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President's Comments

Gregory L. Moore, 1Lt. USA (Ret.)

Post holiday greetings to all,

We hope that this message finds all of you still infused with the spirit of the holidays, and the feeling of goodwill toward all men.

First of all, I want to thank all of you who contributed to our Toys for Tots effort. I happily presented a check for \$750 to the Marine Coordinator at Luke AFB last week. Way to go all!

As former military, I'm sure that you and your loved ones can remember spending holidays apart from family and friends. These days, what with cell phones and FaceTime, it is not quite so bad, but separation is still separation. Please keep in your thoughts and prayers those who are in uniform that they might return home unharmed.

Please note that, in the near future, there will be notices of Chapter meetings which will directly affect our future as a MOAA Chapter. If you are unable to attend, we would still like to have your input to a Board Member, so that your voice is heard. As it is said, "The future is in your hands." More later.

Happy post-holiday! Stay safe, eat healthy food, and wash your hands! (Ha!)

Greg



VP Auxiliary/Surviving Spouse

Judy Bushko

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Hello!

John and I wish everyone a wonderful and Happy New Year!

Hope to see you at the Luncheon on January 18, 2025. We will be assembling our much-loved Hygiene Kits for our Veterans with assistance from the Campo Verde High School JROTC Cadets!

Judy

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For Auld Lang Syne...



January Congratulations!



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Vicki Pfitzer 22

ANNIVERSARY

Dr. James S. and Barbara Austin

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN CHAPTER, MOAA

**Luncheon Meeting
Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA**

Saturday, January 18, 2025

12:00 Noon Social - 1:00 pm Lunch

DoubleTree by Hilton

1011 West Holmes Ave., Mesa, AZ 85210

Menu

Herb-roasted Chicken, Garden Salad with Ranch and Balsamic Dressing, Yukon Gold Mashed Potatoes, Vegetable Medley, Rolls and Butter.
Iced Tea and Coffee - Cookies for Dessert

\$30.00 per person

Reservations by Sunday, January 12, 2025

to **John Bushko**

TEXT 614-204-0413, Call 480-759-1717, or email jabushko@earthlink.net.

Chair Report



1st Vice President/Programs
LTC John Bushko, USAF (Ret)

Greetings to all!

I hope everyone had a safe and joyous Holiday Season and that you are ready to get back to work in the new year.

Our Membership Meeting will be on January 18th. The Luncheon menu is Herb Roasted Chicken, with a garden salad with Ranch and Balsamic dressings, Yukon Gold mashed potatoes, a Vegetable Medley, Rolls and butter and Cookies for dessert. The program will be to assemble hygiene kits. Several of the JROTC cadets from Campo Verde High School have volunteered to help with the kits so that they can work on their volunteer requirements for school.

I hope to see more of you there as we start the new year.

John

NOTE:

The January, 2025 Board of Directors meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 15th, at 2930 E Camelback Rd., Suite 130, Phoenix, 85016. We have the Theatre Room reserved from 10:00 am until Noon. If parking around the building is not available, the parking garage is available at \$6, but I am sure that **Workuity** will validate the parking ticket. If you have any questions, please contact me at arapla@cox.net.

I sent out a Superstition Mountain Express "Blast" a few weeks ago, but I would like to remind everyone of the following:

The General Membership Meeting is normally held in the month of December. However, the meeting was canceled due to the proximity of Christmas Day and conflicting schedules. Therefore, the General Membership Meeting, and the Election and Installation of Officers and Board Members will occur during the January 18th Membership Luncheon.

Because we could not find anyone to step up to fill any of the current positions on the Board of Directors, the current Officers, Chairs and Directors have agreed to remain in their respective positions for another year. The Membership will vote on the current Officers, Committee Chairs and Directors during the January 18th, 2025 Membership Luncheon. The Installation will take place immediately following the Election. PLEASE NOTE: Nominations from the floor will be open and taken prior to the election.

Peggy Allen, Secretary



Legislative
Bob Grierson

*Congress/State stand adjourned. Updates post-Inauguration.



JROTC/ROTC
Mike Ostermeyer

The 2025 SMC MOAA ROTC JROTC Awards Program charts below are updated to 1/1/2025. We are looking for Sponsors and Presenters. Please contact me if you would like to contribute to the Program, or if you would like to be a Presenter of the Awards on behalf of the Chapter and MOAA.

Mike Ostermeyer
602-316-1072

2025 SMC MOAA ROTC JROTC Awards Program

#	School & Affiliation	Ceremony Date/Time	Presenter	Sponsor	Sr ROTC/JROTC Instructor	Contact Numbers
Superstition Mountain Chapter MOAA ROTC / JROTC Programs / POC Michael Ostermeyer						
1.	ASU: USA, USN, USAF, USMC, USSF		1LT Greg Moore		DANIEL A.FERENCZHALMY, 2d Lt, USAF Email: dferenc1@asu.edu	O: 480.965.3181
2.	Apache JCT. USN				LCDR Gary Lock Email: glock@goaj.org MGySgt Norvin C. Deleon Guerrero Email: ndeleon@goaj.org	O: 480.982.1110 EXT: 5399 Guerrero C: 747.275.6188
3.	Basha, USAF		Arlan & Peggy Allen	Arlan & Peggy Allen	COL Cliff Stansell Email: stansell.clifford@cusd80.com	
4.	Campo Verde, USAF				LTC Steve Wood Email: stephen.wood@gilbertschools.net	
5.	Chandler, USAF		John & Judy Bushko	John & Judy Bushko	MSGT Scott Goodson Email: Goodson.Scott@cusd80.com	
6.	Dobson, USAF				LTC Anthony Kusek Email: arkusek@mpaz.org SMSgt (Ret) Stephen Tkach III Email: sjtkach@mpsaz.org	O: 480.472.3055
7.	Gilbert, USAF				MSgt Elwin Longnion Email: elwin.longnion@gilbertschools.net	O: 480.497.0177 EXT: 5066/5064
8.	Globe, USA				SFC Tony Lyons Email: tony.lyons@globeschools.org	
9.	Hamilton, USAF				LTC (R) Greg Franklin Email: franklin.gregory@cusd80.com	O: 480.883.5207
10.	Higley, USAF				COL David Vaughn Email: David.Vaughn@husd.org	O: 480.279.7429 C: 813.810.4831

11.	Marcos De Niza, USA				MAJ Robert Fore Email: rfore@tuhsd.k12.az.us	O: 480.838.3200
12.	Maricopa, USAF				LTC Allen Kirksey Email: akirkseyjr@musd20.org CMSgt Scott Burton Email: sburton@musd20.org	O: 520.568.5100 ext. 4182
13.	Mesa, USAF				MSGT Mark Caldwell Email: mcaldwell@mpsaz.org	O: 480.472.5889
14.	Queen Creek, USA				SFC John Biggs Email: jbiggs@qcusd.org	O: 480.987.5973
15.	Red Mountain, USA				MAJ Olga Cortez Email: olcortez@mpsaz.org	
16.	Skyline, USA				COL(R) Geoff Stevens Email: gdstevens@mpsaz.org	O: 480.472.9571
17.	Westwood, USAF				LTC Joe Abel Email: jdabel@mpsaz.org	
Catalina Mountain Chapter MOAA ROTC / JROTC Programs / POC Michael (Cash) Striplin						
1.	Casa Grande, USMC		Michael (Cash) Striplin		GMST Jesus Flores	
2.	Coolidge, USMC		Michael (Cash) Striplin		LTC Richard Callahan	
3.	Poston Butte USAF		Michael (Cash) Striplin		MAJ John Napier	
4.	Vista Grande, USMC		Michael (Cash) Striplin		1stSgt Alberto Griego	

Current on: Wednesday, January 01, 2025

P= Presenter or School Has Awards Package

***= Have Awardee Names**

@= Sponsors Have Paid

1925/2025

Ever wondered what happened 100 years ago this year?
It was a doozie!

- The **Jazz Age** began! Social conventions were thrown off, and a flamboyant culture arose.
- **"The Great Gatsby,"** capturing the rise of the Jazz Age, was penned by F. Scott Fitzgerald.
- A silent horror film, **"The Phantom of the Opera"** was released to theaters. Lon Chaney starred as the Phantom.
- **Mount Rushmore** was dedicated with a flag ceremony as a national memorial. However, it was not completed until 1941.
- Adolf Hitler published **"Mein Kampf."** It was written in prison, and was his manifesto. It was a wild success!
- John T. Scopes, a Tennessee High School teacher, was tried for teaching the theory of evolution in a public school, a violation of Tennessee's *Butler Act*. **William Jennings Bryan** headed the prosecution, while **Clarence Darrow** joined the ACLU for the Defense. Scopes was found guilty, but on appeal the conviction was overturned on a technicality, which had to do with the fine. It is referred to as the **"Scopes Trial."** The U.S. Supreme Court overturned a similar law in Arkansas, finding that it violated the First Amendment. This boosted the theory of Evolution significantly and legitimized its teaching.
- Edwin Hubble revealed galaxies beyond the **Milky Way**.
- Miriam A. Ferguson became the **first female Governor** of Texas.

- The Soviet Union commemorated the **1st anniversary of Lenin's death.**
- Italian Fascist leader, **Benito Mussolini**, won a seat in Italy's Parliament. He had been working for years to gain power and worked slowly, "eroding democratic constitutions until the moment came for them to be done away with entirely." On January 3, 1925, Mussolini "solidified" his dictatorship in Italy in a speech to Parliament. He declared his right to supreme power, which effectively made him the dictator of Italy.
- The **Ku Klux Klan** made a show of force in Washington D.C. They marched in full regalia, nearly 40,000 members strong, down Pennsylvania Avenue.
- **"The Great Race of Mercy"** relayed diphtheria antitoxin by dog sled across the U.S. Territory of Alaska to Nome to combat an epidemic. The animated movie **"Balto"** recreates this feat.
- A **total solar eclipse** passed over Geneva, Switzerland for the first time since the 18th century. There was a 2-minute period of total darkness, creating quite a spectacle!
- **The 20th Amendment to the Constitution** was adopted, changing the presidential inauguration from March 4th to January 20th.
- **"The New Yorker"** magazine debuted.
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- **Notable people born in 1925:**
Paul Newman, Malcolm X, Barbara Bush, B.B. King, Margaret Thatcher, Angela Lansbury, Johnny Carson, Doris Roberts, Richard Burton, Jack Lemon, and Dick Van Dyke.

<https://en.wiki-1925.in.the.United.States.Major.Events.of.1925.-Historical.Moments.That.Defined.the.Year|TakeMeBack.to,1925:Here.are.things.that.happened.100.years.ago|FOX.4.Dallas-Fort.Worth>

Mount Rushmore National Memorial Keystone, South Dakota



Luncheon Meeting
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Social Hour - Noon Lunch - 1:00pm

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 Iced tea and coffee-Cookies for Dessert

\$30.00 per meal - Name(s) _____

Reservations must be in by Sunday, Jan. 12, 2025

Make checks payable to: SMC of MOAA

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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

2025 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 2023

Please print name _____ My National MOAA

Number _____

2023 Chapter Activity Schedule - (Dates and times are subject to change.)

Chapter Board Meeting	Chapter Auxiliary	Chapter Member/Guest
2930 E Camelback Rd., #130 Phoenix 85016		Luncheon Meetings
Jan. 15, 2025 10:00am	-	Jan. 18, 2025 12 Noon Social - 1:00pm lunch



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, its Councils and Chapters are nonpartisan.

MOAA National & Superstition Mountain Chapter Membership Application

Date _____ Printed Member Name & Initial _____

Branch of Service _____ Rank _____

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Member Date of Birth MM____/DD____/YYYY____ Spouse Date of Birth MM____/DD____/YYYY____

Anniversary Date _____ E-mail Address _____

MOAA National membership for **2025** has three 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 will 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 will be able to tap into MOAA's staff of experts for financial and investment advice, college scholarships for dependents, and much more. That is 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 2025 dues in the memo line
Mail Chapter Application and Check to: SMC MOAA, Tom Ralph, Treasurer
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For More Information Contact, Membership Committee Chair Norm Poole
520) 836-8456. nrpoole1066@gmail.com

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“Life is not fair.
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...Life-long adage of Marlene Fox

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



It is a New Year! Is anyone daring to make a New Year's Resolution this year? Does anyone even do that anymore? Speaking for a friend, it just leads to frustration and Guilt! Talking is easy, eh? Living it out is another story Altogether.

Perhaps we should just resolve to be and do what we admire in others; to be more kind, loving, understanding, and more generous. We could be more helpful, and more concerned about others. We could overlook mistakes instead of pointing them out; rather, covering them with love.

Undoubtedly, people will admire you for it!

Newsletter Editors

Peggy Allen and Paula Anderer

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