we stand united in gratitude for their courage under fire. It is my hope that at the time of this NewsGram publication, the global environment has tempered and those in harm's way will have relief.



This moment also calls us to reflect on our own personal military service. Many of us have walked similar paths, facing uncertainties and relying on the bonds of camaraderie that define our community. It's a timely reminder of how vital it is to extend that support beyond our ranks — through active military and veteran outreach in our local communities. Whether it's volunteering at veteran centers, participating in support programs, or simply lending an ear to those who've served, these efforts strengthen the fabric of our society and honor the legacy we've built.

Speaking of building our community, I want to revisit the challenge I issued at our February luncheon. I encouraged each of you to take three actionable steps this year: First, recruit at least one additional member to join our chapter

## Coming Events

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**9 Apr 26**

**Paula Pedene, APR, Fellow PRSA  
A Sacred Trust: Courage, Accountability,  
and the Duty to Speak**

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**14 May 26**

**Brigadier General David J. Berkland  
Commander, 56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing**

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**Board Meetings are on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of each month, September through May. All members are welcome to attend.**

**The Apr Board Meeting will be held on ZOOM on 2 Apr at 1 PM.**

**Non-Board Members:  
Contact Mike Kramer for a ZOOM invite.**

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— let's grow our voice and impact together. Second, introduce MOAA to one local business that could become a supporter, whether through sponsorships, partnerships, or community initiatives. And third, consider setting up a monthly donation to our community fund, which directly aids veterans and military families in need. These small commitments can make a big difference, and I'm eager to hear your success stories at our upcoming events.

**On that note, we're actively seeking dedicated volunteers to step up and serve on our Board. We're particularly in need of someone to take over the NewsGram editor role, as well as individuals to fill the positions of 1st and 3rd Vice President.** If you have a passion for leadership and a desire to contribute to our mission, please reach out to me or any Board member—we'd love to discuss how you can get involved.

Finally, I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at our two final dinners of the season in April and May. These gatherings are always highlights, filled with fellowship, inspiration, and a chance to reconnect. April's dinner will approve the next leadership and financials of the Chapter. The May dinner will celebrate our annual scholarship winners! Mark your calendars and let's make them memorable!

In service and solidarity,

David "Mudd" Ciesielski

## NEVER STOP SERVING

### Programs

*by Craig Quigley*

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Woman of faith, wife, mother, public relations counselor, and veterans advocate.



**Paula Pedene**

Paula Pedene is a nationally recognized advocate and speaker on leadership ethics. A pioneering whistleblower at the Phoenix VA, she played a key role in exposing the national wait time scandal, inspiring a wave of whistleblowers across the Department of Veterans Affairs. Her story is detailed in her award-winning book, *A Sacred Duty: How a Whistleblower Took on the VA and Won*, underscoring the power of perseverance on moral grounds.

Pedene served in the United States Navy during both the Cold War and Gulf War as a broadcast journalist. After her second enlistment, she transitioned from broadcasting to public relations in the federal government where she had a stellar career. She earned five prestigious Public Relations Society of America Silver Anvils, Public Relations Professional of the Year honors, the John McCain Leadership Award, induction into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, the Defense Information School Hall of Fame, and more than 50 other awards of distinction.

Despite a hereditary eye condition, Pedene remains dedicated to advocacy. She now serves as the Executive Director of the nonprofit Honoring America's Veterans, which plans events to honor veterans throughout the year.

Paula and her husband, Navy Commander Bill Pedene, reside in Scottsdale, Arizona. They are blessed with two beautiful sons, Robert and Steven.

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**14 May 26**

**Brigadier General David J. Berkland**

**Commander, 56<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing**

**We have invited General Berkland as our guest speaker. At our publishing deadline, he has not yet confirmed.**

Brig. Gen. David J. Berkland is the Commander, 56th Fighter Wing, Luke Air Force Base, AZ. The wing's mission is to train the world's greatest fighter pilots and combat-ready Airmen. As part of Air Education and Training Command, and home to 27 squadrons with F-35A Lightning II and F-16 Fighting Falcon aircraft, the 56th is the largest fighter wing in the U.S. Air Force with over \$13 Billion in aircraft and 7,000 total force personnel. The wing graduates more than 200 F-35A pilots, 30 F-16 pilots, and 270 air control professionals annually. The 56th Fighter Wing also supports the F-15C Formal Training Unit based at Klamath Falls, OR, which produces over 20 graduates annually. Additionally, the 56th Fighter Wing manages the Gila Bend Air Force Auxiliary Field and is steward of the Barry M. Goldwater Range, a military training range

spanning more than one million acres of the Sonoran Desert.



Brig. Gen. Berkland was commissioned in 1998 from Officer Training School after graduating from Augustana University. He performed duties as an F-16 instructor pilot and weapons officer, and flew combat missions in Operations SOUTHERN-WATCH, NORTHERN

WATCH, IRAQI FREEDOM, and FREEDOM'S SENTINEL. He has commanded at the squadron, group, and wing levels, and instructed at the USAF Weapons School. He completed staff tours on the Air Staff as the Chief of Air Superiority Weapons Requirements, and on the Joint Staff as the Secretary of Defense Orders Book Briefer. Prior to his current position, Brig. Gen. Berkland served as the chief of staff to Headquarters Pacific Air Forces, Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii.

Brig. Gen. Berkland is a command pilot with more than 3,800 flying hours, and 930 combat hours.

## Chaplain's Corner

*by Rev. Fannalou Guggisberg*

### *"All I Needed to Know I Learned from the Easter Bunny"*

"Don't put all your eggs in one basket



Everyone needs a friend who's all ears.

There's no such thing as too much candy.

All work and no play can make you a basket case.

A cute little tail attracts a lot of attention.

Everyone's entitled to a bad hare day.

Some body parts should be floppy.

The grass is always greener in somebody else's basket.

To show your true colors, you have to come out of your shell.

The best things in life are still sweet and gooey." (unknown)

Everybunny needs somebunny.

Quick as a bunny beats slow as molasses any day.

Never give up on your eggspectations.

When you've got a job to do, hop to it.

You can keep beating your drum as long as the batteries last.

Put two coat hangers in a closet and they multiply like – do I really have to say it? (fg)

### **ABOVE & BEYOND THE BUNNY**

#### **"God's Hands"**

"Our life is like a clock's dial. The hands are God's, passing over and over again – the short hand of discipline and the long hand of mercy. Slowly and surely, the hand of discipline must pass, and God speaks at each strike. But over and over passes the hand of mercy, showering numberless blessings for each stroke of discipline or trial. And both hands are fastened to one secure point: God's great, unchanging heart of love." (Virginia Brandt Berg)

***Blessings and peace.***



## Surviving Spouses

By Linda Wolverson, Rosemary Eaton,  
Marilu Trainor, & Pat Staffin



### LEGISLATION AFFECTING CAREGIVERS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES LEGISLATION

No changes this month in pending Legislation

### CHANGE AT THE VA

Stella Reyes, Luke AFB's Navy RAO office

Artificial Intelligence and Your Next VA Visit:

Veterans visiting some Department of Veterans Affairs medical centers may notice something different at their next appointment: Their doctor is looking at them instead of typing into a computer. The change comes from a new artificial intelligence tool the VA launched in October that listens to appointments and automatically generates clinical notes. The technology, called ambient AI scribe, frees providers from one of health care's biggest frustrations while giving veterans something they say has been missing for years, genuine eye contact and conversation. "Veterans said they felt more connected to their provider because they were having a real conversation, not talking to someone typing on a computer," said Donna Hill, director of operations for AI and emerging technologies at the VA's Digital Health Office, according to VA News.



### OUTREACH -- WHAT'S NEW?

Friday, 6 February, our Surviving Spouses journeyed into the past. Their trip was to Falcon Field in Mesa, AZ. [Falcon Field](#) served as the No. 4 British Flying Training School (BFTS) during World War II. It was founded in 1941. The field was chosen for its ideal flying weather to train British pilots, as training in the UK was deemed too dangerous due to German attacks. Two thousand, three hundred British cadets completed their training there between 1941 and 1945.

The gang



Our tour guide was knowledgeable

Transportation was arranged and off we went for a fascinating 2-hour tour of the museum. Tour included see/touching and climbing on board a B-17 Flying Fortress (*Sentimental Journey*), B-25 Mitchell, SNJ Texan, P-47 Thunderbolt (1/2 scale), MiG-15, MiG-21, SE5a, C-45 Expeditor, A-26 Invader, Schweizer TG-3A Glider, Grumman Guardian, B-29, B-24, and the Apollo Command module.

Afterward, we had a fun Italian lunch at Vito's Pizza and Italian restaurant. The ladies shared high compliments on the food flavor and presentation.



## YOU AND I

We helped a non-chapter member in Mesa who lost her 102-year-old father. He served in WWII in Italy and wanted an interment with full military honors. The daughter contacted us through the NewsGram. Full honors, including rifle team, were found at the local Pablo J Cortez American Legion group in Mesa, post 26. They will assist the daughter.

## MEET KAREN MCVAY

*Authors Val Kuhn and Linda Wolverton*



Karen was born in Honolulu, Hawaii into a Military family. Her father was in the Air Force at Hickam AFB, now [Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam](#). They left there when she was only a few weeks old. Her family were then based in Hayward, CA. Hayward was a military fighter base during WWII and hosted Air National Guard F-51 fighters. It is now an executive airport. After that it was off to New Orleans and Barksdale, the oldest bomber wing in the [U.S. Air Force](#) at the time. Her family was then transferred to their last deployment to Colorado Springs. This is where she was truly raised and went to school.

Maj. Michael G. McVay (Mitch) graduated from the Air Force Academy in 1975. It was at this time, Karen met her husband. After his graduation, Mitch attended graduate school at the University of Pittsburgh, where he received his Master of Arts degree in economics. After pilot training at Williams AFB, in Chandler, Arizona, Mitch was assigned to the 55th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing at Offutt AFB in Nebraska where he flew the Looking Glass (EC-135C). He spent time with the 319th Bombardment Wing at Grand Forks AFB, ND. As a copilot and aircraft commander in RC and KC-135 aircraft, Mitch

amassed more than 2,000 flying hours prior to his assignment at Headquarters Air Force in the Air Staff Training (ASTRA) program. They spent a year in Washington DC while he was at the Pentagon. When he was at the Pentagon, Mitch became a primary focal point in the Air Force budget process, taking on responsibilities far beyond his rank and experience level. In 1981 he was listed as one of the Outstanding Young Men of America.

Following that, they spent a year at Colorado Springs, where he was an economics instructor at the Air Force Academy. An additional duty was flying the motor glider with cadets.

After only 10 short years of marriage, Michael was 32 years old when he was killed in an accident when the motor glider went into a spin and crashed near Monument, Colorado.

After his untimely death, Karen raised their 3 children alone. Losing her husband at her young age was certainly a big challenge. Once her children were in school, she earned her accounting degree. She worked for 25 years in tax preparation. Their children are living in California, Texas, and Florida.

When it came time to relax in her retirement, and since she had lived in Chandler, Karen knew where she wanted to retire ...Arizona. Karen found her way to PebbleCreek in Goodyear. She is enjoying her retirement senior community. Her hobbies include playing Bridge, swimming, and biking. She has a sweet Yorkipoo dog to keep her company. Currently she is recovering from a complete ankle replacement. We wish her well so she can get back to her usual activities.

## WE ARE AVAILABLE

Having walked the walk, we understand that many questions may be raised in your mind at a time when thinking completely through things may be difficult. We are here to listen and discuss possible answers or directions should you have a need.

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**Helping Needy Vets**  
*by Mike Kramer, Relief Committee  
Chair*

**Homeless Navy Veteran? Not af-  
ter a Luke Chapter grant!**

There are people in the world who project a sense of calm and optimism, no matter how difficult their personal circumstances. Navy veteran 'Monica' is such a person.



Monica enlisted in the US Navy out of high school from Tucson, Arizona in 2001. She was trained as a "Craftsman" or repair person and qualified for sea duty. She

served on a helicopter assault ship during Operation Iraqi Freedom and for her entire four-year tour of active duty. Monica acquired additional duties on board the ship, including helicopter repair and ship security. Recognized for her competence and hard work, Monica was promoted to the grade of E-5 by the time of her Honorable Discharge in 2005 from the US Navy.

Unfortunately, she acquired tinnitus aboard the ship, and while running with the Marines on her ship one day she broke bones in her foot. Later, the VA recognized her service-connected injuries with disability compensation. She wanted to stay on active duty. However, her 'then' husband abandoned the family, and she needed to care for their baby boy as a single mom. Her son is now a US Marine Corps Instructor at Camp Pendleton, California.

Monica is now 47 years of age. She has always worked and provided for her own support. For several years recently, she earned a living as an Uber driver in Phoenix. Tragedy struck in December. Monica's boyfriend at the time physically assaulted her, causing severe compression of her spinal vertebrae and leaving her with likely permanent and severe disabilities. She receives medical care from the VA. Monica can now walk only a few paces around her small apartment, before quickly tiring and trembling with pain, she must return to her wheelchair.

Monica used the last of her savings to pay rent and living expenses up through February. She currently lives on \$850 per month VA disability with no other income. She has applied for Social Security Disability recently, but that requires months to be decided. She was unable to pay the March rent of \$1,716 and faced eviction and claims collection. The panel of officers, Ron Walk, Mike Byers and myself, unanimously agreed to a grant of \$2,500 to pay her March rent and accumulated electricity bills. We put the small balance in Safeway gift cards for food. Through all her ordeals, Monica never stopped with a cheerful attitude and a brave face or seemed to feel sorry for herself. She was very thankful and grateful to our Chapter for the grant.

Luke Chapter never stops helping our fellow service members, veterans and their families.

**Never Stop Serving**

## Board Briefs

by Mike Kramer, Relief Committee  
Chair

### Luke Chapter Community Fund (CF)-March 4, 2026 Board Meeting



- Under President MG Shanna Woyak, the Board continued discussion of fundraising activities this spring. The annual silent auction of quality new and attractive items will be held at the April 9 Annual Meeting and dinner at PebbleCreek's Chianti Room.
- Jack Coate, Treasurer, reported total assets of Community Fund on 28 February 2026 are about \$198,996. Captain Richard L. Miller scholarship funds are restricted with distribution staged over ten years. Unrestricted equity is \$40,875.
- In order to continue Luke Chapter's charitable programs at current levels of support for scholarships, veterans, and JROTC, the Board set a tentative goal to raise \$45,000 this spring in new donations.
- The Board adopted the suggestion of Pam Wojtas to hold a 'special raffle' at the March and April chapter meetings. We will sell raffle tickets for \$20 each for a chance to win a new home in Glendale and other prizes.
- Mike Kramer mailed ten letters to local businesses requesting donations to Community Fund charities. Most of these firms made gifts in past years, and we hope will continue.
- Director David Ciesielski reported that applications for scholarships are due from college-bound students by March 16. The Scholarship Committee will select winners and make grant awards on March 31.
- Wyck Furcron submitted the CF application to MOAA's Community Foundation

## TAPS

*It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of our friend and Member:*

**Rosemary Saputo  
Surviving Spouse of Tony Saputo, LTC, USA (Long time Chapter and Board Member)**



*Please let our President or our Chaplain know when you learn of the death or illness of any of our members or their spouses.  
We want to be informed! Thanks!*

for funds to be used in our Veterans' Relief Grant Program, asking for a grant of \$5,000.

- Enjoy the pleasure of giving money to our charitable programs. Chapter members are invited to join the Board of Directors of CF; please contact Steve Pohl (425.290.2471) or Mike Kramer (720.563.9953).

### Luke Chapter (LC)-March 5, 2026 Board Meeting

- President BG David Ciesielski expressed his priorities for significant membership recruitment, soliciting leaders for open positions, enhancing efficiency with automated dues renewal and recruiting programs.
- Treasurer Jack Coate reported that the current asset balance of Luke Chapter on 28 February 2026 is \$39,286 with \$27,285 in unrestricted equity.
- Lt Gen John Regni submitted an extensive report on legislative liaison activities at MOAA, AZCOC and for Luke Chapter. The Arizona Legislature passed a bill that grants exemption from property tax in Arizona up to certain limits for 100 percent disabled veterans.

- RDML Craig Quigley, Director of Communications, Programs and Venues, reviewed plans for lunch and dinner meetings at the Chianti Room, PebbleCreek, in Goodyear, for March through May 2026.
- Buz Isban reported plans for award of certifications to high school JROTC classes this Spring in the West Valley. Volunteers will be needed to make awards for thirteen high school programs.
- Steve Pohl, Nominating Director, urgently requests candidates for office in FY 2026-27 for President, Secretary of Community Fund, Editor of NewsGram, and other offices. Our Annual Meeting in April will elect primary officers for the Chapter.
- Mike Kramer, Secretary, briefed the Board on membership percentages to continue qualifying for income tax-exempt status as an IRS Section 501(c)(19) veterans' organization. Our chapter is very close to the margin. We need to recruit additional members.
- The Veterans' Relief Grant program has granted about \$23,000 to eight financially needy veterans and their families for housing, utilities, car repair and related expenses. Approximately \$7,000 remains available this year for grants to needy veterans.
- Ben Hayes advised that Luke Chapter currently has 129 Members on our roster, including 101 Regular Members and 28 Surviving Spouses, with three "Honorary" members. Ben leads the Chapter's recruitment efforts. A letter will be mailed seeking membership in Luke Chapter to about 200 MOAA members in the West Valley who are not currently Luke Chapter members.
- Linda Wolverton, SS Liaison, reported that her SS group visited the Arizona Flying Museum in Mesa, Arizona, on February 6. A good time was had by all viewing vintage aircraft and learning from docents about our military flying history.

## Membership

*by Ben Hayes*

Summer is rapidly approaching, and many of us feel it has already arrived with the 90-degree weather we have recently endured.



When summer arrives, we might be making travel plans or planning for out-of-town guests visiting us. **The best way to avoid a lapsed membership is to pay your dues now.** The fee for Regular members remains \$25, and the membership fee for surviving spouses remains \$15. With our summer schedules keeping us busy, it is easy to forget that Luke Chapter membership renewals are due at the latest, July 1. If you are not certain if you have already paid your 2027 dues, please call me at 323.791.2755, or if more convenient, you can email me at [ben.f.hayes@gmail.com](mailto:ben.f.hayes@gmail.com).

Although our membership numbers continue to hold steady, always be sure to talk-up to new friends, the great work that can happen by being a member of our Luke Chapter, and to old friends on the cusp of considering membership. If you need membership applications to share with friends, don't hesitate to contact me. The best way to entice new memberships is to introduce prospective members to our award-winning website.

I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming luncheon and dinner meetings, and thanking you for your continued membership in the Luke Chapter MOAA.

Please note that near the end of this NewsGram, for your convenience, you will find the **Dues Renewal Form** that can be mailed to P.O. Box 5072, Sun City West, 85376, and be sure to write Dues in the memo section of your check.

Welcome back to what promises to be another great year for the Luke MOAA Chapter, reconnecting with old friends, and getting to know the recently joined new members.

Best regards, Ben

**In a democracy it's your  
vote that counts.  
In feudalism it's your  
count that votes.**



## Supporting Our Charities

*by Mike Kramer,  
Fundraising Committee*

### **We need your help to help those depending on Luke Chapter!**

We all know from our personal lives that there is joy in giving to someone you love, and to people in need. Guaranteed happiness is awaiting you in abundance when you donate to Luke Chapter Community Fund. Witness the positive impact of your gift while you live.

Our mission as stated in the Bylaws of the Community Fund, a subsidiary of Luke Chapter MOAA, is three-fold.

First, we support about a dozen Junior Reserve Officer Training Courses in West Valley High Schools. We deliver MOAA certificates of award naming outstanding students and other assistance to those schools under the direction of CPT Buz Isban. Buz taught a JROTC class for years after retiring from the USN. He knows exactly what the classes need and how to help them thrive.

Second, our outstanding Scholarship grant program is led by Director and President BG David Ciesielski, succeeding CWO3 Don Fordney as director. This program makes grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$4,000 to eligible young people who will attend or are now attending a college or university. Through the generosity of our Surviv-

ing Spouse member Rose Mary Miller, a scholarship of \$5,000 will be made annually, honoring her late husband, Capt Richard L. Miller, USA, Ret. We plan to award about \$40,000 this year in scholarship grants, to more than 20 students. In total, our scholarship program has awarded more than \$424,000 since 2000 to about 300 children through last spring. This far exceeds all other Arizona MOAA chapters combined in this time.



Third, Community Fund supports our Veterans' Relief Grant program, initiated in 2018 with a small grant from MOAA. This program and Luke Chapter were highlighted as a 'Change-Maker' chapter in the national MOAA

Military Officer magazine last year. We support the 'Turkeys for Troops' program every November, led by Rev Maj Fannalou Guggisberg. More than 1,000 cans and packaged food items are donated annually. Over 110 Commissary gift cards of \$30 each were also distributed. In addition, this fiscal year so far, we made eight individual grants up to \$2,500 to veterans in serious financial emergencies for overdue rent, utilities, car repairs, and food support. Since 2018, this program has delivered more than \$230,000 in grants to about 140 veterans, active-duty military and their families, many with dependent children. We helped keep them housed.

How do we do this good work? Mostly through the generosity of our own chapter members. Approximately three-fourths of our annual program funding comes directly from our members and from restricted funds under investment. In order to sustain Luke Chapter's charitable programs at the current level, we need to raise approximately \$40,000 in 'new cash' each Spring.



Luke Chapter Community Fund is a Section 501(c)(3) 'public charity' under the IRS Code. That means that your donation is tax deductible under IRS and Arizona tax rules. In addition, many members give an affordable amount each month through automatic bank payments. These are quite easy to set up. If a member or spouse is aged 72 and one-half, a 'qualified charitable donation' (QCD) can be made directly from your IRA. A QCD avoids payment of *any tax at all* on the amount given. It also counts against the IRA 'required minimum distribution'. For more giving information, contact our Treasurer, Jack Coate (916.960.6820) or Mike Kramer (720.563.9953) for details. The Community Fund federal EIN is 47-4053737.

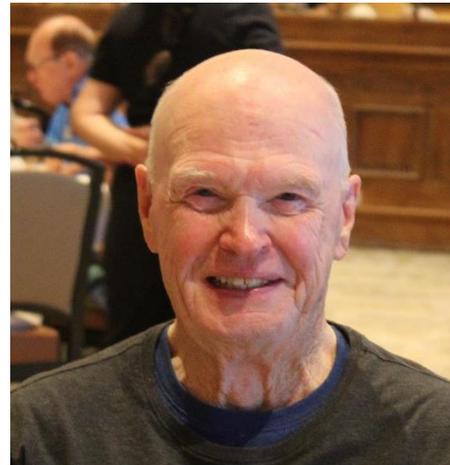
Please share some of your hard-earned funds with others in need by donating to Luke Chapter Community Fund. You will be happy to see and 'feel' the positive impact of your donations.



**New Member**  
**Scott Stirewalt, COL USA NG (Ret)**  
**and his wife, Carrie**



**Capt Loo speaking**  
**at our March Luncheon**



**New Member**  
**John Dale, Lt USN (Former)**



**New Member**  
**Mike Ramsey, LCDR USN (Former)**

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## Membership Information

Dues are \$25 per year for Member  
and \$15 per year for Surviving Spouses  
Make checks payable to  
"Luke Chapter MOAA" and mail to:

Luke Chapter MOAA  
P.O. Box 5072  
Sun City West, AZ 85376-5072

## Contact Info

For more information about the Luke  
Chapter, contact Membership Chair:  
email: [Membership@lukemoaa.org](mailto:Membership@lukemoaa.org)

OR

visit our website at  
[www.LukeMOAA.org](http://www.LukeMOAA.org)

## RESERVATION INFO (SEE NEXT PAGE)

### NOTE:

*The April and May Dinners are at  
PebbleCreek at the Tuscany  
Falls Clubhouse. Nonresident  
attendees need to enter through  
the manned gate at 15872 W  
Clubhouse Dr. (West side)*

*PLEASE mail your reservation so that it will  
be received by the date indicated. If you are  
running late, CALL or TEXT Jack Coate (916-  
960-6820) by that date to tell him "I'll pay at the  
door."*

*We must provide an accurate count and stick  
to it.*

## Membership Application

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

MI or GO BY: \_\_\_\_\_

RANK & SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACTIVE, RESERVES, NATIONAL GUARD,  
or SURVIVING SPOUSE? (circle one)

ACTIVE, FORMER, or RETIRED? (circle one)

SERVED FROM: (m/y) \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE of BIRTH: (m/d/y) \_\_\_\_\_

SPOUSE : \_\_\_\_\_

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

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NEWSGRAM (monthly newsletter):  
USPS Mail *or* EMAIL (circle one)

MOAA National Member? YES / NO  
If "YES", MOAA #: \_\_\_\_\_

If "NO", your Chapter membership includes  
an automatic enrollment in the Basic (Free)  
membership in MOAA.

REFERRED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

TODAY'S DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Payments should be mailed to the P.O. Box  
or paid at the door.*

**March Raffle  
Winners**



**Baileys  
Pam Wojtas**

**Reustle 2017 Matrix wine  
Mike Kramer**

**Bene XVOO  
Carrie Stirewalt**

**Jose Cuervo Blue Agave  
Richard & Pamela Kohnen**

**DeLaFaille Assorted Chocolates  
Wayne Harala**

**Sphere Ice Mold 4 pack  
Becky McWhirter**

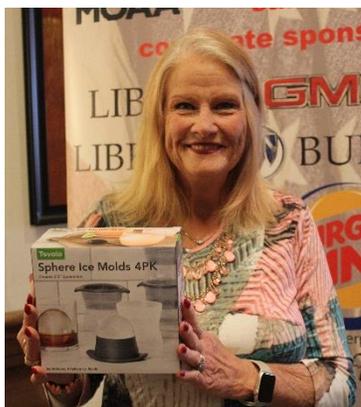
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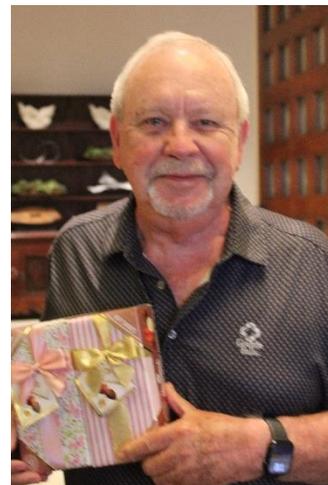
**New Member Carrie Stirewalt  
Already a Winner!**



**Richard & Pamela Kohnen**



**Becky McWhirter**



**Wayne Harala**

**MENU**

Smoked Pork Chop w/  
Sweet Potato Hash,  
Asparagus, Pineapple  
Chutney  
OR

Herb Roasted Chicken  
Breast w/ Yukon Gold  
Potatoes, Brussels  
Sprouts  
OR

Spinach Artichoke  
Gnocchi

Caesar Salad  
Spiced Carrot Cake  
Rolls & Butter  
Coffee, Tea, Water

\$41.00

**PebbleCreek**

14 May 2026

Social – 5:00 p.m.  
Program – 5:30 p.m.  
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.

**9 Apr 2026 Dinner Reservation at PebbleCreek**

Register ONLINE or make checks payable to "Luke Chapter MOAA".  
Mail checks to: **Luke Chapter MOAA, P.O. Box 5072, SCW, AZ 85376**

For questions and information,

**Please mail to REACH us no later than 30 Mar**

Request \_\_\_\_\_ dinner reservations for Thursday evening, **9 Apr 2026**,  
at **PebbleCreek**. My Check for \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

[ ] Reserve table for (3 to 8) \_\_\_\_\_ people. **Sitting at my table (including me):**

Number of  Pork  Chicken  Gnocchi

\_\_\_\_\_(TABLE HOST) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Member Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

**MENU**

Tuscany Seared Chicken  
Breast w/ Artichokes &  
Sun-dried Tomatoes  
Lemon Orzo  
OR

Tilapia w/ Salsa Verde  
Fennel Roasted Veggies  
Jasmine Rice  
Green Chili Butter  
OR

Veggie Curry w/  
Jasmine Rice

Corn Jalapeno Chowder  
Chocolate Fudge Cake  
Rolls & Butter  
Coffee, Tea, Water

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**Please mail to REACH us no later than 4 May**

Request \_\_\_\_\_ dinner reservations for Thursday evening, **14 May 2026**,  
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[ ] Reserve table for (3 to 8) \_\_\_\_\_ people. **Sitting at my table (including me):**

Number of  Chicken  Tilapia  Curry

\_\_\_\_\_(TABLE HOST) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Member Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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