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~ Five Star ★★★★★ Chapter ~

## President's Message...

May 2023 Issue

Greetings Friends,

May is an incredibly significant month for all of us. First Armed Forces Day on May 21st. This year the Houston Military Affairs Committee led by our own Gene Tulich is hosting the 2023-Armed Forces Day military ball on the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup>. And as we all know, Memorial Day honoring our fallen warriors is May 29<sup>th</sup>. Dan Gutierrez has a lest we forget WWII article and I have a lest we forget Vietnam article.



Lastly, I would like to reiterate the fact that we can use your assistance in keeping your chapter dues current. Dues and chapter support donations are our primary source revenues and enable the Chapter to continue to support the ROTC and JROTC programs in the area as well as other Veteran support initiatives.

**All gave some. Some gave all...lest we forget.**

Respectfully,

Rob

Robin P. Ritchie, COL, USA (RET)

President

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### May 2023...Chapter Events:

**Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 @ 11:30am**

**MOAA HA BOD Meeting**

Rudi Lechner's German Restaurant

2503 S Gessner Rd

Houston, TX 77063

**No MOAA HA Chapter Meeting this Month**

# A Day in Hell on the DMZ: The Rocket Attack on Firebase Charlie 2 in Vietnam, May 21, 1971

*(Title of book by Louis Pepi)*

*By Rob Ritchie*

1<sup>st</sup> Brigade 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division (mech) was engaged in Operation Montana Mustang along the DMZ. 1<sup>st</sup> Bn (mech) 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry was operating out of Fire Base A4 (Con Thien) about one mile south of the DMZ and Fire Base Charlie 2 about four miles south of the DMZ. At the time, I was commanding Bravo 1/61 inf located at A4. Both fire bases had been receiving incoming 122mm rocket fire from NVA positions within the DMZ for three consecutive evenings. On the 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:44 pm a 122mm rocket with a time delay fuse scored a direct hit on a large bunker, collapsing it and killing 30 troopers and wounding 33. This was the greatest loss of life for the previous three years and the greatest loss of life from a single round for the entire war.



*CPT Rob Ritchie (Aftermath of rocket attack)*

The attached video is their tribute...LEST WE FORGET.

[Click Here to Watch the Tribute](#)

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## LET'S NOT FORGET!

*By: Dan Gutierrez  
May 15, 2023*

“Almighty God: Our sons, pride of our Nation, this day have set upon a mighty endeavor,”.. So began the prayer that President Roosevelt shared with the country via a radio broadcast on June 6, 1944. This was the long awaited moment of decision for which the world had been hoping and waiting. It was D Day.

On this day 160,000 troops of the allied nations “hurled themselves upon the foe” (in the words of Winston Churchill). It was the 5<sup>th</sup> year of the war (3<sup>rd</sup> year for the US) and for the western allies, the costliest. Not that great battles had not already occurred, indeed previous events had paved the way and made D Day possible.

After the defeat by the Royal Air Force of the German Luftwaffe over the United Kingdom in 1940 and 1941, events began to take shape that would culminate in the invasion of northwest France. Germany’s invasion of the Soviet Union in June of 1941 was perhaps the most decisive of the war in Europe as it forced Germany to expend the preponderance of its combat power in the east. The Russians would go on to lose 23 million people but it would exact unrecoverable losses to the German Wehrmacht. Meanwhile, great battles raged in the North African desert resulting in the great British victory at El Alamein and the invasion of northwestern Africa by US and British forces. The operations in Sicily and Italy proper would knock Italy out of the war in 1943 resulting in the capture and liberation of Rome on June 5, 1944 (a day not much remembered because of D Day the following morning). And finally, the devastating (and costly) bombing campaigns over Europe by the American and British air forces did much to cripple Germany’s ability to wage war. All of this led to D Day.

World War II was the greatest disaster of the 20<sup>th</sup> century and perhaps all of humankind. The entire world was aflame. From India eastward to Burma and China; in the Pacific, the US Navy and Marines advanced westward in bloody island-to-island campaigns; in the south Pacific, Australian and American forces struck out through the jungles of New Guinea onward to the Philippines. Names like Guadalcanal, Midway, Saipan, Tarawa, Iwo Jima and Okinawa, are engraved in glory upon the history annals of our nation. The United States of America suffered over 400,000 men killed in battle. But the total worldwide count was 15 million, plus another 45 million civilian deaths. These totals should make all of us pause and ponder at man’s inhumanity to man.

LET US REMEMBER, LEST WE FORGET AND DO IT AGAIN.



## HOUSTON AREA MOAA CHAPTER FULFILLS ROTC/JROTC SUPPORT

May 15, 2023

By: Dan Gutierrez

Members of the chapter busied themselves with the Houston Chapter's ROTC/JROTC support effort. Beginning in March, the chapter undertook the mission to procure, package, mail and personally present MOAA ROTC and JROTC medals and citations to deserving cadets in universities and high schools throughout the greater Houston area. The chapter supports the ROTC/JROTC programs of 7 universities and 115 high schools.

Personal presentations were made at the cadet award ceremonies of Rice University Air Force Consortium, UH Army ROTC and Prairie View A&M University ROTC. Chapter members attended galas, change-of-command parades and award ceremonies put on by the several JROTC high schools.

The MOAA ROTC/JROTC awards consist of a medal, service ribbon and attendant certificate. To be eligible for an award, a candidate must be in the next-to-last year of an ROTC or JROTC program; be in good academic standing; be of high moral character; demonstrate a high degree of loyalty to the unit, school and country; and demonstrate exceptional potential for military leadership. Cadets are selected for the awards by the professors of military science for ROTC and by the senior military instructors at the high school level. The medal is pictured here.



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Senior Army Instructor CW4 (R) Jennifer Collins presented Cadet 2LT Jason Baez with the MOAA JROTC Award and Medal during the Bellaire High School 20th Cardinal Battalion's 2023 Award



LTC Collins presenting the MOAA Award to Cadet Bautista at Porter High School



LTC Collins presents the MOAA awarding Cadet Madyson Horton at Elsie High School



# The Push to Recognize Dustoff Crews

By Blair Drake

During the Vietnam War, aeromedical evacuation units — commonly called by their radio call sign, "Dustoff" — and medevac units evacuated more than 900,000 casualties. Nearly 3,000 of those can be attributed to two MOAA members.

Lt. Col. Chris Sedor, USA (Ret), and Lt. Col. Steve Vermillion, USA (Ret), each served one year in Vietnam as Dustoff pilots. Both knew it was their calling.

"I entered the Army to be a Dustoff pilot," said Vermillion. "That was my objective. I had read an article and thought it was a cool mission profile to fly."

For Sedor, seeing a short video about Vietnam while attending college piqued his interest.

"The [video] showed a helicopter going across the sky, two wounded on the ground ... and the camera flashes to the aircraft and it has a red cross on the nose. I was sold," he said.

Vermillion, then a warrant officer 1, arrived in Vietnam on Jan. 5, 1969, and was assigned to 45th Medical Company Air Ambulance (Dustoff). He recalls his first mission: "It was a hoist off of a tank. We were under fire, and .... the aircraft commander was training me. It was controlled chaos."



*Lt. Col. Steve Vermillion, USA (Ret), next to a helicopter in Vietnam in 1969. Courtesy photo Top: A UH-1 Huey picks up an injured man in Vietnam in 1969. Photoquest/Getty Images*

MOAA members can help by contacting their legislators and asking them to cosponsor legislation if it is introduced again.

## 'GET THE WOUNDED OUT'

Though Vermillion admits some of his missions still keep him awake at night, he describes his time in Vietnam as an "awesome experience."

"Those people we picked up, for each person we rescued ... each one who survived went on to hopefully have a meaningful life and probably have two to three generations now under them," he said.

Vermillion left Vietnam in early 1970 as a chief warrant officer 2, having flown 1,145 combat hours and picked up 2,217 casualties.

About a year and a half later, on Aug. 21, 1971, Sedor landed in Vietnam.

"The smell of rotting jungle hit me, and it was humid and hot," he recalled. The next day, he received his assignment to the 57th Medical Detachment, the original Dustoff unit. He was told: "No hesitation. No reservation. No compromise. You get the wounded out."

Not long after, U.S. ground combat forces left Vietnam. And a few months into his tour, "our helicopters were painted white to help protect us," Sedor said.

The danger soon grew. On March 30, 1972, the Easter Offensive began, bringing approximately 300,000 North Vietnamese Army soldiers into South Vietnam with their deadly anti-aircraft weapons. Sedor was serving in An Loc at that time.

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## The Push to Recognize Dustoff Crews

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In August 1972, Siedor's year in Vietnam came to an end. He had evacuated 719 casualties and flown 530 combat hours.

### RECOGNITION FOR DUSTOFF CREWS

Though Vermillion's and Siedor's paths never crossed in Vietnam or during their subsequent Army careers, a common cause brought them together several years ago: a Congressional Gold Medal for Dustoff crews.

This effort has been underway since 2015, spearheaded by Medal of Honor recipient Maj. Gen. Pat Brady, USA (Ret), a fellow Vietnam Dustoff pilot. That year, Sen. John Cornyn (R-Texas) introduced a bill, The Dust Off Crews of Vietnam War Congressional Gold Medal Act. Unfortunately, the bill never moved out of committee.

In subsequent years, the bill has been reintroduced but with no progress. Vermillion and Siedor are continuing their efforts to educate legislators and find support for the bill in the 118th Congress.

"It defies belief that this bill continues to sit in Congress," Siedor said. "If you look at the statistics, it's clear why these crews are deserving," he said. "... They flew 24/7 and did not have the luxury of waiting for a cleared landing zone, the weather to clear, or night to end, as urgent patients faced death without immediate lifesaving care."

He and Vermillion, who is president of the Vietnam Dustoff Association, continue their work to rally support from veterans' organizations and contact legislators urging them to support this bill.

Both agree they want to see the crews and medics receive this award.

"I have said time and time again, this isn't about me," Vermillion said. "I look at my crew chiefs and medics and then I look at the family members of those who were lost ... they deserve this honor."

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## ***Surviving Spouse Corner: Preparing for a Military Sponsor's Death, and What to Do When It Happens***

**MAY 03, 2023**

Proper preparation is the key to ensuring a smooth transition for family members left behind when a military sponsor dies.

[Gail Joyce](#), a surviving spouse liaison for MOAA, recalls hearing about a military officer who obtained a safe deposit box for his family's important papers — wills, his letter of retirement, birth certificates, passports, and more — but failed to put his wife's name on it or designate her as a beneficiary. When he died, the situation complicated an already sad, stressful time, with his spouse desperately needing the materials to plan the funeral, sort out finances, and prepare for the future without him. It was a potential disaster, Joyce said.

"Whether it's a private or a two-star general, there are people who just don't take care of things," said Joyce, a Gold Star mother and widow of a Vietnam veteran. She gives talks about preparing for the death of a military sponsor.

### **[MOAA PUBLICATION: [Survivor's Checklist: First Steps for Moving On](#)]**

While the loss of any loved one is tragic and heart-wrenching, the death of a military sponsor or veteran spouse can result in financial instability and the loss of health care and other privileges if not handled correctly. But with careful preparation before a death and a pre-planned systematic process after, survivors can weather managing the business side of loss, leaving time to mourn and celebrate a life well lived.

#### **First, Check the Details**

According to estate planners, it's never too late to gather the crucial details needed to help family members in the days and months after a death. The process starts by ensuring that correct names are on every account and asset, with state laws on survivorship helping steer decisions on structuring the names on mortgages, vehicle titles, and financial accounts.

Ensuring that the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS), all insurance policies, and any Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) paperwork have the correct name of the survivor/beneficiary can prevent legal issues from cropping up after a death.

"It's making sure you have the correct signatures right on everything, on anything that might be of any importance whatsoever," Joyce said.

### **[UPDATED MONTHLY: [MOAA's Surviving Spouse Corner](#)]**

In addition to checking these details, a folder or binder containing every account number, including long- and short-term investments, policies, computer and phone passwords, code words, critical paperwork, and a list of benefits for which survivors might be eligible can be seen as a gift from the grave to loved ones left behind, she said.

"Troubles arise when people don't do their due diligence beforehand, not taking care of things that are easy to take care of," Joyce said.



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## **Surviving Spouse Corner:** **Preparing for a Military Sponsor's Death...** *Continued from previous page...*

### **The Death of a Retired Military Sponsor**

Once a military sponsor dies, there are numerous calls and contacts to be made, beginning with outreach to a funeral home or planner who assists not only with the arrangements and burial details but also with obtaining death certificates. The next contact should be to DFAS, either by phone or [via the DFAS website](#), notifying the service of the death. Coast Guard survivors can report a death and jump-start the process to receive benefits by calling the Coast Guard Pay and Personnel Center at (866) 772-8724.

DFAS will send a letter containing an [SF-1174](#), Claim for Unpaid Compensation of Deceased Member of the Uniformed Services, as well as annuity account forms and instructions for those enrolled in SBP. Those enrolled in SBP will submit a [DD Form 2656-7](#) with a copy of the death certificate to begin receiving payments.

Beneficiaries should take care not to use any retired payments received after the date of retiree's death, nor should they return any retired payments that were deposited directly to a bank account, because DFAS will automatically reclaim any money owed it when they receive notification of a death. Widows or widowers of military retirees will retain the same health care benefits they've had when their sponsor was alive unless they remarried.

The [Defense Manpower Data Center](#) will receive any information from the services on the death and will do any necessary updates for medical coverage. Survivors will need to contact Express Scripts, TRICARE's pharmacy benefit manager, if their sponsor was on TRICARE Prime or Select, to stop any prescriptions.

### **[\[MORE SURVIVING SPOUSE RESOURCES FROM MOAA\]](#)**

Survivors of military retirees remain eligible for dental and vision insurance unless they get remarried. If enrolled, they should contact BENEFEDS to inform the managers of the change of status, which could reduce the premium given that the deceased beneficiary is no longer a policy holder.

Since military identification cards are the keys to accessing military facilities, such as the commissary, base exchanges, fitness centers and more, survivors should ensure that they have a current ID. Most dependent ID cards have an expiration date, and while it's not necessary immediately to get a survivor ID card, the task should be completed before the current card expires. This can be done by confirming the sponsor's death in DEERS and going to the nearest ID card center to receive a new ID. Survivors will need two forms of identification, including at least one government-issued ID such as a passport or driver's license. Those who live too far from an ID card office but need a new card can find more information [at this link](#).

Regarding Social Security benefits, any funeral home will report the person's death to the Social Security Administration. Survivors will need to provide the funeral home the deceased's Social Security number to ensure this occurs. Survivors can do this themselves by calling during business hours. Again, survivors should not use any of the deceased individual's Social Security payments issued after the date of death as they will be expected to pay the money back.

### **The Death of an Active Duty Member**



The process for pulling paperwork together and dealing with the aftermath of a death is very much the same for families of active duty personnel as it is with retirees, although the families of fallen servicemembers receive great help from a casualty assistance officer. The death of Joyce's son, Army Sgt. Casey Joyce, killed in Somalia Oct. 30, 1993, was much different than the loss of her husband, Lt. Col. Larry Joyce, of leukemia in 1999, noted Gail Joyce.

"You get a lot of help when you are on that side of things (active duty). But that's how it should be," Joyce said.

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### **Surviving Spouse Corner:**

**Preparing for a Military Sponsor's Death...***Continued from previous page...*

#### **[THE GOLD STAR: [Remembering Our Fallen Servicemembers' Families](#)]**

The benefits following an active-duty death are substantially different with a mix of benefits coming from DoD as well as the Department of Veterans Affairs. Surviving spouses receive a death gratuity, SBP, and remain on TRICARE for health and dental care — for the first three years with the same benefits as an active-duty spouse, and as a retiree's spouse thereafter, unless they remarry. Surviving children are covered as active-duty children for health and dental care until they turn 21, turn 23 as a full-time student, or lose TRICARE eligibility for other reasons.

A substantial amount of pay and benefits for survivors of those on active duty may come from the Department of Veterans Affairs. Through the VA, spouses may receive Dependency and Indemnity Compensation and families may be eligible for additional benefits, including special allowances and education benefits from the VA.

#### **When a Veteran Dies**

Benefits are available to surviving spouses or dependent children of military veterans who do not receive military retirement pay, especially if a veteran dies of a service-connected condition or the spouse already receives their health care coverage through the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA).

Joyce recommends veterans file a claim for any condition they believe is service connected so they can access benefits if the claim is approved but also provide support for their families if the claim is approved following a death from the service-related condition. Spouses should inform the funeral director of their loved one's status as a veteran. Funeral homes often are helpful aiding families in tracking down burial benefits, insurance, and disability compensation from the VA.

Survivors will need to obtain forms from a VA regional office to begin the notification process. The VA also has a toll-free number to call for help, (800) 827-1000. Families can ward off surprises in a crisis if they plan together ahead of time, Joyce said. Financial distress and gaps in benefits can be avoided if couples plan together for the future — and the dependent spouse has verification that all information is correct in DEERS and with DFAS.

Joyce recalled a helicopter accident several decades ago that left a recently married Army wife without any benefits because her husband had failed to change any of the information on survivorship with DoD. The soldier's first wife received everything. "The really important thing is just checking," Joyce said.★

*Patricia Kime is a reporter covering military health care issues in the Washington, D.C., area.*



### A Time and a Reason to Remember

This month is we honor our brothers and sisters in arms who gave the ultimate sacrifice following their orders to secure our freedoms both for our country and around the world. We use the phrase "We will never forget" so we honor them as a nation on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May.

As we age, however, we tend to lose many of the details of who they are, who we were and what we did together. Therefore, it is good for us to set the day aside to remember. Joshua 4:8-9 tells the story of how the Israelites set up a twelve-boulder memorial on the banks of the Jordan River where they crossed the river on dry land. The memorial was to remind them of where they had been and what God had done by separating the waters so they wouldn't get stuck in the mud. The purpose of this memorial was so their children would ask "What are these stones for?"

In Deuteronomy 6, Moses directed the Israelites to teach their children how to keep the commandments and answer their questions. Memorials encourage curiosity, questions and stories. They help us remember where we were and what we and our comrades have done. As we age, some of the memories and details get lost, so do some of the stories. God expects and understands our aging processes, our stories, the losses of some (or all) of the details. God also expects us to remember who He is and where we stand as we live our lives.

The Psalms display all aspects of King David's understanding of God. He notes phases of joy, success, failure, depression, exaltation, love, fear and anger. In the Psalms the author often uses the phrase Hallelujah (Praise God). This may follow a Psalm of praise, doubt, fear or even confusion. Praise God. It goes along with Jesus' name, Immanuel (God with us). You see, God is with us in that He created us in His image. Our understanding of the Holy Spirit for Christians is that He dwells within us. He is a part of our story. Christians believe that He is our story because we are His (Psalm 23).

Now that we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century we are of the electronic gizmo age. Our stories are on the tube, in the hard-drive or in the cloud. Many of us are losing the abilities to tell our stories because we do not have the time. We spend our time on our cellphones. Our children and grandchildren do the same. We all have things to do and we seem to have lost the ability to sit around the table, or the fire, or on the front-porch or in the garage with our friends and families. Summer is here and we can enjoy the air conditioning or the shade and take time for a drink and a story or two. Take time to tell someone you love how they became part of your story. Take the time to tell God how you became part of His story. We call that Prayer...It's an action of faith and in the story, you'll see His faithfulness.

*~ David Essells, USAR, MAJ, RET*

# MOAA Seeks Funds to Ensure New Law Supporting Spouses Makes a Difference

By: Jen Goodale  
MAY 02, 2023

Some people might think recent legislative action solved the issue of license portability for military spouses. Let's clear things up – we still have a long way to go.

[ACT NOW: [Ask Your Lawmakers to Co-Sponsor the Military Spouse Hiring Act](#)]

In January, the president signed into law the Veterans Auto and Education Improvement Act, which included a provision to make it easier for military spouses to transfer a professional license when executing a military move. That provision, introduced in the 117th Congress by Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) [in the Senate](#) and Rep. Mike Garcia (R-Calif.) [in the House](#) as the Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act, provides licensing reciprocity between states for all professions except the practice of law.



While the law is well-intentioned, there is much work to be done to ensure both employers and military spouses are aware of, and understand the specifics of, the legislation. Last month, MOAA signed onto a letter penned by the [ASPIRE](#) (Alliance for States Providing Interoperable Reciprocity) Coalition and [Blue Star Families](#) urging members of the House Armed Services Committee and the House Defense Appropriations Subcommittee to commit federal funding to states to allow the hiring of support personnel necessary to facilitate the provisions the Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act.

[[READ THE LETTER](#)]

Nearly a third of military spouses in the labor force work in [occupations requiring a license or certification](#), according to DoD. For decades, each PCS move has resulted in hassles and setbacks for military spouses who need to transfer a professional license. The Defense-State Liaison Office, with input from stakeholders, continues to make strides in this area, easing the challenges of license transfer through the development of [interstate compacts](#) and improvements to [state procedures and processes](#) to expedite entry into the local workforce. Additionally, starting in 2019, DoD boosted [spouse licensure reimbursement](#) policies to provide up to \$1,000 for relicensure and certification costs resulting from relocations across state lines.

“Federal appropriations will ensure the burden of implementing the provisions of the Military Spouse Licensing Relief Act will not be foisted onto military spouses, who are already juggling family requirements and their servicemembers’ job responsibilities.”

– **ASPIRE/Blue Star Families letter to congressional leadership**

Getting this law passed was just the first step. MOAA will continue to engage with administration and DoD leaders, Congress, fellow military service organizations, and stakeholders to ensure the law is implemented in a clear and effective manner. We understand improving quality of life for military families has a direct impact on the nation’s all-volunteer force, and supporting career goals for spouses is an important component. ★

# MOAA HA Chapter Meeting Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**Guest Speaker  
CWO4 (SWCC) TONY L. HOWDESHELL (USN RET.)  
and Rob Ritchie**



**Norris Posehn**



**Rob Ritchie**



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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

### MOAA's Core Mission

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading organization protecting the rights of uniformed servicemembers and their families. MOAA's constituents proudly hail from every branch of the uniformed services. To them, we have made the same promise that they have made to their country: Never Stop Serving.

MOAA's greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families, which is achieved largely through the tireless advocacy efforts taking place in our nation's capital. For more than 90 years, MOAA has supported legislation that benefits the uniformed services community and has remained equally vigilant when fighting to stop legislation that threatens our livelihood. The larger our numbers, the greater our voice. For more detailed legislative actions see [MOAA | Take Action Center \(quorum.us\)](http://MOAA | Take Action Center (quorum.us))

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**Dues:** Regular Membership – \$30 first year; annual renewal \$30 (Discount for multiple years if paid with renewal: \$20 for each add'l. year **paid with renewal**)

Surviving Spouse – \$15 first year; annual renewal \$10 (same discount for multiple years)

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YES     NO

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_