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President's Comments

Hello Everyone,

This has been a strange year to say the least. Covid-19 has kept many of us close to home for most of the year. Add to that, this has been one of the hottest summers on record in the Phoenix area. Because of this we were forced to cancel all chapter activities since April. With that said, your Board of Directors approved that anyone who is current with their membership dues for 2020, will have their membership extended through 2021. That means you will not need to pay dues for 2021, but again, only for those who are current for 2020. If you have not paid 2020 dues, pay them now or you will need to pay in 2021 to stay current.

There are still severe restrictions on the size of a group the Dobson Restaurant can support for a meeting (the number is currently 10). The Board decided to aim at October for our next face-to-face meetings. We hope the spread of the pandemic will be low enough that we will be safe to meet again.

On a high note, our chapter again achieved the 2019 5-Star Level of Excellence Award for our continued support of the veterans in our community. I want to thank all who worked hard to earn the award, our Auxiliary for preparing the hygiene kits and heart pillows, to all who donated to the Marines Toys for Tots Christmas drive and to all for their time, talents, and funding to make all our efforts successful. This award would not be earned without the efforts and generosity of the entire chapter. Again, thank you to our membership and congratulations for your efforts to achieve this award.

Please stay safe, and I hope you remain healthy, and as the Roy Rogers and Dale Evans song goes, 'til we meet again'.

Yours in Service
John



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AUXILIARY NEWS : from Judy Bushko



Due to the generosity of our members we were able to donate 40 hygiene kits and one backpack. The staff were quite happy to see these. I have had members send monetary donations and I was able to get the needed articles. I also have received packages from amazon that were ordered and delivered to my house. Thank you to these members for their kindness and generosity. If you would like to donate, I am happy to do the shopping. Just shows that even in these times of social distancing we can still help. I am planning for the auxiliary to have their meeting in October. I have pillows that need stuffing so that will be our project for that month. **480-759-1717** jdbushko@earthlink.net

Please stay safe and you are all missed

Judy

 <p>Hygiene Kits</p>	<p>Toothbrushes Toothpaste- full size Toothbrush holders Disposable razors Bar of soap -regular size Deodorant White socks Wash cloths Backpacks</p>	<p>The veterans have voiced their appreciation for these kits. They are given one per month. That is why we ask for full sized items. Most of the veterans are given plastic grocery bags to carry their personal belongings in. They need backpacks. All donations can be brought to any chapter function or call any chapter board member and we'll see if we can pick them up. Monetary donations are also appreciated! Thanks for your support!</p>
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**Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA
Auxiliary Luncheon
at Dobson's Restaurant**

September 2020

CANCELED

Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA

Dinner Meeting September 2020

4:00pm Social – 5:00pm Dinner

Dobson's Restaurant at the golf course
2155 S. Dobson Rd., Mesa, AZ

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Central Arizona Satellite Chapter

September Luncheon

For additional information: please contact CAS POC Harold Fales at droamin@gmail.com - (573) 308-8372 or CAS Membership Rep. Norm Poole at nrpoole1066@gmail.com – (520) 836-8456.



September Congratulations



MEMBER BIRTHDAY

Charles Eckert	5
Laura Farmer-Wilson	16
Ed Fox	18
Judy Gofas	4
Joyce Herd	26
Elna Lidman	4
Roberta Rawls	17
Curtis Walker	10
Gerald Wittman	15

SPOUSE BIRTHDAY

Donna Lee Conger	26
Charolette Eckert	21
Laura Ferguson	1
Melanie Ralph	9
Margaret Romas	17
Patricia Schiano	24
Mary Scott	22
Carolyn Wittman	28

ANNIVERSARIES

Michael & Gail Dickson	7
Jeffery & Elna Foster	8
Tom & Kay Gaylor	10
Dennis & Carol Languell	23
John & Marilyn Marsh	12
Karl & Vickie Pfitzer	2

CHAIRMAN REPORTS



1st Vice President *Arlan Allen - Programs*

Hello everyone!!!! I hope you have survived the summer of 2020, with all its trials and tribulations! The Board of Directors held a teleconference meeting on August 25th. The decision of the Board was to tentatively resume regular Chapter activities in October. The October meetings are tentative, depending on CDC, State and Local Covid-19 guidelines. We are hopeful the reduction in positive cases will allow us to resume our normal activities.

The October dinner is tentatively scheduled for October 18th at Dobson's Restaurant, 2155 S. Dobson Rd., Mesa, AZ, with social hour beginning at 4:00pm and dinner at 5:00pm. Music by JR & Dianne for you listening and dancing pleasure. The guest speaker will be Kelly Anne Wilde of the Arizona Coalition for Military Families. Menu choices are: Meatloaf Wellington, Chicken Marsala or Bourbon Shrimp. Looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone at our next dinner meeting. Stay safe and healthy.

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2nd Vice President *John Marsh - Membership*

News from the membership chair is SLOW, which is expected during this time of non-gatherings.

Good news from other fronts. The COVID-19 positivity with testing has fallen below 10%. Arizona is making progress. Now this does not mean we can immediately run out and discontinue distancing, masks, and hand washing. Particularly in our demographic (read elders).

If this improvement continues, we will need to make a run at whether to get together again. When your one trip out each week is to the grocery store and you are looking forward to it, this is important!! With social distancing, masks and ensuring no attendee is ill, we could mount a dinner at somewhere below 5% positivity. If delayed to October, it could be outdoors – even better! It would be good to get your opinions. Please email me or any of the officers.

Marilyn and I had our first dinner with friends on their porch (in Durango). They had equally quarantined themselves. It was quite a thrill. Other than our daughter who lives here, the first since March. Let's all be careful out there.



Treasurer

Tom Ralph



Our Chapter board approved not charging our members' dues for 2021. So, if your dues are current you need not pay again until 2022. Our fiscal strength has remained strong throughout the Virus pandemic, mostly because we have had very little activity and consequently, very few expenditures. Hopefully, we will be able to return to at least near normal this fall and enjoy some activities with each other at the Dobson Restaurant.

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I am currently in Oregon, visiting a cousin of mine and enjoying some of the cooler weather. However, the city I grew up in, Myrtle Point, has just recorded a couple of 102-degree days. I can never remember it getting that hot when I lived there, so Phoenix isn't the only place getting record dry and hot weather. I'm staying in Bandon, on the SW coast of Oregon, and trying to avoid all the rioting in Portland. There are a handful of people demonstrating occasionally but seems otherwise very quiet. I'm also going to take an old friend of mine fly fishing in a couple of days and see if I can still remember how to do it. Should be a hoot. All of you stay safe and I hope to see you in September.



Personal Affairs Greg Moore



Greetings to all:

Just to repeat from a previous article, the family of a veteran receiving retired pay does not receive monies after the death of the retiree except for two instances.

First, if the death was related to military service, there is compensation from the VA. If the retiree was enrolled in the Survivors Benefit Program (SBP) there will be ongoing monthly monies. This is a voluntary program in which a portion of your retired pay is kept in a "fund" and upon the death, a portion of the retired pay continues. Information is available from DoD Finance and Accounting.

Second, it is said that if he lives long enough, a man will die with prostate cancer rather than from it. Prostate cancer is Agent Orange presumptive. If you are diagnosed with the disease (A PSA greater than 4 is getting into suspicious territory) you may be eligible for VA compensation. If diagnosed by a civilian provider, ask to see a VA doctor for a rating physical.

As an unfortunate side note, because of the small number of women who served in the blue water navy or inside the wire, (about 17,000) no diagnostic numbers have been established by the VA and THEY REFUSE TO DO SO, despite pressure from various veterans advocacy groups. I know of several local advocates who are looking at this discrimination and I can give you the names of physicians/attorneys who will represent you if you have been denied. All consultations, exams are free and transportation expenses are reimbursed. As an RN and Vietnam Veteran who spent time in both the field and a **field hospital, I know of the hard work women performed** and the dangers they endured, just like the men. I urge you to get tested and use the available resources to end this sad process.

Keep safe,



Greg



Legislative Ritt Schaino



President Donald Trump signed legislation in August that will broaden options for troubled veterans in the legal system and expand a home renovations grant program for disabled and blind veterans. The new Veteran Treatment Court Coordination Act directs the Justice Department to support the development and establishment of veteran's treatment courts at the state, local and tribal levels. At more than 400 veteran's treatment courts across the U.S., the law will encourage the development of a grant program to expand these courts across all 50 states. With this new law, thousands more veterans across the country facing the criminal justice system will have an alternative to jail time, ensuring they get the treatment they need.

Also, in August the President signed a law that will give more veterans access to VA grants to renovate their homes to accommodate their disabilities. The Ryan Kules and Paul Benne Specially Adaptive Housing Act of 2019 expands the program to include blind veterans and raises the maximum funding veterans can receive from \$83,000 to \$98,000. The bill also will let eligible veterans access the funds six times, instead of three, and gives them access to the full amount every 10 years -- a provision that will let them change residences as their needs change.



CAS Membership Spokesperson Norm Poole

CAS has not held a luncheon meeting since the COVID-19 quarantine earlier in 2020. Consequently, we have had very little activity, especially since Robson Ranch grill is closed. We still have not been informed when a meeting site will be available. When we receive a go-ahead from Robson, I will contact all CAS members of a proposed meeting date.

Until then, I have been trying to keep up with normal activities, like renewing our membership with the Casa Grande Chamber of Commerce. I have cancelled all normal (monthly) announcement advertising with for the meetings with the Casa Grande Dispatch (our local newspaper). The Chamber's 2021 Business Directory and Community Guide is currently due for member ads. We normally put a ¼ page color ad for MOAA/CAS/SMC in the Directory/Guide, which (this year) is being published/printed by the Casa Grande Dispatch. At this point, I have made the decision to delay providing an ad for as long as I can, but not before the re-opening of Robson Ranch Grill facilities. I have not had any communications with other CAS members, many of whom are winter visitors/residents.

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Chapter Elections
Capt Ed Mangan, Past President
Chairman, Nomination Committee

At our August virtual board meeting everyone agreed to stay on the board for another year. It was suggested because we have not been able to have any meetings for 5 months. We are hoping to have our election to confirm the board at our December dinner meeting.

I appreciate the board members stepping up as it is difficult to put a new line of candidates together when we are not meeting during this unusual time.





Lou Bates EA..
(Enrolled agent –
licensing IRS)

A bit of tax information. First, the stimulus payments most of us received are not taxable - it really was "free" money. Also, if you received unemployment payments, they are taxable like all of your other taxable income. If you did receive unemployment and did not have taxes withheld, I suggest you contact your tax preparer to determine if you should or want to have additional taxes withheld from your other income to avoid a large balance due next April (or whenever Congress decides next year's filing due date).



Congratulations! We did it again!
MOAA National 2019 5-Star Level of Excellence Award

Our Chapter has won the Five Star Excellence Recognition Award for the last 10 years. This doesn't happen by accident. It takes a lot of work, time and dedication. Your board members are always working hard to make this chapter better. Hats off to them for all their hard work!

	<p>In Loving Memory</p> <p>Auxiliary member Mrs. Mary Thomas Wife, mother, friend</p> <p>Auxiliary member Mrs. Ann Gippert Wife, mother, friend</p>	
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Mary and John Thomas and Ann and Scott Gippert were charter members of our chapter. Both John and Scott held many positions on our board of Directors over the years, including president. This means of course, that Mary and Ann worked right along beside them. Ann was our Secretary for many, many years.

Both Mary and Ann have attended our dinner meetings and Auxiliary luncheons for many years. We will miss these gentle, loving, kind, and fun ladies.

Tales from the lives of our members

If you have a story you would like to share, send it to me for future newsletters

Thanksgiving in Hong Kong!



In November of 1968, we made a long-awaited trip from Naha AFB, Okinawa to Hong Kong with a group of good friends! I had just returned from a 45-day TDY tour to Ubon, Thailand with a serious handlebar mustache, and Paula and I were ready for some R&R.

The day before the trip, we packed conscientiously to be sure that we were prepared, even down to the “empty” suitcase necessary to bring home all the things we would buy there. The hang-up bag was hung on the back of the bedroom door and our bags were packed with all that we would need. We had dinner with our fellow travelers and celebrated our upcoming departure! Morning came very early and we were in a rush when we left.

We lined up on the ramp with our bags beside us. Check! We arrived in Hong Kong like the tourists we were. That is when it all went sideways! One empty bag? That’s all? Not even the hang-up bag? We were stuck...I couldn’t wear my uniform in Hong Kong and Paula had one outfit. This is where not being the first of our friends to go to Hong Kong paid off! We pulled out an address, hopped in a cab and arrived at a wonderful place that would provide a suit for me until they could make me one, and all the knit clothing Paula could buy, plus a wrap for evening. She even had shoes made there.

We had dinner at the Hong Kong Peninsula Hotel. More celebration! Thanksgiving was spent on the floating restaurant in Hong Kong harbor after too much celebrating. We had to step into a sampan to reach the restaurant. Steady there! It was a Thanksgiving to remember. The restaurant was rocking back and forth the entire meal with every junk that passed! The most fun I had was waking Paula on Thanksgiving morning with half my handlebar mustache shaved off. It took a while for her to figure out what was different! We found the hang-up bag at home on the back of the bedroom door and the other bag at the airport. All is well that ends well! **Al & Paula Anderer**

Khe Sanh

I arrived in Okinawa at the beginning of July 1966. Paula didn’t join me until October of that year. Shortly after my arrival I was headed back to Okinawa from an orientation trip to Thailand (my first to SE Asia) when our aircraft was diverted to Khe Sanh. It was my first landing in SVN and was memorable for what I would later observe.

Khe Sanh wasn’t even on the navigator’s maps. He had the coordinates but said there were no navigational aids and only a village named Xom Cham or something similar. As we were flying above a cloud deck at about 10,000 feet, the navigator said that it was right below us. A break in the clouds opened, and we dove into the hole and spiraled down. As the sun broke through the clouds, it revealed a lush, beautiful valley with a short runway on the edge of a cliff. After landing, the Marines shared a steak lunch with us while we waited for a bulldozer to be loaded on our aircraft. The steak was cooked over a firepit off one end of the runway. We had a beautiful view of the entire lush valley. It was an uneventful and deceptive introduction to the war zone.

The last time I airdropped cargo at Khe Sanh (which was on the maps by then) in 1968 during Tet, it looked like the moon! Just bare ground with pock marks and no vegetation. After a while, we couldn’t land anymore or use low altitude delivery methods, so supplies had to be airdropped just off the end of the runway. I could look out from 600 feet above ground and see the defined perimeter of the base, outlined with bomb craters from B-52s running out from the perimeter for hundreds of yards. Weaving among the craters were lines that apparently were collapsed tunnels that had been heading toward the perimeter. The B-52s put an end to that endeavor. There was an unbelievable change in the scenery around Khe Sanh in less than 2 years – lush to mush! The siege at Khe Sanh lasted 77 days. Watch the youtube video below and hear the action in the words of an Army major. Lockheed C-130 Hercules at Khe Sanh - YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rJ1n2K1fY6w> **Al Anderer**



Barcelona



I re-enlisted as a Sgt in the fall of 1965 while on deployment in the Mediterranean. I ask Jo to meet me in Barcelona. I used my reenlistment bonus of \$600 to pay for the trip. We had five days to explore the city, which was very cold, but very interesting. Some of the officers who saw us must have thought 'that Sargent must have money'. Little did they know! We stayed in an inexpensive hotel and it was Christmas time.

George and Jo Meegan

Disneyland



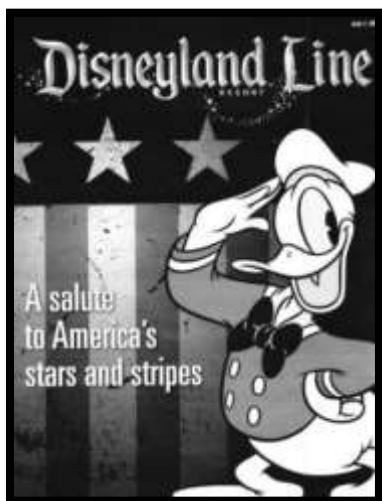
I was attending a publishing conference in Los Angles in the early 2000s when I worked as a Regional VP for a National Printing Company. I sat down for breakfast next to a lady who turned out to be the Editor of the Disneyland Resort Magazine. She was doing a special about nostalgic events that have happened at Disneyland. So, I told her my story about returning from Viet Nam at the end of the war and our destroyer stopping in San Diego on our way back to Newport, RI.

At that time, Disneyland sold books of tickets (so many tickets were needed for each ride). They gave the ship some books of tickets free. All we had to do was pay for a bus ride to Anaheim. So, a bunch of us went. We rode the rides until we found "It's a Small World" ride. For some reason it just hit us, and we ended up getting off and on the ride about 10 times singing the song as loud as we could. You might think we were drunk, except there is no alcohol in Disneyland. But we had just spent six months at sea and that ride and song just touched something inside us.

When she heard my story, she said that was exactly what she was looking for and asked me to send it to her via email when I got home I sent her the story, she thanked me but I never heard another word. Then about 2-3 years later, she called me and said they were resurrecting the concept and were doing a special edition on the military. She invited me and my wife to come to Disneyland as guests to take pictures for the article in the magazine. We did and that is what is attached.

In addition, she asked me who my favorite Disney character was. I told her I loved dogs, so probably Pluto. When we arrived, we were treated like royalty and she handed me two pictures. One signed by Pluto addressed to "My Pal, Ritt". The other was me in front of 'It's a Small World' signed by Richard Sherman. He and his brother wrote the song for "It's A Small World" and many of the other famous Disney songs we all know. It just so happened he was there when the magazine came out, to celebrate the 50th anniversary of "It's A Small World" and she had him sign it for me. What a thrill.

Ritt Schaino



Our time in the Philippines



In our three-year assignment in the Philippines the first year stood out for the entire family. During 1989 there was a lot going on in the country and Clark Air Base; civil unrest, economic uncertainty, communists trying to take over the government, and the increasing uncertainty of the continued existence of Clark AB and the Naval base in Subic. For our first year we had to live off base. Both on base and off base you were always susceptible to theft of your property, just as Clark AB had a large problem with theft of government property. Our first year was what left the greatest impression on us. There was a wall around the base that we jokingly referred to as 'The great wall of Clark'. Locals would scale the wall in flip flops and get around security.

Our story starts with Ed, my 15-year-old son, 12-year-old daughter, and me arriving at Clark AB to have my kids get chicken pox while we were in the TLQ. The home we rented was about two miles from the base in a compound guarded by Philippine guards 24/7. Military personnel were targets for the communist guerrillas, so Ed wore civilian clothes to the base and then changed into his uniform. When there were base lockdowns (and there were a lot because of the many government coup attempts), Ed had to stay on base while we were at home. While we were stationed at Clark a service member paid a local \$100.00 to kill his wife. This was an environment we had never encountered before.

On a good note, we had a house girl and yard boy. It was nice and different, but we really had no choice because if you didn't 'play the game' and hire these people, your home would probably be robbed. Our daytime house girl was a wonderful lady that was older than me and I had a hard time being home and watching her do my work. So, I volunteered at the OWC gift shop and played tennis. I did enjoy listening to her tell me about her life in the Philippines.

One evening we couldn't find our daughter. She had gone to visit a friend in the compound earlier but was not home when we expected (this was before cell phones for everyone). We panicked, looking for her for about 5 hours when we finally found her at another friend's house. This other friend had been upset and she was trying to help her. I mention this because of the environment we were living in. After she got off restriction this never happened again!

The kids attended school on base and often stayed there after school for extra-curricular activities. Ed worked odd hours and I usually drove to the base to pick up the kids. One afternoon my daughter and I were driving to the base to pick up my son. We had just gone over Friendship Bridge when we heard gun fire. As we looked back, the communist guerrillas and Philippine military were exchanging gun fire across the bridge we had just driven over.

Thinking of her kids, my daughter remarked the other day, that she wonders how many American kids remember being at school and seeing military police in Humvees patrolling around the school with machine guns.

After a year we moved on base and that was a relief. Most non-military jobs on base were manned by Philippine locals and they couldn't get on base during the base lockdowns. During one of these lockdowns, I along with other officers' wives volunteered to waitress at the officer's club so the pilots that were TDY there would have a place to eat. My daughter and other dependents volunteered to bus tables.

In July 1990 there was a 7.8 earthquake centered about 70 miles from base. My daughter was on a carnival ride in the BX parking lot. The local running the rides got scared and ran away leaving everyone spinning out of control. My son ran over and turned off the ride. The earthquake was not like the ones we had experienced in California. A rolling earthquake, it lasted several minutes. Cars were bouncing around in the parking lot.

After the earthquake, Mt. Pinatubo, a volcano which had been dormant for 500 years became active again. Officers housing was seven miles from the volcano. For a year there was a smell like sulfur in the air, and we periodically would see steam and ash over the volcano from our house. Then, came small eruptions, and in June of 1991 everyone on base was evacuated to Subic Bay as they expected a full eruption. The evacuation was impressive. Ed had orders for his next assignment, so our car and household goods had already been sent away. We, two kids, two adults, and two dogs, caravanned to Subic in a six pack. We slept in the pickup the first night and then stayed with a nice Navy family for two days. As we were boarding the plane to leave a large eruption caused a plume of ash to enter the air space. Ours was the last plane to leave before the large eruption. Mt. Pinatubo's biggest eruption was two days later.

My son was graduating high school. He never got to have the ceremony; his diploma was mailed to us at our next duty station.

I wanted to share this story from the families perspective to remind everyone that when a service member has a family, everyone is in the service with them and we never know what challenges we can handle until we are faced with them. Below are pictures of Clark AB runway during the evacuation, and the eruption of Mt Pinatubo!

Marlene Fox

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Getting To Know Your Chapter Board Members



An Autobiography of 1LT Gregory Moore, USA, Retired



I was born in Quincy Ill and raised in Palmyra Mo., a small farming community 18 miles from Quincy and 11 miles from Hannibal Mo, home of Mark Twain. My father was a schoolteacher and my mother a cosmetologist. I have a sister in Tucson who is a teacher, a part time goldminer in Canada and plays volleyball at a national level.

The summer of my sophomore year we moved to Payson Arizona. I graduated from Phoenix HS in 1964. Attending Arizona State University, I majored in education (history/chemistry). I joined ROTC, where I met fellow chapter member Karl Pfitzer. Our class graduated in 1968.

I was commissioned a 2LT Infantry and attended my basic school at Ft Benning Ga. I was next assigned to an AIT training Bn at Ft McClellan Ala. From there I attended Jungle School in Panama and then was sent to Vietnam to be with the 1st Infantry Division, the "Big Red One." (If you are going to be one, be a Big Red One), as the saying goes. I served as an infantry platoon leader until June of 1969 when I was wounded in a combat action.

Nine months later I was discharged from the hospital in Texas and returned to Arizona to attend graduate school majoring in Counseling. While in the hospital I was retired from the army as a 1LT. I was still going to school when I was recruited to coordinate a federally funded program to assist veterans/active duty who had a background in military healthcare and assist their transition into the civilian work force.

During this time, I was selected by the DAV as Arizona Employee of the Year and also the Arizona Disabled Veteran of the Year. I started the Arizona Hospital Association's nurse recruitment program. I left the Association and enrolled in the College of Nursing at ASU graduating with a BSN. I have been an RN for 30 years and have held national certifications in Medical Surgical and Oncology. My primary specialty is home care and have 20 years of experience as a Case Manager/visit nurse.

I am a charter member of SMC/MOAA and have been Personal Affairs officer for the last six years. I also belong to the VFW, DAV and VVA. Outside interests include martial arts (Yang style Tai Chi) and reading.)

Meredith and I have been married 27 years (no children) and enjoy traveling on small ship river cruises and visiting family, especially the elementary school aged nephews in Santa Fe



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MOAA National & Superstition Mountain Chapter Membership Application

Date _____ Printed Member Name & Initial _____
 Branch of Service _____ Rank _____
 Spouse First Name _____ National MOAA Number _____
 Street Address _____ City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ - _____
 Home Phone # _____ Work or Cell# _____
 Please Circle: ARMY--AIR FORCE--NAVY--MARINE CORPS- COAST GUARD--NOAA--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 Date _____ E-mail Address _____

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

Make check payable to SMC of MOAA. Write 2020 dues in the memo line

Mail Chapter Application and Check to:

SMC MOAA, Tom Ralph, Treasurer

20444 N 22nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85024 - Phone 602-569-2130

For More Information Contact, Membership Committee Chairman John Marsh:

480-219-1020 memarsh125@gmail.com

Name tags are durable hard plastic, white background with MOAA logo and your name engraved in black. To place your order, please fill out the form below.

Print first and last name	Select nametag type	
	Pin on	magnetic
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____



CLIP AND MAIL

September Dinner Meeting Reservation
Sunday, September 20, 2020 - Dobson's Restaurant
Social Hour 4:00pm - 5:00pm

Meal Choices: Meatloaf Wellington _____ Bourbon Shrimp _____
\$30.00 per meal – Name(s) _____

Reservations due by Wednesday, September 16th
Checks payable to: **SMC of 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

2020 Chapter Dues Renewal Form



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

Please make check payable to SMC of MOAA

--- Write MOAA Chapter Dues on Memo line of the check

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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
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 – 11:30am	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



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