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President's Message



As summer winds down, so do our scheduled events. But, we've still got a few great events to come this year. **Dave Perrine**, chairman of the Programs Committee, provided an updated calendar of events (see that calendar near the bottom of this newsletter). It includes meetings with guest speakers in September and November (and, not all are at the OVC...read carefully!). And, we're still on track to hold our combined our annual General Membership meeting (normally in November) and the Christmas Brunch on Sunday, 14 Dec, at the Tradewinds Club on Hickam Field. Dave and the Scholarship Committee are planning a new event in April 2026, a luncheon with our award-winning ROTC and JROTC cadets at the 604 Rainbow Marina (near the USS Arizona Pearl Harbor National Memorial.

As I mentioned in our last newsletter, there will be two Retiree Appreciation events this year. **Fred Brunson**, is planning for MOAA representation at both events with a table and MOAA promotional items as we try to recruit new members. On Saturday, 18 Oct, we'll be set up at the Army's event at the Hale Ikena, Ft Shafter. And, on Saturday, 1 Nov, we'll participate in the AF/Navy's event at the MSFC Bldg, right behind the Ruby Tuesday restaurant in Moanalua Shopping Center. Stop by our booth and say Hi! If you'd like to help out, please contact **Fred Brunson**.

Three board members have terms which will expire at the end of this year. They are **Fred Brunson, Kelly Lau, and Jason Seal**. We will soon form a chapter nominating committee to contact potential candidates for election to the chapter's Board of Directors and to form the slate of candidates for our elections in December. Should you be willing to serve on our board, please feel free to step-up and let me know.

In our last newsletter, I reported that the deadline to replace the old blue retiree ID card with the new Next Generation USID Card (CAC format) was 31 Dec 25. However, some websites have removed that deadline from their posts, without providing a new date, leading to a suspicion that the deadline has changed. However, you might want to be safe and get your new ID card by the end of the year.

Finally, as always, your Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA, continues to look for new members—active duty and retired officers and surviving spouse members. All are welcome and will enjoy the camaraderie of our chapter. Make it your goal to recruit at least two new members this year. Print out the Membership Form at the bottom of this newsletter, or on our website (<http://www.moaa-hawaii.org/>), and carry it with you to be readily available whenever an opportunity for recruiting arises.

Hope to see you all at our next meeting, on Friday, 19 September, at the Navy Lodge Ford Island Ball Room, AGAIN, NOT AT THE OVC!! See below for more info. RSVP suspense is 16 September.

- Mike

Our Previous Meeting



Our meeting on Friday, 25 July 25 July, at the Hale Ikena, Pikake 3, Ft Shafter, marked another successful event for the chapter. After the Invocation by Chaplain **Debby Fricano**, LTC Patrick R. Kelley, Director, Department of Military Science, UH Manoa, provided a presentation on the “**US Army ROTC Overview**.” **Dave Perrine** arranged for a wonderful lunch, and Chaplain **Debby** provided a benediction to close out the event.



September 2025 General Membership Meeting

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, 19 September 25, 11:15 AM at the Navy Lodge Ford Island Ball Room (**NOTE THE LOCATION CHANGE**). Our guest speaker will be CAPT Paul ‘Veg’ Bandini, Commanding Officer/Professor of Naval Science, NROTC, UH Manoa, and he’ll provide a presentation on the US Navy Today/NROTC Overview. A reservation form is attached at the end of this newsletter. Please fill it out and mail it, along with a check for the appropriate amount, to our mailbox, by Tuesday, 16 September. **GET YOUR RSVP FORMS IN ON TIME! Please do not mail, email, text or call your RSVP in to Mike Fricano or Dave Perrine.** Send them by mail to the chapter PO Box.

Future Events

All of our scheduled meetings for 2025 and early 2026 are listed in the Events Calendar, below. There have been some changes since the last newsletter. Please block your calendars now to ensure you can attend. As mentioned, we will combine our annual General Membership meeting (normally in November) and the Christmas Brunch into a single event to be held on Sunday, 14 Dec, at the Tradewinds Club on Hickam Field. At this meeting, we will conduct elections.

Upcoming Construction at Tripler

Starting August 11, 2025, a road construction project may affect your trip to the Tripler campus and Spark M. Matsunaga VA Medical Center. The Directorate of Public Works will begin replacing a sewer line on Jarrett White Road. Three out of four lanes will be closed Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The project is expected to be completed by February 2026. Due to potential traffic delays, please allow extra time for your travel when arriving for an appointment during these hours. If you anticipate being late, please call 1-800-214-1306.

The 2025 National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony

The 2025 National POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony will be held on Friday, 19 Sep 25, 10 AM, at Punchbowl.

To reply to your invitation please click this link below: [POW/MIA Recognition Day Ceremony 2025](#).

For more info, including a QR code, see the flyer near the end of this newsletter. If you need additional info, contact the OVC at (808)422-4000.

Obituary, COL Larry Siu



LAWRENCE WAH JUN SIU

July 11, 1936 - June 21, 2025 Lawrence "Larry" Wah Jun Siu, 88, was born on July 11, 1936, in Honolulu, Hawaii and peacefully passed away on June 21, 2025, a day after celebrating his 66th wedding anniversary. He graduated from McKinley High School and the University of Hawaii at Manoa, where he received a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree. He was later commissioned as a Second Lieutenant through the ROTC Program in 1958 and assigned to Ft. Benning, Georgia for training and then served two years active duty at Fort Campbell, Kentucky with the 101st Airborne Division, Honor Guard Company.

When he returned to Hawaii, he worked a year for the Honolulu Advertiser as a Staff Artist. He was subsequently employed as a Full-Time Technician with the Nike Hercules Missile Program, Hawaii Army National Guard, and later retired from the Army and the Hawaii Army National Guard as a Colonel and G1/Military Personnel Officer, State Headquarters, at Fort Ruger. His military decorations include the Legion of Merit and the Hawaii Army National Guard Medal for Merit, and he was a graduate of the U.S. Army War College and the Command & General Staff College.

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Upon retiring, Lawrence spent much time with his family and started his own business called "Creations by Lawrence" where he created personalized, hand-painted shirts. He was also actively involved with various clubs previously serving as the past President for multiple organizations to include the United Chinese Society, Chung Shan Association of Hawaii, Kwangtung Community Honolulu Lin Yee Hui, Lung Doo Benevolent Society, Siu Society of Hawaii, Hawaii Chinese Civic Association, NARFE (National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association), and the McKinley Alumni Association.

Survived by wife, Sandra; daughters, Lori Anne (John) Ching, Debra Lynne (Derek) Kam, Barbara (Todd) Nitta, Valerie (Eric) Goo; and seven grandchildren: Jerrica Ching (Kevin Kim), Jerrin Ching, Jerrisa Ching Choe (Young Min Choe), Mackenzie Nitta, Trisha Nitta, Ryland Goo, and Tamryn Goo.

A Celebration of Life with military honors was held on August 18, 2025 at Hawaiian Memorial Park in Kaneohe.

3 Priorities, 1 Mission: MOAA's Summer Advocacy in Action Topics

By Terry Waters

With lawmakers home for their summer recess, now is the time for MOAA members to raise their voices to make a difference.

We need you to help ensure these legislators hear a clear, unified message: Support for servicemembers, veterans, and their families must remain a national priority.

MOAA's Summer Advocacy in Action (AiA) campaign focuses on three legislative priorities that directly affect readiness, retention, and the well-being of our nation's all-volunteer force. Your advocacy can make the difference in moving these bipartisan efforts over the finish line.

Support Combat-Injured Veterans: Pass the Major Richard Star Act

Combat-injured veterans who were medically retired before reaching 20 years of service are being unfairly penalized by an outdated policy that offsets their service-earned DoD retirement pay dollar-for-dollar against their VA disability compensation. The Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 2102 | S. 1032) would eliminate the so-called "wounded veteran tax."

Nearly 54,000 combat-injured veterans would be impacted by this legislation. The bill has broad bipartisan support and is among the most-cosponsored bills in the 119th Congress.

When servicemembers see that promises made will be promises kept — especially in the event of injury — it builds trust and reinforces long-term service. Addressing this inequity sends a powerful message to today's force and future generations alike.

Support Military Families: Pass the Military Spouse Hiring Act

Military spouse unemployment remains stubbornly high — hovering above 20% for years. Frequent relocations and hiring stigma often keep qualified military spouses from securing and maintaining gainful employment. The Military Spouse Hiring Act (H.R. 2033 | S. 1027) would incentivize businesses to hire military spouses by adding them to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) program.

Many employers avoid hiring military spouses due to concerns about relocation and turnover. Two incomes are essential for many military families; lack of spouse employment can derail long-term financial stability. A 2016 study estimated \$710 million to \$1.07 billion in societal costs from military spouse un- and underemployment. The WOTC has already proven successful with veterans, resulting in nearly 600,000 veteran hires from 2020 to 2024.

Dual-income stability is critical to both readiness and retention. When military families can count on financial security, servicemembers can stay focused on their mission — and are more likely to stay in uniform.

Improve Access for Families Using TRICARE

Administrative red tape and access delays continue to burden military families seeking routine and prenatal care — especially through TRICARE Prime. MOAA supports two bipartisan bills designed to streamline care delivery, reduce lost duty time, and ensure continuity during critical life events.

The TOTAL Care Act (H.R. 1699) would eliminate the TRICARE Prime referral requirement for OB-GYN care. Civilian plans already allow patients to access OB-GYNs directly — TRICARE families should not face additional barriers that delay preventive and pregnancy-related care.

The Improving Access to Prenatal Care for Military Families Act (H.R. 4381 | S. 2239) would make pregnancy a TRICARE qualifying life event, enabling families to switch plans outside of open season. This flexibility helps families avoid being trapped in under-resourced military treatment facilities where access to timely care isn't guaranteed.

Both bills are included in the House version of the FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), and your advocacy can help ensure they remain in the final version.

Servicemembers should not lose duty time or focus because their families are navigating preventable health care delays. These bills provide common-sense flexibility that keeps the force ready and families supported during key transitions.

How You Can Help

During the August recess, lawmakers are listening closely to their constituents — and we need your help to deliver this message in every district and every state. Along with sharing the link to our [Summer Advocacy in Action landing page](#), you can:

- Sign up for the [Legislative Action Center](#) to send messages directly to your lawmakers. Signing up will also enable you to receive priority alerts on breaking issues on Capitol Hill that affect those in uniform.
- Call your elected officials today directly via MOAA's Capitol Hotline at (866) 272-MOAA (6622).
- [Get in touch](#) with your local MOAA chapter to engage and drive forward grassroots legislative advocacy at the local level.

As always, MOAA remains a nonpartisan voice advocating for a strong national defense and support for those who serve. These three issues — fair pay for combat-injured veterans, employment opportunities for military spouses, and access to care for TRICARE families — are all directly tied to the health, strength, and readiness of the all-volunteer force.

NDAA Update: What the Senate Bill Says About TRICARE, Housing, and More

By Brenden McMahon

The full text of the [FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act \(NDAA\)](#) version approved by the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) last month includes meaningful improvements to quality of life and readiness for the all-volunteer force, and there's still time to include even more MOAA-backed changes.

The committee approved the bill 26-1 – a level of consensus that's not unusual with the NDAA, but one that's worth acknowledging at a time when so many other legislative priorities remain gridlocked.

The NDAA shapes how the military is resourced, how servicemembers are compensated, and how their families are supported. MOAA will continue to advocate for these issues as the NDAA moves through the congressional process.

Full text of the Senate version was not available when MOAA [reviewed the House bill and the early stages of the NDAA process](#). Here are some of the important contents of the Senate version so far:

Currently Serving

- **PCS Contract Oversight and Accountability:** Increases DoD oversight of Global Household Goods Contract renegotiations, including more rigorous requirements to meet capacity, performance, and compliance.
- **Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) Transparency and Calculation:** Improves BAH calculation transparency through an online calculator and requires an improved calculation methodology.
- **Unaccompanied Housing Conditions:** Expands annual reporting requirements for barracks that fail to meet standards and mandates corrective action plans.

Military Families

- **Impact Aid and Support for Military Children with Severe Disabilities:** Authorizes \$50 million in Impact Aid and \$30 million in additional funding for schools serving military children with severe disabilities.
- **Report on Unmet Child Care Needs:** Requires DoD to assess these needs for each installation with specific regard for the type of child care used and the development of a plan to address them.
- **Mold Mitigation in Family Housing:** Requires DoD to study the health impacts of mold in military housing, take corrective action, and develop new construction standards for prevention.
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Retirees and Veterans

- **Individual Longitudinal Exposure Record (ILER):** Directs DoD to expand ILER to document all exposures, including within the U.S., and ensure the data is available to the VA for care, research, and benefits processing.
- **Nevada Test and Training Range Toxic Exposure Recognition:** DoD will be required to classify the Nevada Test and Training Range as a location of contamination and identify servicemembers stationed there since 1951.

DoD Health Care

- **Scope of Services Provided by a Military Treatment Facility (MTF):** Enhances notification requirements prior to service changes at MTFs, including an assessment from the Defense Health Agency director that explains how servicemembers and beneficiaries receiving services at the facility will continue to receive care. This builds on MOAA's [previous work](#) to halt medical billet cuts and MTF restructuring.
- **Hearing Aids for Children of Retirees:** Expands hearing aid coverage to retirees' children enrolled in TRICARE Select. TRICARE already covers hearing aids for children of active duty servicemembers. The FY 2024 NDAA expanded TRICARE coverage of hearing aids for children of retirees enrolled in TRICARE Prime.
- **TRICARE Provider Directory Accuracy:** Requires DHA to ensure the accuracy of the TRICARE provider directory for all specialty care provider types, and also requires the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to conduct an annual review of the TRICARE provider directory.

Amendments and More

As Congress returns after its summer recess, the NDAA's final form will depend on broader budget negotiations, competition for limited floor time, and what amendments lawmakers introduce throughout the legislative process.

One such amendment [already introduced is the Major Richard Star Act](#), which would end the offset between DoD retirement pay and VA disability compensation for combat-injured veterans. The proposal has gained bipartisan momentum over the last several Congresses and remains an enduring priority for MOAA and other veteran service organizations.

MOAA will continue advocating for NDAA provisions that uphold service-earned benefits and strengthen the systems servicemembers rely on. Whether you served in uniform or stand in support of those who did, your engagement in this

process matters. By lending your voice to MOAA's efforts, you help ensure that the needs of the uniformed services community remain front and center.

Stay tuned for more information by visiting our [advocacy news page](#) and checking out the [Legislative Action Center](#).

Check Out Your Lower VA Life Insurance Premiums

By: Kevin Lilley

Lower premiums for VA life insurance plans took effect July 1, with the savings set to benefit millions of policyholders.

The discounts will be automatic for Veterans' Group Life Insurance (VGLI), Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (SGLI), and Family Servicemembers' Group Life Insurance (FSGLI) policyholders. Savings vary across plans.

A brief breakdown of each policy type is below. For information about accessing your VA life insurance account online, [visit VA.gov](#).

VGLI

- **Savings:** Between 2% and 17%, depending on age bracket and coverage amount. The average premium will fall 11%.
- **Premiums:** See [the full chart here](#).
- **Questions:** Visit the [VA's FAQ page](#), call (800) 419-1473, or email osgli.osgli@prudential.com.

SGLI

- **Savings:** Policyholders will pay 5 cents for every \$1,000 of coverage, down from 6 cents. A monthly \$25 premium will result in the maximum \$500,000 coverage.
- **Premiums:** See [the full chart here](#).
- **Questions:** Visit the [VA's FAQ page](#) or call the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) at (888) 332-7411.

FSGLI

- **Savings:** Between 11% and 22%, depending on age bracket and coverage amount. The average premium will fall 13%.
- **Premiums:** See [the full chart here](#).
- **Questions:** Visit the [VA's FAQ page](#) or call the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) at (888) 332-7411.

Find more financial resources – including member-exclusive publications, tax and investment articles, and more – at [MOAA's Financial Resources page](#).

Weight-Loss Drug Coverage Ending for TRICARE For Life Users

August 06, 2025

By MOAA Staff

TRICARE For Life (TFL) beneficiaries' coverage for weight loss drugs will end Aug. 31 as part of new "regulatory controls," according to [an Aug. 5 TRICARE.mil article](#).

The change affects so-called "GLP-1" medications FDA-approved for weight loss, including brand names such as Wegovy and Zepbound. GLP-1 medications FDA-approved to treat Type 2 diabetes, such as Ozempic and Mounjaro, will remain covered for TFL and other TRICARE beneficiaries; that coverage requires prior authorization.

TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Select beneficiaries are not impacted by this change, but they are still subject to prior authorization for weight-loss drugs. You can find prior authorization criteria for weight loss drugs Wegovy and Zepbound using the [TRICARE formulary search tool](#).

Share Your Story

MOAA's advocacy relies on the testimony and experiences of service members and families impacted by changes to TRICARE policy. Will you, or someone you know, be affected by this change in TRICARE For Life coverage? Please share your story through Legislative Action Center at the link below.

TRICARE does not cover weight loss drugs for cosmetic reasons only – patients must have at least one weight-related comorbidity including hypertension, dyslipidemia, or metabolic dysfunction.

Actions to Consider

Patients affected by the change should receive a notice from TRICARE in the coming weeks, according to the article. Those who are unsure of their coverage eligibility should reach out to their provider to discuss options, which may include other treatment plans and/or lifestyle changes.

Beneficiaries also can [contact Express Scripts](#) with coverage questions.

NDAA Tracker: Looking at Key Amendments to the Must-Pass Bill

By Brenden McMahon

Proposals to end an unjust pay offset faced by tens of thousands of combat-injured veterans and to improve access to care at military treatment facilities are among the more than 1,500 amendments lawmakers will consider as part of must-pass defense legislation.

House lawmakers have submitted more than 900 amendments to their version of the FY 2026 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), while the Senate will need to work through over 600. Not all of these will make it into the final chamber-passed bills – or even receive floor attention – but the sheer volume underscores the magnitude of the task ahead.

The Senate is expected to take up its version of the bill later this week after an 84-14 vote Sept. 2 invoking cloture, which will allow for debate on the legislation. The House likely will begin its NDAA work next week, setting up a busy stretch for both chambers as the bills make their way through the legislative process and move one step closer to being signed into law.

Key Amendments of Interest

MOAA is closely monitoring amendments that directly affect our core mission. Several stand out as particularly significant. Two examples:

- **Supporting Combat-Injured Veterans:** Both chambers will consider an NDAA amendment including the text of the Major Richard Star Act. This enduring priority for MOAA would provide concurrent receipt of retirement pay and VA disability compensation to combat-injured servicemembers who were forced to medically retire before reaching 20 years of service. Its introduction in both chambers underscores the continued momentum and broad support behind this vital reform – the standalone bipartisan legislation had 300 cosponsors in the House and 76 in the Senate as of Sept. 2.
- **Improving TRICARE Access:** A House amendment offered by Rep. Steven Horsford (D-Nev.) would direct DoD to establish a digital system for TRICARE beneficiaries receiving care at military treatment facilities. This system would allow patients to electronically file and track complaints related to access to care, with each complaint routed to a patient advocate for action. This has been one of MOAA's top priorities for DoD health care since the beginning of the 119th Congress, and we are pleased to see the House take up this important issue.

These are just two examples of amendments MOAA is watching closely. We also are evaluating a wide range of proposals related to TRICARE reform, issues affecting currently serving servicemembers, support for military families, and provisions impacting veterans.

How You Can Get Involved

As the House and Senate prepare to take up their respective versions of the FY 2026 NDAA, your voice is critical in shaping the final outcome. Lawmakers must hear directly from you about the importance of these amendments and how their inclusion in the NDAA will impact the uniformed services and veteran communities.

Here's how you can take action:

- **Engage Through [MOAA's Legislative Action Center](#):** Send messages to your elected officials urging their support for amendments like the [Major Richard Star Act](#) and improvements to TRICARE access.

- **Build Awareness:** Share MOAA updates with fellow servicemembers, retirees, and family members to broaden the impact of our collective voice.
- **Stay Informed:** Follow MOAA's coverage [on our website](#) and in our newsletter as the NDAA moves through both chambers and into conference.
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Together, through informed and active advocacy, MOAA can help ensure the FY 2026 NDAA protects the service-earned pay and benefits of our nation's past, present, and future uniformed servicemembers, their family members, and their survivors.

From MOAA's President: Help Us Stay Ready by Supporting MOAA's Crisis Relief Program

By Brian T. Kelly

MOAA is seeing an increased demand signal to help those in our uniformed services community facing the aftermath of natural disasters, financial struggles, and health issues they encounter through no fault of their own.

The MOAA Foundation's Crisis Relief Program provides financial grants to military and veteran families when they need it most, often after they've exhausted all other options. These are individuals and families who may not be eligible for support from service relief societies or the VA, whose lives have been upended due to job loss, medical emergencies, and natural disasters.

What we often see is heartbreaking, and it's why this program matters so deeply.

Here's just one story of how your support makes an impact:

D'Juan served six years in the Air Force. He lives in Georgia with his wife, their 13-year-old son who has ADHD, and his 80-year-old mother-in-law. Earlier this year, his wife became disabled and could no longer work. Without her income, their financial situation quickly spiraled as bills piled up, the mortgage fell behind, and a fallen tree led to costly septic repairs. With the weight of being the sole provider and caregiver for his entire family, D'Juan felt overwhelmed. Thanks to support from MOAA's Crisis Relief Program, he was able to catch up on critical expenses and breathe a little easier while continuing to care for his loved ones.

September marks National Preparedness Month, so we're asking our community to stand with us and ensure The MOAA Foundation is prepared and ready to respond to the needs of our community.

Every applicant tells a story. A family seeking safe housing after a flood. A wounded warrior with PTSD unexpectedly without a job. A disabled veteran's home and wheelchair ramp damaged in a tornado. MOAA can step in quickly, providing financial relief at just the right time, while also restoring hope and dignity. That's the kind of impact your gift can make.

Your donation to The MOAA Foundation means a military family won't have to wait for help. It means a survivor knows they haven't been forgotten. It means someone who served this country receives the same loyalty they gave in return.

VA Hospital Ratings Show Gains, But Challenges Remain

By: René Campos

The VA is [reporting strong results](#) in the latest Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) hospital quality ratings, underscoring the important role the VA direct health care system plays in serving those who have worn the uniform.

More than 75% of VA hospitals earned four or five stars in the top performance categories, according to the Aug. 29 CMS report. No VA hospital received the lowest rating, and over 90% either maintained or improved their score from last year.

"These ratings highlight the excellent care VA hospitals provide," VA Secretary Doug Collins said in the department's announcement of the scores. "Our job is to continue raising the bar for customer service and convenience throughout the department, so VA works better for the veterans, families, caregivers and survivors we are charged with serving."

The CMS ratings measure performance across five categories: mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care.

Progress and Challenges

The VA announcement also pointed to several improvements across the department, including expanding access through the opening of new health care clinics, [record processing of disability claims](#), and increasing investment in infrastructure. The department also continues to accelerate deployment of a modernized electronic health record system to improve care coordination across VA and community providers.

However, important challenges remain. Veterans still face long waits for some specialty care, limited access in rural areas, and [persistent staffing shortages](#) across the system.

And while expanding community care options can improve access and convenience, it also raises concerns about how to preserve VA's role as the primary coordinator of veteran-focused health care.

MOAA Priorities

MOAA applauds the progress reflected in these ratings and VA's commitment to raising the quality of care. But lasting improvements require sustained investment, with support from both the department and lawmakers.

MOAA urges lawmakers in the [119th Congress](#) to:

- Provide timely, full-year funding so the VA can carry out its mission without disruptive stopgap measures.
- Invest in the workforce, human resources, and facility infrastructure needed to meet current and future demands.
- Preserve VA's direct care system and specialized services that remain the foundation of veteran-focused health care.

The latest CMS ratings are an encouraging sign that VA health care is on the right track. But progress must be sustained and expanded. MOAA will continue to advocate for policies and resources to ensure the VA remains strong, modern, and capable of delivering the care and support services veterans have earned — today and for generations to come.

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*The Principal Deputy Director
requests the honor of your presence
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on Friday, the nineteenth of September
two thousand and twenty-five
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*This event can also be viewed live on our DPAA website at [Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency \(DPAA\)](#) or
DPAA Facebook page at www.facebook.com/dodpaa*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

19 Sep 25	1115	General Membership Meeting (Friday)	Navy Lodge, Ford Island, CAPT Paul 'Veg' Bandini, UH NROTC PNS, US Navy Today/US Navy ROTC Overview
26 Sep 25	1038	Golf Outing, Leilehua GC, (Friday)	99 Leilehua Golf Course Road, Wahiawa
18 Oct 25	0700	USA Retiree Appreciation Day (Saturday)	Hale Ikena, Ft Shafter
20 Oct 25	0904	Golf Outing, Barbers Point GC, (Monday)	92-2219 Franklin D. Roosevelt Ave, Kapolei
1 Nov 25	0730	USN/USAF Retiree Appreciation Day (Saturday)	MSFC Bldg, JBPHH
7 Nov 25	1115	General Membership Meeting (Friday)	OVC (T), Laura Ingenluyf, HI State Regent, DAR, DAR Overview
21 Nov 25	0910	Golf Outing, Klipper GC, (Friday)	Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station
14 Dec 25	1000	Annual General Membership Meeting and Christmas Brunch, (Sunday)	Tradewinds Club, Hickam Field
22 Dec 25	0900	Golf Outing, Mamala Bay GC (Monday)	Hickam Field
23 Jan 26	1100	General Membership Meeting (Friday)	Waikiki Yacht Club (T), Lt Col Tim Anderson, UH AFROTC PAS, USAF Today/USAF ROTC Overview
27 Feb 26	1000	DPAA (MIA/POW) Tour, (Friday)	DPAA, Hickam Field/ 604 Mangiamo
24 Apr 26	1100	ROTC/JROTC Award Luncheon (Friday)	604 Rainbow Marina

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808-721-0401

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808-486-1488

Committee Chairs & Activities

Membership: Jenn Kishimori, COL, USA
808-679-5564

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808-271-2826

Personal Affairs: Lou Crompton, Lt Col, USAF
808-526-3022

Programs: Dave Perrine, COL, USA
808-679-5401

Publications: Vacant

Veterans Affairs: Vacant

Golf: Leslie Bise, LTC, USA
808-625-1010

Webmaster: Bob Rinaldo
203-758-1898

Scholarship Fund Trustees

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808-277-7536

Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership/Application Form

Revised: March 2024 . All prior forms obsolete. Check All Applicable Boxes

Enroll me as a Regular Member: ☐ Each year of membership = \$20 ____ = No. of Years Five Years = \$90 ☐

Enroll me as a Spouse Member: ☐ (i.e., spouse of a Chapter Regular member, or Surviving Spouse of a deceased officer)

Each year of membership = \$15 ☐ Five Years = \$60 ☐ NOTE Include Regular Member/deceased officer RANK Below

PLUS Partial Year Membership: ☐ APR - JUN = \$15; ☐ JUL - SEP = \$10 ☐ OCT-DEC = \$5 = Total

Active Duty or 90 Years and Older = FREE

Current/Retired/Last Rank held: _____

Name Last, First Middle/Initial(s) (PLEASE PRINT) **DOB** MM/DD/YYYY

Address

City, State, Zip

Spouse's Name

H

C

Telephone Numbers

H=Home/C=Cell

E-mail

Applicant's Signature

Recruiter/Sponsor's Name

Mail Application Form and Membership Dues Check to
Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA
P. O Box 201441
Honolulu, HI 96820

CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES

STATUS

☐ Active

☐ Reserve

☐ National Guard

☐ Retired from AD

☐ Retired from Res.

☐ Former Officer

☐ Surviving (indicate

SERVICE

☐ US Army

☐ USAF

☐ US Navy

☐ USCG

☐ USMC

☐ USPHS

☐ NOAA

Rank above and check Service of Spouse)

☐ National MOAA Member:

MOAA No. _____

ACTIVE DUTY WAR VETERAN

☐ KOREA 06/27/50 - 01/31/55

☐ VIETNAM 02/28/61 - 05/07/75

☐ OIF/OEF 08/02/90 - TBD



Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA

RESERVATION FORM

Luncheon Meeting

Catered Buffet Luncheon

1115, Friday, 19 September 2025

Ford Island Ball Room, Ford Island Navy Lodge

1275 Saratoga Blvd, Oahu, HI 96818-5029

Lunch: Boneless BBQ Teriyaki Chicken, Breaded Fish with Tartar Sauce, Meat Jun with Sauce, White Rice, Potato Macaroni Salad, Tossed Salad with Italian Dressing, and Cake

Guest Speaker: CAPT Paul "Veg" Bandini, Commanding Officer/Professor of Naval Science, Naval ROTC, UH Manoa

Topic: US Navy Today/US Navy ROTC Overview

Member: _____ Spouse: _____

Guest(s): _____

Cost = \$20.00 per person _____ x \$20.00 = \$ _____

Donation to your Chapter's General Fund for Sustaining Operations: \$ _____

Total = \$ _____ Payable in Advance. A firm head count is required.

Please send in your reservation **ASAP** to arrive **NLT Tuesday, 16 September 2025**

Make Checks Payable to: Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA
Mailing Address: P. O. Box 201441
Honolulu, HI 96820

For more information, contact Dave Perrine at 808-679-5401

Please do not mail, email, text or call your RSVP in to Dave Perrine. Send them by mail to the chapter PO Box.