



# The Eagle



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## July Meeting

Monday 11 July 2005 1800-1930  
Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano  
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### COMING ATTRACTIONS

Membership Meeting	11-Jul	Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano
Membership Meeting	8-Aug	Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano
AMM Planning Update	13-Aug	DoubleTree Hotel - Tucson
Arizona Silver Golf Tournament	10-Sep	San Pedro Golf Course - Benson
Membership Meeting	12-Sep	Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano
Membership Meeting	10-Oct	Michelangelo Ristorante Italiano
13th Annual Reunion-European WOs	17-21 Oct	Plaza Hotel Las Vegas
AMM Golf Tournament	24-Oct	Randolph Golf Complex
33rd Annual Meeting of the Members	24-28 Oct	DoubleTree Hotel - Tucson

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

### OUR DEPLOYED MEMBER

WO1 Jeff Whitbeck is spending his time at Ft Huachuca instructing newbees. Jeff has promised to email a report on his *non-classified* adventures. Please remember him in our daily prayers and write him on happenings here on the home front at [Jeffrey.whitbeck@us.army.mil](mailto:Jeffrey.whitbeck@us.army.mil).

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## THE CHIEF SAYS

Fellow Warrants, We've had a great June! Our 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Tournament produced the largest number of players we have had yet - 67 players - 17 teams!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

We generated more money than we have in the past and as a result we now have a treasury that can support a Scholarship program for the JROTC cadets at the Flowing Wells High School. The program supports students from Canyon Del Oro and Flowing Wells High schools. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU FOR HELPING!

Please remember, we need to raise some money to fund the President's Reception at the 2005 AMM. Talk to businesses you know and support and tell them that we are raising money to support the reception and any donation on their part will be considered advertising. We will display their participation with their name, address, phone number and type of business. If they need a letter, we will provide one for them. **START NOW** we can hold the money until October 24<sup>th</sup>.

I will be submitting a letter to the Mayor of Tucson asking for a proclamation to be issued by him for that week. I will also be settling with the vendor who will be doing the glasses that we will be using as gifts for the Awards Banquet on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. I'll see you all on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>. **Vin**



## ON-LINE AMM REGISTRATION

For the very first time in USAWOA history, we are able to register for the AMM, including payment on a secured system and then reserve our rooms – all because our Webkeeper Michael Turner convinced his company to donate the time and expertise to make this possible.

The program is now up and running. Now would be a good time to go on-line and check it out at <http://www.usawoa-ftlowell-apache.org/AMM2005>

## NEW ARIZONA LAW

For those who have not heard about this little publicized fact: Arizona Senate Bill SB 1027 “active duty pay; tax exemption” was approved by the House by a 48 to 4 vote (plus 8 who were either unavailable to

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vote or didn't have the courage to vote), after an original 29 to 1 vote in the Senate. It was passed to the Governor who signed the Bill on 20 May, and now becomes law for tax year 2006. The provisions of this bill will exempt the military pay of active duty Military Personnel, who are legal residents of Arizona, from Arizona State income tax regardless of where they are assigned. Unfortunately, the bill is effective only for tax year 2006.

## VETERANS LICENSE PLATES

Did you know that our State has no true count of how many veterans live here in Arizona and here is just one more way of letting our State leadership know we're here for just 25 initial application fee/ \$25 annual renewal.

Applicant must be a veteran and provide a copy of a DD214, 215, 2 (retired), 2 (reserve) or 1173; or provide an original statement of honorable service from the US Department of Veterans Affairs or the Arizona Department of Veterans' Services (ADVS) or any one of the following cards: American Legion, Disabled American Veteran, Military Officers of America, Veterans Administration Medical, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Vietnam Veterans of America, Active duty or Inactive duty. \$17 of the initial and annual renewal fee goes to the State Home for Veterans Trust Fund.

These plates may also be issued to the spouse, parent, child, brother, or sister of an eligible person who has been issued this plate.

Special Plate Application (form #96-0143) is required. Your plate may be personalized with maximum of 5 characters and is also available with a disability symbol.

Plates are now available for motorcycles and may be personalized with maximum of 4 characters and/or the disability symbol.

## SOUTHERN ARIZONA VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY

When the Federal Government funded and built the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery on land donated by the Army and Fort Huachuca several years ago it was with the agreement that the State of Arizona would have to fund its actual operation and maintenance. This caused concern several years ago when money became tight in Phoenix due to the multi-fuel fiasco.

Recently, a group of service clubs in the Sierra Vista have formed a foundation to ensure that the cemetery is properly maintained and to serve as a tax-exempt source for donations.

## SOME JULY HISTORY

1776 American colonies declare their independence from Great Britain

1776 Declaration of Independence-US gains independence from Britain

1777 John Paul Jones hoists first Stars and Stripes flag on Ranger at Portsmouth, NH.

1801 First Presidential Review of U.S. Marine Band and Marines at the White House.

1802 US Military Academy officially opens (West Point, NY)

1814 Battle of Niagara Falls (Lundy's Lane); Americans defeat British

1863 Confederates surrender of Vicksburg, gives Union control of Mississippi River.

1866 US Grant named first general of Army

1898 The first US troops land & occupy Puerto Rico, at Guanica Bay

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**1898 US flag hoisted over Wake Island (Spanish-American War)**

**1902 President Roosevelt officially ends the "great insurrection" in the Philippines July 4 and commends U.S. troops for upholding America's "lawful sovereignty"**

**1940 Start of Battle of Britain.**

**1942 The first American bombing mission over enemy-occupied Europe**

Despite what you might see in the movies, the regular German Army (Wehrmacht) did not usually use the Nazi salute. Only after the July 1944 attempt on Hitler's life were they forced to use the Nazi salute as standard.

Obviously, more history was recorded in July but there is only so much room on the page and besides, this is almost enough to put the reader to sleep.

### **SOME HUMOR**

#### **Submarines are safer than aircraft**

The proof in this fact is that there are more aircraft in the water than submarines in the sky.

Having passed the enlistment physical, Jon was asked by the doctor,

"Why do you want to join the Navy, son?"

"My father said it'd be a good idea, sir."

"Oh? And what does your father do?"

"He's in the Army, sir."

#### **You're Getting Old When . . .**

- You're asleep in your easy chair, but others worry that you're dead.
- Your back goes out more than you do
- The end of your tie doesn't come anywhere near the top of your pants
- You sing along with the elevator music.
- You no longer think of speed limits as a challenge
- You have a party, and the neighbors don't even realize it

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