



FROM THE DESK OF THE CHIEF



This is important information for the members and friends of the Arizona Silver Chapter, USAWOA that can't wait for the November edition of the Arizona Dispatch Rider. Please pass it on to those who you know need this information.

THIS EMAIL ADDRESS IS ONLY USED TO TRANSMIT NEW EMAILS AND IT IS NOT MONITORED REGULARLY FOR INCOMING TRAFFIC. IF YOU NEED TO EMAIL US, PLEASE SEND IT TO JoeGill1@cox.net AS THIS IS THE ONLY ONE IS CHECKED MANY TIMES DURING THE DAY AND YOU WILL RECEIVE A MUCH MORE TIMELY RESPONSE.

Thursday, January 07, 2010

REALTOR® NANCY REA TO BRIEF WARRANTS



Realtor® Nancy Rea of RE/MAX HomeStores will be our featured program on Tuesdays 19 January 2010 at the Elks Lodge from 1130-1230. Nancy brings with her over 27 years of experience in the Greater Sierra Vista Realty market and will let us know, among other things, if “this is the best time to buy or sell?”

Long time member and Past Chapter President Mike Uhlig first met Nancy when she acted as his realtor® and when Darlene and Joe Gill were looking, Mike recommended Nancy and the rest is history.

Non-members, spouses and other guests are always welcome at our Award Winning Professional Development Luncheons. They are **NOT MEETINGS** but an opportunity for us to meet fellow warrants, enjoy the good Elks Lodge food and learn from experts topics of interest and importance to the well-balanced Warrant Officer.

Seating is limited so please contact Don Newcomer at 520-456-1018 or dmnewc1@outdrs.net before Friday 15 January 2010.

REQUEST FOR INPUT

Your EXCOM is getting ready to meet for the first time this new year and we need your help. By return email to JoeGill1@cox.net please let us know what you think for the activities we do every year-Memorabilia Sales, Pancake Breakfast, Golf Tournament, JROTC Medals, scholarships and other charities. We also are members of the Joint Service Clubs of Greater Sierra Vista, the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Foundation, the Greater Sierra Vista United Veterans Council.

Do we need to increase our Veterans, Civic, Retiree and Fort activities? Also we like your input regarding the topics below. Thank you for your help.

LUNCHEON LOCATION QUESTIONS		
#	QUESTION	COMMENTS
1	I am very satisfied with the Elks Lodge and its food choices	
2	I am not very satisfied with the Elks Lodge and its food choices	
LUNCHEON DAY AND TIME QUESTIONS		
#	QUESTION	COMMENTS
1	The third Tuesday is fine for me.	
2	The third Tuesday is not fine for me.	
3	Lunch time is fine with me.	
4	Lunch time is not fine with me.	
OTHER QUESTIONS		
#	QUESTION	COMMENTS
1	Should we expand our scholarships beyond Chapter relatives?	
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FURTHER COMMENTS		

MY ARMY MIL

The first user-customized Web site under the Department of Defense, My.Army.Mil offers visitors the ability to log-in with AKO or Google Friend Connect to create a personalized destination for Army information and media, ranging from traditional news stories to up-to-the-minute social media updates. More Info about My.Army.Mil: <http://www.army.mil/myarmy>.

NEWS FOR MILITARY FAMILIES

Families Can See Off, Greet Troops at Airport Gates - the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) permits the airlines to offer a gate pass to family members of arriving or departing U.S. service members. So, family members who want to accompany a service member being deployed to the boarding gate, or greet them [as they return] from deployment at the arrival gate may receive passes to enter the secure area of the airport. Though TSA allows this practice, the final decision rests with the airlines, from which family members must request the passes. Each airline, and possibly even airport, has its own rules and procedures. For more information go to: <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=57090>

Support Improves for Families with Special Needs - Officials are working to boost the resources and support the Defense Department's Exceptional Family Member Program provides to military families with special needs. Most people are aware of EFMP as a mandatory enrollment program. Military families with special needs are asked to enroll in the program so their requirements can be taken into consideration for future assignments. Parents with a child with major medical needs, for instance, are stationed at an installation near a hospital that can accommodate those needs. A Parent ToolKit, available on the [Military OneSource](#) site, offers information and resources to aid parents of special-needs children, taking them from birth to 21 years old. It includes a list of support organizations, sample forms and letters, and other resources. To supplement the toolkit, [Military Homefront](#) offers hundreds of resources online, listed by state, that parents can use to pinpoint a local program. The Special Care Organizational Record for Children With Special Health Care Needs, also available on Military OneSource, is a binder where parents can store all health care-related information pertaining to their child, from medications and allergies to doctors' business cards and receipts. It also can be used for special-needs adults. For more see: <http://www.defense.gov/news/newsarticle.aspx?id=56984>.

Military Spouse Scholarship - The National Military Family Association's Joanne Holbrook Patton Military Spouse Scholarships range from \$500 to \$1,000 and are awarded to spouses of Uniformed Service members to obtain professional certification or to attend post-secondary or graduate school. The scholarship funds may be used to assist with tuition, fees, and school room and board, and are paid directly to the accredited educational institution involved. Applications are due by midnight, January 31, 2010. This year, we are pleased to offer three scholarship categories – Spouses of the Wounded, Spouses of the Fallen, and for all military spouses. Visit www.militaryfamily.org/scholarship to apply!

APPLICATIONS FOR 2010 SCHOLARSHIP FOR MILITARY CHILDREN NOW AVAILABLE - Scholarship applications for the 2010 Scholarships for Military Children Program are available in commissaries worldwide and online through a link at <http://www.commissaries.com> and directly at <http://www.militaryscholar.org>. Since the program began in 2000, it has awarded \$7.3 million in \$1,500 scholarships to almost 5,000 children of service members. Only dependent, unmarried children, younger than age 21 (age 23 if enrolled as a full-time student at a college or university) of active duty personnel, Reserve, Guard and retired military members, survivors of service members who died while on active duty, or survivors of individuals who died while receiving retired pay from the military may apply for a scholarship. Eligibility is determined using DEERS, the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System database. Applicants should ensure that they, as well as their sponsor, are enrolled in the DEERS database and have a current ID card. The applicant must be planning to attend, or already be attending, an accredited college or university full time in the fall of 2010, or be enrolled in a program of studies designed to transfer directly into a four-year program. Applicants should prepare to submit an essay on the following topic: "You can travel back in time; however, you cannot change events. What point in history would you visit and why?" Applications must be turned in to a commissary by close of business Feb. 17. At least one scholarship will be awarded at every store location with qualified applicants.

HOOHMAIL TO BE TESTED IN AFGHANISTAN - new way for soldiers, families and friends to communicate - The Army is introducing a new way for Families and friends to communicate with their loved ones who are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF). Beginning 1 December 2009 the Army will launch "HooahMail" as a pilot program for fast, easy, secure, letter-style correspondence to OEF deployed Soldiers. Based on a proven system used by the Marine Corps since 2003, HooahMail brings another method to keep in touch with military members in Afghanistan. From Stateside, HooahMail offers a computer based process which will generate a printed, sealed, letter-style document for direct delivery to forward operating bases throughout the OEF area of operations. This one-way system will allow secure download capabilities at selected OEF remote sites. These letters will then be printed on special equipment which will print, fold, seal and address the envelope for free delivery to OEF Soldiers. HooahMail will be distributed just like regular mail through unit mail-rooms. At sites which don't get daily postal mail service, HooahMail will offer a free, convenient way to communicate. This method could reduce delivery time in some cases from 14+ days to remote locations to same/next day service, with an average 4 days to all other locations in Afghanistan. HooahMail will augment traditional postal letter mail service. Funded by Department of the Army, and supported by the current postal command structure, HooahMail offers a new and exciting way to strengthen communications to our OEF Soldiers. For more information about HooahMail visit their website at www.hooahmail.us.

ARMY WARRANT OFFICERS NEEDED - The Army is looking for highly motivated soldiers, marines, sailors, and airman to fill its Warrant Officer ranks. Positions are open in all 45 specialties if you qualify. Soldiers with less than 12 years active federal service (AFS) are encouraged to apply. For active Army information, contact the Warrant Officer Recruiting Team at <www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/Warrant.htm> or DSN 536-0484, 0458. 0488, 0478, 0271, 1860. For Army National Guard Warrant Officer information see the website at <www.1800goguard.com/warrant> and for Army Reserve Warrant Officer information and applications see the website at www.usarc.army.mil/retn/RTD/wo_oview.htm.

WHERE TO LOOK FOR MORE HELP:

- Active Army Warrant Officer Recruiting <http://www.usarec.army.mil/hq/warrant/warrant.htm> or call 1-800-223-3735, Ext. 6-0478/0716/0457/0458/0464/0465/0466, or send an email note to wo-team@usarec.army.mil.
- National Guard Warrant Officer Recruiting http://www.1-800-go-guard.com/lines/prior_military/wo_benefits.htm or call 1-800-go-guard.
- National Guard AGR Opportunities <http://www.arng.army.mil/GUARDTOURS.ASPX>
- Army Reserve Warrant Officer Recruiting <http://www.usarc.army.mil/retn> or contact your local Command Mentor or Recruiter, or the USAR Warrant Officer Accessions Team at 877-718-5686 #4.
- Army Reserve AGR Opportunities <https://www.hrc.army.mil/SITE/PROTECT/RESERVE/SOLDIERSERVICES/PROGRAMS/AGR/AGRPROGRAM.HTM>
- See also - Warrant Officer Mentorship as related to Recruiting and Retention <http://www.usawoa.org/womentor.htm>.

***Bring a Warrant Officer to Lunch
You BOTH may learn Something.***