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Greetings, Members:

Welcome to our first combination monthly Newsletter!

We love our computers, whether PC or laptop. They offer amazing displays of data created from 1's and 0's, editable photos, and real-time e-mail at our fingertips! Computer access to the Internet, which connects us to the rest of the world, gives us a feeling that all is well. This is only an illusion...

For some unknown reason, computers seem to have autonomy, picking when they will cooperate with their humans. They are notorious for withholding their function precisely when we need them most! Their printers are a close second when it comes to ruining our day. Sadly, some computers have to be sent for "analysis" in order to regain functionality. This, dear Members, is what happened to our June Limited Edition Newsletter. It is complicated!

We are including the May Luncheon photos, and our regular recognition of June Birthdays and Anniversaries in this Newsletter for your enjoyment.

Your Editors, Peggy Allen, and Paula Anderer

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There are some additional resources from our national HQ, MOAA's Scholarship Fund.

In Memoriam

With heavy hearts, we say goodbye to our stalwart Member, Ann Schminke.

Ann was a great supporter of our Chapter, especially of the Auxiliary. Auxiliary is where the ladies of SMC got to know her best. Although Ann was a member of several other organizations, she could always be counted on to help stuff pillows and pack hygiene kits for our Veterans. On occasion, she would have to leave a few minutes early to attend another meeting. Her social calendar was always at hand in her purse. Ann was expected in several places during the month, including D.A.R., because of which association, I discovered that we were related. One Phebe Leete b. 1585, who married Ann's paternal ancestor, George Parkhurst, in England is also my paternal ancestor.

Ann Schminke was a stand-out. Her soft voice and tiny frame belied her strength and poise. She had endured much, but never complained. Sitting across from her at Auxiliary luncheons, I was privileged to catch many hilarious quips spoken under her breath during pauses. They gave me a glimpse into the adorable Ann; raised in a "proper" manner by a mother who prompted her behavior in every situation, she was an impish "Eloise at the Plaza" inside. She quipped that, at one time, she taught people how to dance "the Boogaloo!" Was that for shock value, I mused with a smile. Another time, Ann confided that, while living in Europe, she had driven her sportscar much too fast while driving her mother to Germany. I'm quite sure that Ann could be mischievous! However, she was ever the lady; coiffed white hair, beautiful nails, impeccably dressed, with custom jewelry.

Ann loved dancing. She danced professionally to entertain, and to exhibit new dances; but mostly, she danced for the sheer pleasure. While others at the Auxiliary table were getting ready to leave one day, Ann volunteered to me that she once danced the Tango across the Serengeti Plain! I took it all in. It seems that the troupe had traveled over the Plain in hot-air-balloons, landing at the spot where a beautiful breakfast for them was being served. When the basket touched down, Ann's dancing partner scooped her into his arms and declared that they were going to do the Tango across the Plain from the basket to the tables! What an image that evoked. Our little Ann, dancing across the Serengeti; the stuff legends are made of. Others heard what I did, I am sure; but did they see what I saw in Ann? I hope so. Sadly, I saw her only in photographs over the past year. She was delightful, and we will miss her in our midst.

- Paula Anderer, Co-Editor



June Congratulations!



MEMBER

SPOUSE

ANNIVERSARY

Martin P Dooley	6	Meredith Moore	3	Robert and Dawn Grierson	9
Matt Hayball	7	Lesley Baran	22	Arlan and Peggy Allen	19
John Marsh	12	Gail Dickson	22	Gregory L and Meredith Moore	28

July Congratulations!



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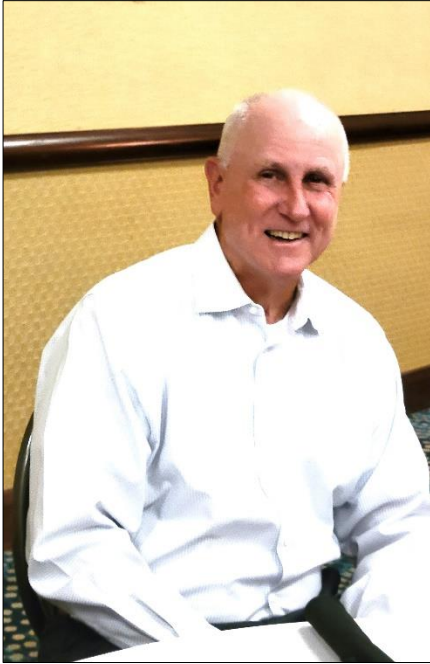
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ANNIVERSARY

Alan Ashmore	1	Linda A Hayball	12	James and Bonnie Faull	20
Sheryl Mauldin	17	Royetta Dooly	14		
Michael A Dickson	19	Paula Anderer	17		
		Lynne Loss	28		

May Luncheon Photos! Best Photos Ever.

Guest Speaker,
Col. Mark Tillman,
USAF (Ret.) -
Commander, Air Force
One on Sept. 11,2001



Greg and Meredith Moore



Ann Ferguson accepts MOAA-Col. Marvin J Harris Award for Communications for the Chapter Website

Peggy Allen and Paula Anderer accept MOAA-Col. Marvin J Harris Award for Communications for the Chapter Newsletter



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Tom Ralph



Donna Stowman



Ann and Fred Ferguson



Bill and Leslev Baran



Peggy and Arlan Allen



Mike and Jan Ostermeyer



Paula and Al Anderer



Roddy Charlton and Rebecca Schmidt



Lesley Baran wins the raffle!



JUST HOW HOT IS IT IN PHOENIX IN THE SUMMER??

It's so hot that:

Just joking! We have all heard the list for years now. Between all of our members, we are quite sure that we have experienced every one of them.

All jokes aside, the extreme heat of our Arizona summers is nothing to be disregarded. It can be dangerous. Do not leave home without enough water to sustain you just in case you are on the side of the road for any reason. Take enough for all those in your vehicle. Yes, most have air-conditioning, but if your battery dies...Hydration is vital, and some have been known to put a wet towel over their heads, or carry a mister. You can quickly be overcome by the heat and become disoriented. When the power company offers **free** electricity and will defer payments for July and August, if necessary, you **KNOW** how hot gets in Phoenix! We want all of our members to enjoy the summer and be in good health! Take care.

Quick Survey

Our President, Greg Moore, has asked us to do a quick survey of our members, to see if we can help with whatever situation is preventing members from attending our Luncheons. Please e-mail your Editors at paulaanderer10@gmail.com to let us know, confidentially, if we can be of assistance in enabling your attendance. We are listing some suggested reasons below for your convenience.

I would appreciate a **ride** to and from the Luncheon.

I cannot attend due to a **health** issue, or my spouse's health.

I **have trouble walking** from the parking lot to the Meeting Room.

The Luncheons have gotten **too expensive**.

The location is **too far away** from my home.

I have **other things I have to do** on Saturday.

We miss you,
Your Editors – Peggy Allen and Paula Aderer



*July 4, 1776
Independence Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania*

This week, as we remember and celebrate the signing of our Declaration of Independence, we should consider each of the men depicted in this commemorative portrait. All of them pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor to liberate our country from the tyranny of King George III. They hoped and prayed for strength to achieve that end.

At a time in our history where July 4th has become synonymous with overeating, excessive drinking, and a raucous celebration of fireworks, we need to get back to a sober day of reckoning. Since our freedoms have always depended solely on those willing to sacrifice their own lives, should we not consider their sacrifice on our behalf on that date? All MOAA members have made that commitment and taken that oath, just as the Patriots did in 1776.

Our Constitution, second only to our Declaration of Independence, ensures our freedoms, insofar as our government relies on it. These glorious documents underpin our Nation in our minds. As of late, they have become more prescient, more precious, more beloved than so many other things.

A quote from Sen. Daniel Webster-New Hampshire before the United States Senate – 1830:

“...It is, Sir, the people’s Constitution, the people’s Government, made for the people, made by the people, and answerable to the people. The people of the United States have declared that this Constitution shall be the supreme law. We must either admit the proposition or dispute their authority,” May it ever be so.

Editor's Page



Dedicated to the memory of Marlene Fox, our long-time Newsletter Editor.

"Life is not fair. Get over it!"



Welcome to our Ltd. Edition for the summer.

Your Editors are humbled by our second MOAA 5-Star Award for our 2024 SMC-MOAA Newsletter. Marlene Fox set the bar high for us. We are delighted to continue her legacy.

Happy Independence Day!



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