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by Pete Berger



of get togethers many of you have suggested which will be implemented as the virus and time permit.

SUMMER NEWS

Hello to all as we sit in the middle of this very unusual summer. Your Board of Directors and I hope this **special edition of the Sentinel** finds you well and using your time in ways that are enjoyable and meaningful. Your BOD has been meeting to facilitate the various activities and to keep us all in touch.

Jack Farley and Tom Sheets continue our fundraising auctions. I hope you have been able to participate and are enjoying the bidding process.

MOAA GRANT

Bruce Kosaveach's excellent work in obtaining a **MOAA Grant** enables us to assist our veteran community. He has come up with three dates and venues for the volunteer projects given the restrictions the virus has imposed. Our Chapter is also signing up for the **Be Connected Program**, a statewide initiative to strengthen access to support and resources for the 500,000+ service members, veterans and their families who call Arizona home. I have discussed this at prior meetings and more information will be forthcoming.

EFFECTS OF THE VIRUS

It seems that most of us now know someone who has had the virus as it continues to expand its impact on our lives. Sadly, we lost member, **Gina Vesco**, to the virus - a sobering reminder to be vigilant in taking care of ourselves and loved ones.

STORMING THE HILL

Our Chapter was active in the virtual Storming the Hill to impact legislation helpful to our veteran community. Lee Lange and John Ady were key in this endeavor. You can find information about this and other items on our website which is being updated and improved.

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ARIZONA CHAPTER MOAA CALENDAR

Board of Directors — 1st Thursday of the month at 1030 hours unless otherwise noted
Location: National Guard Regional Training Institute 5636 E. McDowell Rd. Phoenix, AZ 85008. Show ID at Gate. Members welcome.

Upcoming Board Meetings:

- Zoom August 21 @ 0800
- September TBA

Member Luncheon/Meetings — 3rd Saturday of the month unless otherwise noted. Social Hour at 1100, Luncheon at 1145-1400, McCormick Ranch Golf Club, 7505 E McCormick Pkwy, Scottsdale, AZ 85258 **Reservations are Required.**

Upcoming Membership Meetings:

- **Zoom Happy Hour August 13 @ 1630**
- September TBA
- October TBA



President’s Perspective (Continued from Page 1)

Please remember to pay your National MOAA and AZ MOAA Chapter dues if you have not done so. A form for your convenience is below. Dues are necessary and put to good use. Also, I encourage Life Membership at MOAA National!

I look forward to seeing all of you as soon as it is possible. Until then, I hope you participate in our various activities and staying in touch with your friends in the Chapter.



2020 AZ CHAPTER MOAA MEMBERSHIP DUES RENEWAL FORM

RENEW your 2020 Arizona Chapter MOAA membership.

Payment of dues is required by February 29, 2020 to avoid becoming delinquent. Even if you have become delinquent, you can still **RENEW** by completing your information below and sending it with your check — **\$20 for a Regular Member** or **\$10 for Surviving Spouse Member** . Please make check made payable to “AZ Chapter MOAA” and mail to: Treasurer **Charlie Bitner, 134 E. Northview Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85020.**

Member OR Surviving Spouse Member _____

Spouse Name _____

Please make any CHANGES to Address or Contact Information below:

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

**AZ Chapter MOAA SCHOLARSHIP FUND DONATIONS
as of July 20, 2020**

\$100> (Silver Sponsor)

\$35> (Bronze Sponsor)

Lee Lange	\$275	Pete Berger	\$50
Jeffrey Pierce	\$111	Jack Farley	\$40
Charles Christoph	\$101		
Mercer	\$100		
William Gerard Ocallaghan	\$100		

Arizona Chapter MOAA would like to express our gratitude for your support to the Scholarship Fund.

We are most grateful for your generosity and thoughtfulness during this Coronavirus pandemic.

AUGUST 13, 2020 Zoom HAPPY HOUR 4:30 pm

Dear AZ MOAA Members:

As you know, the COVID-19 pandemic caused us to start our summer meeting blackout early, precluded many personal get togethers, and has cast a cloud over when we will be able to return to our monthly luncheons. Based on member feedback, the Board of Directors has canceled the September luncheon and will reassess the feasibility of future luncheons.

In the meantime, let's not let the virus interfere with our desire and ability to socialize, catch up on personal and MOAA affairs, and generally stay in touch with each other. To that end, we are going to host a Virtual Members **Happy Hour Event on Thursday August 13th starting at 4:30 via Zoom.**

If you have not yet tried Zoom, it is easy. You do not need an account and you do not have to buy or download any applications. All you need is an Internet connection and click on the link contained in the invitation below. When using the link, you do not have to worry about meeting ID or password. If you do not have computer and Internet access at that time, you can also call in by phone for audio only participation.

Please mark your calendars for 4:30 on August 13th, grab your favorite Happy Hour beverage and date, and join your fellow AZMOAA members for a "social distancing" Happy Hour. We will include official updates from President Peter Berger and other officers/committee chairs, offer an "open mike" to hear from you and offer some surprises and items of value for you.

Here is your official invitation:

AZ MOAA Board of Directors is inviting you to a Members Zoom meeting.

Topic: **AZMOAA Members "Virtual" Happy Hour**

Time: **Aug 13, 2020 04:30 PM Arizona**

Join Zoom Meeting by clicking on the following link or paste link in your Internet browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/97487224916?pwd=dUtSekEvQVMxK2JRUVZkNWZCMVpSZz09>

Meeting ID: 974 8722 4916

Password: 904508

Dial in 346 248 7799

Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/u/acDRjiC4Fl>

If you have any questions about using Zoom, please feel free to contact AZ Chapter MOAA Vice President Tom Sheets at tsheets@stonewall-group.com or 760.213.3705.

We hope to see you there,

Tom Sheets

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First AZ Chapter MOAA Volunteer Project

July 29, 2020

In April 2020 the Arizona Chapter MOAA received a grant of \$3750 from the MOAA Foundation that is designed for chapter member volunteer participation in a project involving four non-profit organizations. Due to the pandemic this project was split into three smaller projects to minimize numbers of participants.

On July 29 the first of those projects took place between Youth for Troops, Veterans First Limited, and our MOAA Arizona Chapter. With the assistance of students from Youth for Troops who set up the materials, five members from the Arizona MOAA Chapter filled 40 backpacks that are focused on two groups: 2nd & 3rd grades and 4th, 5th, & 6th grades. These backpacks were then delivered to the Veterans First Ltd office where they will be given to children of single women veterans in crisis.

Two more projects remain on August 19th and September 16th - please mark your calendars.



Left: 40 Backpacks!



Right: Jack Farley delivers Backpacks to First Ltd



YFT and AZ Chapter MOAA Volunteers

TAPS

It is with great sadness that we inform you
of the passing of our member

LTC Virginia Vesco , USA (Ret)

March 27, 1948 - June 26, 2020

Our deepest condolences to Gina's family

Virginia Ann Vesco was born in Latrobe, PA. and graduated from North Allegheny High School. She received a Masters Degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing. Gina Served as a Nurse Practitioner for 23 years in the Army and later at VA Hospitals. In Frankfurt, West Germany, she met Dieter Goldmund and they spent more than 33 years in a loving, committed relationship. Gina was a devout Catholic, a loving mother and her grandchildren were the “light of her life.” Gina died of complications associated with COVID in Phoenix, AZ. She is survived by her life companion, Dieter, her son, David Roth and his wife Michelina, her grandchildren: Gabriel, Nathaniel and Joel Roth, her brothers: Robert Vesco and James Vesco and her sister, Catherine Vesco-Freyvogel. She was dearly loved and will be missed.

TAPS

It is with deep sorrow that we inform you of
the passing of our member

CWO3 Roger L. Schartzer, USCG (Ret)

1940 — April 18, 2020

Our deepest condolences to Roger's sister,
Vernalee Dawn Thornton of Mesa and family

Roger attended Phoenix Union High School and he was Drum Major at Arizona State University 1953-1957.

Silent Auction News Update – by Jack Farley

Our annual Scholarship Golf Tournament and Silent Auction were canceled due to COVID-19. We had already procured 80% of the auction items before April, therefore, Tom Sheets and I, with the BOD approval, decided to auction them via email. We received 30 certificates and golf accessories to be auctioned off in three increments based on expiration dates. The first round, just completed, has brought in \$1,885 and the overall online auction of artwork, electronics, and restaurant certificates has accrued \$2,846. We have nearly 20 additional certificates to offer. Please look to future *Sentinel* newsletters and emails for the next auctions coming soon as well as our new Scratch Off Golf Tournaments. I personally wish to thank Tom for putting together the online auctions and thank all the bidding participants for supporting our Scholarships!

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