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President's Message

Sue Stewart, CAPT, USN (Ret)

Every April, the Department of Defense joins national, state and local governments, schools, military-serving organizations, companies and private citizens in celebrating military children and the sacrifices they make during the Month of the Military Child. While military members serve around the world, we often forget about the challenges faced by their children. Military children embody the very best of America—shouldering the unique challenges military life places on families across our Nation and around the world with tenacity. This month—and every month—we honor their bravery and show our gratitude to the children of our military service members and veterans for their own service to our Nation. The fact sheet (pg. 5) provides resources and guidance on ways to support children of military members and veterans.

Although March was a bit quiet for Chapter events, please mark your calendars for the next Member meeting April 18th (11 am) and the Coast Guard All Retiree event April 27th (8 am - noon). Both events are at CGI Alameda in Building #4.

2024 General Meetings *

Coast Guard Island, Alameda
Point Welcome Room

Apr. 18th, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm; Zoom @noon

June 13th 11:00 pm – 1:00; Zoom @noon

Board of Directors Meetings

Coast Guard Island, Alameda

May 7th, 11:00 am – 12:30 pm at CGI.

June 4th, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Zoom

President's Message...continued

MOAA National has this Chapter at around 96 members (including active duty and spouses), and we need your help to bring in new members. If you have potential members or need to renew, please contact our Membership Chair, [Rudolf Bredderman](#).

One area that we urgently need your support is for members to volunteer to join the board. We currently are seeking 2025 board members, particularly the roles of Membership Chair or Treasurer for 2024. The board meets monthly with a majority of our sessions via Zoom. If you are interested in being a board member, please contact [me](#).

Besides reading our ACE newsletter and checking out our website, I encourage Members to review the [MOAA National website](#). It has the latest on legislative outreach activities, COLA watch, transitional job seminars, and more. MOAA members and supporters can stay up to date on key issues affecting the military and Veterans' community by registering in the online Legislative Action Center at [MOAA.org/takeaction](#). This online tool also makes it easy to send pre-formatted messages to your elected officials. I encourage you to sign up today.

Sue Stewart

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2024 Upcoming Events

- **Apr 27th** NCGRC Retiree Seminar
- **May 18th** [SS Jeremiah O'Brien Seaman's Memorial Cruise](#)
- **Oct 10th** 2024 Fleet Week Event

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, April 18th

11:00 - 1300 Coast Guard Island, Bldg. #4,
Point Welcome Room. **Zoom starts at noon.**

For Base access contact: LTC Rodney Grayson, secretary@alamedamoaa.org,
(925)337-0241

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85833838450?pwd=CHTCOVWDsMxJT9UaRjg3ft7QkMQL3Z.1>

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Guest Speaker CAPT David Foote USN (Ret)

On April 18th, fellow chapter member, CAPT David Foote, USNR (Ret.) will provide a unique "insider's perspective" as he shares his extensive expertise on NATO to include

the end of the Cold War, the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, and the newest NATO members Finland and Sweden.

Born into an Army family in a small town in central Illinois, Foote attended secondary schools in San Francisco and graduated in Agricultural Economics from UC Berkeley in 1967. He was commissioned in the Navy Officer Candidate School (OCS) Newport RI in November 1968.



The following 30 years of his Navy career were rather atypical. He started out as an Executive Officer in each of his first two active-duty assignments. In the first, he was embarked on a Military Sealift Command troop transport carrying South Korean troops to and from Vietnam, a ship operated by Merchant Marine rather than Navy personnel. His ship completed 14 round trips between Korea and Vietnam, carrying more than 40,000 Korean soldiers in one year. He was then reassigned as XO of MSC's Office in Anchorage, AK. He worked closely with contractors managing over-the-shore, mostly tug-and-barge, resupply of many dozens of remote military and civilian government installations on Alaska's coast and inland waterways, from Ketchikan to Anchorage, to the outermost Aleutian Islands, and up into the Bering Sea and Arctic Ocean.

Foote affiliated with the Naval Reserve in San Francisco in 1972 and spent his next seven years dealing with control and protection of allied merchant shipping in wartime. He then served as commanding officer of several communications, personnel mobilization, and naval base units, and additionally served as a staff officer on several flag staffs. In October 1989, just hours before the San Francisco earthquake, he arrived at NATO HQ Brussels for a large Joint Chiefs of Staff Exercise. Following that exercise, and on his own time, Foote found himself in Berlin the morning the Berlin Wall opened, one of the world's greatest celebrations ever.

Foote and several other San Francisco based Naval Reservists were mobilized for Desert Storm in January 1991 and sent to NATO HQ to set up and staff a Joint Operations Center serving both U.S. military (DoD) and diplomatic (State Dept) activities during the conflict. Desert Storm ended victoriously within a few weeks, but Foote was retained on active-duty at NATO for the next year as an International Planner.

Upon return to Naval Reserve duty in 1992, he was assigned to a unique Politico-Military Affairs (PMA) reserve unit in San Francisco where he remained until retiring in 1998, eventually serving as both XO and CO of that unit. Foote and others from his unit constantly trained for and frequently served in diverse active-duty assignments at NATO HQ for periods ranging from a few days to several months.

Following his retirement and up through the present time, Foote serves as an active volunteer with the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers (CIOR), an officially sponsored NATO organization that reports to NATO's Secretary General and advocates for smarter use of military reserve forces within the 32 countries of NATO and non-NATO countries in NATO's Partnership for Peace program.

Membership

Rudolf Bredderman, Acting Membership Director

We did not enroll any new members in March, but we did make some progress on membership renewals. We had 13 membership renewals for 2024 in March and three more so far in April as of April 10th. That brings our 2024 roster up to 87 including eleven active-duty members.

But we still have 15 of our 2023 members who have not, as yet renewed their membership for 2024. Three have left California and two have declined to renew for personal/health reasons. Five have confirmed by email or telephone that they intend to renew, but I have not been able to make telephone or email contact with five others. I am hopeful that I will receive membership renewals from 10 of these 2023 members.

If you meet or socialize with any current or former military officers. and you believe they could be interested in becoming members of MOAA and/or members of our Alameda County Chapter try to get some contact information. Share that contact information with me and I'll try to recruit them to join our Chapter. Or, better still, just have them submit a [membership application - page 14](#).

If you have any doubt if your dues are paid for 2024, please contact me by email bredderman@sbcglobal.net or give me a call (510) 796-2485.

Legislative Update

Skip Phair, Legislative Liaison

The passage of [Assembly Bill 46](#) to exclude military retirement and surviving spousal benefits from California income tax is tied to the California Budget negotiations which will continue through mid-June. Chapter members are encouraged to send [correspondence](#) to the Chair of the Senate Budget Committee, Senator Scott Weiner, reminding him of the importance of passing this bill.



Additionally, a key bill introduced this year in the California Senate which you are encouraged to actively advocate is [SB 1124](#) - Deceptive practices: service members and veterans. The legislation is sponsored by California Attorney General Rob Bonta and coauthored by Senator Menjivar and Senator Archuleta.

[SB 1124](#) would:

- Prohibit any person from being paid for work related to the preparation, presentation, or prosecution of any claim for federal veterans benefits unless they are accredited by the VA as an attorney or claims agent.

- Make it illegal for any person to charge a fee for assistance with a veteran’s benefit claim that exceeds the fee that could be lawfully charged by a VA accredited attorney of claims agent. For those services.
- Prohibits a person, in connection with any transaction or any sale of goods or services, from requiring a service member to share their credentials for accessing DoD, VA, or Homeland Security computer systems; accessing such systems with another person’s credentials; or requiring entry of a veteran’s PIN associated with a CAC.

California Veterans who need assistance with filing an initial claim for benefits can receive assistance at no charge from their county veteran service office or from another U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) accredited representative. The VA also accredits attorneys and claims agents who can represent veterans before the VA and assist with benefit claims. VA-accredited agents must pass a certification exam that tests their knowledge, pass a background check, and complete ongoing training. The fees that VA-accredited attorneys and agents can charge are capped by law, and they are subject to discipline – including revocation of their accreditation – if they don’t represent their clients competently and in accordance with the law. In contrast, “claims sharks” are individuals and organizations that are not accredited, but still charge veterans for help with their benefits claims. While some unaccredited individuals and organizations are well-intentioned, many charge exorbitant fees for subpar or worthless services, and operate outside of the VA accreditation system and the oversight and consumer protections that it provides to veterans.

There is strong opposition to SB 1124 by several large, unaccredited organizations in California. Their arguments are that a veteran should be able to make their own choice as to who can help them receive an appropriate disability rating, that they advise, not assist with a claim, and the VSOs are incapable of meeting the demands of veterans in California.

This legislation is actively supported by MOAA, VFW, American Legion, AMVETS, AARP, and California Association of County Veteran Service Officers.

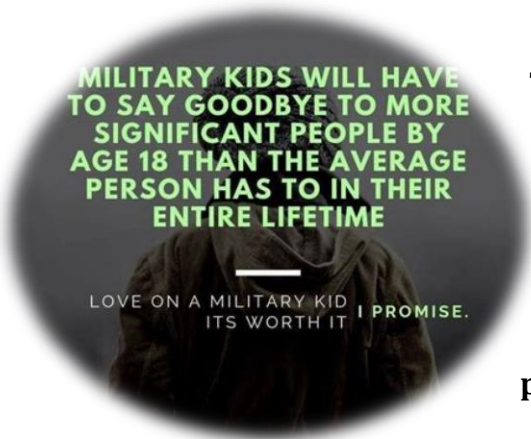
<https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

Contact your representative:

- Look up your California Representatives: <https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>
- Governor Gavin Newsom: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/contact/>

Month of the Military Child 2024 Taking Care of Our Military Children

[Military OneSource](#)



To pay tribute to our extraordinary military-connected children, youth and teens this April, the Office of Military Community and Family Policy is collaborating with key partners in an effort to thank and support our children and their parents for the unique and invaluable role they play and ensure that they have access to the support and resources they need.

Support for military children, youth and teens — and their parents: Military OneSource connects military families to

resources and support impacting a range of quality of life issues that affect children, youth and teens, including new parent support, child care, resources for families with loved ones with special needs, youth programs, child and youth behavioral counseling, and resources related to school and education transitions.

[Military Youth and Teen Programs](#) — Available on almost every installation where families PCS, youth centers offer continuity of programming on installation and through Boys & Girls Clubs of America and 4-H Partnership to help make transitioning to new places smoother for military-connected youth and teens.

[School Liaison Program](#) — Education support for military-connected children in grades pre-K through 12, including special needs, transitions, deployments and more — anytime it's needed,

[New Parent Support Program](#) — Resources and support designed to enhance the lives of infants, toddlers, children and parents; promote safety, health and well-being; and help families thrive through empowerment.

[Child and youth behavioral military and family life counselors](#) — Counseling support for military-connected children for a variety of issues, including performance in school, general behavior, transitions and relationships, and changes at home Military Child Care Services — Resources and support designed to help you find care, explore child care options and learn about fee assistance.

[Exceptional Family Member Program](#) — Support for families with special needs including the Special Needs Specialty Consultations, EFMP & Me online tool, Education Directory for Children with Special Needs and more,

Seaman's Memorial Cruise May 19th

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Boarding 9:00am, Cruising 10:00 to 2:00pm

Departs from Pier 35, Fisherman's Wharf

The Seaman's Memorial Cruise is an annual tradition for the SS Jeremiah O'Brien. It commemorates the gallantry of all veterans who have served in defense of America's freedom. Just outside the Golden Gate Bridge a wreath-laying ceremony is conducted complete with Color Guard.

This cruise is free for World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans. Complete the printable [Order Form V](#) for veterans tickets.

Food and drink are complimentary. Coffee and donuts are available upon boarding. Water, soft drinks, beer and wine are also provided. Vendors are TBA.

For more information visit: http://alamedamoaa.org/get_Calendar_details.cfm?Calendarid=275



Spring has Arrived! Time for New Projects

Sue Gonzales, Surviving Spouse Liaison

If you have ever thought about going back to school to get a degree or just because you love to learn, there are many opportunities available.

I have also included a description of the benefits that are available for Surviving Spouses. Please feel free to contact [me](#) if you have questions or comments!

Scholarships Available for Military Service Members, Spouses & Dependents

Below are links and a short description to a variety of scholarships available to Veterans, their Spouses and Families. Please visit or Google the individual sites for more information on the various scholarships and their deadlines. Another place to search for potential scholarships would be the school you are planning to attend. While most groups assist children, as noted in bold, many assist Spouses and in some cases even grandchildren.

* **A Million Thanks** – (Also referred to as The Armed Forces Children’s Education Fund , Inc. (AFCEF) applications are accepted twice a year(January 1 – March 31 and July 1 – October 15) AFCEF has established two awards providing educational assistance to such children, namely the War on Terrorism Merit Scholarship (the “Scholarship”) and the War on Terrorism Grant (the “Grant”) [Apply for a Scholarship | A Million Thanks](https://amillionthanks.org/scholar/apply/) <https://amillionthanks.org/scholar/apply/>

* **A Soldier’s Child (ASC)** - Well respected for the way they helped and continue to celebrating recipient children birthdays (they have over 4k children enrolled) every year from one-year-old and up to age 18, by spending \$150 per child, per birthday, according to the child’s specific gift wishes and needs; they also offer mentoring and camps. ASC also facilitates scholarships Kindergarten to PhD for their recipients through their partner organization, The Folded Flag Foundation. <https://www.asoldierschild.org/about>

Academic Top Scholars (ATS) - This program is currently more commonly known as also known as Thanks USA Scholarship programs - Accessible to all dependent children, age 24 and under, and all spouses of Active-Duty U.S. military Service Members are eligible to apply for scholarships with: Recipients represent all military branches, including the Guard and Reserves. Thanks USA Scholarships – Call 1-703-375-9849 or email ThanksUSA@scholarshipamerica.org <https://www.thanksusa.org/apply.html> (Historically, Thanks USA accepts scholarship applications March 1 through April 15.) Email Contact: Questions@ThanksUSA.org <https://www.thanksusa.org/scholarships.html>

AFCEA Educational Fund - www.afcea.org/education/scholarships

The AFCEA Scholarship for Working Professionals may provide funds to those students pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree while employed in the science or technology disciplines directly related to the mission of AFCEA. Undergraduate candidates must be at least second-year students attending an accredited college or university in the United States. Graduate students must have completed at least two postgraduate-level classes prior to the deadline date.

If you would like me to forward this document, please send me an email at slspkg509@aol.com I will be more than happy to send to you.

More information on VA Benefits for Surviving Spouses

Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC): If you are the surviving spouse, child, or parent of a service member who died in the line of duty, or the survivor of a Veteran who died from a service-related injury or illness, you may be able to get a tax-free monetary benefit called VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (VA DIC). Eligibility: <https://www.va.gov/disability/dependency-indemnity-compensation/>

VA Survivors Pension: A VA Survivors Pension offers monthly payments to qualified surviving spouses and unmarried dependent children of wartime Veterans who meet certain income and net worth limits set by Congress. Eligibility: <https://www.va.gov/pension/survivors-pension/>

Veterans Pension: Veterans Pension provides monthly payments to wartime Veterans who meet certain age or disability requirements, and who have income and net worth within certain limits. Eligibility: <https://www.va.gov/pension/eligibility/>

Resources Available to Help with Your myPay Account

*(From DFAS Retiree Newsletter March 2024)
Bill Garcia, Personal Affairs*

For many long-time myPay users, navigating within their accounts, gathering information, and making changes to their military, federal civilian employee or retiree/annuitant account is not an overwhelming challenge. For others, especially those unfamiliar with digital devices or doing business online, myPay can seem a bit scary.

There are, however, a few ways to get help and even send questions or requests for assistance securely online.

myPay Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs): As the name implies customer questions have been collected and presented in the FAQs along with answers to help you manage and use myPay accounts for military, federal civilian employee, and military retirees and annuitants. Topics include Login ID and password, establishing or updating your email address, setting up a Limited Access account, SmartDocs email notifications, and more.

The link to myPay FAQs is located at the top of each screen, from the login page to the pages within your account. Just look at the top of the page to locate the FAQ link. [Contact Us and Ask myPay](#)

The myPay Contact Us link will get you to the list of phone numbers and secure online connections to help solve login and password problems you may be experiencing.

In addition to the myPay customer support representatives, there are links to the [Ask myPay](#) online form for submission of your myPay dilemma and a way to find any nearby [Trusted Agents](#) who may help you solve myPay login and password needs in person.

For help not related to accessing the myPay system (such as requesting older Leave & Earning or Retiree Account Statements), the [Ask myPay](#) form provides links to other [Ask DFAS](#) forms allowing customers to submit trouble tickets regarding Military Pay, Retiree Pay, and Travel Pay. [The DFAS YouTube Channel](#)

myPay tutorial videos are stored in the DFAS YouTube Channel specifically for myPay account owners. Some of the videos there include:

- Getting started with myPay
- Requesting your Login ID
- Changing your email address
- Changing your physical mail address
- Changing your password
- Using Two-Factor Authentication
- Using an Authenticator App

myPay Help Feature – Look for the Question Mark (?) Icon

Once logged into your myPay account various options are listed allowing you to review and, in some cases allowing changes to be made to your pay account. When accessing one of these options, a question mark (?) will appear on the top right side of the screen.

Clicking on the question mark (?) will display information about that specific option along with directions (when appropriate) for printing or changing information in your myPay or pay account.

VA Increases Access to Health Care for Thousands of Veterans Nationwide

Kimberly M. Mitchell, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs

VA's initiative has expanded access to care across the nation by offering night clinics, weekend clinics, increasing the number of Veterans scheduled into daily clinic schedules, and more.

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that it has made it easier and faster for Veterans to access VA health care nationwide through our Access Sprints – an initiative to expand access to care by offering night and weekend clinics, increasing the number of Veterans scheduled into daily clinic schedules, and more.

As a result of these sprints, VA saw approximately 25,000 more new patients from October 2023 to February 2024 compared to the same period last year – and new patient appointments increased by 11%. Additionally:

1. 81% of VA Medical Centers saw more new patients than the same period last year
2. 12% fewer new patients are waiting more than 20 or 28 days for an appointment
3. 14% fewer new patients are waiting for appointments with a community provider due to wait time eligibility

Expanding access to VA care is a top priority for VA and the entire Biden-Harris Administration because VA has proven to be the best care in America for Veterans. Veterans who receive VA health care have better health outcomes than non-enrolled Veterans, and VA hospitals have dramatically outperformed non-VA hospitals in [overall quality ratings](#) and [patient satisfaction ratings](#). Additionally, VA health care is often [more affordable](#) than non-VA health care for Veterans.

“Our mission is to provide world-class health care to our Nation’s heroes. When a Veteran comes to VA, we must be able to give them the care they deserve, whenever and wherever they need it,” said **VA Under Secretary for Health Shereef Elnahal, M.D.** “I am so proud of our workforce

for finding new ways to open VA’s doors wider – and I’m excited to use what we learned from the Access Sprints to make sure that Veterans have access to VA care at every turn.”

VA is currently delivering more care and more benefits to more Veterans than ever before in our nation’s history, setting [an all-time record for health care appointments provided in 2023](#).

VA is undertaking this effort at a time when are also [expanding health care eligibility](#) for millions of Veterans nationwide under the PACT Act. As of March 5th, all Veterans who were exposed to toxins and other hazards while serving in the military and meet certain requirements became eligible to enroll directly in VA health care beginning March 5, 2024. This means that all Veterans who served in the Vietnam War, the Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Global War on Terror, or any other combat zone after 9/11 will be eligible to enroll directly in VA health care without first applying for VA benefits. Additionally, Veterans who never deployed but were exposed to toxins or hazards while training or on active duty in the United States will also be eligible to enroll.

This increase in access to care is part of a nationwide VA Access Sprint to increase access to care for Veterans. Local VA facilities and regional networks spent several months designing and implementing locally driven innovations and tried-and-true practices. As part of VA’s ongoing strategy of multiple, large-scale initiatives aimed at the goal of providing the soonest and best care to Veterans, their focus was to improve timeliness, efficiency, capacity, and employee experience.

This expansion of care is made possible, in part, by last year’s record hiring in VA’s Veterans Health Administration. Last year, we exceeded our hiring goals in the Veterans Health Administration – growing at the fastest rate in 15 years and bringing in more than 61,000 new hires – to prepare for an increase in VA health care enrollment among Veterans under the PACT Act. In total, VHA now has more employees than ever before in our history, and VA’s retention efforts also led to a 20% decrease in turnover rate among VHA employees from 2022 to 2023.

For more information about VA care, visit [VA’s health care website](#)

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2024 Alameda MOAA Board Members

ELECTED

President:	CAPT Susan Stewart, USN
Immediate Past Pres:	CAPT Fred Jaffin, USN
First Vice President:	LTC Paul Gonzales, USA
Second Vice President:	COL William "Bill" Garcia, USA
Treasurer:	CAPT Warren McDonald, USCG
Secretary:	LTC Rodney Grayson, USA

ELECTED



APPOINTED

Director of Membership:	CDR Rudolf Bredderman, USN
Membership Committee:	MAJ Sidney Jordan, USA
	CDR Donald Kittleman, USN
Legislative Affairs:	COL James "Skip" Phair, USA
Personal Affairs:	COL William "Bill" Garcia, USA
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Dir of Communications:	CAPT., Ramona Chavez, USAF
Dir of Scholarships:	LTC Paul Gonzales, USA
Facilities Coordinator:	LCDR Jerry Jacobs, USNR
Surviving Spouse Liaison:	Susan Gonzales (Spouse & Member)

Never Stop Serving

Senator Scott D. Wiener (Chair)

Chair, Senate Budget and Fiscal Review Committee
1021 O Street, Suite 8620
Sacramento, CA 95814-4900

April 18, 2024

Please Keep Veterans in California: Support [AB 46](#): Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act

Senator Caballero,

I am writing in support of [Assembly Bill 46](#), Exemption of Military Retirement from State Income Taxes, introduced by Assemblyman James Ramos during the 2023 session. California has more military bases than any other state and over 160,000 military personnel assigned to those bases. Billions of Department of Defense dollars flow into California every year to support our military and military retirees. In addition, military retirees provide an experienced workforce for critical professions in California. Data estimates that California has lost over \$200 million dollars to the state's economy annually due to the declining military retiree population. According to a recent report over 500,000 veterans have fled California to other states. How much has that cost California's economy?

Assemblymember Ramos recognizes the importance of retaining our experienced and skilled military retiree workforce in California and introduced [AB 46](#) in 2023 to provide an exemption from state income tax to military retired pay and military survivor benefits in California. AB 46 was passed by the Assembly last session with overwhelming bipartisan support, because it makes good fiscal and common sense! Military retirees, according to DoD data, provided over four billion dollars to California's economy in 2021.

The State's Finance personnel painted a negative picture of the direct costs, in terms of lost tax revenues, when testifying before your committee on AB 46 last session. But they fail to provide data that details, or even considers, the much greater loss of billions of federal dollars that come into California's economy to support those military retirees, such as VA Hospital funding, Medicare, Tricare to name a few.

I am extremely grateful for elected officials such as James Ramos, Bob Archuleta, Shannon Grove, Brian Dahle, Jacqui Irwin and others who have voiced strong support for AB 46. Congressional Representative Adam Schiff has even written a letter of support, citing the billions of dollars that will flow into California's economy by keeping military retirees in California. Let's stop this exodus of a highly skilled and experienced workforce and federal dollars to other states and remove the stigma of California being one of the most tax "unfriendly" states for military retirees to call home.

Respectfully,
Signature

Name, Address
[Title if applicable]
[Organization if applicable]

Membership in National MOAA

Rudolf Bredderman - Acting Membership

Please keep your contact information in the national MOAA database up to date. I can review it, but I cannot change it. You can update your contact information by logging into your membership account at [MOAA.org](https://www.moaa.org) and accessing your "Profile Info" page. Members can also call or email the Member Service Center and one of MOAA's Member Service Representatives would be happy to update the necessary information. Members can email msc@moaa.org or call 1-800-234-6622 for further assistance.

It is important that Chapter members who are Premium (Annual) members of national MOAA keep their national MOAA membership current with the payment of annual dues; or upgrade to "LIFE" membership in national MOAA. I guess, another option would be to downgrade to "Basic" membership but with the loss of the MOAA's monthly Military Officer magazine and the loss of a few other premium member benefits. A comparison of member benefits at each membership level can be reviewed at <https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/>

Please Note: Much of the [MOAA.org](https://www.moaa.org) web site is down for "data system migration" but should be available to us again in early May.

MOAA National 2024 Dues Increase:

National dues have slightly increased as of January 1, 2024. This increase assures MOAA's ability to maintain, improve, and deliver the member benefits and services you receive, including our robust legislative advocacy efforts. If you or your chapter members have questions about the dues increase, please contact our Member Service Center at (800) 234-6622. Please view the 2024 dues structure and associated member benefits here: <https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/>

MOAA Membership Costs as of 1 January 2024

Basic MOAA membership is FREE!

<u>Premium (Annual) Membership:</u>	<u>Annual Dues</u>	
	<u>Regular Members</u>	<u>Surviving Spouses**</u>
One Year	\$62	\$56
Two Years	\$106	\$95
Three Years	\$140	\$126

Note** If you are the surviving spouse of a military officer who was a LIFE Member of MOAA, you are a LIFE Member of MOAA and do not pay annual due.

Life Membership: LIFE membership cost varies from \$921 for someone 49 years old or less to \$107 if you are 95 to 99 years old. If you are over 100, LIFE Membership is FREE. LIFE membership passes to your spouse if you predecease your spouse.

MOAA membership is incredibly significant when MOAA lobbies Congress on issues important to the military community. To join national MOAA visit <https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/>

If you need help in becoming a member of national MOAA, let me know. If I have your written permission, I can sign you up to be a “Basic” MOAA member at no cost. The best way is to send me an email <bredderman@sbcglobal.net>



National MOAA and the Alameda MOAA Chapter are nonpartisan organizations.

To join, visit <https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/>

You defend the country. We defend your benefits.

[Join Now](#)

Resources at Your Fingertips

Alameda Chapter Website <http://www.alamedamoaa.org>

- **Need a DD-214?** Visit <https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/>
- **DOL VETS:** <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets> The U.S. Department of Labor is the Congressionally mandated lead agency for programs and services to veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses.
- **Alameda, MOAA Board Members for 2021:** <http://www.alamedamoaa.org/Chapter-Officers>
- **MOAA Alameda Membership/Renewal Application Last** page of newsletter or online here: <http://www.alamedamoaa.org/Join>
- **MOAA National application** <http://www.moaa.org/Content/Join-MOAA/Why-join-MOAA.aspx>
- **California MOAA Council Website:** <https://www.californiamoaa.com/>
- **Alameda Chapter Editorial and Privacy Policy:** <http://alamedamoaa.org/Editorial-and-Privacy-Policies>
- **MOAA Legislative Update/Action Center:** <http://alamedamoaa.org/Legislative-Update>
- **Useful Websites for California Veterans**
- **CA Legislation:**
<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>
- **California State Senate:** <http://senate.ca.gov/>
- **California State Assembly:** <http://assembly.ca.gov/>
- To find CA Law, including the Military and Veterans Code:
<https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml>
- Find your State and Local Legislator: <http://votesmart.org/>
- **CALMOAA Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/582556558468846>
- Northern California Coast Guard Retiree Council Website is NCCGRC.org
- **MOAA - MOAA's TRICARE Toolkit**
- PACT Act General PSA (30) : https://youtu.be/Ri1Eo0C_UNE
- PACT Act General PSA (15): <https://youtu.be/1-MPpbhRPS0>
- PACT Act Veteran PSA (30): <https://youtu.be/tulW0c76pC0>
- PACT Act Veteran PSA (15): <https://youtu.be/ohaenLC6fRY>
- PACT Act Doctor PSA (30): <https://youtu.be/0qEf3wEr81A>
- PACT Act Doctor PSA (15): https://youtu.be/P4Z04L16_2A
- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (30): https://youtu.be/fDGw1ykpQ_0

- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (15): <https://youtu.be/W94IGxmqIFo>
- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (Spanish, 30): https://youtu.be/l9o42_7COmY
- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (Spanish, 15): <https://youtu.be/AzrE5Gdrejc>
- PACT Act Benefits PSA (30) : <https://youtu.be/LDH5rcSW0q0> VA Benefit Leaflet that explains clearly what the requirements for each benefit on their website: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/benefits-summary/SummaryofVADependentsandSurvivorsBenefits.pdf>
- [California Association of County Veterans Services Officers](#), Inc has a toll-free number to connect you with personnel in your area. Their number is 844/737-8838.
- [Local CVSO offices](#) :
 - Alameda Co: (Lead Position is Vacant) 510/577-1926
 - Alameda County has five locations in Oakland, Livermore, Fremont and Hayward
 - Contra Costa Co: Joshua Zebley 925/313-1481
 - Contra Costa also has outstations in Brentwood, Danville and San Pablo
 - Marin Co: Sean Stephens 415/473-6193
 - San Francisco Co: Elena Kim 415/934-4200
 - San Mateo Co: Ed Kiryczun 650/802-6598



2024 Alameda MOAA Membership Application

<p>Please Check One</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal</p>	<p>Please Check One</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse</p> <p align="center">Name and Rank of qualifying officer's spouse: _____</p>
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Military Status (please check one)

Active Duty
 Retired
 Guard/Reserve
 Former / Inactive

U.S. Service (please check one)

Army
 Air Force
 Coast Guard
 Marine Corps
 Navy
 USPHS
 U.S. Space Force
 NOAA

Date: mm/dd/yyyy **National MOAA #*:** _____

**National MOAA # not required; however, you can acquire free basic membership at: <https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/>*

Name: _____ **Rank:** _____ **Date of Birth:** mm/dd/yyyy
Email: _____ **Phone:** _____
Address: _____ **Apt:** _____ **City:** _____ **State:** _____ **Zip Code** _____
Spouses Name: _____

I am interested in participating in a Chapter office or committee Yes No

Membership is for the calendar year commencing 1 January of each year.

Annual Dues: 1) Active Duty: \$0 2) Regular: \$20 / \$10 if joining after July 1 3) Spouse/Surviving Spouse: \$5

New Members: Please attach a copy of your military ID, DD-214, or other proof of service as a military officer.

Make checks payable to: ALAMEDA COUNTY CHAPTER, MOAA or [Paypal](https://www.paypal.com) to medcpa@gmail.com

Submit: Can be filled out electronically and emailed to alamedamoamembership@alamedamoaa.org or mail MOAA Alameda County Chapter, c/o: Rudolf Bredderman, 35923 Romilly Court, Fremont, CA 94536.