



Officers' Call

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



Presidents Message

LTC Don Hansen, USA (Ret), Chapter President

Welcome to May 2024, home to Cinco de Mayo, Mother's Day, and Memorial Day. It is also the month that the Florida Council of Chapters (FCOC) is having its annual convention in South Daytona Beach from May 13 to 15. Our Annual Military Charities Golf Tournament took place on April 12 and you should read about it after this column.

Our April chapter meeting went well and we had a terrific talk by LTC Heath Davenport, USA (Ret.) on women making a career in the military and we also signed her up as a new member. Great news as we are now over 280 members in our chapter. We also heard from chapter member CAPT Betsy Nolan, USN (Ret.), who is also the President of the Tri-County Women Veterans, on their organization.



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OUR NEXT MEETING

**Wednesday
May 8th
11:30 a.m.**

Location
Eisenhower Recreation Center
3560 Buena Vista Blvd
Wildwood, FL 34785



OUR MEAL

Our luncheon meal will be Caprese Chicken served with Potatoes and Seasonal Vegetables. Our Vegetarian Option will be Eggplant Parmesan.

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
May 3rd**

[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

Also under New Business we swore in Pam Fillmon for her second term as Second Vice-President and Rhonda Storey as our new Secretary. COL Thomas Smith will assume the role of Assistant Secretary. Congratulations to both Pam and Rhonda and Thank You for stepping up to continue your service to our chapter.



Our speaker on May 8th will be Marie Bogdonoff, Founder and CEO/President of Villagers for Veterans (VfV), a non-profit charity that supports all veterans and which we have partnered with to assist in building and supporting “Ashley’s House,” the first transition home in Central Florida for homeless women veterans. Marie’s presentation will be about her charity and also about Ashley’s House and Ashley Cottage. The photo below was taken by The Villages Daily Sun Newspaper when our two organizations announced our partnership in supporting Ashley’s House. I just learned last week that National MOAA has bestowed a \$5,000 grant on us to be used in support of our work with Ashley’s House. This is the first time our chapter has submitted a grant request and thanks to Bill Wojciechowski, Col, USAF (Ret.), seated beside Marie, who wrote the grant request, the request was successful. Bill is a member of the VfV Advisory Council and our liaison with VfV. In addition to Marie, we will hear from Dani Hon, a representative of Mission BBQ Restaurant, and who is supplying our desert for the lunch. It should be a very good meeting to have right before our summer hiatus.



Finally, if you are traveling over the summer or just lounging in and around The Villages, be safe, be smart, and above all, **NEVER STOP SERVING!**

GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT



Our 2024 Tournament was held on April 12th and was a roaring success. Altogether, the final tally without adding in the money from our dues payments last fall and winter (99% of which go to the Scholarship Fund), added up to \$30,927. Our goal was \$30,000 in order to provide 12 Scholarships (\$15K), two for each of the six high schools in our two county catchment area (\$1.5K & \$1K) with JROTC units, and \$15K toward the eight local area military charities we support. We made that with extra to spare. Our Board of Directors met on Tuesday, the 30th of April and we then determined how the money will be distributed. That information will be in our June newsletter. By the time this newsletter is published, we will have already distributed scholarship letters and the MOAA JROTC Medal and Certificates to four of the schools and will do presentations to the other two schools on the 7th and 8th of May.

Below are a few photos taken on the day of the tournament by our photographer Kevin Harvey and as you can see, the day was a perfect day to hold the tournament. The weather was outstanding and the course was just beautiful.



Pete and Dennis happily collecting \$.



Registration tables ready for action.

GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT (Continued)



Our long ball hitter.



Two of our 28 Hole Sponsor signs.



Our two Major Sponsors: Dr. Curtis and Tim and Annette Balliett



Three of our 42 Remembrance Signs

GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT (Continued)



Each of our Sponsors received a Sign at the Tee Box and a Pin Flag at the green. Check out our Sponsors Page in this edition to see all of our Hole Sponsors.

This year our teams were fairly well split with 11 Women's Teams, 9 Men's Teams, and 7 Mixed Teams. For the first time there were more women registered in the 27 teams in the tournament than men. Since we only had 108 slots for players, the early birds got the slots. Out of the first nine teams to sign up in November and December, there were five women's teams, three mixed teams, and one men's team.

Our Winning Teams were:



Men's Team (BLACKSTON Sponsor Team)

Bernard Wedding
Charles Edwards
Mike Pinter
Frank Palumbo
Winning Score = 60

Mixed Team

Mark Cutney
Lorraine Herouv
Jackie Downing
Mike Downing
Winning Score = 60



Women's Team

Dana Skaggs
Jacque DiRenzo
Glenda Ehlinger
Marisha Wozniak
Winning Score = 63

GOLF TOURNAMENT REPORT (Continued)

We had two Women's Closest to the Pin Holes (5 & 13) and two Men's Holes (8 & 16). We had a "no show on the Men's 8th Hole and Bob Roemer was closest on 16. Sue Wolfe was closest to the pin on Hole 5 but Glenda Ehlinger was closest to the 13th Pin **and** closest **overall** at **8 1/2 inches** What a drive! No wonder her team won the Women's Division.

This year's Silent Auction portion of the tournament was a little bit different as we actually put a number of our high value offerings in a real auction conducted by Marc Sherrill who did a fabulous job. We also gave out a number of wine prizes contributed by David and Joseph Suleiman, one of our Hole Sponsors, in addition to cash in our 50-50 drawings. Just a lot of excitement was generated by the drawings and by Auctioneer Marc and the reward was the best return from the Silent Auction portion of our tournament in many years.



Andrea Johnson-Harvey is looking over the Silent Auction items with Karl Buettner in background and it looks like Al Arnold is a surprise 50-50 winner as Don Hansen is reading off the number drawn from the tub held by Ken Szczepanski and Auctioneer Marc Sherrill looking on behind us.

Finally, we have one of our guests confirming from Don that he has a winning Wine ticket with Auctioneer Marc looking on and then obtaining his prize selection of wine from our Sommelier Jim O'Hagan.

Altogether, this year's tournament was the best one we have held in many a year and as I mentioned at the beginning, we were able to raise more than our goal this year. Check out our Newsletter next month for information on who our cadet awardees were and what we were able to donate to the eight charities we support.

We definitely have **NEVER STOPPED SERVING!**



Membership and Recruiting

COL Al Arnold, USA (Ret), Membership Chairman



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

Nancy Davenport, LTC, USA, retired
James Dean, LtCol, USAF, retired
Laurie Shipley, LTJG, USN, former officer

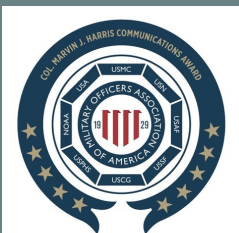
We currently have 286 Chapter members. All 286 are also members of National MOAA as well as listed in the Florida Council of Chapters database.

No doubt we're all busy with a multitude of things. But if you're looking for something/someplace to put in a few hours (you might just be looking for a different venue in place of old ones), your local Chapter can use your help. We're going to start an effort at the Brownwood farmer's market on Saturday mornings to recruit new members. Considering the massive veteran population in/around the Villages, no doubt there are a bunch of potential new members. We'll be offering free National MOAA Basic memberships and an opportunity to join our Chapter. We'll have a table, canopy and handouts. A basic knowledge of National MOAA and our Chapter memberships is all that's required. You won't be there by yourself – a "seasoned" Chapter member will always be there. The intent would be to have 2 folks staff the table at all times. We're working on the times right now. But if you're interested, please contact Tom Lutes, email: lute-saware@aol.com, phone: 352-219-1166, or myself. The more volunteers, the shorter the hours!!

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

Stay safe.

Chapter Awards



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LCDR Rick Woolf, USNR (Fmr), Personal Affairs Chairman

FLORIDA VETERANS' BENEFITS

As informed readers, I know you are aware of many benefits available to Florida veterans. I hope you might find one new in this article.

Basic Property Tax Exemptions

Eligible resident veterans with a VA certified service-connected disability of 10% or greater shall be entitled to a \$5,000 deduction on the assessment of their home for tax exemption purposes. The unremarried surviving spouse of a disabled ex-service member is also entitled to this exemption. (FS 196.24)

Additional Property Tax Exemptions

Any real estate owned and used as a homestead by a veteran who was honorably discharged and has been certified as having a service-connected, permanent and total disability, is exempt from taxation if the veteran is a permanent resident of Florida and has legal title to the property on January 1 of the tax year for which exemption is being claimed. (FS 196.081(1))

Certificate of Discharge or Separation

You may request a copy of your military service record by visiting the National Archives online at www.archives.gov/veterans. You should assure your surviving spouse or other next of kin has a hard copy now.

Disabled Veteran Motor Vehicle License Plate

A veteran discharged honorably who has been a resident of Florida continuously for the past five years or who has established a domicile in Florida, as provided by FS 222.17, may apply for one free disabled veteran "DV" license plate for an owned or leased vehicle. The veteran must provide proof of a service-connected 100% disability rating or that the vehicle was acquired through VA financial assistance. Call (850) 617-2000 or visit www3.flhsmv.gov/dmv/Proc/rs/RS-17.pdf.

Parking for Disabled Veterans

Disabled veterans who have been issued a "DV" plate may park in designated handicapped parking spaces. Disabled veterans with a mobility impairment may apply for the disabled parking plate with the wheelchair emblem to avoid possible fines and penalties. No state agency, county, municipality, or agency thereof may charge the driver of a vehicle displaying a "DV" license plate any fee for parking on public streets, highways were in any metered parking space. Exemptions to this benefit are found in Florida Statute 316.1964.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Woolf
Personal Affairs Officer

Chaplain's Prayer

LTC Herbert Siegel, USA (Ret), Chaplain

DEAR LORD, AS APRIL UNFOLDS WITH SIGNS OF SPRING AND RENEWAL, WE ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE TO REJUVENATE OUR SPIRITS AND STRENGTHEN OUR FAITH. HELP US TO EMBRACE THE PROMISE OF NEW BEGINNINGS AND THE HOLIDAYS OF EASTER AND PASSOVER WITH OPEN HEARTS. TEACH US TO REFLECT YOUR LOVE IN ALL THAT WE DO, TO OFFER KINDNESS AND SUPPORT TO THOSE AROUND US, AND TO APPRECIATE THE BEAUTY OF YOUR CREATION THAT SURROUNDS US THIS SEASON. BLESS OUR PATHS, PROTECT OUR LOVED ONES, AND INSPIRE US TO LIVE EACH DAY IN GRATITUDE AND PRAYER. MAY THIS MONTH BE FILLED WITH MOMENTS OF REFLECTION, GROWTH, AND DEEPER CONNECTION WITH YOU.

DEAR LORD, HONOR OUR VETERANS AND THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY WORTHY MEN AND WOMEN WHO GAVE AND GIVE THEIR BEST WHEN THEY WERE CALLED UPON TO SERVE AND PROTECT THEIR COUNTRY. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL BLESS THEM FOR THEIR UNSELFISH SERVICE IN THE CONTINUAL STRUGGLE TO PRESERVE OUR FREEDOMS, OUR SAFETY, AND OUR COUNTRY'S HERITAGE. BLESS THEM ABUNDANTLY FOR THE HARDSHIPS THEY FACED, FOR THE SACRIFICES THEY MADE FOR THEIR MANY DIFFERENT CONTRIBUTIONS TO AMERICA'S VICTORIES OVER TYRANNY AND OPPRESSION. WE RESPECT THEM, WE THANK THEM, WE HONOR THEM, WE ARE PROUD OF THEM. WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL WATCH THESE SPECIAL PEOPLE AND BLESS THEM WITH PEACE AND HAPPINESS. IN ALL THIS WE PRAY AND SAY 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



April 17th was the day meetings had been scheduled in the offices of all 535 members of Congress with the 200 MOAA members on the *Advocacy-in-Action* teams from all 50 states.



Here is the Team representing the 36,000+ MOAA members and the 770,000 military and their families, retired military and their dependents and surviving spouses here in Florida -- collectively the constituents whom we serve -- who visited the 30 offices on Capitol Hill of the Florida congressional delegation.

L-R pictured above

Stephanie Rose, MOAA Currently Serving Spouse Advisory Council; RADM Mike Hewitt USN, MOAA Board of Directors; COL John Murphy USA, FCoC VP (selectee); CAPT Tony LaVecchia USN, FCoC North-East Area VP; COL Steve Bond USA, FCoC VP; RADM Rick Buchanan USN, MOAA Board of Directors; CWO2 Pierre Louis USMC, FCoC Legislative Cmte Chair; LTC Joe Goulash USA, President MOAA's Virtual Nurse Chapter; LtCol Marc Oliveri USMC, MOAA Board of Directors. LTC Dan Hill USA, FCoC Mid-Central Area VP.



This year's *Advocacy in Action* campaign focused on real **quality-of-life** issues important to our service families and retirees. As **quality-of-life** has declined, so have recommendations from military families to civilians considering a life in service. The nation's commitment to an all-volunteer force means enhancing the well-being of military families is a matter of national security.

LTC Howard "Dan" Hill, USA retired, Florida Council of Chapters Mid-Central Area Vice President, and Rear Admiral Mike Hewitt, USN, ret, MOAA Board of Directors, met with Emily Caracciolo, a staffer in congressman Webster's Capitol Hill Office on that day to discuss MOAA's **Top Priorities** for this year's Congressional session:

The Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 1282/S. 344): Supports combat-injured veterans by ending an unjust offset for those who lose a dollar of service-earned retirement pay for every dollar of VA disability compensation.

The BAH Restoration Act (H.R. 2537/S. 1823): Reverses a DoD policy capping the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) at 95% of local rental and utilities costs — a policy that's placing a financial burden on military families.

Legislative Update (Continued)

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

Protecting TRICARE For Life (TFL): This remains a key issue for all MOAA members — those already covered by TFL and Medicare, as well as those who'll use the benefit when they turn 65.

In the days preceding that meeting I had sent several **Take Action** messages as requested by MOAA, and received a reply from Representative Webster to the one specifically requesting he co-sponsor HR 2537.

Here is an excerpt from that letter:

*“Service members are entitled to a BAH, which provides equitable housing compensation based on actual housing costs in local civilian markets within the U.S. In FY15, Congress authorized the DOD to implement a cost-sharing measure and BAH was adjusted to cover 95%. A strong military, coupled with a quality support system for military families and veterans, should be one of our nation’s highest priorities. **Rebuilding and restoring our military readiness and improving military pay and other benefits is one of my top priorities.**”*

Currently there are 69 co-sponsors of this bill – including 4 from Florida. Despite his words of support in that message, Cong Webster is not among them.

As all the service chiefs have said numerous times in their testimony on Capitol Hill, the threat to national security is acerbated by the apparent lack of respect shown toward those who serve from the individuals who say they are proud to “support our troops” but do not fulfill that promise with timely legislative action.

Major MOAA-Backed Improvements for Troops, Families Part of HASC Report In Draft NDAA

MOAA’s involvement with the HASC Panel on Quality of Life has been a collaborative effort since LT Gen Kelly’s testimony last year.. [MOAA - MOAA President Outlines Key Priorities for New House Quality of Life Panel](#)

Rep. Don Bacon (R-Neb.), a retired Air Force brigadier general and MOAA member, chaired the panel and outlined its mission when he spoke to members during last years AiA event.

Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-Pa.), a former Air Force officer and the panel’s ranking member, spoke during this year’s MOAA’s AiA event on April 17th.

Rep. Houlahan said that the base text of the House version of the FY 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) will include recommendations from the panel’s report. Read the report here:

[2024_House_Armed_Services_Report_v12-FINAL.pdf \(militaryfamily.org\)](#)

Bacon, Houlahan, and the rest of the panel joined as initial co-sponsors of the new legislation – H.R. 8070, officially dubbed the Servicemember Quality of Life Improvement Act – which was introduced by Rep. Mike Rogers (R-Ala.), the House Armed Services Committee chairman, and Rep. Adam Smith (D-Wash.), ranking member.

Standby for MOAA’s Advocacy request on this Bill

MOAA’s Continuing Fight to Support Combat-Injured Veterans – Urge Passage of *The Major Richard Star Act*

MOAA’s work to keep the unjust treatment of combat-injured veterans at the forefront of lawmakers’ minds has moved into another gear in recent weeks, but the fight is far from over.

Support for the Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 1282 | S. 344), which would prevent these veterans from losing a dollar of DoD-funded retirement pay for every dollar of VA-funded disability compensation, echoed

Legislative Update (Continued)

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through the halls of Congress last week as part of MOAA's annual Advocacy in Action (AiA) event, with hundreds of legislators and staffers hearing from MOAA visitors. The wide majority expressed support for the measure; not surprising, as the bill boasts [74](#) co-sponsors in the Senate and an impressive [327](#) in the House.

Even with this high level of support there are stumbling blocks keeping the bill from a vote. The loudest opposition comes from lawmakers who seek to tamp down any increased spending, to include the funds needed to fix a clear oversight and restore earned compensation for combat-injured veterans.

Achieving savings by reducing DoD retired pay for combat-injured veterans is an awful injustice. Continuing to do so during a recruiting crisis is even worse.

MOAA is still urging members to engage their representatives through the Legislative Action Center to ask them to move the Bill. Please **TAKE ACTION AGAIN**

Ask Your Lawmakers to include the Major Richard Star Act in the FY 2025 NDAA

State Legislative Update

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



STATE LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Throughout the next month, the Governor will be signing various bills passed by Legislature that will be enacted into law on July 1. Included for signature are:

***HB 725 allowing long term nursing home admission for veterans spouses.

***HB 1329 which changes the mission of Florida Is For Veterans and provides for adequate funding for various veterans issues and projects.

***HB 1713 authorizes veterans organizations and military recruiters access to public high schools to discuss military life and patriotic events.

The 2025 Legislature will be in session March--May because of the preceding state elections and the seating of newly elected members.

The Florida Dept of Veterans Affairs budget that passed included the following appropriations:

***Funding for six additional Veterans Services Officers.

***Four million dollars in trust to maintain state veterans homes.

***One million dollars to fund a dental grant program.

***One million dollars to fund a the occupational reciprocity system.

Nominations for the Florida Veterans Hall of Fame are due no later than May 31. Nomination forms are online.

State Legislative Update (Continued)

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

VILLAGERS FOR VETERANS

Marie Bogdonoff, Villagers for Veterans CEO, will be the guest speaker at our May 8th membership meeting.

Upcoming Villagers sponsored events can be found online at villagersforveterans.org Soldier Girl Coffee Company presents and include the following May events:

***May 4--Kentucky Derby Party, Belle Glade, 4p.m.

***May 18--Soldier Girl Coffee Company presents Coffee, Cars and Cigars , Villages Polo Ground 11a.m.--6p.m.

***May 25 --Jukebox Bingo, Bonifay CC, 6p.m.

*** May 26--Rockie Country Concert, Sharon, 7p.m.

***May 28--Know Your Veterans Entitlements, Laurel Manor Rec Center, 1p.m. (FREE)

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 16 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 will now be 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.). Dale was a Life Member of MOAA and Cathie is also a Life Member. Please welcome her into our chapter family when you see her at our meetings. Thank You Cathie and Welcome!



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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

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MOAA ADVOCATES FOR ALL RANKS ACROSS ALL SERVICES.

The Military Officers Association of America is the nation's largest military service association. With more than 360,000 members, we're able to support and advocate for all ranks across the eight uniformed services.

On April 17, MOAA members from across the U.S. are visiting Capitol Hill to maintain the viability of the all-volunteer force – today and in the future. We'll ask lawmakers to ensure our nation keeps its promises to servicemembers and their families by supporting combat-injured veterans through the Major Richard Star Act, restoring the Basic Allowance for Housing to 100% of rental and utility costs, and protecting the TRICARE For Life health benefit.

Learn more about these issues and other ways MOAA supports those who serve and have served, along with their families and survivors, at MOAA.org/AIA.





**LAKE & SUMTER COUNTIES CHAPTER
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION
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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: _____
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Status: ___ Active Duty ___ Retired ___ Former Officer
Rank: _____ Service: _____
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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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Make Check Payable to: MOAA Mail to: MOAA, PO Box 666, Lady Lake, FL 32158

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

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