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Please remember to share the newsletter with your spouse!

President's Comments



Greetings again from your President. I hope all of you are enjoying our "Fall" weather!

By now I hope everyone has received the obituary on Bob Delker. The service will be on November 3rd at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 1800 E. Libra Drive in Tempe. Our prayers continue go out to Bob's family. His daughter, Michelle,

attended our picnic this last Saturday. It was special for us to have her there. The picnic was a nice event, and more of our members should 'make an effort' to come - not only to the picnics, but to our dinner meetings as well. I think you will find they are a good chance to catch up.

We are always working on ways to increase our membership. Now is a good time to reach out to a military officer you probably know and bring him or her to one of our dinner meetings. The President might buy you a beverage!

With the passing of Bob, we have a vacancy on the Board for a legislative member. If you are willing, we could really use a volunteer. Arlan Allan has agreed to cover the position until we find another volunteer. Arlan does this in addition to his duties as 1st Vice President. There will be several legislative bills we will be working to get through the state legislature again this coming session. One of high interest is a bill to allow more of our military retirement income to be excluded from state tax.

November 4th is the next Council of Chapters meeting in Yuma. I have asked Ed Mangan to represent the Chapter. He will receive the 5 Star Level of Excellence award from LTG Adkins, that we will put on our flag at the November dinner.

One last thing of importance. In the past we have brought toys to our Christmas dinner meeting to support the Marines Toys for Tots program. Greg Moore discovered that this is past their deadline, so we are asking you **to bring your toy to the NOVEMBER MEETING**. Those toys make a difference to needy kids at Christmas time.



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In closing, I hope to see a lot of members at our November dinner meeting. This is our annual event to honor a military member from each branch of the service, and the Campo Verde JROTC will be presenting the MIA/POW Ceremony. It is a nice event, so please join us!

Best regards Dave Rataczak, MG (Ret) U.S. Army drataczak@cox.net



AUXILIARY NEWS: from Judy Bushko







Lin Sue Cooney from Hospice of the Valley, was the guest speaker at our last luncheon. Our members and guests enjoyed hearing about all the possibilities of helping the terminally ill and the services offered. It was a very informative presentation on many levels. She brought a photo of our pillows being used to help children participating in a grief group.

Our next luncheon will be on November 10th at Dobson Restaurant. We will be meeting at 11:00 to fill hygiene kits, and enjoying lunch at 11:30. I will not be there, but Peggy will spearhead this venture. See you in December for our annual Christmas ornament exchange and luncheon. Thank you for all you do and your constant support to our veterans.

If you have any questions you can contact me at 480-759-1717 or idbushko@earthlink.net.



October Auxiliary Luncheon





















Kawanis Park is a beautiful place for our picnics. Everyone had a great time!



















Great food, Tom!

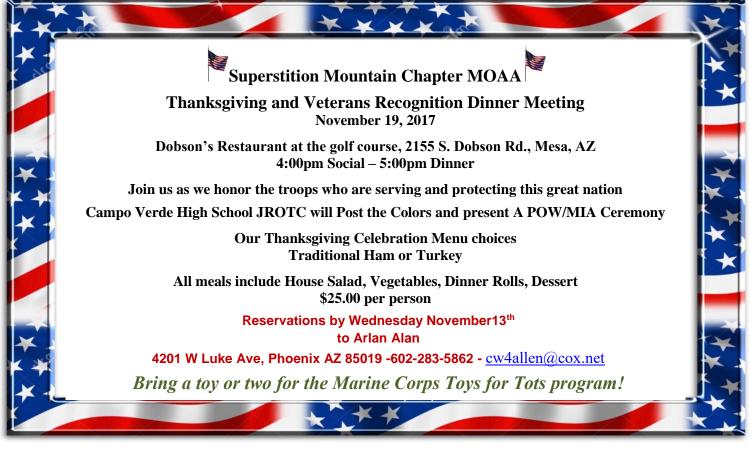


Chef Tom Ralph did a great job cooking for us. Tom has been our chef for several years and we really appreciate his cooking for us.





President Dave Rataczak presented Ann Ferguson with a certificate, for her work on the Chapter Website, which received a 5 Star Communication Award from MOAA National. Great job Ann!





Central Arizona Satellite
Chapter MOAA
Luncheon
Saturday, November 25, 2017 12:00pm
Robson Ranch in Eloy, AZ

Take Jimmie Kerr Rd, exit 198 off I-10. The chapter's person of contact is; CWO4 Harold Fales, USN Ret. The chapter meets on the last Saturday of each month. This is subject to change.













TOYS FOR TOTS







Bring your 'new unwrapped toy" donation to our November Dinner Meeting!

November Congratulations





ANNIVERSARIES

MEMBER BIRTHDAY

Helen Benner	24
Ann Ferguson	7
Florence Gunderson	9
John Kwak	27
Norman Peters	11
Vivian Whalen	24
Stephen Wood	3

SPOUSE BIRTHDAY

Magdalen Kwak	12	Joseph & Jane Edstrom	2
Laura McClean	15	Ed & Marlene Fox	29
Jo Meegan	14	David & Laurel McClean	15
Sandra Poole	1	Henry & Roberta Rawls	25

CHAIRMAN REPORTS



Ist Vice President *Arlan Alan, Programs*

As the Holiday Season is upon us, we look forward to our eighth annual "Salute to the Troops" and Thanksgiving dinner. The November meeting will be held on Sunday

the 19th. Social hour begins at 1600 with dinner at 1700. Meal selections will be a traditional Turkey or Ham dinner. Please make your reservations no later than Wednesday, November 15th. via email: cw4allen@cox.net or 602-283-5862. Presentation of Colors and the POW/MIA Ceremony will be performed by the Campo Verde JROTC cadets. The Chapter will recognize a member from each of the Uniformed Services and present them with a U.S. flag that has been flown over the U.S. Capital. Thank you to Col. Karl Pfitzer for starting this tradition. As in the past, we ask the membership to sponsor a JROTC Cadet by donating

the cost of a meal. We will have one Cadet seated at each table, which provides an opportunity for each Cadet to associate with Retired and Former military officers.

This year, we will also be collecting for the Marine Toys for Tots Program at the November meeting. If you are interested, please bring an unwrapped gift to the November meeting. We will have a table set up exclusively for the gifts.

Mark your calendar for the December Gala on the 17th with social hour at 1700 and dinner at 1800. We will have live entertainment for this meeting.

I may be reached at: 602-283-5862 (can leave message) or email: cw4allen@cox.net .





2nd Vice President John Bushko, Membership

The picnic was great; weather, friends, and food. As we move into the holiday season, it is a good time to renew your membership before the rush of activity

starts. We are trying to get as many members renewed as possible before the end of the year.

Additionally, we are looking for new members. If you know of someone who meets the criteria for membership. please let them know about our chapter and/or let me know who they are, and I would be glad to contact them to extend an invitation to join.

Have a great month but don't overdo the Halloween goodies or the turkey on Thanksgiving. Remember all those who sacrificed and served with us on Veterans Day. The following web address lists those restaurants who honor your service;

https://militarybenefits.info/veterans-day-discountssales-deals-free-meals/

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Transition Coordinator James Austin Need A Job?

PayPal, Inc. of Scottsdale, AZ has career opportunities in Scottsdale for Engineers including: Software. QA, Webb

Development, Software Developers, Database, Data Warehouse, Data Architect, User Interface, Information Security, System Integration, Release, Network and Cloud. Positions include junior, senior, and management positions requiring BA/BS, MA/MS, MBA, or PhD. Multiple positions/openings are available in each category. Veterans must be legally authorized to work in the U.S. without sponsorship and encouragement is extended to hiring veterans with disabilities and their qualified dependents. Please mail resume with references to: Requirement No: SWE300PP at: ATTN: HR. Cube 10.3.584, PayPal. Inc. HQ. 2211 North First Street, San Jose, California 95131.



Treasurer

Tom Ralph 💖







Just a reminder that annual dues are payable on the first of January. Dues are \$25 for regular chapter membership and

\$12.50 for auxiliary membership. National dues should be sent directly to MOAA and not to me. Thanks to all of you who have already paid for your support.



Personal Affairs



Due to the "Marines Toys for Tots "cutoff date being before our December 17th Christmas dinner, members are asked to

bring a new unwrapped toy (or 2 or 3) to the November dinner. Last year, over 100 toys were collected, and you gave many children in Maricopa County the kind of Christmas morning that most of us may still remember.

If you are unable to attend the dinner but wish to make a monetary or toy donation, I will be more than happy to make a "home visit" as we home health nurses say. Contact me at 480 814-0580 or at glmoore24@vahoo.com



Legislative

Arlan Alan

Information from

http://takeaction.moaa.org/?0.

Key Bills in Congress supported by MOAA National

Federal - HR 1384

A bill to amend titles 5, 10, 37, and 38 of the United States Code to ensure that an order to serve on active duty under section 12304a and 12304b of title 10, United States Code, is treated the same as other orders to serve on active duty for determining the eligibility of members of the uniformed services and veterans for certain benefits and for calculating the deadlines for certain benefits.

• Federal - HR 92

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Federal - HR 93

A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide for increased access to Department of Veterans Affairs medical care for women veterans.

Federal - HR 102

A bill to expand the research and education on and delivery of complementary and alternative medicine to veterans, and for other purposes.

• Federal - S 422

A bill to amend title 38. United States Code, to clarify presumptions relating to the exposure of certain veterans who served in the vicinity of the Republic of Vietnam, and for other purposes.

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MOAA National Legislative Action items are available to you at http://www.moaa.org/. Click on 'Take Action' at the top of the page.



ROTC/JROTC

Karl Pfitzer









The 2018 ROTC/JROTC Awards Program is fast approaching, and I have begun to take volunteers to both Sponsor and Present Awards to our supported schools. The board has voted to continue our support of a \$100 Impact Award to each high school, along with the US Flag and Certificate awarded for demonstrated patriotism, and the MOAA Medal awarded for demonstrated leadership. For Arizona State University we will present the MOAA Medal to each of the service units.

Due to a change in pricing for both the MOAA Medal and the US Flag, the cost for sponsoring a high school will be \$130 for this year. Marlene has included in this newsletter the signup sheet with a current list of those that have already indicated which school(s) they are supporting. If you are interested in financially supporting a school, please let me know and I will add your name to the signup sheet. Make your checks payable to the chapter and send or give them to Tom Ralph our treasurer with a note as to which school you are supporting. (a donation coupon may be found on page 11 of this newsletter). If all the schools have a financial sponsor and you would still like to donate to the program,

please send your funds along with a note indicating support of JROTC to Tom for his bookkeeping requirements.

ALL monies collected for the program will be used to support JROTC functions at the supported high schools. Please note that if you desire to financially support a high school but are unable to present the awards in person please let me know and I'll arrange to have another chapter member present in your stead. Thanks to all chapter members for their continued support of our ROTC programs. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

If you have any questions or comments, please let me know. 480-635-2080 pvkarl@cox.net

School & Affiliation	Presenter	Sponsor
ASU; USA, USN, USAF	Pfitzer/Ratczak	Karl Pfitzer
Apache Jct, USN		
Basha, USAF	Arlan Allen	Arlan Allen
Campo Verde, USAF		
Casa Grande, USMC	Chapter Satellite	
Chandler, USAF	Ed Mangan	Ed Mangan
Coolidge, USMC	Chapter Satellite	
Desert Ridge, USAF		
Dobson, USAF		
Gilbert, USAF		
Globe, USA	Mangan/Schminke	Mangan/Schminke
Hamilton, USAF		
Higley, USAF		
Marcos De Niza, USA		
Maricopa, USAF		
Mesa, USAF		
Red Mountain, USA	Greg Moore	Greg Moore
Skyline, USA	Greg Moore	Greg Moore
Vista Grande, USMC	Chapter Satellite	
Westwood, USAF		



Central Arizona Satellite

Spokesperson Norm Poole

CAS is preparing for a golf tournament in March of next year at the course in Arizona City to help sponsor and support the local JROTC programs. The JROTC programs are highly regarded here and we want to do something to help them. The golf tournament is our first fundraiser in support of that effort. For more information contact Harold Fales: 573-308-8372 - droamin@gmail.com or Norman Poole: nrpoole1066@gmail.com



. Auxiliary Sponsored Programs



Hygiene Kits for Vets

Judy Bushko



Some of the items we need for our kits Hand sanitizer, Razors, Shaving cream, Feminine products, Deodorant,

Wash cloths, combs, white socks, small bars of soap, Tissues (small pkg). All of these items are travel size. Please join in and help, just as you have all stepped up to help with all the other great projects the Auxiliary has undertaken over the years. Thanks for your continued

support!



One of these cards are put in each of our Hygiene Kits.

Over 100 kits made this year!

Since 2012, Over 1191 books taken to the VA Hospital and hundreds of paperbacks have been sent out to our troops.



Packages from Home Ann Ferguson

We will be sending boxes to our troops every few months. Thanks for your support. Bring your donations to any chapter function.

Monetary donations are always appreciated.

480-961-9634 - vfergusonfnp@cox.net

Our Auxiliary ladies are fantastic! Always finding ways to help our veterans.



Cell Phones for Soldiers / **Helping Heroes Home**

Jackie Oddo

Calling for old phones!



When you upgrade your phone, don't throw those old phones away. Bring them to us. We'll send them in to get phone time for our troops overseas. The phones don't need to work. Monetary donations are great too! \$5.00 is egual to 2.5 hours of family talk-time for one soldier.

For more information contact Judy Bushko 480-759-1717 jdbushko@earthlink.net

> Since 2011 over 345 phones have been sent! Thanks for your donations!



Operation Paperback Books Ann Ferguson





We send paperbacks to the troops and hard cover books are taken to the VA Hospital. Bring your books to any chapter function, or contact Ann Ferguson. 480-961-9634 or email vfergusonfnp@cox.net



Packages from Home



Pillows for VA heart patients and Hospice



Operation Paperback



Blankets for the Veterans in the VA Hospital





Hygiene Kits for Vets



Chapter Elections!

The nominating committee is very happy to announce that our 2017 board of Directors have all agreed to stay for the 2018 year!

A list of the nominees are on the right.

We will be voting and installing during the December meeting.

Capt Ed Mangan, USAF (fmr); Chairman, Nomination Committee Past President



Chapter Office Positions

President - MG Dave Rataczak 1st Vice President - 1st VP, CW4 Arlan Allen 2nd Vice President - Lt Col John Bushko Treasurer - Col Thomas Ralph Secretary - Mrs. Peggy Allen Vice President - Auxiliary - Mrs. Judy Bushko

Director Positions

Programs - CW4 Arlan Allen Membership - Lt Col John Bushko **Newsletter Editor – Mrs Marlene Fox** Personal Affairs - Lt Gregory Moore **ROTC**/ Scholarship – Col Karl Pfitzer Legislative CW4 Arlan Allen **Transition Coordinator - Lt Col James Austin** Website Mrs. - Lt. Ann Ferguson Director - Jackie Oddo

Director - Capt. George Meegan Director - Lt Col Sheryl Mauldin Director - Maj. Austin Foote

















Listed below are a few of the scheduled activities in the valley

The Glendale Veterans Memorial Association and the Glendale Library and Arts Division will host the 12th annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the Glendale Veterans Memorial on the front lawn of the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St. The ceremony is free and open to the public. The Glendale Main Library will be closed. For more information, call the main library at 623-930-3531.

Phoenix Veterans Day Parade - The 18th annual Phoenix parade kicks off at 11 a.m. with more than 100 entries, including a special float with nearly 40 surviving World War II veterans. This year's parade theme is "Duty, Honor Sacrifice," Celebrating our World War II Veterans." The parade will also feature 16 floats, nine color guards, seven high school bands, six novelty units, several veterans service organizations and more. The Phoenix Veterans Day Parade route runs southbound on Central Avenue starting at Montebello, turns east onto Camelback Road and turns south on Seventh Street ending at Indian School Road.

Veterans Day concert - A choir of veterans honoring veterans presents a free concert at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Valley Presbyterian Church, 6947 E. McDonald Dr. in Paradise Valley. Red, White and You, opens with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets Corp presenting the colors and then features the Valley Presbyterian Chancel Choir, the Carolyn Eynon Singers and a history of some of the world's most famous patriotic songs.

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Blue Star Memorial - Capt. Steven Borden, director of the Pat Tillman Veterans Center at ASU, will be this year's keynote speaker at Scottsdale's Veterans Day program. The annual commemoration takes place from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park, 7301 E. Indian Bend Road. The program is free and open to the public.

A Blue Star Memorial marker also will be dedicated as part of Scottsdale's Veterans Day program. The marker honors servicemen and servicewomen. In addition, the program will feature the 108th Army National Guard Band, which plays from 3 to 3:30 p.m. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call the park at 480-312-2312.



MOAA's Mission: The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a non-profit veteran's association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and to preserving the earned entitlements of members of the uniformed services, their families, and survivors. National MOAA, it's Councils and Chapters are nonpartisan.

MOAA National & Superstition Mountain Chapter Member	ship Application
DateMember Name & Initial	
Branch of Service Rank	
Spouse First Name National MOAA Number	
Street Address City State	ZIP
Home Phone #Work or Cell#	
Please Circle: ARMYAIR FORCE-NAVYMARINE CORPS- COAST GUARDNOAA-	PUBLIC HEALTH SVC
Circle All That Apply: REGULAR-RESERVE-NATIONAL GUARD-FORMER OFFICER	-ACTIVE-RETIRED-
MALE FEMALE WIDOW WIDOWER	
Member Date of Birth MM/DD/YYYY Spouse Date of Birth MM/DD	/YYYY
Anniversary DateE-mail Address	
MOAA National membership for 2018 has 3 types to pick from. 1. Basic-free-electronic of Life membership-fee is age dependent. As a BASIC Member you will receive electronic to participate in grassroots activism effort. You get Military Officer Magazine via our mobile to attend our career fairs, networking events, and classes and to take advantage of valuable did a PREMIUM Member you get full access to everything MOAA has to offer, including resources (one-on-one career counseling, résumé reviews, and interviewing advice a on products and travel, and access to all MOAA exclusive publications and news to MOAA's staff of experts for financial and investment advice, college scholarships. That's on top of all the benefits you receive at the BASIC Membership level. Superstition Mountain Chapter membership fee is \$25 per year. Spouses of current members luncheons and activities with no fee. Chapter bylaws require Chapter members and Chapter MOAA National. For National dues, enclose check for: \$37.00 – Make check payable to MOAA Mail to: MOAA, Dept. 1488, Maryfield, VA 22116-9820	nic newsletters and have opportunities app. You'll also have the opportunity iscounts on products and services. As ng our full spectrum of our career and critiques), countless discounts updates. You'll be able to tap into for dependents, and much more. Is may participate in Chapter Auxiliary Auxiliary members to be members of
Enclose check for: Chapter \$25.00 or Auxiliary (SSAC) \$12.50 -	
Make check payable to Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA.	
Mail Chapter Application and Check to:	
Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA, Tom Ralph, Treasurer 20444 N 22 nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85024 - Phone 602-569-2130	
For More Information Contact, Membership Committee Chairman 480-759-1717 jabushko@earthlink.net	n John Bushko:
Name tags are durable hard plastic, white background with MOAA logo and you To place your order, please fill out the form below.	our name engraved in black.
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CLIP AND MAIL

November Dinner Meeting Reservation

Sunday, November 19, 2017 - Dobson's Restaurant Social Hour 4:00pm Dinner 5:00pm Meal Choices: Turkey____ Ham____

\$25.00 per meal – Name(s)

Reservations must be in by Wednesday, November 15th

Make checks payable to: Superstition Mountain Chapter, MOAA

CLIP AND MAIL TO: ARLAN ALLEN: 4201 W Luke Ave, Phoenix AZ 85019 602-283-5862 (can leave message) or email: cw4allen@cox.net

2018 Chapter Dues Renewal Form **Annual Dues:** \$25 Regular Members \$12.50 Auxiliary (SSAC) Members Please make check payable to Superstition Mountain Chapter, MOAA --- Write MOAA Chapter Dues on Memo line of the check Mail to: Tom Ralph, Treasurer 20444 N 22nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85024 Check enclosed; renew my membership for 2018 Signed _____ My National MOAA Number____ Address ____ Phone number Email _____



Chapter Auxiliary Donations

Enclosed is a donation of \$

This donation may be used for any Auxiliary projects specifically, for Packages from Home __ Hygiene Kits for Vets

Please make check payable to Superstition Mountain Chapter, MOAA Write Auxiliary in the memo line of the check

Mail to: Tom Ralph, Treasurer 20444 N 22nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85024



ROTC/JROTC Donations

Enclosed is a donation of \$

November dinner cadet meal \$25.00 _____ School Awards Sponsor \$130.00_

Please make check payable to Superstition Mountain Chapter, MOAA Write *JROTC* in the memo line of the check

Mail to: Tom Ralph, Treasurer 20444 N 22nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85024

Superstition Mountain Chapter Military Officers Association of America 1151 N Joshua Tree Lane Gilbert, AZ 85234



2017 Chapter Activity schedule - (Dates and times are subject to change)

Chapter Board Meetings	Chapter Auxiliary Luncheons	Chapter Dinner/Picnic Meetings
November 13 th – 9:00am	November 10 th - 11:30am	November 19 th - 4:00pm social – 5:00pm dinner
December 11 th - 9:00am	December 8 th - 11:30am	December 17 th - 5:00pm social – 6:00pm dinner
January 8 th – 9:00am	January 12 th – 11:30am	January 21st – 4:00pm social-5:00pm dinner
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Thank you to all who served!