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

Please remember to share the Newsletter with your spouse!

Greetings All,

I hope everyone was able to survive the onslaught of trick-or-treaters. November starts the holiday season with Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. Pace yourselves because this is the time of year when we gain the weight that, come January 1st, we will all resolve to lose.

I am sorry to relay, that Ed Mangan, a long-time member and former President of our chapter, passed away on October 17th. Memorial and interment information will be listed later in the newsletter.

It was great to see everyone at the last membership meeting. Although it was a small group, there was a lot of good conversation. I hope to see more of you this month. We will be honoring one of our members for the work they have done over the years to forward the tenants of our chapter and MOAA. We hope to have a JrROTC group at the meeting as we have in the past to pay tribute to our service members past and present. We will also be collecting for the Marine Toys for Tots Christmas drive.

Many of you are already aware that your social security and military retirement will increase by 8.7 percent in 2023. if you were unaware, you may want to login to the MOAA website and sign up to receive the weekly newsletter. The newsletter has a wealth of information.

John



AUXILIARY NEWS
From Judy



The AUX will be meeting on Wednesday, November 9th at 11:00 o'clock at Denny's. My plan is to do hygiene kits. Please join us.

We wish you a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope to see you at our November 19th Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner!

We are including photos in this issue of some of our members hard at work for our vets at October's luncheon.

Hope you are well,

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!





AIR FORCE PHOTO



PRES. OF SMC MOAA

Sadly, we say farewell to our great friend, and past SMC MOAA President (2012), Edmund "Ed" Louis Mangan III. On October 13, 2022, Ed celebrated his 79th birthday. On October 17th, he passed away peacefully, surrounded by family. We extend our sincere sympathy to Ed's family.

We will miss our outgoing, bouyant friend. We will remember his smile; always a smile with a twinkle in his eye. Throughout his life Ed loved to dance; the faster the better! First with sisters and cousins, and then on dates. He was an Instructor at Arthur Murray Dance Studios. This changed his life for the better. He met Ann Schminke there. She was a student. They were paired together often for certain dances. His love of dancing was met by Ann's love of dancing. Together, they danced the nights away, for the fun of it.. Our sincere sympathy is extended to our dear Ann for her loss.

Ed worked tirelessly to help others, volunteering for several causes and joining military organizations. He was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame, and joined the The American Legion, ESGR and several other organizations He even created a company, EDC, for the express purpose of saving schools money on their electric bills. His hope was that they would allocate the money to better causes..

Ed was an enthusiastic baseball fan! He and Ann sat right behind home plate for Sunday Diamondbacks games for a few years. Ed delighted in serving in the Color Guard of his American Legion post, especially when they presented the Colors behind home plate at a baseball game.

Parades and flag ceremonies were just the thing for Ed. He loved his country, the military, his fellow veterans, supporting the JROTC, and other organizations which he championed.

Ed Mangan will be missed among us. His jovial nature was always evident. We are sorry for the loss of our good friend. (continued)

Superstition Mountain Express

(cont.)

*Personal information and photos borrowed from Dignity Memorial's online obituary:
www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/phoenix-az/edmund-mangan-10975715*

"Funeral Services will be held Monday, November 7, 2022 at Resthaven/Carr-Tenney Mortuary located at 4310 E Southern Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85042. Services begin at 11:30 a.m. A graveside ceremony will follow at 2:00 p.m. at the National Memorial Cemetery located at 23029 North Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85024."



TREASURER
Thomas Ralph

Another reminder to consider paying your dues. They are due on the first of January and are \$25 for members and \$12.50 for auxiliary members (no dues if your spouse is a regular member). Some of you have already paid and if you are like me and can't remember if you paid, send me a note at: tomralph@cox.net and I'll let you know. Hope to see you at the November luncheon- and remember to vote. It's critical this time.

Tomas Ralph



October Auxiliary Members Luncheon



Left to Right:
Lou Bates
Jo Meegan
Ann Schminke
Judy Bushko

(Stuffing heart pillows for Vets and Hospice of the Valley!)



November Congratulations!



MEMBER

SPOUSE

ANNIVERSARY

Stephen Wood	3	Jan Ostermeyer	2	John and Judy Bushko	1
Ann Ferguson	7	Magdalen Kwak	12	David and Laurel McClean	15
Florence Griffin	7	Jo Meegan	14	William and Lesley Baran	22
Michael Ostermeyer	8	Laurel McClean	15	Milton and Shirley Brown	28
Dorothy Deemers	17	Marilyn Marsh	24		
Robert Grierson	23				
John Kwak	27				

**Luncheon
Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA Auxiliary**

Wednesday, November 9, 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, November 19, 2022

12:00 Noon Social - 1:00 pm Lunch

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

Menu

**Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings,
rolls and butter, dessert, coffee, or iced tea.**

\$30.00 per person

Reservations by Sunday, November 13th

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

Chairman Reports



1st Vice President
Arlan Allen - Programs

November! Halloween is behind us, and Thanksgiving and the beginning of the Holiday season are on the horizon. I look forward to seeing our fellow members at our next luncheon on November 19th. November is a special month that we, as a Nation, recognize and give thanks for all of our blessings. The Campo Verde JROTC Cadets will be presenting the Colors followed by the POW/MIA ceremony. The Cadets are under the tutorage of our Chapter's very own Lt Col Steve Wood, USAF, Ret. I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the Superstition Mountain Chapter, to congratulate Dr. Steve Wood, PhD, on his recent academic success. We are soliciting donations to cover the Cadets' meals again this year: (\$30.00) luncheon, and movie gift card (\$25.00). Total is \$55.00 per Cadet. We will have at least 7 Cadets. Peggy and I will cover 2 of the 7. We will pick up the gift cards for the Cadets.

The November 19th meeting will be held at the DoubleTree Phoenix/Mesa, 1011 W. Holmes Ave., Mesa, AZ. Social hour begins at Noon with the buffet lunch of a Traditional Turkey Dinner, with all the fixings, served at 1300. The cost is \$30.00 per person. Please have your reservations to me no later than Sunday, November 13th. Please call 602-283-5862 (ok to leave a message) or email cw4allen@cox.net. As a reminder, beer and wine is available at the front desk during the meeting.

We will be honoring one of our members for their continued contributions to the Chapter.

CW4 Arlan Allen, USA, Ret.

VETERANS DAY, NOV. 11TH – REMEMBER





Legislative
Bob Grierson



Election Day greetings to the Superstition Mountain Chapter. With the General Election cycle in full swing in Arizona, there is very little legislation moving at the federal level for me to track. But at the state level, we have something which should interest every disabled Vet, disabled non-Vet, widow, or widower. That's Proposition 130.

The language of the bill itself says very little: "Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Arizona; Repealing article IX, Sections 2, 2.1, 2.2 and 2.3, Constitution of Arizona; amending Article IX, Constitution of Arizona, by adding a new Section 2; relating to property tax exemptions."

However, its impact is something many of us should find very important.

A "YES" vote shall have the effect of amending the constitution to consolidate property tax exemptions into a single section; removing the constitutional determinations as to the amounts of certain property tax exemptions, leaving the legislature to prescribe by law the qualifications for and amounts of property tax exemptions it creates; allowing property tax exemptions for resident veterans with disabilities, widows, and widowers regardless of when they became Arizona residents; and establishing that a person is not eligible for property tax exemption under more than one category as a widow, widower, person with a disability, or veteran with a disability.

A "NO" vote shall have the effect of retaining existing law on property tax exemptions.

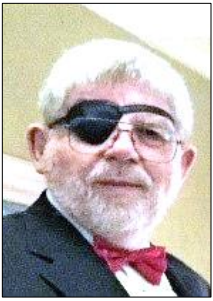
Background - SCR 1011 was passed In the Arizona State Senate and subsequently went to the House for deliberation. Because it changes the state constitution, an amendment was introduced as Senate Concurrent Resolution 1011 (SCR 1011). On February 9, 2022, the state Senate voted 17 to 12, with one senator not voting, in favor of the measure. On June 22, the House voted 58-0 to approve the measure, with 2 members absent. This passed with bipartisan support. The proposition itself does not have any formalized opposition.

MOAA as an organization has not weighed in on this measure. However, I believe it's important for our membership to consider the pros and cons of this proposition when you cast your ballot.

If you're interested in learning more about this proposition, this link is very informative:
[https://ballotpedia.org/Arizona_Proposition_130_Property_Tax_Exemptions_Amendment_\(2022\)#Overview](https://ballotpedia.org/Arizona_Proposition_130_Property_Tax_Exemptions_Amendment_(2022)#Overview)

Happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

Bob



Personal Affairs
Gregory Moore

Greetings to All:

Just a reminder that I will be collecting donations for the Toys for Tots program at the Nov. luncheon, or you can mail them to me at: Greg Moore, 1581 W. Corona Dr., Chandler, AZ 85224-8558 by Nov 23. Make checks out to SMC MOAA and put Toys for Tots in the memo line so that you can get a tax deduction.

Remember, Covid should not be taken for granted. Get tested if feeling bad (Kits are free) get your boosters, practice distancing and good handwashing. As I write this, 59 people are reported to have died of the disease last week in AZ. Also, at our ages, the flu can be deadly. You can get boosted and your flu shot at the same time at the VA SE clinic without an appointment.

Stay safe,
Greg



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. We look forward to the Campo Verde Cadets presenting the Colors at the November 19th Luncheon, with the POW/MIA ceremony to follow.

Thank you for supporting them!

Al Anderer

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al_anderer@cox.net 480-227-1022

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.



Last Call Blankets for VA Hospital

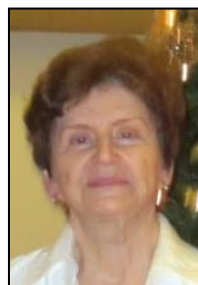
Blankets are used for covering our veterans who have passed in the room and are being moved. They are covered with these blankets, and the blankets are then given to the family. Over 50 blankets donated since we started this project!



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



Ann Ferguson

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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 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. _____	_____	_____



Tidbits

Edward Winslow, 3rd Governor of Plymouth Colony



The First Thanksgiving

The first Thanksgiving at Plymouth was to thank God for a bountiful harvest. It lasted 3 days with recreation. Those who gathered were simply grateful for life. Many of them had died.

Out of 102 original passengers, only 53 survived that first brutal winter, because of the arduous journey across the Atlantic on the "Mayflower" (sometimes at 2 miles per hour), disease and starvation. The new colonists were from cities; they were not farmers. Therefore, only about half of them survived the winter. They would not have survived without the help of the Wampanoag Indians, who shared their food and game. One of them, Squanto, spoke English, and they taught the colonists their planting methods.

The account of the first Thanksgiving- Edward Winslow, December 1621:

"Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men on fowling, that so we might after a special manner rejoice together, after we had gathered the fruits of our labors; they four in one day killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the company almost a week, at which time amongst other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and amongst the rest their greatest king Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our Governor, and upon the Captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful, as it was at this time with us, yet by the goodness of God, we are so far from want, that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

www.smithsonianmag.com/history/why-edward-winslow-plymouth-hero-thanksgiving-180961174/

September Luncheon Meeting

Saturday, November 19, 2022 - DoubleTree by Hilton
 Social Hour - Noon Lunch - 1:00pm

BUFFET

Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner with all the fixings,
 roll w/butter, dessert, coffee, water. or iced tea.

\$30.00 per meal - Name(s) _____

Reservations must be in by Sunday, November 13th

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
November 15 th - 9:30 am	November 9 th - 11:00am	November 19 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.*



My first order of business is a heartfelt apology to Member Austin Foote, who works so hard with Ann on our website! In the October Newsletter, I erroneously attributed the MOAA 5-Star Award for Excellence in Communication for the SMC Website to Ann Ferguson and Jim Austin. Of course, as we all know, that award went to Ann Ferguson and Austin Foote. A personal apology went to Mr. Foote for the confusion, and he kindly accepted. I'll be eating Humble Pie as we come together for our Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner on November 19th!

Paula Anderer

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Peggy Allen and Paula Anderer

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MOAA SMC Chapter Website: <https://smcmoaa.org>

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