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## Governor Ducey Honors National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

In observance of National Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day, Governor Doug Ducey ordered the lowering of flags at all state buildings to half-staff on Thursday, December 7 from sunrise to sunset.

In his statement the Governor said, "For the last 76 years, America has not forgotten those lost to the horrible attack at Pearl Harbor. Though the attack lasted only about two hours, 20 American naval vessels were destroyed, 2,400 U.S. service members were killed and another 1,000 were injured. These Americans and their lives were taken in an instant.

"The State of Arizona feels an especially poignant connection since nearly half of the crewmen killed were aboard the USS Arizona. Let's pay our respects to the 1,177 lives that passed that day on the historic battleship named after our state.

"This day has come to symbolize our country's strength and resiliency. It's come to symbolize the sacrifice and courage of our men and women in uniform, and of our veterans. It's come to symbolize our unity as a country, the common purpose we share as Americans to fight for freedom across the globe.

"Let us never forget to honor the heroes of the Greatest Generation, who answered the call to serve their country, and the brave men and women who continue to fight for American lives and liberties across the world today. They'll forever be etched in our memories."

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## Supervisor Peggy Judd Appointed to Arizona Department of Homeland Security Advisory Council

Cochise County Supervisor Peggy Judd was appointed by Governor Ducey to the Arizona Department of Homeland Security's Southern Regional Advisory Council. As a member of the advisory council, Supervisor Judd will work with first responders and other local elected officials to assist the department in identifying homeland security resources and needs in Cochise, Pima, Santa Cruz and Yuma counties.

On her appointment Supervisor Judd said, "I've always been interested in the border and the issues that surround that. Through my experience as a former legislator, and now as a County Supervisor, I hope to bring a new perspective and to help others understand our relationship with the border. I also hope to have some influence to really help make a difference."



Supervisor Judd will serve a three-year term on the council and will attend her first meeting on December 12<sup>th</sup>.

For more information about the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, please [click here](#).

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## Supervisor Steve Williams Appointed to ACJC Board

Navajo County Supervisor, Steve Williams was appointed by Governor Ducey to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission (ACJC) Board. Supervisor Williams joins 18 of his colleagues who represent various elements of the criminal justice system in Arizona.

Created in 1982, the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is a statutorily authorized entity mandated to carry out various coordinating, monitoring and reporting functions regarding the administration and management of criminal justice programs in Arizona. The ACJC serves as a resource and service organization for Arizona's criminal justice community on a myriad of issues ranging from drugs, gangs and victim assistance to criminal history, and crime laboratory enhancements.



Supervisor Williams will serve a two year term.

For more information on ACJC, please [click here](#).

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## OSPB Director Talks 2018 Budget with County Managers

On Friday, the Director of the Governor's Office of Strategic Planning & Budgeting (OSPB), Matt Gress joined county managers from across the state to talk about the state budget.

Gress covered a variety of issues that Governor Ducey is focusing on this year leading up to the legislative session, including:

- The Arizona Management System implementation, which guides decision making and improving how customers of the state are served.
- Governor Ducey's focus to fully fund education in the State of Arizona.
- Governor Ducey's ongoing commitment to restore Highway User Revenue Fund (HURF) dollars to local governments, including counties.



OSPB is entrusted with planning and analyzing the state's budget. It analyzes individual state agency budget requests and makes its own budget recommendations to the Governor, who then presents the executive budget proposal to the Legislature.

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## CSA Holds County 101 for Legislative Staff



On Monday, CSA was pleased to host its annual County 101 presentation and roundtable with legislative staff. More than 30 attendees from all the legislative staff offices joined the discussion, including: Senate majority, Senate minority, Senate research, House majority, House minority, and House majority research staff.

CSA Executive Director, Craig Sullivan kicked off the event by sharing his perspective on the partnership between county government and the legislature as well as the invaluable work of the legislative staff at the state legislature.

The roundtable examined the role of CSA, the importance of county government, CSA's legislative package and the challenges ahead in 2018.

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## Affiliate Groups Meet: ALHOA & ACDEHSA

### ACDEHSA Meets

On Wednesday, the Arizona County Directors of Environmental Health Services Association (ACDEHSA) met to discuss a variety of issues and heard presentations on summer food service challenges, rabies updates, legislation related to food safety and updating of the state food code.

CSA staff gave an overview of the upcoming 2018 Legislative Session.

### ALHOA Meets

On Thursday, the Arizona Local Health Officers' Association (ALHOA) held their monthly meeting. Discussions and presentations covered topics ranging from public health emergency preparedness, healthy communities partnership with Vitalyst, and various affiliate updates.

CSA staff gave an overview of the upcoming 2018 Legislative Session.

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## NACo Webinar: Becoming a Destination Employer

On December 19, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. EST, the National Association of Counties (NACo) is hosting a webinar titled [Becoming a Destination Employer: County Insights from Gallagher's 2017 Benefits Strategy & Benchmarking Survey](#). The webinar will highlight county-specific results from the 2017 Benefits Strategy & Benchmarking Survey. During this session the focus will be on best practices for human capital management within the public sector, and the value to counties of participating in Gallagher's 2018 survey through partnership with NACo.

To register for the webinar, please [click here](#).

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