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This newsletter is published monthly September - May.



Please remember to share the Newsletter with your spouse!



President's Comments
LTC John Bushko, USAF (Ret)

Greetings everyone!

I hope that everyone made it through the summer in good shape, and that you were able to escape the heat in some way. If you were traveling, hopefully it was a safe trip.

Well, it was uneventful here at the Bushko household. We are resuming our Board meetings and membership meetings this month. The Board meeting location is the Denny's restaurant on Rural Rd., just south of Highway 60 on the second Tuesday, September 13th at 9:30am.

The Membership meeting is on Saturday, September 17th at the DoubleTree Inn in Mesa. You will find more information further down in the newsletter.

I want to again thank everyone for their donations and help with the projects we have done over the past year. As a result of your efforts, the chapter again received the Level of Excellence, 5-Star Award. Without your dedication and generous contributions, this would not be possible.

We are still looking for members to step forward to lead the Chapter. Any member or spouse is eligible to hold a board or officer position.

John



AUXILIARY NEWS
from Judy

The AUX will be meeting on September 14th. There will not be a project, as I will not be there. Please come and enjoy the companionship and friendship of the other members.

I do have a project planned for October, so hope to see you then. Hopefully, we will be enjoying some cooler temperatures soon!

Judy

Below are depictions of some of the items which have been suggested for the residents of the Veteran's Home for their entertainment and pleasure. Anything that you do to support of our veterans is much appreciated by them. They especially appreciate the Krispy Kreme and Dunkin Donuts cards!





TREASURER
Thomas Ralph

I hope that all of you survived a very humid, and very wet, Monsoon season- which still may not be over!

At our house, we had one storm where we received 2" of rain in about 30 minutes. Meanwhile, fiscal activity over the summer was very minimal, but we remain in a solid financial position. I'm looking forward to resuming an active program in the coming months. As a reminder, annual dues are payable on the 1st of January. Members' dues are \$25 (no dues for spouses). Auxiliary members' dues are \$12.50.

Hope to see you soon!
Col. Tom Ralph



Tidbits

**Welcome back to SMC! Some of us need a vacation from your vacation!
Please feel free to share your photos or vacation "stories", and I will
Share them with the Chapter in this space. Those of us who stayed in
the Valley can attest to the fact that the Monsoons are back!
Lightning, Haboobs, inches of rain and all.**

Please send any contributions to Tidbits to paula_anderer@cox.net

September Congratulations!



<u>MEMBER</u>		<u>SPOUSE</u>		<u>ANNIVERSARY</u>	
Judy Gofas	4	Laura Ferguson	1	Karl and Vickie Pfitzer	2
Elna Lidman	4	Melanie Ralph	9	David and Lynne Loss	3
Charles Eckert	5	Margaret Romas	12	Jeffery and Elna Foster	8
Curtis Walker	10	Charloette Eckert	21	Tom and Kay Galor	10
Gerald Wittman	15	Patricia Schiano	24	John and Marilyn Marsh	12
Laura Farmer-Wilson	16	Donner Conger	26	Dennis and Carol Languell	23
Roberta Rawls	17	Carolyn Wittman	28		
Ed Fox	18				
Joyce Herd	26				

Luncheon
Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA Auxiliary

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

11:00am - Lunch at 12:00 Noon

Denny's
Order lunch off the menu
Route 60 and Rural Rd.
No reservation needed

Join Us



Help us help our Vets!

Luncheon Meeting
Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA

Saturday, September 17, 2022

12:00 Noon Social - 1:00 pm Lunch

DoubleTree by Hilton
1011 West Holmes Ave., Mesa, AZ 85210

Menu

Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls and butter,
dessert, coffee, or iced tea.

\$30.00 per person

Reservations by Sunday, September 11th

to Arlan Allen
4201 W Luke Ave, Phoenix AZ 85019
602-283-5862 - cw4allen@cox.net

Chairman Reports



1st Vice President
Arlan Allen - Programs

Hello everyone!!

The calendar says that Fall is here, but it still feels like Summer to me. I hope all survived without damage from the Monsoon storms!

We will resume our monthly luncheons on September 17th, at the DoubleTree, Phoenix/Mesa, 1011 W. Holmes Ave., Mesa, AZ. Social hour begins at Noon, with the buffet served at 1300. The meal will be Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables, rolls and butter, and dessert! Please have your reservations to me no later than September 11th.

Please call [602-283-5862](tel:602-283-5862), or email me at cw4allen@cox.net.

Our program this month will be the presentation of the Communication Five Star Award for the 2021 Newsletter and Website. Accepting the posthumous award for Marlene Fox will be her husband Ed Fox, his daughter, Crystal, and son-in-law, Levi Melton. Ed will have the honor of pinning the award to the Banner. Accepting the certificate for the Website will be Ann Ferguson. Huge thanks and kudos for a job well done by the Website in receiving this Five Star Level of Excellence Award.

September also brings nominations for the 2023 Superstition Mountain Chapter Officers and Directors. December of this year will be six years that I have served as the First Vice President/Program Manager, completing seven years in this position. It is my intention to step down at the end of this calendar year. The Chapter is looking for someone to step up and fill this position for 2023. In addition to the First Vice President, the Chapter is looking to fill the following positions: President; Secretary and Treasurer. If you are interested, or know anyone who is, please let a Board member know.

Hope to see you at the September luncheon.

CW4 Arlan Allen, USA, Ret



ROTC/JROTC

Al Anderer

If you are interested, or know anyone who is interested, in inspiring another generation of leaders in our High School ROTC programs, please call me. SMC supports several High School ROTC programs, and we need volunteers to present awards to outstanding ROTC graduates in the Spring. A former military officer is an inspiration to the young men and women who aspire to become military leaders in their own right. They are the future.

Thank you for your support!

Al Anderer

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al_anderer@cox.net 480-219-3533

AUXILIARY ACTIVITIES



Working for Vets
Judy Bushko

Hygiene Kits for Vets

Items we need for our kits are razors, wash cloths, combs, white socks, bars of soap, deodorant, regular size toothpaste and toothbrushes. We have been asked for regular sized items as the veterans are only allowed to receive one kit a month. Thanks for your continued support!



Over 540 kits made since we started this project!



Heart Shaped pillows for VA Hospital and Hospice of the Valley

Patients at the VA hospital, who have had heart surgery, use these pillows to help in their recovery. Hospice of the Valley gives them to their patient's family members for comfort, and they are greatly appreciated.



Cell Phones for Soldiers/Helping Heroes Home. **Calling for old phones!**

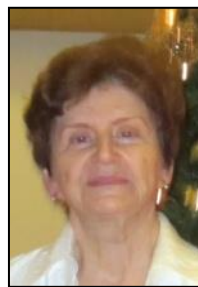
When you upgrade your phone, don't throw those old phones away. Bring them to us. We'll send them in to get phone time for our troops overseas. **Phones don't need to work!**

Contact Judy Bushko 480-759-1717 or
e-mail: jdbushko@earthlink.net



Last Call Blankets for VA Hospital

Blankets are used for covering our veterans who have passed in the room and are being moved. They are covered with these blankets, and the blankets are then given to the family. Over 50 blankets donated since we started this project!



Operation Paperback Books
Ann Ferguson

We send paperbacks to the troops and hard cover books are taken to the VA Hospital. Since 2012, over 11,400 books taken to the VA Hospital and hundreds of paperbacks have been sent out to our troops.

Bring your books to any chapter function or contact Ann Ferguson 480-961-9634
or e-mail: vfergusonfnp@cox.net

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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 2022 has 3 types to pick from. **1. Basic-free-electronic only. 2. Premium- \$40.00 a year. 3. Life membership-fee is age dependent** (can be as much as \$700.00) 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: \$40.00 – 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 2022 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 Norm Poole
520) 836-8456. nrpoole1066@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. _____	_____	_____



September Luncheon Meeting
 Saturday, September 17, 2022 - DoubleTree by Hilton
 Social Hour - Noon Lunch - 1:00pm
BUFFET

Chicken Fried Steak, mashed potatoes, vegetables, roll w/butter, dessert, coffee, or iced tea.

\$30.00 per meal - Name(s) _____

Reservations must be in by Sunday, September 11th

Make 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

Chapter Donations

Enclosed is a donation of \$_____



This donation may be used for any Auxiliary projects _____ or ROTC _____

Please make check payable to SMC of MOAA

Write *AUXILIARY* or *ROTC* in the memo line of the check

Mail to: **TOM RALPH, Treasurer:** 20444 N 22nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85024

2022 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

Mail to: **TOM RALPH, Treasurer** 20444 N 22nd St, Phoenix, AZ 85024

Check enclosed; renew my membership for 2022

Please print name _____ My National MOAA

Number _____

2022 Chapter Activity Schedule - (Dates and times are subject to change.)

Chapter Board	Chapter Auxiliary	Chapter Member/Guest
Meetings	Luncheons	Luncheon Meetings
September 13 th - 9:30am	September 14 th - 11:00am	September 17 th , 12 Noon Social - 1:00pm Lunch



“Life is not fair. Get over it!”

...Life-long adage of Marlene Fox

*In loving Memory of Marlene,
our long-time Newsletter Editor.*

We are honored to host the family of our dear Marlene Fox at the September 17th Members Luncheon. Ed Fox, his daughter Crystal, and his son-in-law Levi Melton, will be joining us. They will accept the posthumously awarded Communication Five Star Award to Marlene for her excellent work on this Newsletter. The family will be given the honor of attaching the Award to the Chapter Banner.

This Newsletter will always pay homage to Marlene Fox, who gave herself wholly to all that she did. We picked up the baton and can only hope to honor her memory and continue her good work.

Peggy Allen and Paula Anderer

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RESOURCES

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