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### President’s Message

*Paul Gonzales, LTC USA (ret.)*

2025 promises to be a year full of changes and positive trends for our State, and the Alameda MOAA Chapter. I hope everyone had a terrific holiday; it always seems to go by too fast. As most of the Chapter Members are aware, I assumed the role of President for our Chapter on January 1st from Sue Stewart. As she moves to Southern California, we’re sad to see her leave the area but happy she’s remaining on the board contributing as Personal Affairs Liaison remotely. Thank you Sue!

My background is 25 years in the Army. I started with the Army ROTC at UC Berkeley in 1979, transferred to Cal Poly ROTC, San Luis Obispo, where I graduated and was commissioned into Field Artillery. I served in numerous stateside and overseas assignments including deployments, as most of our members have. I loved the Army, and grew up an Army brat mostly overseas as my father was a career Army Sergeant Major. I retired from UC Berkely as the Professor of Military Science (PMS) in 2005, I worked corporate for a few years

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**Editor: Ramona Chávez, Capt., USAF (Ret)**



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<b>2025 General Meetings *</b>	
Coast Guard Island, Alameda	
Point Welcome Room	
11:00 – 13:00	
Thursday, February 13 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday, Apr 24,	
Thursday, September 11 <sup>th</sup>	
Thursday, November 13 <sup>th</sup>	

<b>Board of Directors Meetings</b>	
Coast Guard Island, Alameda	
10:30 – 12:00	
Feb 4, Tue	Mar 4, Tue
Apr 1, Tue	May 6, Tue
Jun 10, Tue	Jul 2, Tue
Aug 12, Tue	Oct 7, Tue
Nov 4, Tue	Dec. 2, Tue

**...President’s Message**

for KB Home, as Director of Purchasing, Bay Area. I returned to Federal Government service as Sr Human Resources and Security Director for GSA (General Services Administration), Region 9 and 10, San Francisco. I live in San Leandro with my wife Sue. We love to travel, and spend time with our kids and grandkids and as much time as possible in the Sierras at our mountain home in Arnold, CA.

I am excited to be part of this great group of dedicated professionals in Alameda MOAA. Our 2025 Agenda is outlined below, and I sincerely hope that more of our Chapter members can attend these meetings at Coast Guard Island.

The Board of Directors for our Chapter is stepping up to make this year a productive and informative year for our members. I truly hope to meet and see more of you at our General membership meetings, and I hope some new faces will volunteer to assist Alameda Chapter as a future Board member.

Please feel free to contact me personally if you have any interest in helping the Board of

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<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
•	<b>Feb. 11<sup>th</sup>:</b> <a href="#">Hiring Our Heroes Career Summit</a>
•	<b>Apr. 7 – 10:</b> Apr 7-10 M-AIA Conf, Wash D.C.
•	<b>Apr. 26<sup>th</sup>:</b> Coast Guard, All Retiree Seminar
•	<b>Oct. 9<sup>th</sup>:</b> San Francisco <a href="#">Fleet Week</a> Special Event
•	<b>May 2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> CAL ROTC Awards Ceremony
•	<b>Dec 6<sup>th</sup>:</b> MOAA Holiday Party

Directors. My email is [pkg666@aol.com](mailto:pkg666@aol.com), or call me at 510-990-2640.

Our Alameda Chapter has consistently earned the highest achievement recognitions from National MOAA. We received Level 5 (highest) for LOE, Levels of Excellence measurements, and Communications (Newsletter and Website), and Those recognitions took time and effort from Board members all working together.

I must state as the new President that I remain concerned about our Chapter’s future. We had a very difficult time at the end of last year putting together a Board of Directors due to several Board members retiring or moving. I understand, many of our members are aging out or simply do not have the inclination, time, or energy to serve. What I learned at the Western Region conference, Reno, in November 2024 is several Chapters simply closed due to lack of Board members to run their Chapters. Last year we had four California MOAA Chapters. I share this concern because I want the General Membership to know this could become a real possibility for us. I will do everything I can to prevent that over the next two years, but I need your help.

I’m looking forward to this year and excited to meet more of you at the meetings.

**Paul Gonzales (Go Army)**



**Guest Speaker:**

**Building the WW2 Liberty Ships, and the USS Jeremiah O'Brien**

Forrest Booth is the senior Maritime Partner of the international law firm Kennedys, resident in their San Francisco office. He has extensive expertise in trial court and appellate cases involving maritime personal injuries, cargo damage, collisions, marine insurance coverage, oil pollution, and maritime contract disputes.

**Military:** Lieutenant, U.S. Navy, 1968-72; served on USS JOHN WILLIS (DE-1027) on the East Coast and USS TUTUILA (ARG-4) in Vietnam.

**Education:** B.A. *cum laude*, Amherst College, Amherst, MA. J.D., Harvard Law School, Cambridge, MA.

Relevant to his talk to the MOAA, he is the Chairman of the USS JEREMIAH OBRIEN, docked at Pier 35 in San Francisco. The USS Jeremiah O'Brien was the last operational, unaltered Liberty Ship from World War II.

He'll also give us a little insight into the rebuilding of the Baltimore Bridge.

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**GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 – 13:00**

**Coast Guard Island, Bldg. #4, Welcome Room**

**Lunch: \$15 per person, pay at the door**

**Dress: Business Casual**

**For Base Access Contact: LTC Rodney Grayson, [secretary@alamedamoaa.org](mailto:secretary@alamedamoaa.org), (925)337-0241**

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**Membership**

*Rudolf Bredderman, Membership Director*

We did not recruit any new members during December 2024. So, at the end of 2024 we had a total of 100 members. That includes 13 active-duty members, 72 regular members, 8 surviving spouses, 6 spouses; and one honorary member.



As of December 31st, 2024, 20 of our Chapter members had already renewed their Chapter membership for 2025. If you have not renewed for 2025, please do so! Our Chapter dues remain \$20 for regular members who are not on active duty and \$5 for spouses and surviving spouses, on an annual basis, i.e.

**AlamedaMoaa.Org**

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## MEMBERSHIP DUES

Send check to the Alameda County Chapter, MOAA, c/o - Send check for annual dues payable to the Alameda County Chapter, MOAA. To: Rudolf Bredderman, 35923 Romilly Court, Fremont, CA 94536.

\$20 for regular members, \$5 for Surviving Spouses and Spouses, free for Active Duty.

January through December. I will be trying to contact each active-duty member to confirm that they will be on active duty, at least at the beginning of 2025.

If you are being transferred or just moving, please let me know. Please let me know of any changes to your contact information, i.e., telephone number, mailing address or email address. The best way is to send me an email [bredderman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bredderman@sbcglobal.net).

Our Chapter's Membership Application and/or Renewal Form for 2025 can be found on [page 15](#).

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When you make contact with other military officers living or working in our vicinity, please make them aware of MOAA and put in a good word about our Alameda County Chapter. Send me their contact information, i.e., telephone number, address, or an email address for them and I will contact them. It would be best if you could have them join us in a Chapter meeting.

### Legislative Affairs

*James "Skip" Phair: Legislative Director*

Governor Gavin Newsom has included in the **2025-26 California State Budget** proposal a budget item to grant uniformed retirees and their survivors a state tax exemption on their military pensions.

Assemblymembers [James C. Ramos](#) (D-San Bernardino) and [Blanca Pacheco](#) last month introduced [CA Assembly Bill 53](#) which would allow military retirees and their survivors to exclude retired pay and survivor benefits from California income.



AB-53 is jointly sponsored by the California Military Officers Association of America, American Legion-Department of California, the Marine Corps League-Department of California, the California Association of County Veteran Service Officers, the Enlisted Association of the California National Guard of the United States and the California State Commanders Veterans Council.

The Governor's action minimizes the key impediment during the past two years. However, the legislation still must be passed by both houses of the California Legislature and differences between the proposal resolved.

As proposed, AB 53 (Ramos) would exempt all uniform service retired pay and surviving spouse benefits beginning in 2027. Governor Newsom's budget proposes:

### Military Retirement Income Exclusion

California is home to 141,000 military retirees as of 2023. Current California and federal law fully tax military retirement pay and survivor benefits as income. Beginning in tax year 2025, the Budget proposes to exclude from income for state tax purposes: (1) retirement pay received by a taxpayer from the federal government for service in the uniformed services; and (2) annuity payments received by a qualified taxpayer pursuant to a Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan. The exemption would apply for up to \$20,000 of military retirement income. Additionally, the exemption would be limited to taxpayers with

up to \$250,000 in income if filing jointly and up to \$125,000 in income for single filers. The proposal is estimated to reduce revenues by \$130 million in 2025-26 and by \$85 million annually thereafter.”

These are proposals. Success is not guaranteed. Over the next several months, we need to engage in an active campaign of letters, emails and advocacy to our representatives and members of key legislative committees. Other constituencies will be lobbying for the limited resources available, especially after the Southern California fires. Legislators should be reminded of the benefits to California from service retirees and the disadvantage of being the only state to fully tax military retirement benefits. The 2024 California Statewide National Security Economic Impacts Study, published by the California State Library highlights the critical role of retaining military retirees. The report found that national security activity contributes \$196.7 billion in economic impact to California and supports 810,000 full-time equivalent jobs. Other constituencies will be lobbying for the limited resources available.

### Contact your representative:

- ★ [Governor Newsom](#) *or* 1021 O Street, Suite 9000, Sacramento, CA 95814
- ★ Look up your California Representatives: <https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/>
- ★ Governor Gavin Newsom: <https://www.gov.ca.gov/contact/>
- ★ [Support the Richard Star Act](#)
- ★ <https://calegislation.lc.ca.gov/Advocates/>

### [MOAA Legislative Action Center](#)

#### **A New Month, A New Year!**

*Sue Gonzales, Surviving Spouse Liaison*

I hope that everyone has made those resolutions to start off the new year! Personally, I vowed to work on my health, focus more on meeting new people and be able to fulfill my duties as your Liaison. I would like to extend an invitation to meet with all the ladies in our chapter over coffee or lunch, just to get to know each of you better. My ultimate goal is to learn what is important to each one of you! I will be contacting you and hopefully can set up a meeting. I am open to all options and have no trouble meeting where you are comfortable. I know that opening up to a stranger is difficult, but I hope that I can make you feel comfortable speaking with me.

In April, the Advocacy in Action will be happening in D.C. and my name has been submitted as one of the attendees. I look forward to this opportunity to inform our legislators on the issues that are most important to our military community.

a more somber note, with the fires that are ongoing in Southern California, it always makes me think of preparedness in the event of an emergency. One of my family members lost their home in the Paradise fire and I remember just how devastating this was for them. There was no time for them to gather photo albums, documents or any other mementos of their lives.

I would like to suggest you digitize important items, such as:

- 1) Photos
- 2) Life insurance policies, mortgage and insurance documents for your home or deeds
- 3) Health insurance documents (Create a folder with your doctors names, medications, etc.)
- 4) Birth certificates and/or death certificates
- 5) Titles to your vehicles
- 6) Credit card accounts

- 7) Bank accounts
- 8) DD214

Put these items on a USB drive or a portable hard drive that you can take with you quickly.

**Make a “Go To” Bag**

Pack a supply of meds for at least a week or two, sturdy shoes, warm clothes as well as cool clothes (depending on the time of year). Put together enough supplies to survive if you are displaced from your home. If you have pets, bring dry food, a blanket, toys, any meds that they may need for a few days. Keep the bag in a conspicuous location that you can grab as you leave, or even in your vehicle!

I hope that this never has to happen to us, but we never know, and it does pay to be prepared!

Best wishes and I’ll be in touch with you!

**Alameda MOAA Financials**

Alameda County Chapter  
 Military Officers Association of  
 America, Inc.  
 Condensed Balance Sheets  
 December 31, 2024 and 2023

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets:		
Cash in bank	\$4,992	\$6,374
Money market Fund	\$28,922	\$28,574
Total assets	\$33,914	\$34,948
Liabilities:		
Advance member dues	\$400	\$475
Other	\$656	
Total liabilities	\$1,056	\$475
Fund balances:		
General Fund	\$22,382	\$20,682
Scholarship Fund	\$10,476	\$13,792
Total	\$32,858	\$34,473
Total liabilities and Fund Balances	\$33,914	\$34,948
Revenue:		
Member dues	\$1,390	\$1,460
Fall fund raiser	\$559	\$5,349
Donations	\$2,315	\$3,210
Interest income	\$1,348	\$1,159
Lunches, events and other	\$1,013	\$438
Total revenue	\$6,625	\$11,616
Expenses:		
Scholarships	\$4,524	\$4,500
Honor Flight	\$500	\$500
Other military donations	\$450	
Administrative expenses	\$2,766	\$1,431
Total expenses	\$8,240	\$6,431
Net income	(\$1,615)	\$5,185
Fund balances - beginning	\$34,473	\$29,288
Fund balances - ending	\$32,858	\$34,473

## Navy League of the U.S. Alameda / Oakland Councils 14th Annual Crab & Pasta Feed



FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2025

ELKS Lodge Alameda 2255 Santa Clara Avenue, Alameda, CA 94501 6:00 pm  
Social 7:00 pm Dinner, No-host Bar

Premium Table Set Ups. Limited number available @ \$765/table of 8 (includes price of ticket). Includes 2 bottles of wine (1 red, 1 white) - individual table "favors" VIP "first" service - crab utensils & drawn butter.



\$75 Adults Bring your own crab utensils \$55 Enlisted Members (E6 & below) \$30 Kids. For the non-crab lover, chicken may be pre-ordered.

Buy early - prices increase \$5 on 2/15/25 Sales close 2/22/25. No tickets at door. Mail-in, use QR code or online at <https://navy-league-crab-feed-2025.cheddarup.com> NLUS is a Civilian Non-Profit Organization in Support of the Sea Services Navy.....Marines.....Coast Guard.....Merchant Marine.....Sea Cadets

More information [here](#).

### Personal Affairs

*Sue Stewart, Personal Affairs*

Happy New Year! I hope everyone is doing well and had a great holiday season! This month's Personal Affairs column is a mix of info and please let me know if there are any topics you want covered in future newsletters.

LA WILDFIRE ASSISTANCE FROM VA. For those members impacted by the LA wildfires, please reach out to the board if there is anything we can do for you or your family. For resources available to Veterans and their families, call 1-800-MyVA411 or visit, [va.gov/resources/disaster-help](http://va.gov/resources/disaster-help).

TRICARE WEST UPDATES. Beneficiaries living in Tricare's West Region who missed the deadline to set up recurring payments with the new regional contractor (TriWest Healthcare Alliance) have been granted an extension. Beneficiaries enrolled in Tricare Young Adult, Tricare Reserve Select and Tricare Retired Reserve plans now have until 15 January to set up recurring payments directly with TriWest. Those enrolled in Tricare Prime or Tricare Select have until 30 January to set up payments. If you miss the extension deadline for setting up recurring payments, you will be disenrolled from your health care plan with a retroactive date of 1 January. Beneficiaries who pay by military allotment don't need to take action, as those payments will be transferred automatically to TriWest. Additionally, beneficiaries under Tricare for Life, a Tricare health plan overseas, or the U.S. Family Health Plan are not affected. For questions, the customer service phone number for TriWest is: 1-888-874-9378.

HEALTH CARE SAVINGS ACCOUNT. Active-duty service members will have a new benefit in 2025, a health care flexible spending account. In March, there will be a special enrollment to open this type of account. So what is it? In essence, a health care FSA is a savings account that can be used to pay for items not covered by health or dental insurance. Such accounts have been available for years to employees of many federal agencies and private companies.

Troops can contribute up to \$3,200 a year in pretax earnings toward eligible out-of-pocket health care expenses, with a minimum contribution of \$100 annually. The money will be automatically withdrawn from their paycheck over the course of the year and deposited into their flexible spending account. The Internal Revenue Service determines eligible expenses and contribution limits, the latter of which may vary by tax year. More than 300 IRS-approved health care expenses qualify, including copays and deductibles; out-of-pocket costs for braces; glasses and contact lenses; prescription drugs; over-the-counter medicines; and wellness treatments such as acupuncture, massage and chiropractic care.

VA UPDATE. The VA announced that it is making acute and chronic leukemias, multiple myelomas, myelodysplastic syndromes, myelofibrosis, urinary bladder, ureter, and related genitourinary cancers presumptive for service-connection for Gulf War Veterans and Post-9/11 Veterans. This step lowers the burden of proof for these Veterans, meaning that they do not need to prove that their service caused their condition to receive benefits for it. Instead, VA automatically assumes service connection for the condition and provides benefits accordingly.



[PGA HOPE \(Helping Our Patriots Everywhere\)](#) is the flagship military program of PGA REACH, the charitable foundation of the PGA of America.

### Coast Guard Island Career Summit

February 11, 2025

Job Seeker Programming: 9 AM - 12:30 PM PT  
Coast Guard Island | Bldg. 4, Gresham Hall  
Alameda, CA 94501

Hiring Fair: 1:30 PM - 4:30 PM PT  
Coast Guard Island | Bldg. 16, Base Alameda Gym  
Alameda, CA 94501



### What to Expect

- Free career fair & networking opportunities
- Meet with military-ready companies
- actively hiring locally & nationwide
- Get insider tips from hiring managers
- and recruiters
- Careers in Cyber/IT, Engineering, Healthcare/ Medical and Project Management/Administrative

### You'll Learn About

- SkillBridge programs



- Fellowships & internships
- Upskilling & reskilling programs
- Military spouse professional development and hiring programs
- LinkedIn for veterans & military spouses

35+ Expected Employers	40% Offer Rate	25k+ Open Positions
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*The DoD and Service Branches do not endorse any company, sponsor, or their products or services.*



**Register now** to connect with military-ready employers

For more than a decade, Hiring Our Heroes has helped hundreds of thousands of transitioning service members, veterans, and military spouses find meaningful employment through our comprehensive training and hiring events, fellowship programs, and online tools. Further info [here](#).

Scan to register

### VA Efforts on CA Wildfires

*Kimberly M. Mitchell, Senior Advisor, Department of Veterans Affairs*

Since soon after the first fire occurred on January 7, 2025, VHA Leadership has been closely monitoring wildfires impacting Los Angeles, CA. As of Friday, January 10, 2025, the [California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection](#) is reporting impacted acres and % of fire contained: Palisades (20,438 acres, 8% contained), Eaton (13,690 acres, 3% contained), Hurst (771 acres, 37% contained), Kenneth (1,000 acres, 35% contained, and Lidia (395 acres, 75% contained).

Currently, the Palisades Fire does not pose an immediate threat to the safety or operations of VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System (GLA). Incident command has been activated with 24 - hour monitoring capacity. The facility remains fully operational and prepared to continue serving Veterans without disruption. Emergency management personnel are closely monitoring fire behavior and as needed, are coordinating with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure a rapid response should conditions change.

San Gabriel Valley VA Clinic in Arcadia, CA, in an evacuation area, has transitioned to virtual appointments only; no other community-based clinics have adjusted operations. Elective surgical procedures at the West Los Angeles campus were curtailed on January 8 and 9, 2025. Non-surgical procedures resumed but all surgical cases remain curtailed on January 10, 2025. Urgent cases are being reviewed and continuing on a case-by-case basis. Procedures will be rescheduled in coordination with the impacted Veteran.

There are numerous school closures, road closures, and power outages impacting the area. An estimated one hundred (100) employees have been evacuated and twenty-two (22) are known to have lost their homes. This number is expected to increase as the GLA team is able to make contact with staff. Facility leaders are actively managing staffing to ensure continuity of operations across the healthcare system.

GLA is actively providing resources for Veterans in the affected area. Outreach through VetText and email continues with a focus on homelessness resources. The GLA Community Engagement

and Reintegration Service (CERS) team continues with outreach to unsheltered Veterans, offering shelter and support. Veterans at evacuation centers are connecting with Mobile Vet Centers to provide any needed support. GLA has a call hotline for housing assistance at (310) 268-3350.

In collaboration with neighboring VA Healthcare Systems in VISN 22, GLA Leadership is prepared if circumstances require full or partial evacuations. GLA is also working with community partners including the Los Angeles Fire Department to provide support if needed. The Los Angeles Healthcare Coalition and the California State Veterans Home are coordinating efforts to support any coordination efforts for veterans with the GLA team. VHA Office of Emergency Management is also in contact with the Region 9 FEMA response team.

VHA Leadership is continuing to monitor and will provide updates as warranted.

### **VA Expands Access to Veterans Legacy Memorial, Allowing Veterans to Chronicle Their Life Story**

*Kimberly M. Mitchell, Senior Advisor, Department of Veterans Affairs*

**WASHINGTON** — Today the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) expanded the [Veterans Legacy Memorial](#) (VLM) — the nation’s largest digital platform dedicated to the memory of Veterans and service members — to allow Veterans to tell their own story before they pass away. The new “Your Story, Your Legacy” feature will allow Veterans who have been approved for [VA’s pre-need eligibility determination for burial](#) in a VA national cemetery to log in to a secure website where they can privately submit images, autobiographies, military and life milestones, and historical documents.

VLM already offers family, friends, and others a way to chronicle the life of a Veteran by uploading written tributes, photos, biographies, documents, and other information. It contains nearly 10 million interactive VLM pages for those interred in VA national cemeteries, Department of Defense-managed cemeteries, VA grant-funded state/tribal cemeteries, National Park Service cemeteries, and private cemeteries around the world.

VA will keep a Veteran’s content secure until they pass away, and VA approves a request for a burial or memorial benefit. Following approval, the content the Veteran submitted will become public and appear on their VLM page on the public-facing website.

“The legacies we leave behind come in many forms,” said **Acting Under Secretary for Memorial Affairs Ronald Walters**. “Providing Veterans with resources to document their stories while they are still with us ensures their voices are heard and allows family members, friends, and others to appreciate the experiences of those who served.”

Veterans who have provided their email address and been approved for pre-need eligibility will receive an email directing them to the “Your Story, Your Legacy” landing page. Here’s where to apply [online](#). For more information about the feature, visit the [Your Story, Your Legacy landing page](#).

Since the VLM website launched in 2019, more than 165,000 submissions have been made to Veteran profile pages. NCA moderators review all content submissions before being posted to a Veteran's page to ensure it conforms to the VLM User Policy.

For information about VA burial benefits, visit one of VA's [National Cemetery Locations](#) in-person, visit online at [VA burial benefits and memorial products](#), or call toll free at 800-827-1000. To plan for you and your family, visit NCA's [pre-need eligibility](#) website.

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### 2025 Alameda MOAA Board of Directors

#### **ELECTED POSITIONS**

- President: LTC Paul Gonzales, USA (ret.)
- Immediate Past Pres: CAPT Fred Jaffin, USN
- First Vice President: CAPT Mark Epperson, USN (ret.)
- Second Vice President: This role will not be filled
- Treasurer: CAPT Warren McDonald, USCG
- Secretary: LTC Rodney Grayson, USA
- Surviving Spouse Liaison: Mrs. Susan Gonzales (spouse)

#### **APPOINTED DIRECTORS**

- Director of Membership: CDR Rudolf Bredderman, USN
  - Membership Committee: MAJ Sidney Jordan, USA (ret.) and CAPT Gary Spenik, USCG (ret.)
- Legislative Affairs: COL James "Skip" Phair, USA (ret.)
- Personal Affairs: CAPT Susan Stewart, USN (ret.)
- Dir of Programs: CAPT Perry Milton, USN (ret.)
  - Program Committee: CDR Lance Sopera, USN (ret.)
- Dir of Communications: Capt., Ramona Chávez, USAF (ret.)
- Dir of Scholarships: LTC Paul Gonzales, USA (ret.)
- Facilities Coordinator: LCDR Jerry Jacobs, USNR (ret.)
  - Facilities Committee: LTC Rod Grayson, USA (ret.), LTC Paul Gonzles, USA (ret.), LTC Ingo Biscoff, USAR
- Assistant Treasurer: Mrs. Marvera Kline (Spouse)

### Membership in National MOAA

*Rudolf Bredderman - Acting Membership*

Our Chapter does not get credit for your Chapter membership if you are not also a member of MOAA at the national level. National MOAA has set a goal to have all Chapter members be, at least "Basic" members of national MOAA.

Twenty two of our 100 Chapter members are "Basic" members of MOAA at the national level. MOAA is encouraging all "Basic" members to become either "Premium" or "LIFE" members, i.e., dues paying members.

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.

Please visit the national MOAA website <[www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org)>. It provides current information of significance to military personnel, active, former and retired and to spouses of military personnel; and it is easy to navigate. Access to much of the MOAA website requires logging in as a MOAA member. To do so, you will need to enter your MOAA membership number, and you will have to create a password. If you do not know your MOAA membership number, please contact me [bredderman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:bredderman@sbcglobal.net) or (510) 796-2485. I should be able to tell you your MOAA membership number. If you have a problem logging in to the MOAA website, email <[msc@moaa.org](mailto:msc@moaa.org)> or call 1-800-234-6622 for assistance. Some of the <[MOAA.org](http://MOAA.org)> web site remains down for “data system migration” but should be available to us again soon.

### **MOAA Membership Costs as of 1 January 2024**

#### **Basic MOAA membership is FREE!**

<b><u>Premium (Annual) Membership:</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Dues</u></b>	
	<b><u>Regular Members</u></b>	<b><u>Surviving Spouses**</u></b>
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](mailto: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

- [California Department of Veterans Affairs](#)
- [Alameda County Veterans Services](#)
- **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>
- **Alameda Chapter Website** <http://www.alamedamoaa.org>
- **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](http://NCCGRC.org)
- PACT Act General PSA (30) : [https://youtu.be/Rj1Eo0C\\_UNE](https://youtu.be/Rj1Eo0C_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](https://youtu.be/P4Z04L16_2A)
- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (30): [https://youtu.be/fDGw1ykpQ\\_0](https://youtu.be/fDGw1ykpQ_0)
- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (15): <https://youtu.be/W94lGxmqlFo>
- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (Spanish, 30): [https://youtu.be/l9o42\\_7COmY](https://youtu.be/l9o42_7COmY)

- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (Spanish, 15): <https://youtu.be/AzrE5Gdrejc>
- PACT Act Benefits PSA (30) : <https://youtu.be/LDH5rcSW0q0>
- [TRICARE For Retirees](#)
- [TRICARE For Life](#)
- [MEDICARE](#)
- [Social Security Administration](#)
- [Veterans Health Administration](#)
- [National Cemetery Administration](#)
- [Veterans Benefits Administration](#)

## 2025 Alameda MOAA Membership Application

<p><b>Please Check One</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal</p>	<p><b>Please Check One</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Officer   <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse   <input type="checkbox"/> Surviving Spouse</p> <p style="text-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](#) to [mcdepa@gmail.com](mailto:mcdepa@gmail.com)

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