



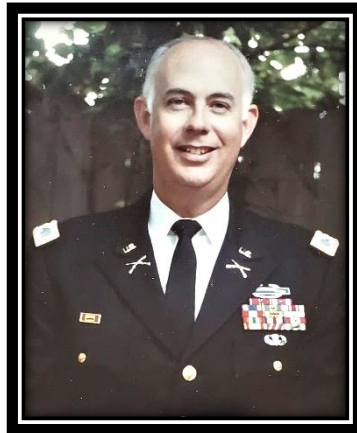
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March 2021 Issue – Newsletter to Members

President's Message...

Dear MOAA HA Members,

This is my first message to you as your new President for 2021. The first order of business is a very profound and heart felt "THANK YOU" to our previous President Joe Willoughby. As some of you know, Joe and I traded places and he will continue to serve as Vice Present.



This decision will make for continued coordinated team. COL Frank Tricomi continues to serve as our treasurer as well as Secretary and does a stellar job with both positions...Thank you, Frank.

Last month Joe wrote about optimism for this year. Last year was tough on all of us with the COVID-19 virus and its restrictions. I echo Joe's optimism. Vaccinations are well underway and there are strong indicators that we are on the road to normalcy. Last month our monthly luncheon was an in person gathering with a really great turn out. Our monthly gatherings hopefully continue to be in person whenever possible with a Zoom alternative as appropriate.

We were very fortunate to have BG Joe Ramirez, Commandant of Cadets as our guest speaker last month. It was a great presentation and I urge you to read Joe's write up in this issue. Additionally, in this issue you will find two interesting articles for we

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March... 

Upcoming Chapter Events:

Wednesday, March 24, 2021 @ noon

MOAA HA BOD Meeting
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2503 S Gessner Rd
Houston, TX 77063

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MOAA HA Chapter Luncheon
Kelley's Country Cookin'
11555 W Airport Blvd
Meadow Place, TX 77477

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VA Secretary: 'Urgent' Review Planned for Agent Orange Benefit Expansion

By: Kevin Lilley
February 26, 2021

For tens of thousands of Vietnam veterans entitled to long-sought benefits connected to toxic exposure, recent statements from VA Secretary Denis McDonough hold promise, but offer few specifics.

As reported by [Military Times](#) and [Military.com](#), McDonough on Feb. 23 pledged an “urgent” review of the process that will extend benefits to tens of thousands of veterans suffering from bladder cancer, hypothyroidism, and Parkinsonism – conditions added to the list of those connected to Agent Orange exposure as part of the FY 2021 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). A presumptive condition means that if a claimant's exposure to Agent Orange is validated, then the disease is presumed to be service-connected.



VA Secretary Denis McDonough speaks with VA medical center employees in Washington, D.C. (photo via VA.gov)

MOAA pushed for the addition of the language to the NDAA and will continue to advocate for these veterans as the benefit takes shape. MOAA also seeks more comprehensive reform to the VA's approach to toxic exposure – measures that will make the department more responsive not just to Vietnam veterans, but to those exposed to burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan, to firefighting chemicals on military installations, and to the families and caregivers of all these individuals.

[RELATED: [Advocacy in Action: Details on MOAA's Spring Campaign](#)]

MOAA applauds McDonough's pledge, along with statements that indicate plans to cut the implementation period for these benefits compared with earlier estimates. However, without a target date or more specifics, the long and undeserved wait for these veterans to receive benefits earned decades ago will continue.

McDonough also indicated willingness to look at adding hypertension to the list of Agent Orange presumptive conditions – a move MOAA endorsed as part of advocacy efforts connected to the other illnesses. It was part of initial legislation but was eliminated during the NDAA process, likely because of budget concerns. VA believes additional research is needed for hypertension – research that has been **delayed** because of COVID-19.

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Vietnam war vets; one being about the Vietnam War museum being constructed in Weatherford, TX and the other about the VA Agent Orange benefit expansion.

This month's lunch meeting will once again be at Kelly's Country Cookin' in Meadows Place. It is a very nice venue. Our guest speaker will be Colonel E.A. "Buddy" Grantham. Colonel Grantham currently is the Chief of Staff of the Texas State Guard Army Component Command. The Texas State Guard is one of the three branches of the Texas Military Forces.

Once again, many thanks to Joe Willoughby for his outstanding service to the chapter last year. We will continue to face challenges this year; however, we continue to be moving forward in a very positive manner and we certainly look forward to all of you at our chapter events this year as our community continues to open up.

One last item. If you are not current on your dues please bring them current and as always, we are looking for new members to strengthen the chapter; so, put your recruiting caps on.

Respectfully,

Rob
Robin P. Ritchie, COL, Infantry, USAR (Ret)



MOAA HA Chapter Financial Statement ** Preliminary ** February 1 – 22, 2021

Starting Balance (as of 1 Feb 2021)		\$ 4,360.13
Revenue		
Memberships (3 each 2021 Members & 1 Surviving Spouse for 2021)		\$ 100.00 (\$ 100.00)
Gross Operating Income		\$ 4,460.13
Expenses (Jan 1-26, 2021)*		
Reimburse Joe Willoughby for 6 month PO Box (\$83.00) TCC Membership dues for 2021 (\$37.20)		<u>(\$ 120.20)</u>
Operating Income		\$ 4,339.93
Total Withhold		<u>(\$ 2,161.71)</u>
ROTC Withhold	(\$ 1,961.71)	
"Impact A Hero" Foundation Withhold	(\$ 200.00)	
Available Operating Income**		<u>\$ 2,178.22</u>

*Payments made, but not cleared through bank
Note: Estimated known obligations for 2021 (\$600 for Website, \$1,200 for Newsletter, \$200 for Hosting, \$100 for 6 month PO Box = \$2,300)

February's MOAA Chapter Luncheon...

...was a wonderful event. On Saturday, February 27th we were fortunate to host Brigadier General Joe Ramirez, USA (Ret.), the current Commandant of Cadets at Texas A&M University. As the featured speaker, BG Ramirez spoke to us about the proud history of the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets, the current state of the Corps, and some of the challenges of recruiting and retaining qualified young men and women to serve in the Corps of Cadets. BG Ramirez also shared with us his family's rich history of military service to our nation, as well as some of his personal perspectives on developing the next generation of leaders, based on his experience as the Commandant of Cadets.

It was nice to see some new as well as familiar faces at the February luncheon. We welcomed Lt Col Biff French, USAF. Lt Col French is currently the Deputy Ops Group Commander at the 147th Attack Wing at Ellington Field. It was also nice to see longtime chapter members MG Robert Crosser, USA (Ret.) and CAPT Tucker Coughlen, USN (Ret.) at Saturday's event.



Barb and Frank Tricomi



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Joe Willoughby and
Rob Ritchie

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[RELATED AT MILITARY TIMES: Adding High Blood Pressure to List of Presumptive Agent Orange Illnesses a Key Focus for Lawmakers]

"MOAA looks forward to working with VA leadership on the issue of toxic exposure, and we're more than pleased that it's a priority for the secretary and his new team," said Cory Titus, director of veteran benefits and Guard/Reserve affairs for MOAA's Government Relations team. "Toxic exposure reform is one of our Advocacy in Action focus areas for a reason – veterans across generations are being denied the care and benefits they deserve, and structural reforms are needed to fix that."

In the months ahead, MOAA will be seeking support from members and others in sharing our message of comprehensive toxic exposure reform. Please keep tabs on MOAA's website, [including the Advocacy News page](#), for updates.

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Surviving Spouse Corner

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The MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter has members who can help Surviving Spouses with SBP and or DIC claims with DFAS and the VA. Last month several members helped a Gold Star Wife, whose husband had died on active duty in a combat zone, unravel a disconnect about receipt of SBP. They contacted senior MOAA staff members who worked with senior Army Staff to correct the disconnect. The Surviving Spouses remain in contact with the Gold Star wife to provide support and ensure the appropriate funds are sent to her.

United States Vietnam War Commemoration Commission Recognition for Surviving Spouses of Veterans (who served on Active duty between Nov 1, 1955 & May 15, 1975). Surviving Spouse Judith Thomas is a Commemorative Partner for the Commission and mails the Certificate of Honor and Surviving Spouse Pin. To request the Pin & Certificate email her at jktmilitarywidow@gmail.com with your name & mailing address, veteran's name, branch of service and dates of service.

Vietnam Veteran Recognition Day is March 29, 2021 and virtual events are being planned. The Vietnam War Commemoration Commission plans to continue these recognition efforts until March, 2025. Vietnam Veterans who have not received the Vietnam War Commemorative Lapel Pin can contact Judith Thomas at jktmilitarywidow@gmail.com to request. All Veterans who served honorably on Active Duty in the U.S. Military between Nov 1, 1955 and May 15, 1975, regardless of where they served, are eligible for the Pin.

Dependency & Indemnity Compensation

- There are 430,345 Surviving Spouses Receiving DIC as of 12/31/2020
- If you have questions about DIC, there is now an office to help: VA Office of Survivors Assistance – Email: officeofsurvivors@va.gov
Website: www.va.gov/survivors
Phone: (202) 461-1077

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Survivor Benefit Plan News

There were 132,285 Surviving Spouses receiving SBP (as of 09/30/2019)

65,000 Surviving Spouses are eligible for DIC & SBP – the “Widows Tax” Law was repealed and the increase in SBP payments started Feb 1, 2021, with increases in 2022 and full receipt of DIC and SBP in 2023.

If you have questions about SBP – contact Defense Finance & Accounting Service: DFAS Annuitants: Customer Service (800) 321-1080 Survivor SBP Newsletter at www.dfas.mil

If you need help with SBP claim, contact a Veteran Service Organization – DAV, American Legion, VFW, MOAA, TAPS, Gold Star Wives, SMW or County VSO. Your U.S. Senator or Representative have liaisons who can assist if your claim has not been addressed by VA or DFAS within 90 days of receipt. ★

Noble Eagle I and II (Defense of the US after 9-11) and the during the Cold War along the East-West German Border. He also served in South Korea and Hungary.

Grantham retired from active duty in 2005 after 20 years of service and returned to Houston where he has served in government and private business capacities. He joined the Texas State Guard in 2007. He served as the commander of the 8th Regiment from 2014-2017. He also served previously as the Army Component Chief of Staff and Deputy Commander, the 8th Regiment operations and training officer, regimental executive officer, and 1st Battalion commander. He has deployed in support of Hurricanes Dean, Gustav, Dolly, Ike, Alex and Harvey, Tropical Storm Edouard and facility security missions as well as several regional disaster events such as weather events and sheltering assistance for our neighbors from Louisiana as they escape to Texas to gain relief from the storms that cause havoc in their state.

The Mission of the Texas State Guard is to provide highly trained soldiers for Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA), by providing ready military forces during State Declared Emergencies, to assist State and local authorities in homeland security, community service and with medical services.

The Texas State Guard (TXSG) is one of three branches of the Texas Military Forces (TXMF), reporting to the Texas Adjutant General, Major General Tracy R. Norris, located at Texas Military Forces HQ, Camp Mabry (Austin), Texas. The Commander-In-Chief of the Texas Military Forces is the Governor of Texas, Greg Abbott. The other two branches are the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG) and the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG). ★

Mark your calendars! >>>

**MOAA HA Chapter Luncheon
Saturday, March 27th, 2021 @ noon
Guest Speaker...**



**Colonel E.A. "Buddy" Grantham
Texas State Guard**

Colonel E.A. "Buddy" Grantham is the Chief of Staff of the Texas State Guard's Second Brigade covering a 35-county area of Southeast Texas.

Grantham's military career began when he enlisted in the Texas National Guard in 1979 and then commissioned as a second lieutenant through the Texas A&M University Corps of Cadets in 1981. He entered active duty in the United States Army in 1985 and served first as an Armor and Cavalry Officer and then later as a Quartermaster Officer in Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, Desert Calm, Enduring Freedom, Iraqi Freedom, Joint Forge (Bosnia),

The National Vietnam War Museum

For many Americans, Vietnamese, and others, the war in Vietnam was the defining event in their lives. It was a conflict that divided families and brought violence both to Vietnam and to the United States. Each of us had a Vietnam experience.

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. as well as many other community and state memorials have been established to recognize the sacrifice of the 58,245 that gave their lives during that most unpopular and divisive war for the United States.

These memorials, which have done much to aid in the healing of the wounds brought on by this conflict, do not provide an opportunity to reflect knowledgeably on the many other aspects of the era. This turbulent period influenced events in much of the world that still affect those who lived through the era, subsequent generations and governments around the globe.

At its peak, over half a million U. S. soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines and Coast Guardsmen were serving in Vietnam, the surrounding waters and countries, along with millions of Vietnamese and thousands of Australians, New Zealanders, South Koreans, Thais, and Filipinos.

They, along with their friends and families, have been misunderstood and misrepresented for over thirty years.

Now, a national museum is being built to help us remember and understand.

2021 Spring Fundraiser – March 27, 2021





Lawmakers Want to Make All Vets, Some Caregivers Eligible for VA COVID-19 Vaccines

February 26, 2021

Photo by Airman 1st Class Dwane R. Young/Air Force

Editor's note: This article by Patricia Kime originally appeared on Military.com, a leading source of news for the military and veteran community.

When Vietnam veteran Donald Snyder heard his local **Department of Veterans Affairs** hospital was offering coronavirus vaccines to vets 65 and older, he immediately called to make an appointment. But Snyder, who does not get health care through the VA because he does not meet its eligibility criteria, was turned down.

He was miffed.

"I understand the income [limits] to be eligible for veterans health care benefits, but the vaccine? The vaccine is free to all Americans; we paid for it with our tax dollars. There's no reason a veteran shouldn't be able to get it at the VA," Snyder said.

In Congress, lawmakers have heard similar thoughts from veterans and those who care for ill and at-risk former service members -- those who are not enrolled in VA health care and not able to get the vaccine from the VA.

A few lawmakers are trying to do something about it.

[LATEST NEWS AND GUIDANCE: [MOAA.org/Coronavirus](https://www.moaa.org/coronavirus)]

"Getting vaccines into the arms of every person who wants one as soon as we can is key to finally getting us past this pandemic. In my mind, veterans should always be at the front of the line," said Rep. Mike Bost, R-Ill., ranking member of the House Veterans Affairs Committee, in a release.

"Your goal should be to vaccinate every single [veteran] assuming they are not going to object to getting the vaccine," Sen. Mazie Hirono, D-Hawaii, told Dr. Richard Stone, acting under secretary for health during a hearing.

Bost and House Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Rep. Mark Takano, D-Calif., introduced legislation Feb. 24 that would allow the VA to vaccinate any veteran and some caregivers who requested a shot after all currently eligible veterans are offered one.

Currently, the department is working toward vaccinating 6 million regular users of VA health care. An additional 3.3 million veterans are enrolled in care and are inactive, and 9.2 million U.S. veterans do not have contact with the VA health system because they either haven't enrolled or are not eligible. Veterans must meet certain criteria to be eligible for care, including income thresholds and having a service-connected disability.

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The VA is offering vaccines to caregivers **enrolled in the VA Program of Comprehensive Assistance for Family Caregivers** and has vaccinated 2,000 so far, according to Stone.

Takano and Bost's bill would allow any veteran to get their vaccine through the VA, as well as caregivers providing assistance to veterans in any VA home-based or long-term care program.

It also would allow the VA to provide vaccines to veterans living overseas who get care through the department's Foreign Medical Program.

[RELATED: VA Expecting Surge of Veterans Needing Care as Pandemic Restrictions Ease]

"Our bill provides a critical fix to allow VA to expand who is eligible to receive a vaccine at its facilities -- opening up access to all veterans and their caregivers," Takano said.

The VA has consistently maintained that it cannot, by law, offer the vaccine to veterans not enrolled in VA health care or civilian caregivers, but Stone said the department "doesn't want to turn anybody away."

"We need some additional authorities to get to the rest of that population," he said.

He added that the department is doing what it can within the law to reach more veterans, including enrolling eligible vets who show up to vaccine clinics in VA health care and reaching out to veterans to encourage them to enroll in care. He said the department has contacted 8 million in the last few weeks alone.

[RELATED: The Latest on Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine]

"I share your desire to get the vaccine into as many people as we can," Stone told lawmakers.

As of Feb. 25, the VA had received nearly 2.5 million doses of the vaccine and administered 2.04 million to employees and eligible veterans, including 676,163 second doses. More than 1.16 million veterans have received their first dose, and a half-million have gotten their second, according to VA data.

Stone said the VA is receiving roughly 125,000 vaccine doses a week but expects 600,000 next week.

With a new vaccine on the horizon, made by Johnson & Johnson, "We will continue to see increases," he said. "The problem we're having with the amount will resolve itself over these next number of weeks."

More than 226,000 patients in the VA health care have been diagnosed with COVID-19; 10,367 have died, including 131 employees.

Lawmakers pledged to work quickly to get more doses to the VA and give it the authorization to vaccinate veterans outside the VA system.

"VA should not have to turn away any veteran who walks through its doors to get a COVID-19 vaccine, regardless of whether they're enrolled in or eligible for other VA health care services," Takano said. ★

DUSTERS IN VIETNAM

By Daniel M. Gutierrez, Major, USA (Ret.)



The fog of time continues to obscure, erode and censure the events of the Vietnam War. But for those of us who were there, the war remains crystalized in time and ever present in our minds. Many features and particulars of the conflict are already long forgotten only to be briefly resurrected by occasional gatherings of guys like me.

One example of this is the story of the three “duster” battalions which served in “the Nam” between 1966 and 1971. I would venture to say that many

veterans of the war have no memory of the dusters or what they were. It is rare indeed, to find a Vietnam vet who served in one of the three battalions. I was one so I decided to shed a little light into the fog of time.

The M42 Duster was a Korean War era weapon system which had become obsolete by the time of Vietnam. It was an air defense artillery weapon designed to shoot down propeller driven aircraft. The jet aircraft rendered it inadequate. By the time of Vietnam the only duster units were in the National Guard of various states. However, as the war intensified and U.S. involvement broadened it became clear the conflict would be one of helicopter lifted airmobile units operating out of base camps, fire bases and landing zones. These fire bases and landing zones (LZ’s) required security and protection and someone thought of the dusters. Consequently, three battalions were formed from NG units and married up with hastily trained Air Defense Artillery personnel (I received one day of familiarity training).

The M42 (and later the M42A1) featured a pair of 40 mm automatic Bofors (Swedish make of WW II Navy fame) cannons mounted on an M41 medium tank chassis in an open turret. It was soon realized that although its air defense role was past, the dusters could be employed with great effect as a ground support weapon. Firing 240 high explosive rounds per minute with great accuracy made the dusters lethal against enemy infantry formations and ideal for perimeter defense of fire bases and LZ’s. The dusters were also useful for convoy protection and guarding bridges and cross roads.

The main drawback of the dusters was that it could not fire with any degree of effectiveness while on the move. This drawback did not deter infantry and armor units from using the dusters in offensive operations such as “search and destroy” missions. Its firepower and mobility were too much of a temptation for maneuver commanders to ignore. If the dusters were available, maneuver commanders used them. At times unit commanders forgot the main drawback of the duster – it could not shoot with any accuracy while on the move.

My section once was attached to a mechanized infantry battalion involved in sweeping an area and engaging enemy units. The battalion commander informed me that I would be deployed on line with four tanks and assorted APC’s in the advance. I reminded the CO that my dusters could not open fire while

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DUSTERS IN VIETNAM...*Continued from previous page*

while on the move effectively. Nonetheless, off we went and as we deployed on line, all units were ordered to advance and open fire on the wooded line ahead. I radioed the commander that my dusters could not fire "on the move." He insisted and what resulted was my dusters shooting up, down and all around chaotically. I can report that my section accounted for the death of one water buffalo (collateral damage) and the decapitation of several coconut trees.

The first unit of dusters to be deployed to Vietnam was the 1st Battalion, 44th Air Defense Artillery (Automatic Weapons – Self Propelled). This outfit arrived in country in 1966 and was assigned to 1st ("Eye") Corps and attached to the 5th Marines. The 5th Battalion, 2nd ADA (AW -SP) came next assigned in the south as part of III Corps closely followed by the 4th Battalion, 60th ADA (AW - SP) assigned to II Corps in the central highlands. All duster battalions were augmented by truck mounted quad fifty machine guns and jeep mounted searchlights that were of particular use in perimeter defense. All duster 40 millimeter rounds were excess navy ammo and all were tracer rounds. At night, when fired on full automatic with both cannons firing, the visual result was a long streak of fire. The Viet Cong and North Vietnamese Army dubbed them "Fire Dragons."

The Dusters played their part in Vietnam. At the beginning of the "Tet" Offensive, the Marine Corps company sent from Da Nang to the relief of Hue was accompanied by a section of Dusters from the 1st of the 44th ADA (AW –SP). The company advanced into a withering cascade of fire as it reached Hue. The dusters helped salvage it and played a major role in the savage street fighting that followed. In the central highlands, duster units attached to the 1st Cavalry Division participated in Operations Greeley and Pershing in 1967, and in the defense and relief of Khe Sanh in 1968. In the Mekong Delta, the M42's of the 5th of the 2nd ("nickel – deuce") were sometimes placed on landing craft to assist in river crossing operations.

In Vietnam, the "Dusters" were there, to stand up and be counted. ★

Chaplain's Corner

Kerry Magee, CAPT USN (Ret.)
MOAA HA Chaplain

Blessed Are Those Who Hunger and Thirst for Justice

"God blesses those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied."- Matthew 5:6

What does it mean to hunger and thirst for justice? The Greek word translated here as "justice" is *dikaosune*, a term that refers to personal righteousness as well as to social justice. Those who hunger and thirst for *dikaosune* have a deep yearning for things to be right in their individual lives and in society. This will happen when God's kingdom comes completely and creation is restored to his original intention.

In the meanwhile, we yearn for God's justice to be present in our fallen world. To the extent we are able, we seek to live according to God's standards of justice and to see his justice experienced in our world. Wherever we have authority, at work or in our families, in government or in church, we should live out the biblical call to justice. Indeed, God loves justice (for example, [Psalm 11:7](#)) and there he blesses those who seek to live justly.

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION: Do you hunger and thirst for God's justice? If so, how does this yearning manifest itself in your daily life?



MARCH CHAPTER EVENTS >>>



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Guest Speaker: Colonel E.A. "Buddy" Grantham
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Please RSVP to Joe Willoughby to attend any chapter events.
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*We need YOU...
to remain a MOAA HA Member!*



Debating whether to renew your chapter membership?

Talking to a potential new member?

Benefits to belonging to a chapter:

- **Camaraderie and Connections:** when you attend chapter functions, actively serve on a committee, or take a prominent leadership role, you forge lasting ties with other MOAA members.
- **Community Involvement:** Membership provide opportunities to contribute to your community in a variety of ways, from providing scholarships to local students, to supporting causes that support wounded warriors and their families.
- **Legislative Advocacy:** We advocate for the entire military community-all ranks. Members play a critical role in advancing legislation in both Austin and Washington, D.C. This grassroots advocacy is key to MOAA achieving its legislative goals.

Chapter dues reminders will be emailed/sent out in November to those members needing renewal. We are on a calendar year for our chapter dues.

Annual renewal is \$30 for one year, \$20 for each additional year paid with renewal.
Surviving Spouse \$15 initial membership; \$10 annual renewal.

Membership Application on the last page!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / RENEWAL FORM

Military Officers Association of America – Houston Area

Membership is available to Officers who have held a Federal Warrant or Commission in any of the seven uniformed services of the United States or to the surviving spouse of such a person. Please use this form for application for membership, renewal or changes to the current directory of members.

Name: _____
(Please print) Last First Initial Rank

Branch _____ Status _____ MOAA Nat'l ID _____ *

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Home Address: _____

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For more information, call COL Joe Willoughby, 713.569.6700

**If not a MOAA national member, another benefit of chapter membership is the opportunity to become a national MOAA member at the BASIC LEVEL for free! If you would like to do so, please indicate here:*

YES NO

Signature: _____