



Officers' Call

Newsletter of the Lake & Sumter Counties Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
March 2024



Presidents Message

LTC Don Hansen, USA (Ret), Chapter President

Well here we are in March already. Home of Daylight Savings Time, Ramadan, St. Patrick's Day, the beginning of Spring, Palm Sunday, and Easter. In our chapter, lots going on. The Golf Committee is finalizing the multitude of things in order to be ready for our 16th Annual Military Charities Golf Tournament, including: soliciting Major and Hole Sponsors; soliciting wine, contributions, and gift certificates from chapter members, individuals, local businesses, and restaurants, to place in our gift baskets to be bid on at our Silent Auction; and making sure we have the business signage, Remembrance Signs, and Sponsor signage ready to go on 12 April. See section on the Golf Tournament below.

Good News from National MOAA. MOAA was named to "The Hill's" Top Lobbyist List for the **17th straight year**. MOAA was among the honorees in the 2023 Grassroots category, which included AARP, Burn Pits 360, and Veterans of Foreign Wars.

At the start of our meeting last month, I was honored to present Bob Bienvenue, Tim Balliett, and Pete Rector with Leadership Award Cer-



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OUR NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday
March 13th
11:30 a.m.**

Location
Big Cypress Recreation Center
3110 Hendry Drive, The
Villages, FL 32163



OUR MEAL

Will be Shepherd's Pie in honor of St. Patrick's Day and will be served with parsley potatoes, baby carrots, rye bread and butter. The vegetarian option will be Pasta Marinara.

COST

Meals are **\$20.00/person** if you **register and pay** online. Meals are **\$20/person** following the deadline and **\$20/person** if you pay at the door.

RSVP

**No Later Than, 10:30
a.m. on Friday
March 8th**

[Click Here](#)

or contact Tim or Annette Balliett at tabal-liett46@gmail.com or 352-728-2945.



Check out the Florida Department of Veteran Affairs for Florida Veteran Legislation.

Presidents Message Continued

tificates which I had received for them at the MOAA Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) Leadership Seminar in January. The awards were for Exceptional Leadership and Meritorious Service in support of MOAA Objectives and Programs. Bob (Lt.Col. Robert Bienvenue, USAF (Ret.)) has been our chapter's Legislative Liaison since 2014 and was the FCOC Legislative Chairman from 2015 until retiring from that job at the end of 2023. Tim (MAJ Timothy Balliett, USA (Ret.)) has been our Chapter Meetings Meal Coordinator with our Caterer for many years and he and his wife Annette have served on our Golf Tournament Committee for as long as I have been in the chapter and have been one of our strongest Sponsors of the Golf Tournament year after year. (See Karl's BIO of Tim and Annette below.) Pete (CWO4 Dolphus Rector, USN (Ret.)) has been our Treasurer for at least 5-6 years, through the end of 2023, and still serves as the Assistant Treasurer supporting Dennis Storey who was sworn in as our new Treasurer in January. All have done and continue to do fantastic work for our chapter and certainly deserve our strongest applause. Thank you guys!

Our February speaker was Scott Merritt who gave us a talk on the Battle of Saipan in WWII and how that bloody battle: one - caused discord between the Marines and the Army; and two - gave our military and navy an eye opening preview on what it would take/cost in KIAs and WIAs to conquer mainland Japan. A great presentation on a battle that received little recognition at the time it was fought as that was shortly after the invasion of France in 1944 which got most of the headlines. The Marines and Army units suffered over 3,000 KIAs and 13,000 WIAs while the Japanese military lost approximately 27,000 KIAs, including the fact that many of the Japanese civilians on the island joined with their military in fighting against our forces. Scott's talk was well received and enjoyed by all present.

Our speaker this month will be chapter member Captain Howard A. Newhoff, USCG (Ret.) who will give us a brief history of the U.S. Coast Guard and it's current missions/operations; an overview of his military career; and an overview of his second career as the Security Director for Royal Caribbean Cruises Ltd.

Howard was born in northern New Jersey and raised in various cities around the Hudson River north of NYC. He graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in 1965 and spent the next 25 years in about 18 different assignments along the east and west coasts of the U.S. Approximately 15 years were at sea onboard various Coast Guard cutters conducting search and rescue, law enforcement and environmental protection operations. During his career, he commanded 4 different Coast Guard cutters ranging in size from patrol boats to a destroyer size vessel. He served in Vietnam in the 60s and was involved with combat operations. In 1982, while Commanding Officer of a Coast Guard cutter home-ported in Miami Beach, President Ronald Reagan came onboard and honored his ship with a Unit Commendation for outstanding operations preventing the smuggling of drugs into our country. Retirement from the Coast Guard occurred in 1989.



Soon afterwards, Royal Caribbean Cruise Ltd. offered him a job as the corporate head of security. He spent the next 24 years providing security services onboard their cruise ships and the ports that they called in. The company had 5 cruise ships when he joined and 45 ships when he retired. The job took him to many ports and countries all over the world. There were many memorable occasions during this period of his life, both good and bad. The hardest time was right after the 2001 terrorist attacks insuring that the company's ships, passengers and crews were as safe as possible. He is most proud of the fact that within a month after the attacks, 100% of all persons, baggage and supplies going into their terminals and onboard their ships all over the world were being screened. He retired from this second career in late 2013 and moved full time to The Villages a year later.

He has been married for over 58 years to Valerie, a wonderful woman who had to endure his long absences in both of his careers. They raised two children and now have two granddaughters. He belongs to several other local military organizations such as Honor Flight and Vietnam Veterans of America and keeps busy and fit steering dragon boats and playing golf.

Last month our Provost, LTC Karl Buettner, USA (Ret.), represented our chapter at the DAV Chapter 150 Van 'Turn-over' Event, which was held at the Veterans Administration Outpatient Clinic (VA OPC) on February 6. This is the third van that DAV Chapter 150 has donated to this location and our donation helped



make it possible. The van transports veterans to Gainesville for medical appointments. A plaque with the donors' names is on display in the Outpatient Clinic. See our logo on top middle of window.

Our **March 13** meeting **will not** be at **Eisenhower RRC**. That day was closed for outside events like our meeting. Instead, we will be meeting at the **Big Cypress Recreation Center** at **3110 Hendry Drive**. Meeting time will remain at the same **11:30 a.m.** time. Our lunch meal will be Shepherd's Pie in honor of St. Pat-rick's Day and will be served with parsley potatoes, baby carrots, rye bread and butter. The vegetarian op-tion will be Pasta Marinara.

One final note. Our chapter received a \$100 donation from FCOC for being in the top tier of Healthiest

Chapters in the Florida Council. The selection was made from a number criteria but recruiting new members, keeping current members, programing, and contributing to the surrounding community are just a few of the items looked at. Our chapter is indeed outstanding and **HEALTHY**.

That's about all for now so see you at the March 13th meeting at **Big Cypress RC** and remember to **NEVER STOP SERVING!**

GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT



The last opportunity to bring something for the Silent Auction will be the March 13th meeting. Please don't forget. The good news to pass on is that all of our golfer slots are now filled so if you know of someone that has signed up to play in our tournament, don't forget to thank them for their support. However, even if you are not playing golf or just don't play the game, you can still attend our awards dinner and participate in the Silent Auction. We have some exciting offerings in the auction. Just let me know you want to come and send your check for \$20 (cost of meal) made out to MOAA to me at: MOAA Tournament Dinner, 3607 Enterprise Drive, The Villages, FL 32163.

Tim and Annette Balliett by Karl Buettner



Tim and Annette Balliett have been members of MOAA for over 35 years. They met in 1969 (on a wildly successful blind date) soon after her graduation from Russell Sage College and Tim's graduation from West Point, Airborne, Ranger, Jumpmaster and Pathfinder Schools. They married in August 1970 after Tim's tours with the 82nd Airborne Division and the First Cav in Vietnam. Then they embarked on a typical Infantry Officer's career (Ft. Riley, Ft. Carson and Ft. Benning) with Annette teaching troops, prisoners, children and the public in English as a Second Language (ESL), (GED), or HeadStart at every stage. They both obtained Master's degrees at Purdue University: Annette in Education and Tim in Aeronautical Engineering. Tim was assigned to an R&D facility developing the components of the T-700 helicopter engine at Ft. Eustis, then obtained a R&D assignment in the Pentagon's Tank-Automotive Command Program Managers office for the M113 and Bradley Fighting Vehicle. He retired in 1988 and accepted an offer from FMC Corporation to manage the sales of automotive components for combat vehicles worldwide. He later retired from BAF Systems in 2006 as the Program Manager for M113 Conversions.

Annette was born and brought up in Watertown, New York. Tim was born in Fort Benning and grew up in Tokyo, Frankfurt, London, Paris, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Texas and Virginia because his father (also an Infantry Officer for thirty years) was a soldier-diplomat. Tim and Annette have two daughters: Rebecca is a veterinarian, operating a mobile vet clinic in the Villages; and Nicole is a Special Agent for Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) currently stationed in Paris, France. There are five grandchildren between them.

They travel extensively (all fifty states, six continents, including the Amazon, Russia, Northern Ireland, the Galapagos Islands, the Mediterranean and South Africa) and will continue to do so. They fish, golf, root for the Atlanta Braves and tend to their English Springer Spaniel. Annette gardens and Tim removes the piles of stuff that Annette trims or that falls out of the trees.

They are not Villagers but have a home on the northern shore of Lake Harris in Leesburg. They are and will continue to be avid supporters of MOAA as they have NEVER STOPPED SERVING!

Membership and Recruiting

COL Al Arnold, USA (Ret), Membership Chairman

A **hearty welcome** to the following members who recently joined our Chapter:

John Holland, MAJ, USA, retired

Jeff Lando-Madsen, CPT, USA former officer

Jonathon Pirkey, Col, USMC, retired

Kasandra Pirkey, Col, USAF, retired



We currently have 276 Chapter members. All 276 are also members of National MOAA as well as listed in the Florida Council of Chapters database.

We all come into contact with veterans here in the Lake & Sumter Counties area. At our February luncheon, I mentioned a recruiting technique used by one of our Florida sister chapters. It's called "Each One, Reach One." They ask each member to reach out to at least one potential new member and discuss joining the Chapter.

If you happen to run into someone eligible for membership, please ask them to join by visiting our website (www.lakesumtermoaa.org) or giving them my name and POC information. Why should they join? Here's our mission and purpose:

- Promote the purposes and objectives of MOAA.
- Foster fraternal relations among retired, active, and former officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- Protect the rights and interests of active duty and retired personnel of the uniformed services and their dependents and survivors.
- Provide useful services for members of our chapter and their dependents and survivors.
- Support family financial assistance projects and scholarship programs as approved by the Executive Board.
- Serve the community and nation.

In short, our Chapter supports all that is MOAA including keeping everyone informed about local and state affairs related to everything military. We serve all veterans, regardless of rank.

If you have questions or need additional information, don't hesitate to ask/email/call me.

Stay safe.

Chapter Awards



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Chaplain's Prayer

LTC Herbert Siegel, USA (Ret), Chaplain

LORD, AS THE NEW MONTH OF FEBRUARY DAWNS, WE COME BEFORE YOU, ALMIGHTY GOD, WITH A HEART FULL OF GRATITUDE AND EXPECTATION. THIS MONTH, KNOWN FOR LOVE, WARMTH, AND RENEWAL, IS A REMINDER OF YOUR CONSTANT CARE AND UNCHANGING LOVE FOR US. WE ASK FOR YOUR BLESSINGS, GUIDANCE, AND PROTECTION OVER EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES AND THE LIVES OF THOSE WE LOVE IN THE DAYS TO COME.

MAY THIS MONTH BE FILLED WITH SPIRITUAL GROWTH, JOY, PEACE, AND FRUITFUL LABOR. WE STAND IN FAITH, KNOWING THAT YOUR PROMISES ARE TRUE AND THAT YOU ARE WITH US EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

DEAR LORD, AS FEBRUARY IS OFTEN ASSOCIATED WITH LOVE, WE PRAY FOR A DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR DIVINE LOVE IN OUR LIVES. MAY YOUR LOVE BE THE FOUNDATION OF ALL OUR RELATIONSHIPS AND MAY IT GUIDE US IN OUR INTERACTIONS WITH OTHERS.

LORD AS ALWAYS, WE ASK FOR BLESSINGS ON OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN. WE ASK THAT YOU PROTECT THEM BOTH HERE AND AROUND THE WORLD. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THEIR SERVICE AND THEIR DEDICATION TO KEEPING OUR NATION SAFE. WE PRAY THAT YOU WOULD ALWAYS KEEP THEM SAFE. WE ESPECIALLY ASK THAT YOU BLESS THEIR FAMILY MEMBERS WITH WHOM THEIR SERVICE WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE. THEIR DEDICATION IS DESERVING A SPECIAL VALENTINES DAY. REWARD THEIR WORK, RENEW THEM IN SPIRIT AND KEEP THEM IN YOUR CARE.

ALL OF THIS WE ASK IN YOUR NAME. "SO, BE IT" AMEN.

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Legislative Update

Bob Bienvenue, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), Legislative Liaison

MOAA Legislative Update:

<http://www.moaa.org/takeaction/?tab=Legislative-Action-Center#Legislative-Action-Center>



MOAA's Advocacy in Action Campaign— Status Update



Congress' Military Personnel Panel says Erosion in Quality-of-Life Poses Dire Threat to the Force

The “**alarming erosion of military quality of life**” threatens the all-volunteer force, and only by addressing significant concerns for servicemembers and their families – many of which remain atop MOAA’s list of legislative priorities – can the nation ensure its national security.



This was the message sent to President Joe Biden on Feb. 16 in [a bipartisan letter](#) from the chairman and ranking member of the **House Armed Services Committee** as well as the leaders of that committee’s **Quality of Life Panel**, which has actively engaged with MOAA and other advocacy groups since its 2023 founding. Florida members on the HASC include:

Congressmen Gaetz (R-1), Waltz (R-6), Mills (R-7) and Gimenez (R-28)

The letter seeks “*significantly more attention and resources*” in the president’s upcoming annual budget request to address five key quality of life issues:

Health and safety concerns with barracks and single-family housing.

Inadequate compensation, especially for junior enlisted members, which can lead to food insecurity, among other financial stressors.

A lack of access to quality medical care, especially behavioral care.

Child-care shortages, “especially in high-cost and remote areas.” **SEE NOTE BELOW**

Spouse employment concerns, driven by frequent military moves and license portability issues.

“These concerns align almost seamlessly with MOAA’s advocacy agenda as it pertains to those in uniform and their families,” MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), said. *“We are thankful for the bipartisan support from the committee and the urgency they’ve shown in pushing solutions forward, and we look forward to working with the Quality-of-Life Panel as it shapes its final report and its critical recommendations for the FY 2025 National Defense Authorization Act.”*

TAKE ACTION

Urge Your Legislators to Improve the Quality of Life of Our Servicemembers

Read the entire article from the MOAA Advocacy News Web Page here:
[MOAA - Quality of Life ‘Erosion’ Poses Dire Threat to the Force, Lawmakers Say](#)

MOAA’s Ongoing Advocacy Agenda

While MOAA continues pressing for an overall improvement for servicemember quality of life, many of the committee’s specific priorities reflected above are addressed by MOAA-supported legislation.

Go to MOAA’s Legislative Action Center or click on the links below to send specific messages:

Legislative Update (Continued)

Bob Bienvenue, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), Legislative Liaison

[The BAH Restoration Act](#) (H.R. 2537 | S. 1823)
[The Military Spouse Hiring Act](#) (H.R. 1277 | S. 596)
[The REWARD Experience Act](#) (H.R. 6537 | S. 3374)
[The Military Food Security ACT \(H.R. 1764\)](#)

NOTE: Read more about the situation with **Military Child-Care shortages** in Florida:
[Military families at Eglin Air Force Base plead for more childcare facilities \(weartv.com\)](#)

BREAKING NEWS

The fourth Continuing Resolution of this Fiscal Year passed both Houses of Congress on February 29th, extending the expiration date of March 1st for military construction projects and VA health care and benefit programs, along with many other federal programs, to March 8th, and the expiration date of March 8th for the rest of the federal government, to include DoD to was extended to March 22nd.

The vote in the House was taken under a “Suspension of Rules” which required a two-thirds majority. The tally was 320 AYES – 99 NAYS. Both representatives covering our chapter’s area, Webster and Waltz, voted NAY.

The Vote in the Senate was 77 AYES – 13 NAYS. Senator Rubio voted for the Bill; Senator Scott voted against it.

These extensions will have to be addressed within the next few weeks while the Congress is faced with several other priority legislative tasks the Saga continues.

Wasteful Budget Delays Continue to Threaten Pay & Benefits

For a quarter of a century, Congress has grappled with passing timely appropriations. The story of the FY 2024 budget cycle is one of the most egregious in that timeframe.

It is almost 6 months into this Fiscal Year which has been iteratively funded by three Continuing Resolutions. *The expiration dates to avoid government shutdowns are fast approaching.*

Without the necessary authorizations, federal agencies lack the funding needed for the annual military pay raise, health care coverage, and quality-of-life programs for servicemembers and their families, along with many other support programs and benefits that were included in the FY 2024 National Defense authorization Act.

Our nation’s servicemembers, veterans, their families, and survivors need and deserve better.

The current legislature’s failures to pass a timely budget (because of their dysfunction) sets up several milestones in March that illustrate the urgency our legislators are facing:

March 1st is the expiration date of CR funding for military construction projects and VA health care and benefit programs, along with many other federal programs.

On March 8th, the second such deadline would shut down funds for the rest of the federal government, to include DoD.

Legislative Update (Continued)

Bob Bienvenue, Lt Col, USAF (Ret), Legislative Liaison

[Without a full budget, any progress made on behalf of those who serve and have served, and their families and survivors, reflected in the FY 2014 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) goes unfunded.]

On April 30: If all 12 spending bills are **not** signed into law by this date, there will be an automatic 1% sequestration across all accounts.

MOAA members have sent **more than 13,000 messages** to their lawmakers about the current budget cycle alone, adding their voices to the MOAA's advocates/partners on Capitol Hill who are working to improve this dysfunctional process. MOAA has engaged with both legislators and administration officials on the need to move faster and meet critical deadlines.

Our pressure needs to continue because of what's at stake if these costly behaviors continue. This Advocacy Mission is critical to maintaining a strong national defense, at this time of global insecurity.

Ask Your Lawmakers to Pass a Budget

State Legislative Update

William Wojciechowski, Col, USAF (Ret), State Legislative Liaison

STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The following bills are under consideration by the Florida State Legislature.

**** SB0174/HB725.** Spouses of veterans would be eligible for admissions to Florida Veterans Long Term Care facilities. Bill has advanced.

**** SB0346/HB0357.** Designates November as Veterans Appreciation Month with special observances throughout the month. Bill has advanced.

**** SB1004/HB0727.** Increases the value of the property tax exemption for disabled veterans from \$5000 to \$10,000. Bill is awaiting hearing.

**** SB1686/HB1373.** A property tax discount for disabled veterans to be made a constitution provision in addition to any increased exemption. Bill is awaiting hearing.

**** SB1452/HB1351.** Prohibits a person from receiving compensation for providing advice or assistance on veterans benefits. Bill is awaiting hearing.

****SB68/HB99.** Reciprocity for state licensing requirements for veterans and spouses Bill is supported by the Defense State Liaison Office and is awaiting hearing.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is seeking members of the Legislature to sponsor a bill waiving fees for driver's licenses for disabled veterans.



State Legislative Update (Continued)

William Wojciechowski, Col, USAF (Ret), State Legislative Liaison

VILLAGERS FOR VETERANS

The Villagers for Veterans, our Community Outreach Partner, sponsors several entertainment events each month to raise funds for a variety of projects aimed at assisting veterans and their families in immediate need of funds related to their personal circumstances. Ninety seven percent of the monies raised flow directly to the applicants. Examples of these events are; Bingo games, the first Monday of the month at the Wildwood Community Center; March 15 Annual Golf Tournament at Harbor Hills with prizes galore to include a Pebble Hills vacation or \$10,000 for A Hole In One.; March 30, Atlantic Boys Concert and Cocktail Party. Simply log in to VillagersforVeterans.org for a complete listing of events. Volunteers are always needed to support the logistics for each event.. This is a great way to identify and encourage subsequent MOAA membership in our Chapter. This partnership has been recognized by MOAA national as a model for affiliation.

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

MOAA's status as a tax-exempt veterans organization precludes it from participating in political activities, which are defined as intervening directly or indirectly in any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. We all need to be particularly attentive to this *non-partisanship restriction* during this very active political campaign season, when we are wearing our MOAA hat either individually or on behalf of our Chapters.

MOAA is a registered **lobbyist** with Congress. This legal designation pertains to the nature of communications with elected officials and staff. Maybe a better term to describe their effort is **advocacy**:

the association does play an active role in the field of military personnel matters and especially proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services and advocates for a strong national defense it does not, as an association, become involved in matters pertaining to military strategy or individual weapons systems of the various services. The association believes that such decisions can be made only by those who have all of the facts available to them: today's actively serving military leadership.

MOAA has been recognized for the past **17** years by **The Hill News** as a TOP Lobbying Organization based on its effective advocacy on the issues defined in its governing documents and resolutions, presenting and supporting legislative proposals that provide for the fair and equitable treatment of members of the Armed Forces, including the National Guard and Reserves, military retirees, family members, survivors, and veterans as defined in its federal Charter in 36 USC, chapter 1404.

The Editorial Policy of this Newsletter is consistent with the discussion above.

Surviving Spouses Corner

Catherine Stevens, Surviving Spouse Liaison

We have been very fortunate to have Catherine (Cathie) Stevens agree to serve as our Surviving Spouse Liaison. She is now a full member of our Board of Directors and both Pam Fillmon and Dr. Angel Kelly-Shelby have stated they will be glad to try and answer any of her questions as she settles into the position. Hopefully we will hear from her in our newsletter from time to time. Cathie's husband was Lt. Col. Dale A. Stevens, USAF (Ret.), who was a Life Member of MOAA and thus Cathie is also a Life Member.

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MOAA is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization. It is our Chapter responsibility to adhere to MOAA standards in all regards. Membership is open to anyone who has served as a commissioned or warrant officer in any of the eight military services, or is the surviving spouse of an individual who was a member or was eligible to be a member of MOAA.

This newsletter is a publication of the Lake and Sumter Counties Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. It is intended for wide distribution to all MOAA members in Lake, Sumter and Marion Counties, Florida.

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The Council Communiqué

Florida Council of Chapters
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date: ____/____/____

Membership is open to those who have served duty as a commissioned or warrant officer in any of the seven uniformed services of the USA, and who are members of national MOAA. Chapter membership is separate from national membership and carries its own dues. Members age 90 and over become Chapter Life Members with no dues.

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Last Name: _____ Suffix: ____
Type Membership: ____ Regular ____ Surviving Spouse
Status: ____ Active Duty ____ Retired ____ Former Officer
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Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Spouse's Name: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ St: ____ Zip: ____
Phone: _____ Email: _____

☐ I am a current MOAA Member. Member#: _____ Life Annual Basic
☐ I wish to join National MOAA. Please contact me with information. (circle one)

Annual Dues Fee: Regular Member: \$20 Surviving Spouse Member: \$10

This is an application for: a new Chapter member or Renewal

We are a 501(c)(19) tax deductible organization. We welcome voluntary donations to our Junior ROTC Scholarship Fund, which may be included with your dues.

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Membership application may also be submitted at <http://www.lakesumtermoaa.org/Join?showall=0>

Need more info? Contact COL Albert (Al) E. Arnold, III, USA (Ret), Membership Chairman, 703-470-3886