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Please remember to share the newsletter with your spouse!

Presidents Comments

As the days grow longer and the temperatures rise, some of us will leave for cooler climes, and some of us will get ready to hibernate in situ for the summer. In any case, if you are traveling, please be careful, and if you are staying, remember to stay hydrated.

Our next event will be an afternoon buffet on April 19 at Anzio Landing. Social hour will be at 2:00 PM followed by a buffet meal at 3:00 PM. Our May dinner will be at Anzio Landing on Sunday, May 17 with social hour at 6:00 and dinner at 7:00 PM. We had planned to have this dinner on Saturday, but some of us will be out of town attending the Arizona Council of Chapters Meeting in Yuma that weekend. We have a new venue for our July and August dinners, Pier D'Orleans in Mesa, and we are looking for a location for our September dinner.

Just a reminder that the Arizona Chapter will have Harry Mitchell as guest speaker on Saturday, April 18 at McCormick Ranch in Scottsdale. Cost is \$19, and checks should be made out to AZ Chapter, MOAA and mailed to Bill Roscher, 4337 E, Sands Drive, Phoenix, AZ 85050.

We are continuing to prepare for the JROTC awards season. I have most of the dates and some of the recipients. Karl Pfitzer did both ASU presentations to begin the season. Our next presentation will be at Casa Grande High School on April 9. I will bring more information with a request for volunteers to our April buffet.

Travis Wilson, President

Officers	Directors	Committee Chairs
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Congratulations!

Birthdays

Anniversaries

Members

April	
Larry Pucci	1
Richard Spickerman	8
Warren Black	9
Thomas Ralph	15
Mary McCormick	20
Roger Soden	24
Meade Long	27
Ollie Clark	30
Eugene Shafer	30
May	
Kevin George	3
Larry Rasmussen	13
Barbara Marsh-Jones	19
Walter McCoy	19
George Meegan	20
Scott Waddle	20
Howard Prunty	21
Kenneth Shook	24
Arthur Wichmann	24
Stephan Mansdoerfer	27
Thomas Murch	30
June	
Alexander Page	3
Keith Cerhan	6
Martin Dooley	6
Fenwick Burch	8
William Schminke	12
Eldo Platte	15
George Woodard Jr.	16
Patrick Hussey	18
Alex Banachowski	23
Ruth Good	30
July	
Bruce Wilde	5
Michael Dickson	19
John Czerwinski	30
August	
Austin Foote	1
Robert Moscarello	1
Arlene Mills	5

Spouses/Auxiliary

April	
Melba Shafer	3
Ellen (Sully) Truesdell	4
John Replogle	6
Marianne Mansdoerfer	14
Shirley Bohn	16
Joan Lowry	18
Barbara Giles	19
Sandy Bond	25
May	
Arlene O'Connor	1
Linda Burch	2
Anita Woodard	7
Myra Davis	9
Jane Ann Phoenix	13
Susan Serafinowicz	13
Hazel Ricketts	17
Marcella Peters	24
Connie Koch	29
June	
Virginia Bresnahan	1
Georgianne Gahan	1
Marilyn Miles	2
Meredith Moore	3
Viola Thrift	6
Jeane Jackson	8
June Wilson	8
June Hultgren	14
Mabel Walmsley	14
BettyJean Black	18
Ida Peffley	29
Bunnie Williams	29
July	
Mary K. Rubin	4
Johanna Gustafson	11
Royetta Marconi Dooley	14
Mary Spickerman	14
Ann Schminke	15
Eleanor Gilligan	21
Linda McKinley	22
Ellan Wagner	24

April	
John & Sharon Follett	7
Thomas & Mabel Walmsley	8
Albert & Mildred Coots	15
Lucian & Jane Ann Phoenix	20
George & Josephine Meegan	22
Joseph & Lori H. Sottile	27
Rebecca & Roddy Schmidt	30
May	
Walter & Marjorie McCoy	1
John & Peggy Woerner	3
Ollie & Jan Clark	9
LaMar & Maralene Peterson	9
A.C. & Mary Helen Flanagan	11
George & Anita Woodard	13
Richard & Patricia Schiano	23
Fred & Ann Ferguson	30
June	
Bruce & Jackie Wilde	3
Kenneth & Florence Shook	8
Dale & Gerry Copesey	10
Robert & Virginia Butler	12
George & Martha Sauer	13
Donald & Maria Costello	17
Gregory & Meredith Moore	28
Thomas & Linda McKinley	30
July	
William & Connie Koch	3
Ellsworth & Glenda Humes	4
Clyde & Bunnie Williams	8
Gerald & Johanna Gustafson	13
Ronald & Susan Serafinowicz	26
John & Maggie Czerwinski	30
August	
Joseph & Helen Goldblatt	6
Eugene & Melba Shafer	9
Ralph & Jeane Jackson	10
Gary & Patricia Webb	10
Arthur & Janet M. Tate	11
Patrick & Doris Hussey	13
Paul & Ida Peffley	13

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Birthdays and Anniversaries *continued*

Joseph Sottile	8	Lynne Loss	28	Jack & Casey Phillabaum	13
Arthur Tate	8	Lee Owens	28	Gregory & Margaret Romas	14
Lucian Ferguson	12	Pamela Banachowski	31	David & Irene C. Roberts	16
Rebecca Schmidt	13	Dena Bonertz	31	John & Magdalen Kwak	18
Thomas McKinley	14	August		Douglas & Donna Lee Conger	19
Verne Hastings	17	Joan Herlihy	2	Elden & Genie Mortensen	22
Fred Ferguson	18	Lisa Stephens	2		
Marilyn Holmlund	19	Shirley Davis	6		
Merle Panzer	21	Nancy Nickerson	6		
David Andersen	24	Joanne Moscarello	8		
Christopher Gahan	25	Mary Helen Flanagan	11		
Jack Phillabaum	25	Betty Grenig	15		
John McCain III	29	Gisela Biehn	17		
James Herlihy	30	Lucille Murch	18		
		Dorothy Hume	23		
		Maralene Peterson	25		
		Carol Winkler	28		



Raffle Results

Easter dish	Melanie Ralph	Placemats, napkins w/rings, coffee servers
Wine	George Meegan	Marilyn Miles
2 photo frames	Karl Pfitzer	Spies, herbs, note pad, salad dressing, tray
Stationery, note cards	Vicki Pfitzer	Maria Costello
Hand towels w/soaps	Laura Wilson	Car Kleenex holder, jackknife, shaving set,
Book, DVD, flowers	Gerry Copsey	and wire cutter
Bath & Body Cosmetics, tray	Marilyn Miles	DeLone Wood

Meeting Schedules

Board Meetings

The Board meets on second Mondays at 9 am at Friendship Village in Tempe. As always members are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Dates for the coming months are April 13 and May 11. **Note:** The Board does not meet in June, July or August.

Auxiliary Spouses Meetings

We meet on the second Friday of each month at Pier D'Orleans Restaurant, located at 61 E. University, Mesa, at noon.

Note that in April we will meet on the third Friday, April 17, to accommodate Easter plans.

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In Memoriam

We regret to inform you that Capt. Colin J. Ricketts, USN Ret, passed away on Feb. 23, 2009

Arizona Chapter Hosts Congressman Harry Mitchell

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Upcoming Meetings

Note:

If you have any suggestions for locations that could handle our group of about 50 people for dinner please let Travis know.

April 19 - Buffet Lunch - Anzio Landing

Social hour begins at 2 pm and buffet luncheon at 3 pm. The buffet will include Asiago Ravioli, Chicken breast, Lasagna and dessert.

May 17 - Dinner Meeting - Anzio Landing

Menu choices are Spaghetti & Meatballs, Salmon, or Vegetarian Ravioli. Social hour at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm.

June 20 - Dinner Meeting - Anzio Landing

Menu choices are Spaghetti & Meatballs, Pork Tenderloin, or Fettucine Chicken Alfredo. **Summer hours: Social hour at 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm.**

NOTE: New Location

For July and August we will meet at Pier D'Orleans, 61 E. University in Mesa. All dinners will include salad, coffee, tea or soda, and dessert; cost will be \$20 per person.

July 19 - Dinner Meeting - Pier D'Orleans

Menu choices are 1) Seafood Platter (fish, shrimp, scallops, clams) w/baked potato, (2) Filet Mignon w/baked potato, (3) Char-broiled Chicken w/baked potato, or (4) Cajun Trio (shrimp etouffee, crawfish chowder, and shrimp jambalaya. **Social hour at 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm.**

August 16 - Dinner Meeting - Pier D'Orleans

Menu choices are 1) Seafood Platter (fish, shrimp, scallops, clams) w/baked potato, (2) Filet Mignon w/baked potato, (3) Char-broiled Chicken w/baked potato, or (4) Cajun Trio (shrimp etouffee, crawfish chowder, and shrimp jambalaya. **Social hour at 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm.**

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Personal Affairs – Greg Moore



This is our continuing series on survivor/spouse's file. These documents will facilitate obtaining benefits in the event of your death.

The next item for your survivor's file is a copy of your Living Will and medical power of attorney (also known as Advanced Directives). Remember, this document has nothing to do with money, land, etc. It is your expression to your loved ones as to your medical wishes should you be unable to express yourself and allows you to appoint someone to speak for you for medical issues. All of your adult children should have a copy of this document. Our file now consists of

1. Birth certificate,
2. Marriage license,
3. DD 214 and
4. Financial information. And remember, you should have contacted all of these financial institutions previously to insure that the account is titled so your survivors will have no problems accessing them.
5. Living will and medical power of attorney.

Auxiliary Report – Ann Ferguson

The Auxiliary will continue to meet monthly thru the summer again this year. We have changed venues and moved to the Pier de Orleans Restaurant in downtown Mesa (61 E. University) for now. Everyone who attended our March meeting enjoyed the food there and liked having a room just to ourselves.

In order to accommodate Easter weekend commitments of our members, we decided to move our next meeting to **Friday, April 17, 2009 at noon. Please call me at 480-961-9634 by Thursday, April 16th to confirm your attendance.**

Starting on Friday, May 8, 2009 we will resume meeting at noon on the second Friday of each month. I will need a call by the Thursday before the meeting to confirm attendance each month.

We continue our efforts on behalf of the Packages From Home program rather successfully, with four more boxes going out this month for a total of eight boxes sent so far in 2009. All of you who do so much to keep these shipments going are to be congratulated.

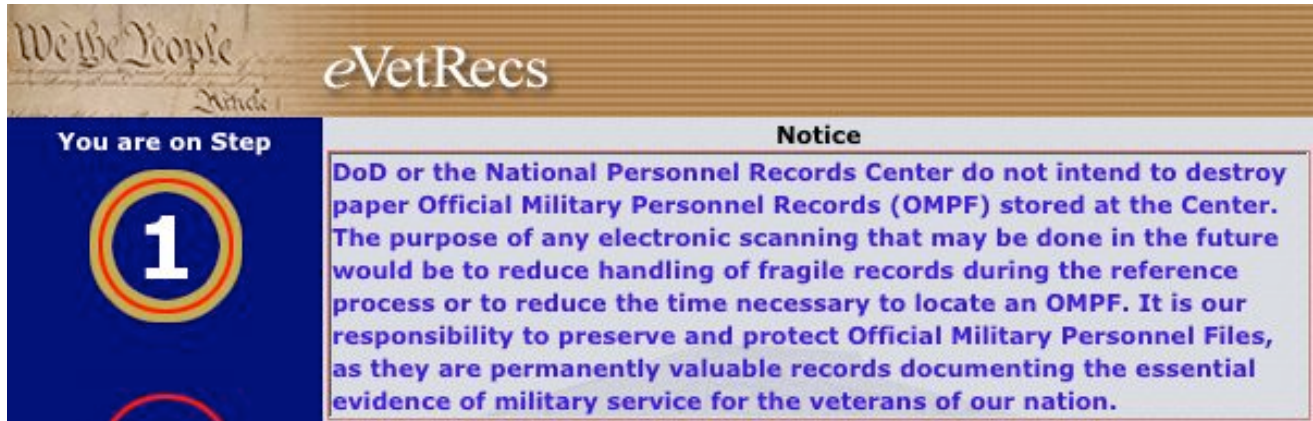
Please keep up the good work and if some of you still haven't participated please consider helping out. We will continue to collect items over the summer and ship out as many boxes as we can fill. (And for now – let's not do any peanut products!)

At our last Auxiliary meeting we discussed an issue that affects most of us. In the past, the Chapter had several ladies who were very good about keeping in touch with our members and making sure that if anyone was ill or needed help that help was there. Most of these angels have since become Angels and are no longer with us to help out. We feel the loss of these members and we were trying to figure out ways to fill the gap. Many of you who read the newsletter may not be attending our meetings regularly due to illness of yourself or your spouse but we still want to stay in touch with you and let you know that we care about you. As a group we did not decide how best to accomplish this. If you have ideas, suggestions or just want to keep in touch, feel free to contact me or any member of the Board by phone or email. We really do want to hear from you.

Ann



DD 214 Available Online



The National Personnel Records Center (NPRC) has provided the following website for veterans to gain access to their DD-214 online:
<http://vetrecs.archives.gov/>

This may be particularly helpful when a veteran needs a copy of his/her DD-214 for employment purposes. NPRC is working to make it easier for veterans with computers and Internet access to obtain copies of documents from their military files. Military veterans and the next of kin of deceased former military members may now use a new online military personnel records system to request documents.

Other individuals with a need for documents must still complete the Standard Form 180, which can be downloaded from the online web site. Because the requester will be asked to supply all information essential for NPRC to process the request, delays that normally occur when NPRC has to ask veterans for additional information will be minimized.

The new web-based application was designed to provide better service on these requests by eliminating the records centers mailroom and processing time.

Army Knowledge Online (AKO)

If you use the "Army Knowledge Online" website, new security procedures will change the way you log in. To prepare for the new security protocol the AKO system will present each user with a list of 20 questions. The user then provides answer to 15 of those questions. In subsequent logins AKO will present three of those questions to the user with multiple-choice answers.

Once you're in AKO, be sure to visit AKO for Army Retirees, a special site just for you at <https://www.usarmy.mil/suite/page/559734> It's a gateway to a wealth of information including retiree resources on the Web and sites covering medical benefits, pay, and state and regional resources. Be sure to add it to your favorites!

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Meeting Reservations

Make checks payable to
Superstition Mountain Chapter,
MOAA, \$22/person

CLIP AND MAIL:
Travis Wilson
320 S. Golden Key Drive
Gilbert AZ 85233-6309



CALL or EMAIL:
480-813-5987
traviswil@aol.com

April Reservations

Sunday, April 19, 2009 – Anzio Landing
Social hour 2 pm – Buffet 3 pm

Name (please print)

* Buffet *

\$22 per person --- Enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ places

May Reservations

Sunday, May 17, 2009 – Anzio Landing
Social hour 6 pm – Dinner 7 pm

Name (please print)

Spaghetti & Meatballs _____ Salmon _____ Vegetarian Ravioli _____

\$22 per person --- Enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ places

June Reservations

Saturday, June 20, 2009 – Anzio Landing
Social hour 5 pm – Dinner 6 pm

Name (please print)

Spaghetti & Meatballs _____ Pork Tenderloin _____
Fetucine chicken Alfredo _____

\$22 per person --- Enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ places

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July Reservations

*Sunday, July 19, 2009 – Pier D’Orleans
Social hour 5 pm – Dinner 6 pm*

Name (please print)

Seafood Platter _____ Filet Mignon _____

Chicken _____ Cajun Trio _____

\$20 per person --- Enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ places

August Reservations

*Sunday, August 16, 2009 – – Pier D’Orleans
Social hour 5 pm – Dinner 6 pm*

Name (please print)

Seafood Platter _____ Filet Mignon _____

Chicken _____ Cajun Trio _____

\$20 per person --- Enclosed: \$ _____ for _____ places



Pier D’Orleans 61 E. University Dr. Mesa

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2009 Chapter Dues Renewal Form



Annual Dues: \$25 Regular Members \$12.50 Auxiliary Members

Please make check payable to **Superstition Mountain Chapter, MOAA**

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

Mail to: Austin L. Foote, Treasurer 3554 E. Camino Circle Mesa, AZ 85213-7033

Check enclosed; renew my membership for 2009 My national MOAA number _____

Signed _____

Address _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Chapter Community Grant Donation



Enclosed is our donation of \$ _____ for this program

The Chapter MAY ___ MAY NOT ___ publish our names in the newsletter

Signed _____

Please make check payable to **Superstition Mountain Chapter, MOAA**

Mail to Austin L. Foote, Treasurer
3554 E. Camino Circle Mesa, AZ 85213-7033

Family Assistance Fund Donation



Enclosed is our tax-deductible donation of \$ _____

Signed _____

Please make check payable to **AZ National Guard Family Assistance Fund**

Mail to Austin L. Foote, Treasurer
3554 E. Camino Circle Mesa, AZ 85213-7033

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2009 Schedule of Events

Chapter Meetings

Sunday April 19	Chapter Buffet Lunch Meeting – Anzio Landing Italian Restaurant, 2 pm.
Sunday May 17	Chapter Dinner Meeting – Anzio Landing Italian Restaurant, 6 pm.
Sunday June 20	Chapter Dinner Meeting – Anzio Landing Italian Restaurant, 5 pm.
Sunday July 18	Chapter Dinner Meeting – Pier D’Orleans Restaurant, 5 pm.
Sunday August 16	Chapter Dinner Meeting – Pier D’Orleans Restaurant, 5 pm.

Auxiliary Lunch Meeting

Meet at noon. Please notify Ann by the Thursday before the meeting if you plan to attend.

Friday April 17, May 8, Pier de Orleans
June 12, July 10, Aug 14, 61 E. University Dr., Mesa
Sep 11

