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Richard Marshall, President

It’s hard to believe another summer is behind us. I hope your summer was everything you wanted it to be. Our Chapters summer was highlighted by 2 events.

We hosted our annual Champagne Brunch on Sunday, August 18th, at the Wild Horse Golf Club. The Brunch was well attended and those who joined us stayed for the entire event. The Staff at the Wild Horse Golf Club did a fantastic job. The food was delicious, and the Champagne flowed. Thank you for making this Day a success.

This was the second year the Hawaiian Luau was held at Tommy and Jan Thompsons beautiful home. The “meet and greet,” from 5pm – 6pm, was followed by a wonderful Hawaiian Buffet, prepared by Jennie, Jan and Michael Thompson.

During the evening, MOAA SNC was presented with a beautiful plaque recognizing our Chapters Excellence in Community Service, awarded by the daughters of the American Revolution and presented by Jennie Kean and 2 members of the local chapter of the D.A.R. We are humbled by their recognition.

After the 50/50 raffle was drawn, most people went home.

We believe this a good indication that our members are more comfortable with afternoon events as opposed to evening meetings and will be adjusting our schedules accordingly.

(Con’t on next page)

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2024 Chapter Social Events

17 October. ROTC Awards Night, Cheyenne High School at 1700

2 November SNA MOAA Chapter Board Meeting at Charlies Lakeside Casino, 1000

21 November Annual Chapter Meeting At Wildhorse Golf Club, 1400-1700 (NOTE **Time Change**)

7 December Holiday Gala 1300 at Lawry's Prime Rib

REMINDER

Elections and the upcoming voting period is coming soon. Just a reminder that MOAA and, subsequently, all MOAA Chapters are Non-Partisan, so you will not see any voting direction in this Newsletter or from the Chapter.

NOVEMBER GUEST SPEAKER

Come hear about Maj. Marvin Carter, USMC capture and POW captivity in Djibouti and how he was freed by the French Foreign Legion

Our November 21st meeting will be held from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Wildhorse Golf Club.

We're fortunate to have Maj. Marvin Carter, USMC, Ph D, discuss the now declassified details of his capture and time as a Prisoner of War in Africa.

Make your reservations now by texting Carol Donald at (702) 497-0655. You won't want to miss this early-dinner program.

Cold War POW, US Marine Corps Major Marvin Carter. was in a plane crash in the desert of Djibouti in the late 1970s. He was captured by rebel forces and held for several months until he was freed by French Foreign Legion Forces stationed in Djibouti. He was a Combat Mission Commander, providing services and intelligence to multiple government agencies. For years he could not discuss his mission but he now can and we'll be among the first to hear about it.

Today, Dr. Carter runs a veteran nonprofit. He is a recipient of the Joint Services Commendation Medal and the Naval Aviation Observers Device.

This Promises to be an EXCELLENT Evening, make your reservations with Carol Donald NOW: 702-497-0655

ROWC NEWS

Please join us on October 9th at the Wild Horse Golf Course. We will gather at 11:30 and start eating at Noon. It's October, time for the largest Folk Festival in the World. We will enjoy "Wuerstchen" (Sausage), Mashed Potatoes and Sauerkraut. The dessert is "Apfelstrudel"

We will have a special Raffle and other little surprises to entertain you.

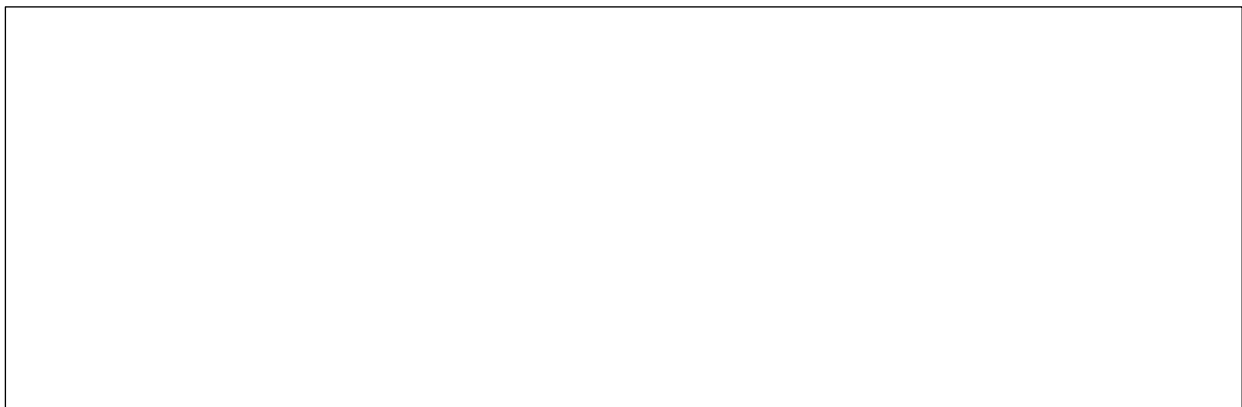
Just so you know, we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Mark your calendar with the dates now: November 13 and December 11th.

Hope you can join us. Helmi Merkley and Caryn Shalita

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Luncheon Meetings every 2nd Wednesday at the Wildhorse Golf Club September through May (Dark in January)

You can reach us at rowcofsn@gmail.com



No New Members to Report

TAPS
LTC Gus Von Wolffradt, USAF (ret). Please see obituary link: <https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/gustav-von-wolffradt-obituary?id=56247333>
Evie Dunbar-Surviving Spouse
19 July 2024

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Report
1 October 2024

Checking Account Balance
\$17,657.54 (includes \$8500 transfer form our investment portfolio)
Investment Account
\$248,654.91
TOTAL
\$266,312.45

MOAA CORNER

Time for an Account Checkup? Be Sure Your DFAS Information Is Up to Date

The Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) published a suggested DFAS yearly checkup in a [recent retiree newsletter](#); check below for a summary of those tips, many of which can be used for other types of financial accounts. (click on link to see information).

ROTC/JROTC Report

The ROTC Awards Luncheon will be held on 17 October at 1300 at the Cheyenne High School.

The JROTC Program provides for young High School students to become better citizens. The objects of the program are:

• Developing citizenship and [patriotism](#)

- Developing self-reliance and responsiveness to all authority
- Improving the ability to communicate well both orally and in writing
- Developing an appreciation of the importance of physical fitness
- Increasing a respect for the role of the [U.S. Armed Forces](#) in support of national objectives
- Developing a knowledge of team building skills and basic military skills
- Taking 1–3 years of the course grants cadets the ability to rank higher if they pursue a military career.

The SNC MOAA JROTC Awards for this past year have been awarded to Cadets from 26 High Schools in the Las Vegas Area. These Awards were awarded to Cadets in all of programs with the exception of Coast Guard, which does not have a JROTC Program locally; Army, Navy, USMC, Air Force and Space Force programs were present.



The Veterans Reporter News

In case you missed reading the last editions of the Veterans Reporter News, published bi-monthly, here is a link to the last 3 editions.

<https://www.veteransreporternews.com/>

(included with the permission of the Editor, Su Phelps)

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU

In the previous editions we had a survey form asking your opinion on cost of dues, interest in attending events, etc. Sadly, we really never received any response.

Please tell us what you would like for our meetings:

Do you prefer having a luncheon Meeting? Or, do you prefer having a Dinner Meeting? Weekend or Week day? Is once a month too often? Quarterly??

Since Las Vegas Area is so large, we recognize that it is difficult for some of you to attend in some of the locations we have chosen, Do you have a Preference? Need a Ride?

Are there other venues that would be more suitable or of interest for you?

Do you consider our Annual Dues of \$25 out of reason? Or, would you prefer to just donate to the Org?

How can we better serve you????

**MOAA Southern Nevada Chapter
Year Plan for Calendar Year 2024**

This is the Year Plan for Chapter Events during 2024. Events may be relocated depending on venue availability. Board Meetings are subject to the call of the President. Board Meetings may be cancelled or added as needed.

19-JAN	Thursday	Dark	Dark	Dark
10-FEB	Saturday	10:00am*	Board Meeting	Charlie's Lakeside Casino
15-FEB	Thursday	6:00pm	Dinner Meeting	Wildhorse GC
21-MAR	Thursday	6:00pm	Dinner Meeting	Wildhorse GC
13-APR	Saturday	10:00am*	Board Meeting	Charlie's Lakeside Casino
18-APR	Thursday	6.00pm	Dinner Meeting	Wildhorse GC
16-MAY	Thursday	Dark	Dark	Dark
13-JUN	Thursday	6:00pm	Aca. Send off	Wildhorse GC
18-JUL	Thursday	Dark	Dark	Dark
18-AUG	Sunday	11:00am	Champagne Brunch	Wild Horse Golf Course
14-SEPT	Saturday	10:00am*	Board Meeting	Charlie's Lakeside Casino
19-SEPT	Thursday	6:30pm	Hawaiian Luau	Thompson Residence
17--OCT	Saturday	6:00pm	ROTC Awards	Cheyenne High School
2-NOV	Saturday	10:00am*	Board Meeting	Charlie's Lakeside Casino
11-NOV	Monday	9:00am	Vet. Day Parade	Downtown LV
21-NOV	Thursday	2-5 PM	Linner Meeting	Wildhorse GC
7-DEC	Saturday	1:00pm	Holiday Gala	Lawry's Prime Rib

6 Dinner meetings and Functions
 5 Board Meetings (0900 Social, 1000meeting)
 1 Luncheon
 1 Veteran's Day Parade
 Wildhorse Golf Club, 2100 Warm Springs Rd.,
 Henderson, NV 89014
 Tommy and Jan Thompson, 312 Hedgehope Dr.,
 Las Vegas 89083

Rick and Linda Marshall, 7955 Lapis Harbor
 Ave., Las Vegas 89117
 Lawry's Prime Rib, 4043 Howard Hughes
 PKWY, Las Vegas, NV 89169
 Las Vegas National Golf Course, 1911 E. Desert
 Inn, Las Vegas 89109
 Charlie's Lakeside Casino, 8603 W. Sahara
 Cheyenne H.S., 3200 W. Alexander Rd. LV

Critical Veterans' Bill Remains Stalled: Ask Your Lawmakers to Back the Dole Act

“Critical legislation, including a package designed to improve the lives of generations of veterans, their caregivers, and their survivors, remains in limbo as members of Congress prepare to head home for the November election.”

Please call or write your local Congressman now. Addresses and phone numbers are on the last page of the Newsletter.

Accessing your VA Benefits on line will change in 2025.

Starting in 2025 logging onto your VA website will change. To find out more please go to your VA Website to register for Login.gov or Id.me accounts. Your My HealthyVet Account will no longer work after January 31, 2025.

More Tips to Help You Avoid Home Scams

The Following phone information may be of assist to you if you suspect that there may be a fraud or scam connected with something that you are doing. It is ALWAYS better to be safe than sorry when it comes to Fraud or Scams. If you think you or a friend or family member has been scammed or a victim of fraud, please call the VA SAFE Line at 1-833-38V-SAFE (8-7233)

EDITORS NOTE:

Starting in October our Chapter will no longer have our Post Office Box. All mail for the SNA Chapter should be addressed to our Chapter C/O Maj. Mike Young, USAF (ret) , 2526 Great Auk Ave., N. Las Vegas, NV 89064-3788.

The LUAU was a Grand Event. Thanks to all that came and a SPECIAL Thanks to the Thompson Family that hosted this year's LUAU (again).

Our Chapter was presented with an Excellence in Community Service Award by the Daughters of American Revolution (D.A.R.). The Award was Presented to President Richard Marshall by DAR Member Jennie Kean and 2 of her assistants.



LUAU (Con't)

Three Generations of Thompson Ladies



President Rick receiving DAR Community Service Award





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OR MEMBERSHIP
APPLICATION.
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(First) Date: _____ Name: _____ (Last)
 (Middle Initial)

Rank: _____ Service: _____ Status (Active, Retired, Former
Officer): _____ Chapter Recruiter (Sponsor)

Telephone No. _____ National MOAA Member? Yes _____ No
_____ Applying-

Birth Date: _____ Spouse Name:

Dues: \$25/year (Regular & Associate Members)
Scholarship/General Fund

Donation _____ E-Mail Address:



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