

President's Message

by Gene Wickle

Welcome to another program year of chapter fellowship and community service!

I am looking forward to another wonderful "year" of service with you.



New Chapter Luncheon & Dinner Programs -

Our 2025-2026 program year will introduce four luncheon meetings along with four dinner meetings. Craig Quigley and the Program Committee are lining up speakers and venues for our chapter meetings. We hope to see you at our program events to enjoy fellowship, great food, and our great lineup of guest speakers and entertainment. We appreciate the years of service that Dennis DeFrain provided in arranging for dinner program speakers and entertainment.

New Reservations Committee Chair -

Ellie Daly has volunteered to serve as the reservations committee chair for our chapter program events. We look forward to her joining our board meetings and her service. Ellie will be receiving your event reservations and menu selection for our future events. We appreciate the years of service that Don and Maureen Fordney gave to chairing the Chapter Dinner Reservations Committee.

Surviving Spouse Program -

Linda Wolverton and the Surviving Spouse Committee have planned another great program year of activities for our surviving spouses. Our chapter will continue to support their needs.

Coming Events

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Maj. Gen. Shanna Woyak
A Ringside Seat at the
Medical Revolution

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Capt. Jim Carman
Current and Future Challenges for MOAA

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

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

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

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available by email or USPS mail.

Community Fund - We are excited to have Shanna Woyak serve as our new Community Fund President for this new program year. I know that Shanna and the Community Fund Board will provide great service to our chapter and community. We need your support serving on the Scholarship Award Committee, the Veterans Grant Relief Fund Committee and your financial contributions to support these wonderful chapter programs. We appreciate Ed McAvoy and his years of service as Community Fund President.

Chapter Membership Recruiting and Fund Raising – Our chapter currently has 153 members and surviving spouses. As always, we will continue to focus on recruiting new members and raising funds for our community fund.

Legislative Affairs – We will continue to monitor national and local legislative issues that are important to veterans, surviving spouses and our active-duty force. Dan Merry will provide us with important updates and action items that we can support. We invite our members to register on the MOAA website for Advocacy in Action in support of congressional legislation that impact our veterans, spouses, and active-duty force.

Leadership Succession – I am now entering my fourth year of service as chapter president. My term of service will end in June 2026. I will be actively recruiting a replacement to present to you for your sustaining vote next year. I invite anyone who would like to serve as a chapter officer, committee chair or as a committee member to please contact me or Steve Pohl, Leadership Succession Chair.

Thank you for your support.

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Programs

by Craig Quigley

9 OCT 2025

**Maj. Gen. Shanna Woyak,
USAF (Ret.), RN, MBA-HCM**

**A Ringside Seat at the Medical
Revolution**



Shanna Woyak enthusiastically embraces C-level challenges. Consistently sought out to lead transformation, pioneer new business models, and champion large-scale, business-critical change at the highest levels, she has an earned reputation for leaving organizations better than she found them. Her unique breadth and depth of leadership was the catalyst for the largest healthcare transformation in DoD history. Expertly integrating 260+ medical facilities with 10M+ beneficiaries, as commander she launched, managed, and optimized a \$3.7B+ first-of-its-kind enterprise – an operation on the scale of a Fortune 500 company. Here, she overcame dissension, resolved adversities, and fostered collaboration with Pentagon officials, Capitol Hill leadership, private sector partners, managed care providers, and other stakeholders to ensure flawless execution. Equally important, she headed a massive digital transformation, generating \$100M in cost savings.

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Currently, Shanna is a board member at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and the Luke Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), collaborating on strategic initiatives such as organizational vision, growth, governance, finance, compliance, and risk mitigation. Utilizing her innate people skills, she raises awareness and influences understanding through networking, speaking engagements and advocacy. Likewise, she's a member of the Exceptional Women Alliance where she provides highly successful C-level and board women with peer-to-peer mentorship on personal and professional matters. Shanna is also the President and CEO of Front Gate, LLC, a healthcare consultancy based in Arizona where she regularly advises senior executives and board members.

She was the first Air Force General (and female) to lead the National Capital Region Medical Directorate in DC with responsibility for 60 facilities including Walter Reed National Military Medical Center and support of the White House Medical Unit. She simultaneously held the positions of Chief of the Nurse Corps and Assistant to the Air Force Surgeon General, where she provided strategic counsel and advice. With the Nevada Air National Guard, she was the first nurse and female in the Air Force, Air Force Reserves or Air

National Guard promoted to Vice Wing Commander. In this role, she co-architected and implemented a turnaround strategy, navigating the Wing through significant transformation.

Dedicated to continuing learning, Shanna has an MBA in Healthcare Management from the University of Phoenix and a BS in Nursing from Regents College (now Excelsior College) in Albany, NY. She's a graduate of the prestigious Air War College and multiple professional development courses including USAF Senior Leader Orientation Course; Homeland Security Seminar from Harvard Kennedy School; National Security Studies Management Course from Syracuse University; Enterprise Leadership Seminar from University of North Carolina; and the USAF Joint Medical Executive Skills Institute Capstone Course. She also has extensive experience in the private sector.

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**Capt. Jim Carman, USN (Ret), CAE
Vice President, Council/Chapter
and Member Support**

Current and Future Challenges for MOAA



As MOAA's Vice President, Council/Chapter and Member Support, Capt. Jim Carman, USN (Ret), is responsible for planning and executing member support functions to include oversight of MOAA's 400 geographic and virtual councils, chapters, and satellite affiliates; operation of MOAA's Member Service Center; planning and

execution of MOAA's career transition support services, finance and benefits education programs, caregiver support program, surviving spouse engagement program, and annual membership events; and works with the General Counsel to support MOAA's national board of directors.

He also conducts career transition and benefits education facilitations and council and chapter visitations in support of MOAA's advocacy, leadership, education, and service missions.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

- Commanded two Navy operational units, Patrol Squadron Ten and Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten, while serving as a Navy pilot
- Selected to serve two Vice Presidents as a member of the White House Staff
- Currently leads the Member Support Group at MOAA, the strongest team with whom he has ever served



RADM Connie Mariano at our May dinner



Luke AFB Color Guard at our May Dinner

Scholarships Awarded to 21 Students

by Don Fordney

The Luke Chapter Scholarship Fund awarded a total of 21 scholarships, totaling \$30,000, in support of higher education for eligible students. Six scholarships were awarded to outstanding high school seniors and fifteen to college students who were previously awarded scholarships from the Luke Chapter. The scholarships ranged in size from \$1,000 to \$3,000. The recipients were selected based on scholastic achievement, leadership, volunteer service, moral character, and acceptance at an accredited college or university.



However, none of this would have been possible without the generous chapter members and valley based corporate donors who made significant contributions to the scholarship fund. Major business donors include **Andrew Distribution, Inc, Liberty Automotive Group, G&W Electric Co, The Colonnade in Surprise, Helix International, Inc, West Valley National Bank, LaNelle B. Robson Foundation, BMD Printing, and Dr. Leslie Davis.**

Chapter members and friends who made significant contributions include **Bob and Margaret Archibald, Beth and Stephen Johnson, Dennis DeFrain, Carol Mungas, Robert and Judy Cowan, Fred and Pat Williams, Michael Kramer, Cindy Hix, Jerry and Pam Wojtas, Michael and Karen Byers, Don and Maureen Fordney, David and Lillian Fauver, Wyckliffe and Jeanne Furcron, Fannalou Guggisberg, Charles and Susan Kice, Ben and Terry Hayes, Jerry and Jeanne Chasko, Donna Peckinpugh, Steve and Janet Pohl, Eugene and Susan Wickle, Vern Clark, Robert Kosmal, Linda Wolverton, Catherine Lassiter, Philip and Carol Korzilius, Stanley Zietz, Terrell Muse, and Duane and Harriet Quail.**

Non-members who made significant contributions include **Jill and Scott Wine, Pebble Creek Men's 9 Hole, Todd Bowers, Bonita Popejoy, John Link, Mary Ann Fuson, James**

Greenwald, and Ray and Jan Landskroner. Numerous other individuals and businesses also stepped up to make the 2025 scholarship program a great success. The Luke Chapter is very grateful to all who donated.

Following is an introduction to the 21 recipients:

Cory Brewer is beginning his third year at the United States Military Academy. He has been accepted in the Organizational Psychology and Leadership program. Following graduation from West Point he plans to apply to Ranger school. This is his third scholarship, and he was awarded \$1,000.



Grace Chambless is in her third year at Colorado State University where she is studying Animal Science. Her goal is to become a veterinarian. Luke Chapter was proud to award a \$1,000 scholarship to help with her studies. This is her third award.



Thomas Coutchie is in his third year at University of Iowa. He is currently interested in Business Analytics and Information Systems. Luke Chapter was happy to award him \$1,500 scholarship. This is his third award.



Noah Cowan is transferring from Western Washington University to University of Washington, Tacoma in the fall. Noah received a \$1,000 scholarship from Luke Chapter. He plans to continue his studies in Business Marketing and Communications. This is his third award from the Luke Chapter.

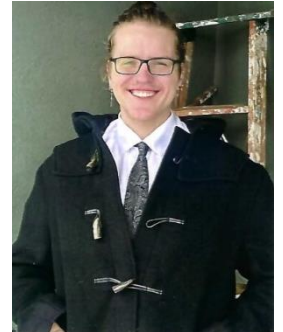


Brady Hix recently graduated from Sherwood High School in Sherwood, OR. He will be attending Oregon State University this fall where he will study Business Administration. This is his first scholarship from The Luke Chapter, and he was awarded \$1,000.



Brooklyn Gregson graduated from Paradise Honors High School in Surprise, Arizona. She plans to attend Glendale Community College this fall where she will pursue a study of Genetics. This is her first scholarship, and she was awarded \$3,000.

Gunnar Hudson is in his final year at Colorado State University. He is majoring in Health and Exercise Science. This is his third scholarship from The Luke Chapter and was awarded \$1,000.



Everett Hines transferred from the University of Texas, El Paso to New Mexico State University over the summer. He will continue his pursuit of a History major, and upon graduation his goal is to be commissioned as an active-duty Army officer. This is his fourth scholarship from Luke Chapter and was awarded \$1,000.

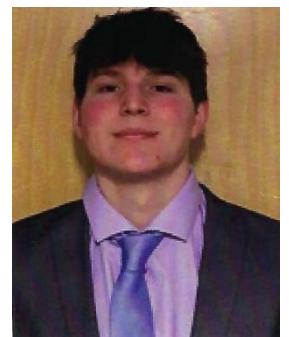


Luke Johnson is continuing his education at Michigan Technological University where he is pursuing a degree in Electrical Engineering. This is his third award from Luke Chapter of \$1,000.



JaeAnn Hines is beginning her sophomore year at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX where she is studying Finance and Accounting with a minor in Creative Writing. This is her second award and received \$1,000.

Daniel Kregel transferred to Texas State University in San Marcos, TX for his junior year. The Luke Chapter has awarded him a \$1,000 scholarship to pursue a degree in Computer Engineering. This is his third award.





Jenna Linde recently graduated from Dysart High School and is planning to attend Northern Arizona University this fall to study logistics and supply chain management. To assist her in this pursuit, the Luke Chapter awarded her a \$3,000 scholarship.

Camilla Rumsey is beginning her senior year at Arizona State University and is majoring in Accounting, with a minor in Spanish. This is her fourth award, and she was given a \$1,000 scholarship from the Luke Chapter.



Joel Linde will continue his education at Northern Arizona University in the fall. His long-term goal is to become a lawyer. This is his second scholarship, and the Luke Chapter is proud to award him a \$1,000 scholarship to help him with his sophomore year in college.



Karlee Smith (formerly Gregson) is beginning her third year at Brigham Young University where she is studying K-12 Art Education. The Luke Chapter awarded her a \$1,000 scholarship.



Kailey Morgan is currently enrolled in Grand Canyon University majoring in Elementary Education. Her goal is to become an elementary school teacher. To assist her in this pursuit, the Luke Chapter awarded her a \$3,000 scholarship.

Megan Swenson recently graduated from Cedar Park Christian High School in Bothell, WA. She plans to attend Grand Canyon University in the fall where she will pursue a Bachelor of Science degree in Nursing. This is her first award, and she was given a \$3,000 scholarship.



Bethany Reeves previously attended Evangel University but decided to transfer to Missouri State University to pursue a major in Clinical Laboratory Science. This is her second award, and she was given a \$1,000 scholarship.



Troy Swenson will be a junior at Grand Canyon University this fall. His field of study is Finance with a music minor in guitar. He has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. This is the third year he received a scholarship from Luke Chapter.

Emma Swoboda is a recent graduate from Bellevue West High School in Bellevue, NE. She will be attending the University of Nebraska, Omaha in the fall where she will be studying Biology: Pre-Health Pathway. This is her first scholarship, and she was awarded \$1,500.



Xitlali Vazquez is in her third year at the U.S. Air Force Academy. She is pursuing Legal studies and a Spanish minor. Her ultimate goal is a commission as an officer in the United States Air Force and become a fighter pilot. She was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship. This is her third

award from Luke Chapter.

TAPS

It is with great sadness that we inform you of the passing of our friends and Members:

Marilyn Hastings, Colonel, USAF (Ret)

**Gerald (G.O) Jenson, Colonel, USMC (Ret),
survived by his wife, Sheri**



*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!*

May Raffle Winners



**Carolins Irish Cream
Don Fordney**

**Jose Cuervo Margarita
John Craven**

**Jack Daniels Tennessee Honey
Whiskey w/ 2 Glasses
Ray Clements**

**Harry & David Wafer Roll Trio
Gene Wikle**

**Dibella Biscotti Pistachio Cranberry & Apricot Almond
Pat Williams**

**Harry & David Roll 2 pack
Gene Wikle**

**Wine
Bob Bayne**

**\$25 Gift Card for Eagle's Nest
Jackie Quigley**

Congrats!

Chaplain's Corner

by Rev. Fannalou Guggisberg

Gratitude is the vertical and horizontal response of an "appreciative, thankful heart. I offer that as my take on the subject. Others have suggested their own definition.



"Gratitude is the healthiest of all human emotions. The more you express gratitude for what you have, the more likely you will have even more to express gratitude for." –Zig Ziglar

"Gratitude bestows reverence, allowing us to encounter everyday epiphanies, those transcendent moments of awe that change forever how we experience life and the world."

--John Milton

Henry Van Dyke said that it "is the inward feeling of kindness received. Thankfulness is the natural impulse to express that feeling. Thanksgiving is the following of that impulse."

"Gratitude can transform common days into joy, and change ordinary days into blessings."

– William Arthur Ward

"Joy is the simplest form of gratitude."

–Karl Barth

And there is one more: "Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words, Gratitude is shown in acts." – Henri Frederic Amiel

Have you thanked anyone today?

Have you thanked God today?

"Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
Worship the Lord with gladness;
Come before Him with joyful songs.
Know that the Lord is God,
It is he who made us, and we are His;
we are His people, the sheep of His pasture.
Enter His gates with thanksgiving
And His courts with praise;

Give thanks to Him and praise His name.
For the Lord is good and His love endures forever;
His faithfulness continues through all generations."

(Psalm 100, NIV)

Blessings!



Chapter Food Drive ALERT

By Rev Fannalou Guggisberg

Our Chapter will again assist Luke Air Force Base with their Turkeys for Troops effort this Thanksgiving. So, bring your donations of non-expired cans of food to either our October or our November dinner meeting. *Please remember that we no longer receive canned items in December.*



As a reminder, the suggested shopping list for this effort includes cans of corn, yams, green beans, peas, carrots, broth, Stuffing, Instant Potatoes, cream of mushroom or cream of chicken soup, cranberry sauce, and like staples for a healthy pantry. *Please check that the items are not expired.*

We pass these items to the base First Sergeants Council to distribute to struggling Airmen families at Thanksgiving. Thanks for your generous support of this worthy program year after year.

Surviving Spouses

*By Linda Wolverton, Rosemary Eaton,
Marilu Trainor, & Pat Staflin*



LEGISLATION UPDATE:

H.R. 2055 - 119th Congress (2025-2027) The Caring for Survivors Act of 2025 was re-introduced. It would increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) paid by the Veteran's Administration to surviving spouses from the current 43% for those who qualify for the 100% disability compensation to 55% which will equal other survivor programs. If you are a disabled veteran, this bill could financially help your spouse.

Action: 24 June, On Hold in the House Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs Hearings continue. August: Congressional recess.

H.R.2148 Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, And Retirement Act.

This legislation acknowledges caregivers' invaluable contributions while addressing the significant economic and emotional burdens they face. By offering education, employment, and retirement opportunities, the legislation empowers caregivers to achieve financial security while potentially reducing the federal government's long-term economic burden.

This legislation would improve caregiving support for veterans' families. This includes enhancements to the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers (PCAFC) and expansion of home health and long-term care services to meet current and future needs of veterans, their caregivers, and families.

It includes reimbursement of fees associated with certifications or licensure renewal necessary for such employment. It also includes access to training modules for the purpose of gaining credit for continuing professional education requirements, access to training modules of the Department at no cost.

Action: Carried over to September when Congress returns.



OUTREACH -- WHAT'S NEW?

Two home visits and lunches were shared with house bound surviving spouses. The visit to provide support and for the purpose of sharing friendship was made as an outreach to long-time surviving members who do not leave their home.

Veterans' Last Patrol program will continue throughout this year. This is a national program where we, Surviving Spouses, will send 'Thank You for Your Service' cards with personal notations to Veterans in hospice throughout the country.

FINDING A NURSING HOME THAT FITS YOUR CRITERIA

The August Medicare Resources bulletin recently listed a helpful link that I am sharing with you. It lists the assisted living and nursing home residences in your area and provides comparisons so that when the time comes, you may choose one that fits your needs.

<https://www.medicare.gov/care-compare/?redirect=true&providerType=NursingHome>

MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual Council holds monthly virtual (on-line) meetings, by way of Zoom, for those of you who wish to 'attend'

The only requirements are to be a surviving spouse or a surviving spouse liaison, and a member of MOAA. There are no dues. It is free. If you have a computer, log onto mssvc02@gmail.com to let MOAA know that you would like to attend the monthly meetings of the Surviving Spouse Virtual Council (MOAA SSVC). Each month you will receive notice of the meetings. The purpose of these meetings is to learn and share from others.



YOU AND I

The Surviving Spouse Luncheon – Tuesday, 7 October 2025, will be our first luncheon meeting. Information about the Time and Place will be sent to each Surviving Spouse no later than one month prior to the date. Monthly letters to the surviving spouses will continue throughout the year.

Annual Trip – is in the planning stages, paperwork has been submitted. On approval, I will share destination, transportation information, and other activities to help with your planning of the date and time.

HELP AT YOUR FINGER TIPS FOR VETERAN CAREGIVERS AND SURVIVING SPOUSES

Luke Chapter.org on your computer – if you go to it and look at the blue ribbon across the screen, the third title describes **Chapter Programs**. Click on that and at the bottom of the menu is the **Surviving Spouse** portion of the website. Click on that and you will see free **help for Surviving Spouses and also help for veteran caregivers**.

The menu includes:

1. **Caregivers:** includes PTSD issues, Respite Care and Our Thinking Changes as we Grow Older.
2. **Planning** for the Loss of Your Loved One

a. Understanding what documents are important, what passwords are used, what are the ordinary household maintenance bills, what are bills that are unique.

b. What are yours and your spouse's wishes for care

c. What are yours and your spouse's wishes for end of life matters

d. **Wills and Trusts.**

3. **Casualty Assistance Programs** for the 8 uniformed services

a. Casualty Assistance documents

b. Tragedy Assistance Program forSurvivors (TAPS) - all 8 services

c. IRS **Tax preparation assistance** for new surviving spouses

d. Gold Star information

4. Planning For **Your Own Death**

5. Surviving Spouse **Profiles**

6. Military Officer Association of America (**MOAA**) References



TAPS: I am sad to report to you the loss of one of our members: Bernice June Miller of Youngtown. She was married for over 30 years to her Air Force love, Elmer. They had 5 treasured daughters and sons Barbara Helfrich, Cindy Clinton, David Miller and stepsons Bruce and Alan Winebarger. They lost Alan before Elmer's heavenly deployment in 2016.

While June was challenged by health issues, she was, as a friend says, a beautiful human with a shining soul. Feisty, sharp as a tack, and filled with vigor and love. She endured much loss in her life, and I recently asked her how she got through it. Her response was "You just have

to. You have to pick yourself up every day." This was one strong lady. She was so loved by those who knew her, and she will never be forgotten. She is now reunited with those she used to mourn. I know she is ecstatic about seeing them again. So, if you look up one day and hear birds chirping or animals calling to each other, it is really June with her heavenly family, happy to be together again. ([Dignity Memorial](#))

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Board Briefs

by Mike Kramer, Secretary & Compliance Director

Luke Chapter (LC)-4 September 2025 Board Meeting

- Gene Wikle, President of Luke Chapter, stressed the urgent necessity of chapter members stepping up to leadership roles in the chapter. Gene has begun his fourth and definitely his last year as President---big kudos and thanks to Gene! Positions on the Board are also open for Historian, Community Fund Secretary and other roles. Director Steve Pohl will again chair the Nominating Committee to fill leadership positions.



- Craig Quigley discussed plans for multiple potential changes in our recruiting practices, venues and locations, time of dinner meetings, dress code, programs and speakers, publicity and press releases, program efficiencies, etc. Craig heads the Communications and Program Committee that will implement our dinner/lunch programs and speakers. Ellie Daly will handle reservations for member events.
- The current asset balance of Luke Chapter on 30 June 2025 was \$41,605, of which \$28,804 is unrestricted equity. Our opening net assets year-over-year have grown by several thousand dollars in each successive year. In addition, restricted funds include \$8,000 set aside as contingent 'emergency' reserve, which we have never touched.
- Don Fordney announced that checks and letters are in preparation for the 21 scholarship grants awarded to college bound students. Total grants came to \$30,000 this year, ranging from \$1,000 to \$3,500 per recipient. These grants are paid by the Luke Chapter Community Fund. Since 2021, the scholarship program has made 297 grants that total to more than \$423,000. We never stop serving!
- Draft Form 990 income tax returns are in preparation by Mike Kramer and Jack Coate for both Luke Chapter MOAA and Luke Chapter Community Funds. These returns are due no later than November 15, 2025, and require prior Board of Directors approvals before electronic filing. Arizona does not require a separate tax return from tax-exempt organizations.
- Linda Wolverton for the Surviving Spouses members requested an increase in proposed budget from \$2,500 to \$3,300 for the current FY 2025-26. The increase will fund inflation expenses, and additional program activities including a planned group visit to Pass & ID at Luke AFB for SSs needing to update their credentials.

The Southwest Defense Alliance graciously consented to move restricted SWDA funding from the next fiscal year into this year's budget.

- Mike Kramer reported on plans for the Veterans Relief Grant program to have about \$18,000 in total funds in Luke Chapter and Community Fund available this year for veterans threatened with financial emergencies and potential homelessness. This tentative budget is reduced significantly from prior years to accommodate available volunteer labor. This amount includes a \$4,000 grant from the MOAA Community Foundation awarded to Luke Chapter last May.
- Ben Hayes reported that Luke Chapter now has about 155 active Members on our chapter roster, including 120 Regular Members and 35 Surviving Spouses, with 4 "Honorary" members. Ben has worked diligently over the summer to reconcile the Luke Chapter roster, with outdated information in the new MOAA Committee Module.
- Buz Isban, our JROTC Liaison, will continue his fine work with 14 JROTC high school programs in the West Valley. Buz successfully recruited and managed LC members to make award presentations at Honors Night last spring for nearly all of the local JROTC programs.



Ray Clements Wins the Jack Daniel's

POP QUIZ (for Extra Credit):

Gene

- a) is very lucky
- b) buys lots of tickets
- c) a) and b) above

Correct answer is c)



HOW TO ENROLL IN FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS

LUKE CHAPTER MEMBERS AND FRIENDS -- PLEASE READ

TO ENROLL:

1. **go** to www.frysfood.com/account/
2. **Enter** your user ID and password to open your account; **or**
3. If you don't have a Fry's account card, follow the instructions to **get an account**, and then continue;
4. On the "My Account" page, **scroll down** to the box called: Community Rewards;
5. **Enter** the name of "Luke Chapter MOAA Scholarship Fund" **or** enter our Organization Number: **TK860**;
6. **Press** the "Enroll" button; congratulations, you are **done**!

NOTE:

- Your participation in this program will automatically create modest donations which accumulate into our IRS 501(c)(3), public charity, Luke Chapter MOAA Community Fund, Inc. (EIN: 47-4053737). Frys pays us quarterly with a check made out to our checking account.
- There is **no cost or charge** to you. The donation by Fry's is from their profit and is **not** an extra charge to you and is **not** added to product prices. The donations are '**free money**' supporting our Community Fund charities: the scholarships, veterans' relief, and JROTC programs in local high schools.
- Please shop & gas up occasionally at Fry's/Fred Meyer/Kroger stores.
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- **Thank you** for supporting your Luke Chapter MOAA charities!



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AUTUMNAL EQUINOX



Ben Hayes Membership Chair

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac, Fall began with the autumnal equinox on Monday, 22 September, this year at 2:19 P.M., EDT. During a Summer of acclimating to temperatures well into the 100's, the current daytime temperatures in the 80's and low 90's, and evening temps in the 60's are certainly a welcomed relief.

Fall is also the time of year when I remind members to double check to ensure their Luke Chapter dues have not lapsed. If you are not certain if you have paid your 2026 dues, please call me at 323.791.2755, or if more convenient, you can email me at 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 or Scott Phillips. 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 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.

Did you know?.....

You can make donations to the Community Fund whenever you want via Zelle. Just use: Treasurer@LukeMOAA.org for the payment e-mail. Give it a try, send funds today!

MEMBERSHIP

The **renewal form** for membership dues is on this page.

If you're not certain whether you owe dues, you can check your membership status on the website (www.lukemoaa.org). Log In, select My Account at the top of the page, select Renew Membership. This page will show when your dues expire. If your dues expire in 2025, then you can renew online by selecting Renew Your Membership Online. If your expiration date is 2026 (or later), then no action is required.

If you prefer to send a check, please include the dues form if possible.

If you would like to speak to someone about your dues, please don't hesitate to contact **Ben Hayes (323-791-2755)**

2025-2026 Luke Chapter Membership Dues Renewal Form

Name: _____

ANNUAL DUES: Regular Member \$25.00 (**incl Spouse**) \$15.00 Surviving Spouse
Membership dues are due and payable by 1 September 2025. After 31 December 2025, membership will be terminated.

\$ _____ for NewsGram (optional)
\$ _____ for Closed Captioning (optional)

Please make check payable to: **Luke Chapter, MOAA**

---- Write "Dues, NewsGram and/or Closed Captioning" on Memo Line of the check

Mail to: Luke Chapter MOAA, ATTN: Treasurer, P.O. Box 5072, Sun City West, AZ 85376

Regular dues :

\$25/ 1 year _____ \$50/ 2 years _____ \$75/ 3 Years _____

Surviving Spouse dues:

\$15/ 1 Year _____ \$30/ 2 years _____ \$45/ 3 Years _____

Additional comments or concerns? We want to know!

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Membership Information

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Make checks payable to
"Luke Chapter MOAA" and mail to:

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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

OR

visit our website at
www.LukeMOAA.org

RESERVATION FORM (NEXT PAGE)

PLEASE mail your reservation so that
it will be received by the date indicated.
If you are running late, **CALL Ellie Daly**
(480-326-2021) by that date to tell her
"The check is in the mail." or "I'll pay at
the door." We must provide an accurate
count and stick to it.

Oct Dinner is \$34. Nov Buffet is \$20.

**NOTE: NOV DINNER DATE IS
ONE WEEK EARLY
(6 Nov)**

Membership Application

LAST NAME: _____

FIRST NAME: _____

MI or GO BY: _____

RANK & SERVICE: _____

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

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SPOUSE : _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

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NEWSGRAM (monthly newsletter):
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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: _____

MENU

Chicken Parmesan
OR
Salmon Fillet
OR
Cheese Tortellini w/
Sauteed Vegetables

Garden Salad
Roasted Red Potatoes
Green Beans Almondine
Rolls & Butter
Caramel Apple Dumpling
w/ Cream Sauce
Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

\$34.00

(Price includes taxes, tips,
& closed captioning.)

The Colonnade

9 Oct 2025

Social – 5:00 p.m.
Dinner - 6:00 p.m.
Program – 7:00 p.m.

9 Oct 2025 Dinner Reservation at The Colonnade

Register ONLINE or make checks payable to "Luke Chapter MOAA".
Mail checks to: **Elinor Daly, 14931 W Fairmount Ave, Goodyear, AZ 85395**

For questions and information, call **Ellie Daly at 480-326-2021**.

Please mail to REACH Ellie no later than end of day, 1 Oct

Request _____ dinner reservations for Thursday evening, **9 Oct 2025**,
at **The Colonnade**. My Check for \$ _____ is enclosed.

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

Number of ☐ Chicken ☐ Salmon ☐ Tortellini

_____(TABLE HOST) _____

Member Name (Printed): _____

Member Signature: _____

MENU

Italian Buffet

INCLUDING

Chopped Salad w/ Ranch
& Italian Dressings
Italian Sausage
Grilled Chicken
Meat Sauce
Marinara
Alfredo
Penne Pasta
Mixed Veggies
Garlic Bread
Tiramisu
Coffee, Iced Tea, Water

\$20.00

(Price includes taxes, tips,
& closed captioning.)

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

_____(TABLE HOST) _____

Member Name (Printed): _____

Member Signature: _____

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