



Superstition Mountain Express

Military Officers Association of America



Summer Bulletin

Presidents comments



Friends



I hope this finds all of you well and in good spirits. I know this has been a trying time for us all. Our former President, MG Dave Rataczak, is dealing with some health issues now, not related to Covid 19. Please keep him in your prayers for a full recovery.

Your Board of Directors had a Conference Call meeting recently and discussed the viability of having face-to-face meetings in the near future. Based on the current Covid situation in Arizona we decided to put off any Face-to-Face meetings until September. We will have conference call meetings in July and August to assess the situation further and make the appropriate decisions.


As for Judy and I, we are doing well. Going out when we need to and wearing our mask when necessary. Judy refers to us as the couple from the animated movie UP. If you have not seen it, the couple meet and marry, and have easy chairs next to each other with a small table between them. They sit in their chairs and do their own thing. Well we sit in our chairs and read or watch TV, whatever strikes us at the moment. Not a lot going on other than that.

Please take care of yourselves and I hope to see everyone as soon as we can safely meet again. If you have any concerns or issues you think we, as a board, need to consider, feel free to contact any member to have them brought to our attention. If you know of anyone who is ill from Covid or any other illness let us know so we can help in any way possible.


John

Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA



**All chapter functions
have been cancelled
for July and August**





Personal Affairs

Greg Moore



To wear or not to wear, to cover or not to cover, seems to be the debate. To those who wear face coverings when in public and cannot social distance, you are to be saluted. To those who do not... more on that later.

Some do not wear a mask as they believe it makes them retain CO2 and that is bad. First of all, there is not scientific evidence of that, second in some diseases that is a good thing and third, I can bring my machine out to your house and we can test with and without. To those who believe it is infringement on their constitutional rights, put your money where your cover-is not and retain counsel; Sue the jurisdiction you live in.

The best scientific/medical minds in our government say face cover, distance, wash hands, stay home if you are ill. It does not get any simpler. Because of our age group, the risk of hospitalization is greater and being intubated on vent is even greater.

It is especially important to have your ducks in order in terms of your Living Will and Health Care Power of Attorney. Who will make the decisions, re turning off the machine or taking out the tube? Please be aware that your family may not be present because of visitation restrictions.

Cover, distance, wash, stay home. We'll get through this together. God Bless America.

Greg Moore RN
Personal Affairs



Auxiliary Programs



Auxiliary Vice president Judy Bushko and President John Bushko are going to put together some Hygiene Kits and drop them off at the Veterans Center.



Operation Paperback



Cell Phones for Soldiers



Pillows for VA heart patients and Hospice



Blankets for the Veterans in the VA Hospital



Hygiene Kits for Vets at the Veterans Center

Please remember to save items for Books for the soldiers, old cell phones and items for the Hygiene Kits for the ladies, so they will have them when we resume our functions.



News from some of our members

Ritt Schiano is one of our new members. We have yet to meet Ritt in person but are already getting to know him electronically. Thanks for sharing these pictures with us. We are all looking forward to meeting you in person!



Though I have paid my dues and joined the Chapter, I have yet to make a meeting due to the Covid-19 lockdown. Here is one from prior to the lockdown while I was visiting The Villages in Florida in January 2020.

I am the guy on the right, and the guy on the left is a Korean War and Viet Nam War friend, Russ Streiber with whom I served on a VFW Honor Guard in central Florida. Russ, though 90, still is active with the Honor Guard doing military funerals. However, they have been greatly curtailed during the Virus.



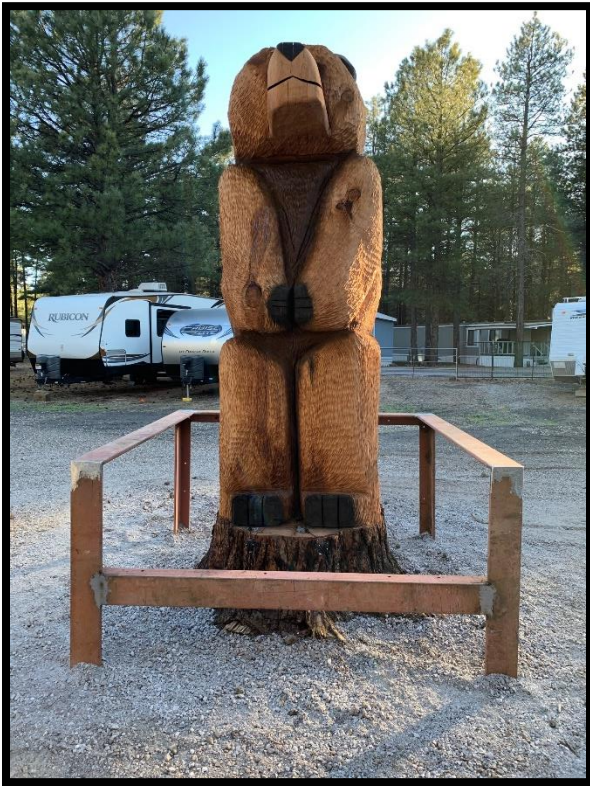
Battleship - USS NORTH CAROLINA BB55

This is my last private tour I gave as a docent/tour guide on the Battleship USS NORTH CAROLINA BB55. The visitors wanted one of me and took this picture.

Not long after that, due to COVID-19, the ship was closed to the public until recently. They have reopened but are limiting tours to the main deck only. When we gave tours, it was 10 levels up and 5 decks down (levels are above the main deck and decks are below the main deck).

**Regards,
Ritt Schiano
Captain, USNR-Ret
Florence, AZ**

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Karl Pfitzer spends most of the summer months up north. He sent me this picture he took while camping this year.

This is a carved bear that was a dying Ponderosa Pine tree in the parking lot of our RV park. The park owner new an artist in Flag that does these on a much smaller basis. This one is 10 feet high, lighted at night and with a steel protective barrier. He is quite the sight!

**Stay safe,
Karl Pfitzer**

Thanks Karl, enjoy some of that cool weather for the rest of us! I think there's a little envy going on down here!



Greetings from Oceano, CA! Hubbie/Surfer Dude Roddy and I have a vacation home here. We are 100 miles north of Oprah's home in Santa Barbara, and 30 minutes from Vandenberg AFB. Weather is great! When we left Phoenix on 30 May, it was 112 degrees. Here, daytime high is 60-70 degrees. Plus, it's overcast most of the time.

This is a vacation area. Due to Corona, no driving or camping on the beach...but folks are still coming here. About every other day we go to the beach for Happy Hour. Little children are running on the sand in bathing suits, while I am sitting there in a fleece hoodie (hood up) plus two parkas. Hey, I'm from Arizona! We still have flannel sheets on the bed!

**Stay safe!
Rebecca Schmidt & Roddy Charlton**

Your Officers and Board of Directors would like to know if anyone is in need of help during these unusual times. If you do need help with anything please contact one of your board members. Stay safe and remember, as with all things, this to shall pass!

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2020 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 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, Hygiene Kits for Vets _____

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Write *Auxiliary* in the memo line of the check

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MOAA National & Superstition Mountain Chapter Membership Application

Date _____ Printed Member Name & Initial _____

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Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____

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Please Circle: ARMY--AIR FORCE--NAVY--MARINE CORPS- COAST GUARD--NOAA--PUBLIC HEALTH SVC

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MOAA National membership for 2020 has 3 types to pick from. **1. Basic--free-electronic only. 2. Premium- \$43.00 a year. 3. Life membership-fee is age dependent.** As a **BASIC Member** you will receive electronic newsletters and have opportunities to participate in grassroots activism effort. You get *Military Officer Magazine* via our mobile app. You'll also have the opportunity to attend our career fairs, networking events, and classes and to take advantage of valuable discounts on products and services. As a **PREMIUM Member** you get full access to everything MOAA has to offer, including our full spectrum of our career resources (one-on-one career counseling, résumé reviews, and interviewing advice and critiques), countless discounts on products and travel, and access to all MOAA exclusive publications and news updates. You'll be able to tap into MOAA's staff of experts for financial and investment advice, college scholarships for dependents, and much more. 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 may participate in Chapter Auxiliary luncheons and activities with no fee. Chapter bylaws require Chapter members and Chapter Auxiliary members to be members of MOAA National.

For National dues, enclose check for: \$43.00 – Make check payable to MOAA National

Mail to: MOAA, Dept. 1488, Maryfield, VA 22116-9820

Enclose check for: Chapter \$25.00 or Auxiliary (SSAC) \$12.50

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Mail Chapter Application and Check to:

SMC MOAA, Tom Ralph, Treasurer

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2020 Chapter Activity schedule - (Dates and times are subject to change)

Chapter Board Meetings	Chapter Auxiliary Luncheons	Chapter Dinner, Luncheon Meetings
July – no meeting	Cancelled	Sunday July 19th – Cancelled
August – no meeting	August 14 th – Cancelled	Sunday August 16th – Cancelled
September 14 th – 9:00am	September 11 th - 11:30am	Sunday September 20th – 4:00pm social – 5:00pm dinner
October 12 th – 9:00am	October 9 th – 11:30am	Sunday October 18th - 4:00pm social – 5:00pm dinner
November 9 th – 9:00am	November 13 th – 11:30	Sunday November 15th – 4:00pm social – 5:00pm dinner
December 14 th – 9:00	December 11 th – 11:00am	Sunday December 20th – 4:00pm social – 5:00pm dinner