



## FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF



This is Important Information for the Members and Friends of the Arizona Silver Chapter, USAWOA. Please pass this on to those will find it interesting and important to them

February 03, 2010

Sierra Vista Arizona

Our 38<sup>th</sup> Year of Service

### NEW DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED

President Gill nominated Mrs. Lisa Gorski to be the Director of Fund Raising CW2 Gale Russell to be director of Professional Development. Both their nomination was approved by the EXCOM, as directed by our bylaws.

Lisa currently has the following fund raising units reporting to her: Memorabilia, Darlene Gill, Chair; Pancake Breakfast, Rod Preuss, Chair; Golf Tournament, Oscar Torres & Bill Whealy, CO-Chairs.

Gale will be looking to build his team and submitting his budget.

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There has been more than one misleading email regarding the upcoming census. This is official from the Denver Regional Census center. Hopefully, it will put minds at ease and gives information to gain further information.

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# INFOGRAM

An Information service of the Denver Regional Census Center

### CENSUS SCAMS ARE IN THE NEWS

There were two recent mailings we know of that were **NOT** sent by the U.S. Census Bureau but have "Census" on the document:

- Republican Party letter (asks for money at the end)
- Census of Senior Citizens

Facts about the Census Bureau and Data Collection:

- Census workers never ask for money or bank account information.
- Census workers will always have an official ID badge.
- An advance letter is typically sent to the household before census workers show up in person.
- Census workers do collect data other than the 2010 Census, The unemployment rates, housing starts, consumer price index numbers, and other statistics are all collected by the U.S. Census Bureau through monthly surveys, conducted door to door by interviewers called field representatives. They also carry official ID badges.

2010 Census:

- 2010 Census advance letters will be sent the first week of March.
- The official 2010 Census questionnaire will be delivered by mail the week of March 15.
- Individuals in rural areas will have their questionnaire delivered in person to their household between March 1 and March 30.

Questions/Concerns Contact #:

- To make sure an individual is a legitimate census worker within the Denver region call 1 -800-852-6159
- Most census forms will arrive in the mail, prominently displaying the "Census 2010" logo
- Census workers wear an official identification badge which may or may not have a picture
- Many census workers carry U.S. Census Bureau bags, making them easier to identify

<http://2010.census.gov>

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Bring a Fellow Warrant Officer to Lunch  
It Will Be Good for Both of You.

## CHANGES FOR 2010

With the New Year come some changes of our meeting schedules. The EXCOM will join the WOPD luncheons meeting in the PER room at the SV Elks Lodge. The WOPD luncheons are moving from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday to the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday while the EXCOM will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday.

We will not have to provide the Lodge with our menu items for the EXCOM but we will continue to contact Don Newcomer for our luncheon choices for the WOPD lunches.

Here is the available menu and prices:

<b>ELKS LODGE LUNCH MENU</b>		
<i>NO</i>	<i>ENTREES</i>	<i>PRICE</i>
1	<i>BLT</i>	<i>4.25</i>
2	<i>CHEESEBURGER</i>	<i>4.00</i>
3	<i>CHEF'S SALAD</i>	<i>5.00</i>
4	<i>CHICKEN FINGERS</i>	<i>4.50</i>
5	<i>CLUB</i>	<i>5.00</i>
6	<i>DRUMETTES</i>	<i>5.00</i>
7	<i>HAM &amp; CHEESE</i>	<i>4.25</i>
8	<i>HAMBURGER</i>	<i>3.50</i>
9	<i>HOT DOG</i>	<i>2.50</i>
	<i>SIDES</i>	
A	<i>FRENCH FRIES</i>	<i>1.25</i>
B	<i>ONION RINGS</i>	<i>1.75</i>

**ABOVE PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE TIP**

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### CONGRESSIONAL CONSTITUENT SERVICES MANAGER TO BRIEF OUR WOPD LUNCHEON

Ms Shay Sacedo, the Constituent Services Manager for the Arizona 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District will be our guest speaker at the Tuesday, February 23, 2010 WOPD Luncheon at the SV Elks Lodge 2065 from 1130 to 1230.

Please note that we've moved this luncheon from the third to the fourth Tuesday. We have included [see above] the entire luncheon menu and prices so when you call Don Newcomer at 520-456-1918 or [dmnewc1@outdrs.net](mailto:dmnewc1@outdrs.net). Also, be sure to let Don know your entrée choice when you make your reservation to reserve your seat you can also confirm your meal choice. Although the last day to RSVP is February 19, you might want to call sooner to ensure your seat due to the topic.

Spouses and guests are especially welcome for this luncheon and it is not necessary that one be a chapter or USAWOA member to attend our chapter monthly professional development luncheons. Remember Darlene Gill, our memorabilia chair will be there with her merchandise. You might want to bring your checkbook or some extra cash for that replacement golf shirt you've been thinking about.

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### SENATE APPROVES 5 YEAR MORATORIUM ON CUTS TO MEDICARE/TRICARE PHYSICIAN REIMBURSEMENTS

**Senate Approves Medicare/TRICARE Doctor Payment Cut Delay  
Ask Your Representative to Support the Senate amended HJ Res 45**

On January 28, the Senate amended and passed by a vote of 60-40, H. J. Res. 45, which would raise the debt ceiling by \$1.9 Trillion to a total of \$14.3 Trillion. Senators adopted an amendment by Sen. Reid that would codify the PAYGO principle. This amendment would allow (1) permanent extension without offsets of the middle class tax cuts enacted in 2001 and 2003, (2) a two year extension of current estate tax law and (3) the Alternative Minimum Tax.

Most important to military retirees and Medicare beneficiaries is that Reid's amendment would extend by five

years, the soon-to-expire moratorium on the Sustained Growth Rate (SGR) mandated cuts of 21 percent to Medicare/Tricare physician reimbursements which will otherwise take effect on March 1, 2010. This extended moratorium of SGR mandated cuts should allow continued access to health care for military retirees and Medicare beneficiaries.

Please click the above TAKE ACTION link to send an editable letter to your Representative to support H. J. Res. 45 that will provide for a necessary increase to the national debt ceiling but most importantly will implement PAYGO procedures that will suspend the SGR mandated 21 percent cost reduction of physician reimbursements for Medicare and Tricare beneficiaries.

I just took action on this issue and thought you might find it interesting too.

<http://capwiz.com/usdr/utr/1/KYSXLYUPBB/NCMMLYUPCH/4613961626>

Click on this URL to take action now

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