



# Superstition Mountain Express

Military Officers Association of America



## Our 2018 Summer Luncheons



July 15<sup>th</sup> and August 19<sup>th</sup>

Dobson's Restaurant – 2155 S Dobson Rd, Mesa

Noon Social Hour – 1:00pm Lunch – \$20.00 per person

Menu Choices

Cheeseburger, Rubeen, Turkey & Avocado sandwich with Fries or Chef Salad.

**Reservations by Wednesday before each luncheon to Arlan Alan**



**Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA**



**Auxiliary Luncheon at Dobson's Restaurant**

**Friday, July 13<sup>th</sup> and August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**11:30am Lunch**

**Work on Auxiliary projects at 11:00am**

**Order lunch off the menu**

**No reservations necessary!**

**Come in out of the heat  
and join us for lunch this summer**



**Same place – Same time – Same wonderful people!**

We know many of you will be traveling this summer. Be careful, be safe and have a great time! We look forward to seeing you when you're back in town. If you are here for our luncheons, please join us as we get out of the heat, visit with great friends and partake of good food.

### June Auxiliary Luncheon

The ladies had a great time putting together Hygiene Kits for our homeless veterans before lunch last month. Please join us at our next luncheon on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30.



### Central Arizona Satellite Chapter



Our summer meetings will be Saturday July 28<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup> 12:00pm, at the Robson Ranch in Eloy, AZ. Take Jimmie Kerr Rd, exit 198 off I-10. The chapter meets on the last Saturday of each month. This is subject to change

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**Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA June Luncheon**



We had a small group, as many members are on vacation, but those who attended, enjoyed a nice meal and great camaraderie. I took some pictures, but technology got the best of me and they have disappeared! I will try again next month. Hope everyone is having a great summer. Be safe!

**Auxiliary Programs**

**Please remember to bring items for Packages from Home, Books for the soldiers, old cell phones and items for the Hygiene Kits to any of our functions.**



**Packages from Home**



**Operation Paperback**



**Cell Phones for Soldiers**



**Pillc t patients**



**Blankets for the Veterans at VA Hospital**



**Hygiene Kits for Vets**



**In Memoriam  
Mrs. Jackie Oddo  
July 1, 2018**



**Jackie and Skip Oddo joined our chapter when it was known as TROA. We were privileged to share so many good times with them. In the last few years Jackie has been very involved in our Chapter, serving as a member of the board, and attending our Ladies Auxiliary Luncheons. Such a lovely lady, Jackie will be missed and remembered always.**



## Legislative Update

*Dave Rataczak*



House and Senate leaders are about to begin resolving the differences in their respective versions of the annual defense bill. The decisions they make will affect your earned benefits.

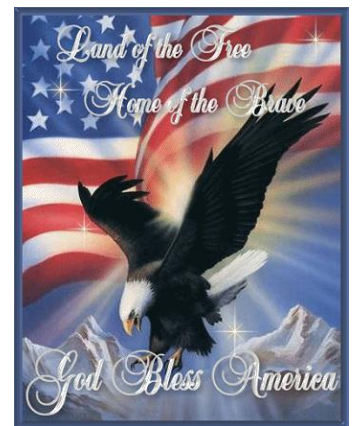
The defense bill carries many of MOAA's most pressing priorities every year, so this is likely the last chance to draw the line in the sand on these big issues until next year.

As recognized leaders within MOAA, we need your help to stop a harmful Senate proposal to renege on their promise to grandfather existing TRICARE beneficiaries from new fees.

The Senate's health care proposals would give the Department of Defense unfettered access to treat TRICARE fees as a way to fund other benefits.

We need you to send this [MOAA-suggested message](#) to your elected officials to reject this noxious proposal.

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



## Did You Know?

### The Declaration of Independence

We celebrate American Independence Day on the Fourth of July every year. We think of July 4, 1776, as a day that represents the **Declaration of Independence** and the birth of the United States of America as an independent nation.

But July 4, 1776 wasn't the day that the Continental Congress decided to declare independence (they did that on July 2, 1776).

It wasn't the day we started the American Revolution either (that had happened back in April 1775).

And it wasn't the day Thomas Jefferson wrote the first draft of the Declaration of Independence (that was in June 1776). Or the date on which the Declaration was delivered to Great Britain (that didn't happen until November 1776). Or the date it was signed (that was August 2, 1776).

### So what did happen on July 4, 1776?

The Continental Congress approved the final wording of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. They'd been working on it for a couple of days after the draft was submitted on July 2nd and finally agreed on all of the edits and changes.

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July 4, 1776, became the date that was included on the Declaration of Independence, and the fancy handwritten copy that was signed in August (the copy now displayed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.) It's also the date that was printed on the Dunlap Broadside, the original printed copies of the Declaration that were circulated throughout the new nation. So, when people thought of the Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776 was the date they remembered.

In contrast, we celebrate Constitution Day on September 17th of each year, the anniversary of the date the Constitution was signed, not the anniversary of the date it was approved. If we'd followed this same approach for the Declaration of Independence we'd be celebrating Independence Day on August 2nd of each year, the day the Declaration of Independence was signed!

## **How did the Fourth of July become a national holiday?**

For the first 15 or 20 years after the Declaration was written, people didn't celebrate it much on any date. It was too new and too much else was happening in the young nation. By the 1790s, a time of bitter partisan conflicts, the Declaration had become controversial. One party, the Democratic-Republicans, admired Jefferson and the Declaration. But the other party, the Federalists, thought the Declaration was too French and too anti-British, which went against their current policies.

By 1817, John Adams complained in a letter that America seemed uninterested in its past. But that would soon change.

After the War of 1812, the Federalist party began to come apart and the new parties of the 1820s and 1830s all considered themselves inheritors of Jefferson and the Democratic-Republicans. Printed copies of the Declaration began to circulate again, all with the date July 4, 1776, listed at the top. The deaths of Thomas Jefferson and John Adams on July 4, 1826 may even have helped to promote the idea of July 4<sup>th</sup> as an important date to be celebrated.

Celebrations of the Fourth of July became more common as the years went on and in 1870, almost a hundred years after the Declaration was written, Congress first declared July 4<sup>th</sup> to be a national holiday as part of a bill to officially recognize several holidays, including Christmas. Further legislation about national holidays, including July 4<sup>th</sup>, was passed in 1939 and 1941.

### **Summer Luncheon Reservation**

**Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

**at Dobson's Restaurant**

**Social Hour 12:00pm - Lunch 1:00pm**

**Meal Choices: Cheeseburger\_\_ Ruben Sandwich\_\_ Turkey & Avocado Sandwich\_\_ Chef's Salad\_\_**

**\$20.00 per meal - Names \_\_\_\_\_**

**Reservations by Wednesday before each luncheon to: Arlan Alan**

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### **2018 Chapter Dues Renewal Form**

Annual Dues:            \$25 Regular Members            \$12.50 Auxiliary (**SSAC**) Members



**Please make check payable to SMC of MOAA**

Mail to: Tom Ralph, Treasurer    20444 N 22<sup>nd</sup> St, Phoenix, AZ 85024

Check enclosed; renew my membership for 2018

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ My National MOAA Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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**2017-2018 Chapter Activity schedule - (Dates and times are subject to change)**

<b>Chapter Board Meetings</b>	<b>Chapter Auxiliary Luncheons</b>	<b>Chapter Dinner/Picnic Meetings</b>
July - No meeting	July 13 <sup>th</sup> -11:30am	July15 <sup>th</sup> - 12 pm social – 1:00pm <b>Lunch</b>
August - No meeting	August 10 <sup>th</sup> - 11:30am	August 19 <sup>th</sup> - 12 pm social – 1:00pm <b>Lunch</b>
September 10 <sup>th</sup> – 9:00am	September 14 <sup>th</sup> - 11:30am	September 16 <sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm social – 5:00pm <b>dinner</b>
October 8 <sup>th</sup> – 9:00am	October 12 <sup>th</sup> - 11:30am	October 21 <sup>st</sup> - 11:00am social – 12 noon <b>picnic</b>
November 12 <sup>th</sup> – 9:00am	November 9 <sup>th</sup> - 11:30am	November 18 <sup>th</sup> - 4:00pm social – 5:00pm <b>dinner</b>
December 10 <sup>th</sup> – 9:00am	December 14 <sup>th</sup> - 11:30am	December 16 <sup>th</sup> - 5:00pm social – 6:00pm <b>dinner</b>

