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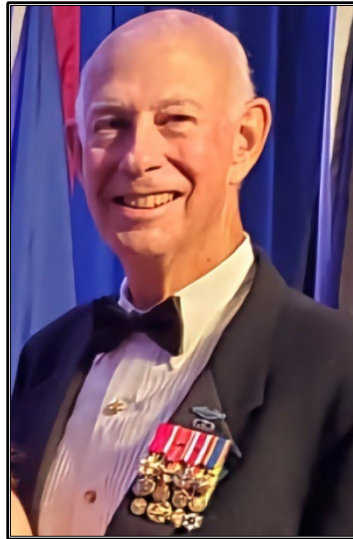
President's Message...

June 2024 Issue

Greetings Colleagues,

Happy 249th Birthday United States Army
 249 years of service to our nation and
 Constitution.

As Dan Gutierrez noted in his [Let's Not Forget](#) column, June, in addition to the Army's 249th birthday, is full of landmark events in our Nation's history. The battle of Midway began June 4th, 1942. Midway is considered by many to be the turning point of the war in the Pacific. June 6th is the 80th anniversary of the Normandy invasion, the largest amphibious invasion in military history. There are many examples of heroism and devotion to duty on that day, but one in particular stands out to me. At 0636 hours in the first wave, the 29th Infantry Division's A Company of 116th Infantry



Regiment hit the beach. Four minutes later by 0640 only one officer (severely wounded) was alive and every NCO was dead or wounded. By the end of the day out of the 230 men who had landed only 18 were not dead or wounded and only eight fit for combat. These men were CITIZEN SOLDIERS. The 29th was known and still is as the Blue and Grey division. Their ranks were composed of men from Maryland and Virginia. The majority of A Company were from Bedford Virginia and became known as the "Bedford Boys)".

June 25th saw the invasion of South Korea by North Korea. The Korean War was to last three long and bloody years. Today, South Korea is a thriving democracy. I also would like to call your attention our Chaplain Dave Essells' excellent Chaplain's Corner article, Freedom and Sacrifice. It is a great read.

Our guest speaker this month will be Colonel (retired) Jeffrey Hokett. Colonel Hokett was the Director of Futures and Integration for the United States Space Force. This should be a quiet interesting presentation.

Finally, a reminder for 2024 dues. We still have 19 renewals due. Your dues and additional chapter assistance funds are the life blood of the Chapter. Additionally, as we pointed out at our May meeting, we need to replenish the ROTC/JROTC awards fund so please help us out at the next meeting June 29th.

Rob
 Robin P. Ritchie, COL, USA (RET)
 President



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June 2024...Chapter Events:

Tuesday, July 25th, 2024 @ Noon
MOAA HA BOD Meeting
 Rudi Lechner's German Restaurant
 2503 S Gessner Rd
 Houston, TX 77063

Saturday, June 29th, 2024 @ 11:30am
MOAA HA Chapter Meeting
 Rudi Lechner's German Restaurant
 2503 S Gessner Rd
 Houston, TX 77063



LET'S NOT FORGET!

*By: Dan Gutierrez
June, 2024*

Last month on May 8, a neighbor was at our house and I casually mentioned that it was VE Day. This person had never heard of VE Day and asked me what it meant. I must confess that I was somewhat startled and a little dismayed. I asked "well what about VJ Day?" Nothing, zip, zero. Now this person is a college educated and informed professional whom I respect. How can such a well-rounded and reasonably sophisticated member of our society be so ignorant of key historical events of our not too distant past? Sad to say, I believe this is the general state of our citizenry. If it is not right in front or affecting them directly and personally, then it is of no consequence. Today is today, and tomorrow will take care of itself. Yesterday is gone and if forgotten, fine.

I write this monthly column of remembrance to try and do my little bit to preserve the memories of the times and heroes which fashioned our society, defended the republic and sacrificed to preserve and improve upon the way of life you and I are privileged to enjoy today. I believe that is a useful endeavor. So I will keep on writing until someone suggest I don't.

So now we come to June. Like other months, June is sprinkled with significant events of our past that bear, in my view, remembering. D Day, June 6, 1944. I would like to think that if there is a day that is worth remembering to most anyone amongst us, it would be that. In my mind, I see images of GI's stumbling up the sands of Omaha and Utah beaches; I see names such as Eisenhower, Bradley, Roosevelt and Arnold; and I see the rows and rows of white crosses and Stars of David across the Normandy bluffs. I was there on July 18, 1995 and it remains one of the most treasured moments of my life.

On June 14, we Army folks are proud to celebrate the US Army's 249th birthday (if my arithmetic is correct; army was founded in 1775). I still sing "Over hills, over dale, we have hit the dusty trail..." Most soldiers today would not recognize that verse. So be it.

And how about the ladies? On June 12, 1948, President Harry s. Truman signed the Women's Armed Services Integration Act, allowing women to serve as regular members of the military. Sometimes it takes a while to do the right thing.

Now we come to the start of the Korean War. This conflict was the first full scale war of the "Cold War." On June 25, 1950, the North Korean Army invaded South Korea and triggered a bloody and tragic struggle. The war pitted Communist North Korea supported by the People's Republic of China and the Soviet Union (unofficially) against United Nations forces led by South Korea and the United States in a three-year conflagration. South Korea lost nearly one million of its people. US combat deaths were close to 34,000. Yes my friends, let us remember what some historians call the "forgotten war." Let us pause to reflect that just 5 years after the end of World War II, this country had to once again offer its sons and daughters as its price for the fleeting peace and security it continues to seek. God bless them.

LET'S NOT FORGET!



Comprehensive Veterans' Package Stalls in House

By: René Campos
MAY 28, 2024

MOAA and other veterans' organizations have called on House and Senate leaders to move a comprehensive, bipartisan bill designed to help veterans and caregivers across generations through both chambers before members leave for the July 4 holiday.

Advocates were disappointed to learn the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act (H.R. 8371) did not advance to the House floor before Memorial Day. MOAA and our advocacy partners have been working on this bill's passage over many months alongside House and Senate members and staffs on the Veterans' Affairs Committees. Hearings, committee briefings, roundtables, and informal discussions have resulted in a compromise package addressing several of MOAA's highest legislative priorities for those we represent and serve.



[ACT NOW: Urge Your Elected Officials to Support Comprehensive VA Health Care]

In response to the House's inaction, more than two dozen groups (including MOAA) sent a letter to House and Senate leaders, including the respective leaders of the Veterans' Affairs Committees, urging them to "put aside politics, work together in good faith to find a path forward through the House and the Senate, and enact this critical legislation before the Fourth of July."

[READ THE LETTER]

The Senate will be out of session June 22-July 7, while the House will be out June 29-July 7.

Once lawmakers return from their Memorial Day break, they face a growing number of bills and priorities competing for their attention before the Sept. 30 end of the fiscal year. As critical deadlines approach, growing political pressures can impede the legislative process and stall important bills.

A Bill for the Entire Veteran Community

The bipartisan package offers a wide range of improvements to help veterans, caregivers, families, and survivors, including improved access to mental health and long-term care for the veterans who need it. MOAA, like other groups, has been patient and collaborative as proposals were reviewed and negotiated to fit into a legislative package that would benefit the entire veteran community.

MOAA recognizes the difficulty inherent in finding bipartisan, bicameral agreement. The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act reflects congressional intent to represent, in the broadest way possible, the interest of the entire veteran community. That's why MOAA and our partners are pressing lawmakers to pass this vital legislation as soon as possible ... and why your voice is needed now more than ever.

While the path forward is uncertain, inaction is unacceptable. Congress must do its job by passing this important legislation and remain focused on getting the package signed into law before the July 4 holiday. Doing so would prove to the veteran community that these lawmakers care and recognize their service and sacrifice.

[Click here to contact your legislators](#) and ask them to pass the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Health Care and Benefits Improvement Act. ★

VA Program Allows Advance Approval, Planning for Burial Benefits

MAY 14, 2024



Flags adorn gravesites at the National Memorial Cemetery at Quantico, Va., as part of a 2020 Memorial Day ceremony. (Photo by Lance Cpl. D'Angelo Yanez/Marine Corps) By MOAA Staff

If you are considering a VA cemetery as your final resting place, the department's Pre-Need Eligibility program can answer your questions now, rather than burden your family with them later.

The VA approved more than 55,000 Pre-Need applications in FY 2023, a year with more than 139,000 interments in national cemeteries, according to the department. The process can be completed online, or materials can be mailed or faxed.

What You'll Need

Veterans (or their beneficiaries) must have their Social Security number, birthplace, and some service history details commonly found on a DD-214. Those without a copy of their

DD-214, or who need paperwork for a veteran sponsor, can learn more [at this link](#). Please note you do not need to send in a copy of your DD 214 with your application, though it is preferred. If you're applying on behalf of someone else, additional forms may be required to show you have the authority to do so.

You may also select a preferred cemetery from the current list of national cemeteries [at this link](#) – the form does not apply to Arlington National Cemetery or to state or tribal veterans cemeteries. Selecting a preferred cemetery does not mean you have to be buried in said cemetery or any national cemetery. Cemeteries are first-come, first-served due to space availability.

Once your material is prepared, you can:

- Sign in and [fill out materials online](#). You'll either receive a notice by mail about the decision or a phone call requesting more information.
- [Download and complete this form](#). Return it via fax to (855) 840-8299 or by mail to NCA FP Evidence Intake Center, PO Box 5237, Janesville, WI 53547.

Other Benefits and Questions

Veterans planning burial at a private cemetery may be eligible for a no-charge headstone, marker, or medallion. Learn more about this benefit [at this link](#).

For more information about the Pre-Need program, answers to benefits questions, or assistance in filling out eligibility forms for yourself or in support of a veteran, reach out to the VA's National Cemetery Administration at (800) 535-1117 and select Option 4. The NCA scheduling office is open Monday to Friday from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Eastern, and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern.

MOAA Can Help

Consider these resources as you begin or continue your end-of-life planning process:

- **[Everplans](#)**: This MOAA partner offers member-exclusive discounts on its digital vault, which can help you secure and organize your estate documents, among other materials.
- **[Estate Planning Guide](#)**: This MOAA resource can help you plan for all aspects of your family's future.
- **[Your Guide to Military Burials](#)**: This resource covers your service-earned burial benefits in detail.
- **[Surviving Spouse Resources](#)**: Links to publications, monthly features, and other resources for survivors, including planning documents. ★

BATTLESHIP TEXAS FLAG SHIP for the OMA BEACH Landings: BOMBARDING NORMANDY

Eighty years later, the Battleship TEXAS, the last remaining battleship to participate in the landings at Normandy, reminds us of the great sacrifices made by those who took part in the largest amphibious invasion of Europe.

*Knock that damned Hitler out of the war. Yours is the job
and you are the men that the United States is going to be proud of.*

GENERAL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER



Underway from Belfast Lough on June 3rd, 1944, the USS TEXAS set course for Baie de la Seine, France, but due to the postponement of the invasion on June 4th, the ship would reverse course for ten hours. Following the delay, the ship was headed to a predesignated bombardment position via mine-swept fire support channels off the coast of France. Swift tidal currents affected navigation, and dimly lit channel buoys, markers laid to designate the mine-swept travel lanes, created uncertainty, and caused delay in locating the channel entrances.

On June 6 after the H.M.S. MELBREAK identified the channel entrance, TEXAS navigated to the Omaha Beach transport area without incident, proceeding down the western fire support channel, stopping to anchor briefly. Using radar as a navigational aid, the ship began moving towards its assigned fire support position at 4:45 am in preparation for a scheduled shore bombardment just an hour away.



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Battleship Texas *(Continued from previous page...)*

Those of our troops who were not wax-gray with seasickness, fighting it off, trying to hold onto themselves before they had to grab for the steel side of the boat, were watching the Texas with looks of surprise and happiness. Under the steel helmets they looked like pikemen of the Middle Ages to whose aid in battle had suddenly come some strange and unbelievable monster. There would be a flash like a blast furnace from the 14-inch guns of the Texas, that would lick far out from the ship. Then the yellow-brown smoke would cloud out and, with the smoke still rolling, the concussion and the report would hit us, jarring the men's helmets. It struck your near ear like a punch with a heavy, dry glove.

ERNEST HEMINGWAY

Now thirteen-thousand yards off the French coast, the guns took aim at Pointe Du Hoc, the vessel's primary bombardment target. Commencing fire at 5:50 am, two hundred and fifty-five 14"/45 caliber shells were fired at multiple ground installations, including casemates, gun emplacements, pillboxes, and underground tunnels, with devastating effect. The ship's spotter aircraft at the time, the British-made Spitfire airplane manned by American naval aviators, reported several hits on the emplacements. The area was effectively neutralized, and several craters from this bombardment are still visible today.

As the sky lightened, the armada became visible. The smoking and burning French shoreline also became more defined. At 0600, the huge guns of the Allied navies opened up with what must have been one of the greatest artillery barrages ever. The diesels on board our craft failed to muffle the tornadic blasting. I could see the TEXAS firing broadside into the coastline. Boom-ba-ba-boom-ba-ba-boom! Within minutes, giant swells from the recoil of those guns nearly swamped us and added to the seasickness and misery. But one could also actually see the two-thousand-pound missiles tumbling on their targets.

SGT ROBERT BIXLER, 116TH INFANTRY REGIMENT, 29TH INFANTRY DIVISION

Shifting targets at 6:26 am, seventeen more 14"/45 caliber rounds were fired in just four short minutes, ceasing all bombardment fire at 6:30 am while allied forces began landing on the beaches. For the remainder of the day, the ship continued to fire on targets of opportunity, such as machine gun and mortar positions, field batteries, troop emplacements, and ammunition depots. The last fire mission on enemy vehicles came at 8:45 pm and lasted until 9:09 pm, resulting in effective fire and several hits recorded. Just under seven hundred shells were fired into northern France, leading to a successful shore bombardment, allowing Allied forces to make headway in the liberation of Europe.



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The ramp was lowered immediately after the rockets fired. It was our hope and desire to run right up on the beach for a dry landing, not because we were afraid of getting wet but because if we were soaked it would be added weight to carry while climbing. The British Navy man had promised to put us down dry, but suddenly we ran aground with the ramp dropped. The officer said, 'Everybody out.' Looking ahead, I could see fifteen or twenty feet of water, a muddy dirty gray stretch. The Entire area was marked by craters, shell holes from the guns on the TEXAS and the bombers.

LT. GEORGE KERCHNER, 2ND RANGER BATTALION

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The Military Order of the World Wars

The Silver Patrick Henry Medal
Was awarded to
Commander Eugene N. Tulich USCG (RET)

“In recognition of your outstanding service to the Houston Military Community for many years. Your efforts have greatly influenced the continued presence of the military units of all branches at Ellington Joint Reserve Base. You have also improved the quality of life for active, national guard, reserve and retired military and their families.”

Daniel M. Gutierrez, MAJ (RET)
MOWW Houston Chapter Command



Using TRICARE For Life Overseas

By: Lila Quintiliani
MAY 17, 2024

Summer brings lots of exciting opportunities for travel. But what happens when an unexpected accident occurs while you are enjoying your vacation overseas?

Prior planning for an emergency allows you to focus on fun rather than the uncertainty surrounding foreign health care. These tips will help you better understand your TRICARE For Life and Medicare coverage ... and provide some peace of mind for your travels.



Coverage 101

For those enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B traveling in the U.S. or its territories, Medicare remains your primary payer and TRICARE For Life still acts a wraparound Medicare supplement.

However, when you travel overseas, Medicare does not provide any coverage. TRICARE becomes your primary payer in medical emergencies.

[MEMBER EXCLUSIVE: [Transitioning Into Medicare and TRICARE For Life](#)]

What It Will Cost

When TRICARE becomes primary, you'll be responsible for paying TRICARE's annual deductible and cost shares. The 2024 deductible is \$150 per individual per year, no more than \$300 per family. Overseas, the cost share for beneficiaries is 25% of the TRICARE allowed amount.

The 2024 catastrophic cap for TRICARE For Life is \$3,000; that's the most you should pay out of pocket for any covered care.

How It Works

You may generally seek care from any overseas civilian provider without a referral. However, services such as nonemergency inpatient admissions for substance use and mental health care do require [prior authorization or a referral](#).

[MORE GUIDANCE: [MOAA's TRICARE Guide](#)]

You can get care at a [military hospital or clinic overseas](#), if space is available. You can also use the [Overseas Provider Directory](#) to find a network provider, although some countries may have few (or no) network providers.

Although many areas of the world have less-expensive health care than the U.S., there is no limit on the amount that non-network providers can charge overseas. In addition to the deductible and cost shares, you'll be responsible for any amount that exceeds the [TRICARE-allowable charge](#), and that amount won't apply toward the catastrophic cap.

If you see a civilian provider, be prepared to pay up front. Ask for an itemized bill and keep the receipt/invoice. You'll have to submit the receipt and [file a claim](#) with the TRICARE Overseas Program regional contractor, International SOS, to be reimbursed.

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Using TRICARE For Life Overseas *(Continued from previous page...)*

You'll have to file with the claims processor for the overseas areas where you got care within three years of the date of service.

[SAVE ON TRAVEL: MOAA Vacations]

If you travel to the Philippines, you must get care from a Preferred Provider or Certified Provider. In the case of emergent/urgent care, beneficiaries should go to the nearest emergency facility for care, but should contact Global 24 Network Services, a subcontractor of International SOS, before leaving the facility, preferably within 24 hours.

If you have questions about coverage or finding care, you can contact the International SOS contractor for the region where you are traveling.

Overseas Claims Contacts

Full contact information for International SOS is available at this link. Some regional resources:

TRICARE Eurasia-Africa (Africa, Europe, Middle East)

- +44-20-8762-8384 (overseas)
- 1-877-678-1207 (stateside)
- TRICARElon@internationalsos.com

TRICARE Latin America and Canada

- +1-215-942-8393 (overseas)
- 1-877-451-8659 (stateside)
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- 1-877-678-1209 (stateside)
- sydTRICARE@internationalsos.com

Medical Evacuation

What if you're on a cruise, or on safari, or in some other remote location and have an emergency that requires an air evacuation? TRICARE does cover air evacuation if:

- A regular ambulance can't get to you.
- You are far from the nearest facility.
- You can't get care at the nearest facility.
- You must be seen quickly.

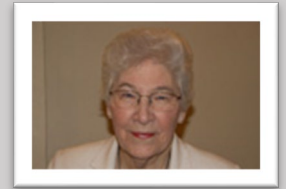
It's important to note TRICARE will only get you to the *closest facility* where you can receive care. This does NOT mean TRICARE will evacuate you to the U.S.

Before Your Trip

Make sure all routine medical visits are completed before your trip and you have all necessary prescriptions for the length of your journey.

If you are concerned about medical evacuation or having to pay up front for health care costs, consider purchasing travel health insurance, either for the trip or as an annual policy. Some credit cards may also carry medevac coverage. Those with pre-existing conditions may need to purchase insurance by a certain number of days after their first trip payment to have those conditions covered by the policy.

Still have questions? MOAA Premium and Life members have exclusive access to our subject-matter experts on staff. If you are not a member but are interested in joining, you can find additional information at this link. ★



Surviving Spouse Corner: Understanding Social Security, SBP and DIC

Social Security

As an Advocate for Military Families in the US Army Family Liaison Office at the Pentagon, I worked with a representative from the Army Mutual Aid Association (now AAFMAA). He taught me that a married couple technically has *4 Social Security Accounts.

- Each Spouse has an account (1&2) and each Spouse has an interest in the other's account (3&4).
- All 4 accounts are part of the consideration when deciding Surviving spouse Social Security benefits. Prior to 1957, Military Service members were not included in the Social Security program. Since then, ALL military service members are covered. Some state and local government employees (including teachers, police & fireman) are not covered by Social Security. Federal civilian employees prior to 1987 were not covered by Social Security.

If you need more information or have special situations, call or visit your local Social Security Administration Office with specific information.

- Examples: Did you or your Spouse work in a job not covered by Social Security?
- Did you and/or your spouse pay Social Security the minimum number of quarter years (currently 40 - equals 10 years, quarters do not have to be sequential) to qualify for Social Security?

Social Security income might be taxable depending on recipients total income. Click here [Social Security](#).

Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)

Survivor Benefit Plan is a DOD program that retiring military members can choose to participate in. It is an annuity that the Military Retiree selects the amount (up to 65% of gross retired pay) that will be paid in monthly installments to the Surviving Spouse or Child/children (up to age 18). Cost is determined by amount chosen by retiree.

- Example - gross retired pay is \$1,000 monthly, cost is \$65 monthly for Survivor to receive \$550 monthly. The monthly cost to the retiree reduces total taxable income. SBP is included in annual COLA increases.
- SBP is taxable income to the recipient.
- If a married retiring military member chooses not to participate in SBP, the spouse must concur in writing with that decision. Since 1981, SBP is subject to being paid to divorced spouse and/or children of that marriage, if it is specified in divorce decree.
- Since 2001, active-duty military member deaths are included in SBP coverage at no charge.

[Defense Finance and Accounting Service](#) Click on Survivors and Beneficiaries

Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)

DIC is a Department of Veterans Affairs program. It is totally separate from any and all DOD programs. DIC is paid to Surviving Spouses, children and in some cases, parents of active-duty members and honorably discharged veterans. Coverage includes Active-Duty line of duty deaths, veterans whose death was caused by injury or illness. DIC is not taxable.

[U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs](#) Click on Survivor and Dependent Compensation.

*VA also has a Survivor's pension program - it is based on income and is totally separate from DIC.★

Chaplain's Corner...

FREEDOM AND SACRIFICE



America celebrated June 6th as D-Day a couple of weeks ago. There was some fanfare among the national news networks. A few cable channels gave us a more complete picture of the ceremonies which took place on Normandy Beach and La Pointe du Hoc in France. France, of course takes the celebrations quite seriously since it was their land which was decimated and liberated in that terrible war.

I was struck by the great number of soldiers of “The Greatest Generation” who were on the stage with their canes, walkers and wheel chairs. These veterans, both men and women were servants of our country by answering the call of our President, Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The youngest was probably 97 years old. Many of the men actually stormed those beaches. The other men and women on the dais were in theater in France or Europe. All of them, like ourselves understand the call to service and sacrifice that it takes to maintain freedom.

The French came to our aid in the American Revolution. We returned the favor in WWI and WWII. We fought in Vietnam and in the Wars on Terror. Now we are sending funds and armament to Ukraine to help them save their country from Putin’s terrorism. Bottom line is that every soldier who puts on the uniform understands the relationship between taking and following orders and making sacrifices in our military service. Normandy reminds us that many sacrificed much more than others. I believe that God’s sovereignty and military actions as well as our own actions, and the direction of the bullets and bombs determine who lives and who dies in battle. Those forces and actions determine who is wounded and whose Pocket New Testament or helmet saves them.

Every soldier who puts on the uniform makes the determination that he or she desires to serve in the military. Whether we enlisted or were drafted most of us didn’t know what sacrifices we would endure but we still put on the uniform. Some of us were injured, all of us sacrificed times of hardship during our deployments...even if it was only our two-week Active Duty for Training. Never think that your ADT was “Only an order for training”. That “only” implies both a diminution of service but it also signifies a humility in service as well. That is because you were ready to serve because you were already serving. In combat all of our lives were at risk. Many of us missed important birthdays, weddings, anniversaries, important illnesses or funerals when we could not support our families because of our orders. We traveled to places some of which we didn’t want to visit, others where we enjoyed new customs and friendships around the world.

D-Day reminds us that these sacrifices and our service is, and can be, a world changing event. Our faith reminds us that our decisions, actions, activities and dreams can be fulfilled. God directs our desires and requires our faithfulness. Our faith reminds us that His faithfulness has brought us to this point in our lives if we let our faith, beliefs and attitudes become our understanding. Jesus told us life and faith isn’t easy. He said “You have to be willing to leave everything behind if you are going to follow me.” “ Pick up your cross and follow me.” That is the sacrifice He requires. It takes effort, understanding and living out our faith to learn what that means. Our military lives also taught us what sacrifice is. It is our task to help those around us to understand that. That’s who we are as veterans, leaders, parents and grandparents.

~ David Essells, USAR, MAJ, RET

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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 December 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 \(quorum.us\)](https://www.quorum.us)

Name: _____
(Please print) Last First Initial Rank

Branch _____ Status _____ MOAA Nat'l ID _____ *

Spouse's First Name: _____ Tel. for Directory _____

Home Address: _____

Email: _____

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)

Chapter Assistance Fund

\$100.00 \$50.00 \$25.00 Other _____

Make check payable to MOAA-HA and mail to:

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PO Box 18372
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