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(Voices of Warriors)



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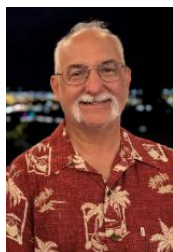
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President's Message



Wow! Summer has flown by! By the time of our next meeting, fall will be upon us. I hope everyone survived Hurricane Lala with no major problems..

We had a great chapter event in July. Thanks to Programs Chair, **Dave Perrine** for quickly reacting to the need for a date and venue change, as well as a change in our guest speaker. Thanks to his efforts, it came off seamlessly. See the item below for more details and pictures.

Dave Perrine, has also arranged our next event, a lunch/meeting, Friday, 25 September, 11:15 AM, at the Ford Island Ball Room, Ford Island Navy Lodge. A Catered Experience will provide the food. Our speaker will be Hawaii Lions Citizenship Chair, LTC (Retired) Adriel Lam, USA, , and he'll speak on "America 250 – Hawaii welcomes new US Citizens." A reservation form is attached at the end of this newsletter.. Don't forget that our Annual General Membership Meeting, is scheduled for 6 November, at the Tradewinds Club on Hickam Field, at 5:30 PM. It's Mongolian BBQ night, and will include a visit by CAPT Frank Michael, USN (Ret), Senior Director, Affiliated Councils & Chapters, representing MOAA National. We'll also hold elections at this meeting. Put it on your calendar NOW.

On Saturday, 7 Nov, the JBPHH Retiree Activities Office will hold, and we'll participate in, the AF/Navy's annual Retiree Appreciation at the MSFC Bldg, right behind the Ruby Tuesday restaurant in Moanalua Shopping Center. VP **Fred Brunson**, is planning for MOAA representation at the event with a table and MOAA promotional items as we try to recruit new members. Stop by our booth and say Hi! If you'd like to help out, please contact Fred. Stand by for news about the Army's similar event, normally held at Schofield Barracks. Latest info we have is that it will occur in January 2027.

As always, your Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA is constantly on the lookout for new members—active duty and retired officers, their spouses, and surviving spouse members. This year, MOAA National was able to revise its "Opt In" contact policy into an "Opt Out" policy. With that, they gave us contact data for over 3,000 folks in Hawaii who are National members, but not chapter members. Our email campaign to welcome them into the fold will hopefully yield a bunch of new chapter members. All are welcome and will enjoy the camaraderie of our chapter, and YOU can help! Make it your goal to recruit at least two new members this year. Print out the Membership Form near 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 September meeting.

- Mike

2026 Board of Directors Elections

Three Board members', **Mike Fricano**, **Wes Fong**, and **John Kim**, will have their terms of office expire this year. We will hold elections at the 6 November Annual General Membership meeting. A Nominating Committee, led by Vice President **Fred Brunson** is working to come up with a slate of candidates. Anyone who would like to run for office as a Board member should **let me and Fred know by 30 September**. We will notify the members of the slate of candidates in early-to mid-October.

Need Volunteers for Committee Chairs

Finally, as reported in the last couple of newsletters, **Dave Perrine** and **Jenn Kishimori** have announced their intention to resign from their Programs and Membership Committee Chair positions, respectively, later this year. If anyone is interested in taking over those important duties for our chapter, please let me know.

Surviving Spouse:

We also need a Surviving Spouse Liaison/Committee Chair to help educate members, whether they are surviving spouses or not, and to work with MOAA National to provide support to our chapter Surviving Spouses (we have 67!!!). This volunteer should be (but doesn't have to be) a Board Member, and, he/she doesn't have to be a Surviving Spouse. The Surviving Spouse Liaison plays an important role because:

- All members should be prepared for the loss of a spouse and know the resources available to them through MOAA, long before the information may seem necessary. This includes having ready access to a DD214.
- Members should list spouses in their member profiles, so outreach can be made if they become a surviving spouse. If a LIFE member dies, their membership transfers to the surviving spouse.
- He/she promotes action in the MOAA Legislative Action Center, which includes opportunities to contact legislators about issues that impact families, survivors, and caregivers.
- There are many resources on the MOAA website, including the [MOAA Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter](#) and this video that affiliates may wish to show at an upcoming meeting, Every Life Needs a Battle Plan: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cvpal93ZwpY>

Our Previous Meeting



Our July Chapter general membership occurred on **Friday, 17 July 2026, 11:15 AM** at the Oahu Veterans' Center (OVC) in Salt Lake. Unfortunately, RIMPAC bumped us out of the Navy Lodge, and our scheduled guest speaker had to cancel due to a serious medical condition. Program Chair, **Dave Perrine**, recovered quickly and found us a new date, location, and speaker. After the Invocation by Chaplain Debby Fricano, we got to hear from our newest chapter member, COL (Ret) **Bob Harter**, retired Emergency Management Staff Officer of the City and County of Honolulu, Department of Emergency Management (DEM), agreed to speak. Bob worked at DEM for 10 years and retired earlier this year. Before

working for the city, Bob retired with 30 years of service in the US Army. He gave a great presentation on “Preparing Your Ohana for Emergencies - 2 Weeks Ready”. **Dave Perrine** arranged for a wonderful lunch from A Catered Experience, and Chaplain **Debby** provided a benediction to close out the event.



September 2026 General Membership Meeting

The next Chapter general membership meeting will occur on **Friday, 25 September 2026, 11:15 AM** at the Ford Island Ball Room, Ford Island Navy Lodge. A Catered Experience will provide the food. Our speaker will be Hawaii Lions Citizenship Chair, LTC (Retired) Adriel Lam, USA, and he'll speak on "America 250 – Hawaii welcomes new US Citizens." A reservation form is attached at the end of this newsletter. Cost is \$20 per person. Please fill it out and mail it, along with a check for the appropriate amount, to arrive at our mailbox, by Wednesday, 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 remaining meetings and events for 2026 are listed in the Events Calendar, below. Note that our Annual General Membership Meeting is on 6 November, 5:30 PM, and our Christmas Brunch on 6 December, 10:00 AM, both at the Tradewinds Club on Hickam Field. Our first meeting of the new year will be on Friday, 22 Jan 27, 11:15 AM, location TBD, when we'll induct our new Board members and officers. Please block your calendars now to ensure you can attend.

Space-A Travel Registration Just Changed: Here's the New Process

By Brandon Wile

<https://www.military.com/space-a-travel-registration-just-changed-heres-the-new-process?lid=ya4hnuouwfpt&user=aGV5cmVmMTNAZ21haWwuY29tOm1sdA&user=aGV5cmVmMTNAZ21haWwuY29tOm1sdA>

All the Air Mobility Command passenger terminals in the world are now connected to a single self-signup portal.

Air Mobility Command's space-available travel sign-up process has run on the same basic model for years: Fill out a form, email it to whichever passenger terminal you're departing from, and hope someone on the other end enters it correctly before your window opens. As of March 26, 2026, that changed. AMC launched a new self-signup tool incorporating every AMC location worldwide, and it's built on fundamentally different plumbing than what came before it.

What Actually Changed

The old system, still technically available, routes a traveler's information through an email that gets sent to a specific passenger terminal, where staff then manually enter it into GATES, the Global Air Transportation Execution System that AMC actually uses to manifest passengers and allocate seats. That extra manual step is exactly where things have been breaking down recently, AMC has an active notice posted warning that its automated confirmation emails are experiencing technical difficulties, and recommending travelers print their submission as proof of sign-up time in case the email process fails.

The new self-signup tool, accessible at gatesea.mtmc.gov/amctravel, removes that manual hand-off. Travelers enter their information directly into a portal that connects to GATES itself, rather than generating an email that a passenger terminal employee has to process by hand. That's a genuinely different architecture, not just a redesigned form, and it's the kind of change that should reduce the likelihood of a sign-up that never actually reaches the terminal.

It Covers More Than the Old Tool Did

The new tool is built to handle both space-available and space-required travel sign-ups, whereas the older email-based form was space-A specific. That matters for a segment of travelers, including some retirees and personnel on official travel status, who previously had to navigate a separate process depending on which category applied to their trip.

Rolled Out Everywhere at Once

Unlike a lot of DoD system changes that phase in installation by installation, AMC brought this tool online for every AMC location simultaneously March 26, 2026, rather than piloting it at a handful of terminals first. That's worth noting for travelers who fly out of multiple terminals over the course of a trip, since it means the same sign-up process now applies whether departing from a stateside hub such as Travis Air Force Base, California, or Joint Base Charleston, South Carolina, or an overseas terminal such as Ramstein Air Base, Germany, or Yokota Air Base, Japan, rather than encountering inconsistent systems terminal to terminal.

What Hasn't Changed

The fundamentals of space-A travel remain the same regardless of which sign-up method a traveler uses. Eligibility is still governed by DoDI 4515.13's six travel categories. There's still no guarantee of a seat, and travelers still need to be financially prepared to cover commercial travel costs if a flight becomes unavailable. Active-duty members still need to be in an actual leave or pass status for the duration of their travel window. And the older sign-up paths, the downloadable AMC Form 140 and direct email to a terminal, remain available as alternatives for anyone who prefers them or runs into an issue with the new portal.

What Travelers Should Do Right Now

For anyone signing up for space-A or space-R travel today, the practical move is to use the new self-signup tool at gatesea.mtmc.gov/amctravel as the primary method, since it's the version AMC built to eliminate the manual entry step that's been generating problems under the older system. Travelers who still choose the traditional email sign-up should continue following AMC's current guidance: Print the completed form or confirmation screen before submitting, and follow up directly with the departure terminal if no confirmation arrives, since that older pathway is the one with the known technical issue right now, not the new tool.

State and County Vehicle Registration Discounts for Veterans

State Discount:

The State of Hawaii, through the Office of Veterans' Services (OVS), provides a \$46 State Registration Fee Exemption for veterans who qualify.

The Veteran must meet all 3 eligibility requirements:

- Is a resident of Hawaii;
- Has been other than dishonorably discharged from the United States uniformed armed forces;
- Is determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a **100% service-connected disability rating**

To prove the eligibility requirements, please submit via fax (808.433.0385) or email (ovs@hawaii.gov)

- Copy of your driver's license (to prove resident of Hawaii)
- Copy of your current car registration (applies to 1 vehicle only)
- Copy of your current VA 100% Disability Letter
- Current mailing address if different from license

Once approved, OVS staff will send you the original letter along with a copy for your records to your mailing address. The DMV will only accept the original letter. You must still pay the balance due. For example, if your registration fee is \$246, DMV will minus \$46 and then you will have to pay the remaining balance of \$200 for your car registration.

A new request must be made each year for an exemption letter. The request must include current information about your 100% disabled rating. The DMV will not accept an exemption letter from a previous year. Additionally, your vehicle must have a current unexpired registration and safety check before you can be issued a \$46 exemption letter for any given year.

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City and County of Honolulu Discount:

Additionally, as of July 1, 2026, Veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces **65 and older**, who were not dishonorably discharged, may receive an exemption of \$20 to the City and County of Honolulu motor vehicle registration fee for **one** noncommercial vehicle annually.

Veterans must apply for the exemption during an in-person visit to a Satellite City Hal, where eligibility requirements will be verified.

How to Apply:

- Schedule an appointment via [AlohaQ.org](https://alohaq.org) to appear in person at a Satellite City Hall.
- Bring the following paperwork to your appointment:
 1. Completed Form CS-(MVR)50B, the Veteran 65+ Motor Vehicle County Fee Registration Exemption Form gotten from the [Honolulu.gov/csd/veterans](https://honolulu.gov/csd/veterans) web site.
 2. Proof of Veteran status (Original or certified copy of a DD-214, VA Benefits Summary Letter, Military Retiree ID, DD Form 2, NGB-22, Honorable Discharge Certificate or Veteran-designated Hawaii Driver License)
 3. Proof of Age (Hawaii Driver's License, Passport or other government-issued ID)
 4. Proof of Vehicle Ownership (Current Hawaii Registration, Out-of-State Registration, Title for newly purchase vehicle)

Once granted, the exemption remains with the vehicle until it is removed by the owner.

The Kokua Line in the Honolulu Star Advertiser provided this info:

Question: Did the discount for veterans on motor vehicle registration take effect?

Answer: Yes, on July 1, according to Honolulu's Department of Customer Services. To be clear, this discount is for "veterans of the U.S. armed forces 65 and older who were not dishonorably discharged," according to the CSD website. They may receive an exemption to the \$20 City and County of Honolulu motor vehicle registration fee for one noncommercial vehicle annually.

Question: Can I can get the discount if I renew my registration at a DMV Now kiosk?

Answer: Only after you've verified your eligibility in person.

"Veterans must apply for the exemption during an in-person visit to a satellite city hall, where eligibility requirements must be verified. However, once the exemption is applied, it will become part of the vehicle's permanent record. Meaning, renewing at a DMV self-service kiosk would then be possible, since exemption eligibility would have been established, and eligibility documents are no longer needed," Harold Nedd, a CSD spokesperson, said in an email Monday.

Question: How do I apply for the exemption?

Answer: Schedule an appointment via AlohaQ.org to appear in person at a satellite city hall. According to the CSD website, you'll need to bring the following paperwork to your appointment:

- Completed Form CS-L(MVR)50B, the Veteran 65+ Motor Vehicle County Fee Registration Exemption Form
- Proof of veteran status, such as an original or certified copy of a DD-214, VA Benefits Summary Letter, Military Retiree ID (DD Form 2), NGB-22, Honorable Discharge Certificate, or Veteran-designated Hawaii Driver License
- Proof of age, such as from your driver's license, passport or other government-issued ID
- Proof of vehicle ownership, such as a current Hawaii motor vehicle registration, out-of-state registration, or title to a newly purchased vehicle.

Once granted, the exemption will remain with the vehicle until it is removed by the owner. For more information, including a link to the application form, go to honolulu.gov/csd/veterans.

As mentioned, the exemption is only for the \$20 city and county registration fee; it does not apply to city and state weight taxes and other fees that contribute to the cost of annual vehicle registration.

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Chapter member, **Mike Golojuch**, reports that he was told that you can only have **one of the two discounts**. If you are 100% disabled, then apply through the State of Hawaii Office of Veterans' Services for their \$46 discount. If not 100% disabled, but you are 65 or over, apply for the City & County's discount of \$20.

Hawaiian Islands Honor Flight Fundraiser

Honor Flight is a nonprofit honoring veterans with a no-cost trip to Washington DC, to visit service/war memorials. **Mike Golojuch**, reports firsthand knowledge because he was able to go on an Honor Flight mission. When he went, Hawaii was considered a Lone Eagle trip. Now, there is an Honor Flight Hub in Hawaii. This will make it easier for veterans living in Hawaii to go on a trip to DC.

This is an easy fundraiser through Panda Express online orders only.

When: Wednesday, September 2, 2026. Place your order for pickup or delivery. The Fundraiser code is 9016391.

Where: Available at Panda Express locations nationwide, www.pandaexpress.com

How: Online orders only. Apply code **9016390** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via the App.

28% of sales will be donated to: Hawaiian Islands Honor Flight

The point of contact is Stephanie Sharpe, Board of Directors, Secretary, Hawaiian Islands Honor Flight, 808-570-9771

Website: HIHonorFlight.org

Facebook: Hawaiian Islands Honor Flight

9/11 Day of Service

Mike Golojuch also reports that the VA National Cemetery Administration (NCA) announced a 9/11 Day of Service at National Cemeteries. It will be held on Saturday, Sept. 12 at 10:00 AM (Hawaii local time) at The National Cemetery of the Pacific (Punchbowl).

NCA, in partnership with Carry The Load and Just Serve, is organizing the National Day of Service to commemorate the 25th anniversary of 9/11. The event includes a brief ceremony and instructions to volunteers on headstone cleaning and beautification. This is a great service opportunity for employee engagement, youth groups, and individuals. Participants are encouraged to post on a Veteran's memorial page at VA's Veterans Legacy Memorial.

REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.carrytheload.org/patriot-day/>

Find your cemetery here:

<https://www.cem.va.gov/volunteer/National-Day-of-Service.asp>

Uniformed Services Identification Cards for Retirees, Spouses, & Dependents

Legacy paper-based USID cards with extended expiration dates issued to specific populations – e.g. Reserve Retirees and Former Members eligible for retired pay and benefits at age 60 – **as well as cards with indefinite expiration dates** issued to retirees, dependents over age 65, and Permanently Incapacitated dependents, **will remain valid until DoW determines when those legacy paper-based cards will be terminated – no termination date has been set.** Individuals with extended or indefinite (INDEF) expiration dates on their legacy paper-based USID card may replace those cards with a plastic-based USID card at their convenience.

Sponsors are encouraged to access their identification (ID) card records via the ID Card Office Online

(<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>) "My Profile" option to ensure their record reflects both their current mailing and email addresses in advance.

Card holders have the option to update their legacy paper-based USID card to a new USID card. There are several ways to obtain a new USID card:

- Visit the ID Card Office Online website (<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/>), select "Continue" under the "Family ID Cards" header and follow the prompts for Online USID Renewal. Note: A myAuth account is required for login, or
- Visit the RAPIDS ID Card Office Locator website (<https://idco.dmdc.osd.mil/idco/locator>) to find the closest ID card office and schedule an appointment.

myAuth Replacing DS Logon

The Department of War is transitioning from DS Logon to myAuth, a new digital credential system that simplifies access to various online services using a single account. myAuth improves upon DS Logon, through secure multifactor authentication capabilities, a user-friendly interface, and improved customer support to ensure that users have secure, efficient access to their health, financial, and educational benefits information. With myAuth, you can use your CAC or username/password plus a secure Multifactor Authentication MFA method to access multiple DoW websites with just one login. It is specifically built to ensure retirees and family members have a safe, reliable way to access the resources they need.

Full instructions for setting up an account are available [via the myAuth website](#).

Upcoming MOAA Webinars

Next Steps: What Survivors of Veterans Need to Know

September 15, 2026 | 8:00 AM - 9:00 AM HST

Register at <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/3cf0cefc-5789-4d37-91ca-442fa31e2b89@8190aedd-e648-4bc2-bfeb-d25a944d2b64>

The passing of any family member is a time of upheaval. The death of a uniformed services retiree involves additional concerns that can be daunting for a surviving spouse, especially if they are unfamiliar with military benefits.

Join MOAA's financial and benefits professional – Lila Quintiliani, ChFC®, AFC® – for a comprehensive review of the issues associated with the passing of a retiree.

Topics include:

- How MOAA publications can assist you and your family in the planning process.
- Ways to get your personal affairs in order in advance.
- Understanding the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) and Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC).
- Burial benefits.
- Addressing financial matters and estate planning concerns.
- Answering your former spouse and/or remarriage questions.
- Working with the VA, the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), and other support organizations (including the Coast Guard).
- And much more!

Getting the Most Out of Medicare

September 22, 2026 | 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM HST

Register at <https://events.teams.microsoft.com/event/fa19047b-08cb-4ecb-b4a8-b5fa252d671a@8190aedd-e648-4bc2-bfeb-d25a944d2b64>

Please join MOAA and our affinity partner, Veterans Healthcare, for an informative discussion about how you can enhance your Medicare benefits alongside TRICARE For Life, CHAMPVA, or VA benefits.

This event will teach you how to:

- Add comprehensive, veteran-focused Medicare options, such as a Part C/Medicare Advantage Plan (including dental, vision, hearing, and more) to your coverage for \$0.
- Put money back into your pocket through a Medicare Part B reimbursement.
- Take advantage of the latest 2026 Medicare updates, and safeguard your military coverage.

Veterans Healthcare has helped more than 26,000 veterans protect their Medicare, VA, and TRICARE for LIFE coverage while expanding their retirement benefits. MOAA members are seeing the value as well, with a large and growing number of MOAA members turning to Veterans Healthcare for Medicare guidance. Register and join us Sept. 22 to learn how to get the most out of your Medicare benefits!

Oahu Veterans' Center Calendar

Check out <https://www.theovc.org/veterans-events-calendar> to view the OVC's Veteran's Events Calendar, and add them to your Google calendar.

NDAA Narrowly Clears House: What's Next for the Must-Pass Defense Bill

By: Kevin Lilley

The annual defense policy bill [passed the House by a four-vote margin](#) July 22, the latest step forward for the \$1.15 trillion legislation amid many competing congressional priorities.

The chamber's version of the FY 2027 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) would:

- Authorize a [tiered pay raise](#), with servicemembers E-5 and below receiving a 7% increase, E-6 to O-3 getting a 6% boost, and O-4 and above earning a 5% raise.
- Address [several MOAA priorities](#), to include duty status reform and military child care improvements.
- Reverse planned cuts to [more than 40 military hospitals and clinics](#), while addressing [other health care issues](#) such as access to care barriers and requiring an audit of the TRICARE Pharmacy Program.

What's Next

It's unlikely the Senate will consider the House version, as that chamber has its own draft ([S. 4784](#)) with a similar topline authorization figure. It includes an across-the-board 3.6% pay raise, among other differences from the House version.

It is unclear whether the Senate version will reach that chamber's floor for a vote before Aug. 7, when members are scheduled to leave Washington for their state work period. The Senate isn't scheduled to reconvene until Aug. 31.

Once the Senate passes its NDAA draft, a joint conference committee usually negotiates a final version of the bill that must be passed by both chambers. The process usually lasts most of the calendar year – the last five NDAA's have been signed into law in December, while the FY 2021 NDAA took even longer: The Senate overrode a presidential veto on Jan. 1, 2021, for that bill to take effect.

MOAA will continue to engage with lawmakers and their staffs on key provisions of the NDAA as the legislative process moves forward. Keep up with the latest on this legislation and other MOAA advocacy priorities at our [advocacy news page](#), and learn how you can reach out to your lawmakers via our [Legislative Action Center](#).

Army May Revisit Arlington National Cemetery Eligibility Rule

By: Jen Goodale

Veterans and military families who have been following the future of Arlington National Cemetery should prepare to engage.

The Army intends to revisit [a proposed rule](#) that would significantly narrow eligibility for in-ground burial and inurnment at the ceremony, Karen Durham-Aguilera, executive director of the Office of Army Cemeteries/Army National Military Cemeteries, said during a [June 30 hearing](#) before the House Veterans' Affairs Subcommittee on Disability Assistance and Memorial Affairs. Among those who could lose eligibility under the proposal are many retirees who served honorable careers but did not receive certain valor awards or meet other newly established criteria.

The Army is reviewing the proposal, first published in response to [section 598 of the FY 2019 National Defense Authorization Act](#), in light of updated burial projections and ongoing efforts to preserve cemetery capacity while continuing to honor those who served, Durham-Aguilera said.

The proposal generated nearly 2,000 public comments, mostly from those concerned the new rule would depart from Arlington's long-standing tradition of honoring career servicemembers.

MOAA has long worked to preserve eligibility for the nation's most iconic military cemetery while recognizing the legitimate need to ensure it remains available for future generations.

As part of that effort, MOAA has partnered with the office of Rep. Lisa McClain (R-Mich.) on the Expanding America's National Cemetery Act, which would help address long-term capacity challenges by expanding national cemetery options. Although the bill has not yet been reintroduced in the 119th Congress, MOAA continues to pursue legislative solutions that preserve burial opportunities for today's servicemembers and retirees without reducing service-earned benefits.

A member of MOAA's government relations team, accompanied by a MOAA Life member, recently met with staffers in McClain's office to discuss the issue. MOAA representatives urged the congresswoman's staff to request the Army formally rescind the proposed rule and start over with a new process, one that better balances Arlington's future capacity needs with the promises made to generations of servicemembers.

While recent testimony does not indicate which direction the Army will take with the rule – finalizing, amending, or rescinding – MOAA members must be prepared to engage with lawmakers and urge them to preserve current eligibility standards for Arlington National Cemetery. Look for updates on this issue and other MOAA priorities at our [advocacy news page](#) and our [Legislative Action Center](#).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

12 Sep 26	1000	9/11 Day of Service	Punchbowl Cemetery
19 Sep 26	TBD	POW/MIA Remembrance Ceremony Representation/Presentation (Saturday)	Punchbowl Cemetery
21 Sep 26	0900	Golf Outing, Mamala Bay GC (Monday)	Hickam Field
25 Sep 26	1115	General Membership Meeting (Friday)	Navy Lodge, Ford Island, LTC (R) Adriel Lam, Hawaii Lions Zone Chair, America 250, HI Welcomes New US Citizens
23 Oct 26	0900	Golf Outing, Barbers Point GC, (Friday)	92-2219 Franklin D. Roosevelt Ave, Kapolei
6 Nov 26	1730	Annual General Membership Meeting and dinner (Mongolian BBQ) (Friday)	Tradewinds, Hickam Field, CAPT (R) Frank Michael, USN, MOAA National
7 Nov 26	0900	USN/USAF Retiree Appreciation Day (Saturday)	MSFC Bldg, JBPHH
11 Nov 26	TBD	Veterans Day Ceremonies Representation/ Presentations (Wednesday)	Punchbowl & Kaneohe Veterans Cemeteries
23 Nov 26	1000	Golf Outing, Klipper GC, (Monday)	Kaneohe Marine Corps Air Station
6 Dec 26	1000	Christmas Brunch, (Sunday)	Tradewinds, Hickam Field
21 Dec 26	0900	Golf Outing, Leilehua GC, (Monday)	99 Leilehua Golf Course Road, Wahiawa
22 Jan 27	1115	General Membership Meeting (Friday)	TBD

MOAA SIGNATURE GROUPS

**Join MOAA Leadership and your fellow MOAA members
on these hosted cruises and land tours.**

October 1-10, 2026	Western Europe Yacht Cruise	9-nights from \$4,999
April 25-May 2, 2027	Castles Along the Rhine River Cruise	7-nights from \$4,199
July 19-27, 2027	France & Spain Yacht Cruise	8-nights from \$5,799
September 14-25, 2027	Circle Iceland Yacht Cruise	11-nights from \$8,999
Sept. 25-Oct. 4, 2027	Battlefields of WWI & WWII Tour	10 days from \$6,495

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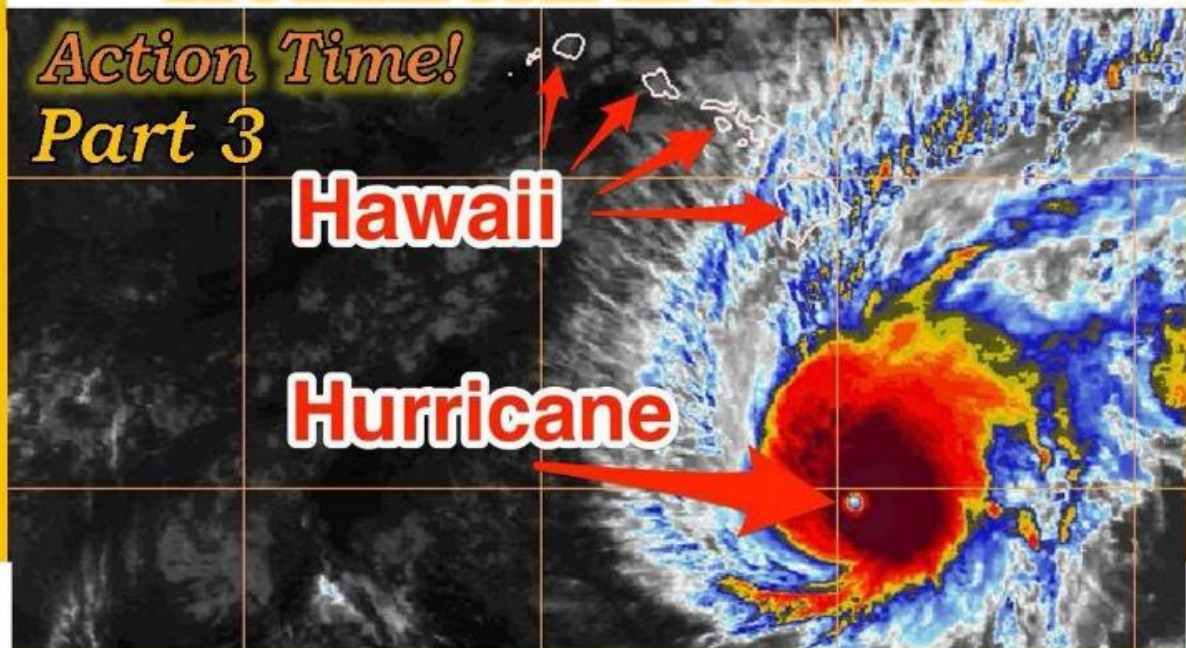
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For complete details, including detailed day-by-day itinerary, please visit us online

HURRICANE SAFETY

Action Time! Part 3



Aloha! Now it's time to stay safe during a hurricane threat. You've planned, you've prepared, and now it's about knowing what to do when a hurricane is on its way.

What you need to know:

- ☐ If a Hurricane Watch is issued –
 - ✓ Review your plan and confirm your evacuation route and meeting place.
 - ✓ Fill up gas tanks because fuel may be limited.
 - ✓ Fully charge devices, phones, power banks, etc.
 - ✓ Bring pets indoors and ensure they have food and water.
- ☐ If a Hurricane Warning is issued –
 - ✓ Evacuate if ordered. Don't hesitate! Follow instructions from local authorities.
 - ✓ Secure your home by boarding up windows and bringing in all remaining outdoor items.
 - ✓ Turn off utilities (if instructed). Follow guidance from your local utility companies.
 - ✓ Stay indoors and find a safe room, away from windows.
 - ✓ Stay informed by listening to your radio or check official online sources for updates.
- ☐ Storm Surge -
 - ✓ The most dangerous threat during a hurricane! If a storm surge threatens your area, evacuate immediately if directed, especially if you live in low-lying coastal zones.

After the Storm:

- ☐ Stay indoors until officially declared safe. Downed powerlines and debris can be hazardous.
- ☐ Report damages to your insurance company and local authorities.
- ☐ Check on neighbors, especially those who may need assistance.

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Hawaii Aloha Chapter, MOAA, Membership/Application Form

Revised: August 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/current Guard/Reserve or 90 Years and Older = FREE

Current/Retired/Last Rank held: _____

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

Address

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Spouse's Name

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Telephone Numbers H=Home/C=Cell

E-mail

Applicant's Signature / Date

Recruiter/Sponsor's Name

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STATUS	SERVICE
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☐ Reserve	☐ USAF
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☐ Retired from Res.	☐ USMC
☐ Former Officer	☐ USPHS
☐ Surviving Spouse	☐ NOAA
(indicate Rank above and check Service of Spouse)	☐ USSF

☐ 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, 25 September 2026

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: Hawaii Lions Citizenship Chair, LTC Adriel Lam, USA, Retired – America 250 – Hawaii welcomes new US Citizens

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 Wednesday, 16 September 2026**

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