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From the President

By: Clyde Meade



Welcome to Spring! (I think??) As I sit here this morning a little dusting of snow in the area. Last week in the 70's, this week in the 40's what gives. Weather can be very fickle at times. Hopefully next month we will be in our Springtime mode!

So, I thought I would take this opportunity to share with the chapter "How do we stack up with other MOAA Chapters".

- 62% of chapters have open leadership positions
- 67.5 % chapters leaders participate in national MOAA Leadership Workshops
- 41% of chapters maintain other VSO or MSO relationships to support and better serve their community
- 97% of chapters communicate regularly with their members
- 70% of chapters reported that membership numbers are stable or growing

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- 85% of chapters host regular membership meetings with 60% having at least 8-11 meetings a year.
- 88% of chapters are involved in ROTC/JROTC programs
- 81% of chapters regularly host speakers
- 40% of chapters partner with other community groups
- 70% of chapters participate in community service
- 50% of chapters fundraise for causes
- 63% of chapters have a dedicated scholarship program

Reflecting on our Chapter we seem to fall within the numbers, good on some and need self-care on others. It's just nice to do a self-reflection occasionally.

"We might possess every technological resource... but if our language is inadequate, our vision remains formless, our thinking and feeling are still running in old cycles, our process may be revolutionary but not transformative." – Adrienne Rich

Semper Fortis,
Clyde Meade
President, NAC MOAA Chapter

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER - Steve Brazell

Steve Brazell is a Public Affairs Officer for the Yavapai County Sheriff's Office. He travels the county conducting seminars on various topics including how to protect yourself from scammers. He presents information on the latest scams circulating in Yavapai county and the best ways to keep your money safe from these criminals. In 2024, YCSO received 549 calls for "fraud" and residents lost \$5.4 million to the scam artists.

We are looking forward to his expertise in helping all our members avoid the pitfalls of modern technology scams. We know you will find this a very informative presentation.



Put the Spotlight on:

LUNCHEON NOTE: Fellowship Time will now begin at 11:15

JOIN US AT THE NEXT LUNCHEON: PRESCOTT CENTENNIAL CENTER



9 APRIL 2025 - WEDNESDAY

PLEASE NOTE NEW GATHERING TIME- 11:15 am

GATHERING TIME: 11:15 AM PLACE: 989 Wineglass Dr. Prescott AZ 86301

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS: 11:30 AM BUFFET LUNCH: 12:00 PM

MENU: Mixed Green Salad, Greek Chicken, Mediterranean Pan Seared Tilapia Orzo Pasta w/Spinach & Parmesan; oven roasted vegetables

WATCH YOUR EMAILS FOR MENU DETAILS SOON

COST: The Buffet Lunch is \$30.00 per person. The reservation deadline is 3 APRIL.

IF YOU HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE ADVISE CLYDE MEADE Clyde must have an accurate attendance count for the caterer by 3 APRIL.

DIRECTIONS: (From Prescott/Prescott Valley) Take exit 317 (off 89A) for AZ-89 toward I-40/Prescott/Chino Valley. Keep right at the fork, follow signs for Airport/Chino Valley. Merge onto AZ-89 N. At the traffic circle, take the 1st exit onto Perkins Dr. Turn left onto Wineglass Dr. Building is on your right. (From Chino Valley) Head south on 89 S towards Private Rd. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on 89 S. Exit the traffic circle onto 89 S. At the traffic circle, take the first exit onto AZ-89. At the traffic circle, take the 2nd exit and stay on AZ-89. Turn left onto Mac Curdy Dr. Turn right onto Clubhouse Dr. Center will be on your left.

Please cut on the line below and mail with your check to CLYDE MEADE

TO RECEIVE NO LATER THAN 3 APRIL

NACMOAA address is PO Box 95 Dewey, AZ 86327

You may call Clyde at 602 592 4636 to place a reservation if you prefer to pay at the door.

LATE NOTICE CANCELLATIONS CANNOT BE REFUNDED

9 April Meeting: Please make checks payable to: NACMOA - All meals are \$30.00

My check for \$_____ is enclosed Attendees:

Member: _____ Guest: _____

Lunch - \$ _____
2025 Dues \$30.00 - \$ _____
Scholarship - \$ _____



Chaplain's Corner:

Members of NACMOAA may contact our Chaplain Pete Jensen anytime for prayer over the phone (928-830-3569), or to obtain confidential, Biblical counseling by phone or in person. No question you have is unimportant or “off limits”. The Chaplain generously donates his time to our chapter members.



NAC MOAA LADIES LUNCHEONS

We had a fun year trying all types of restaurants around the Prescott area. As we look forward to 2025, we plan to do the same.

Our gathering dates will continue to be the 2nd Friday of odd numbered months as follows:

MAR 14; MAY 9; JUL 11; SEPT 12; NOV 14

Our meeting times continue to be 11:30 AM. We will order off the menu and pay individually as always. All ladies of NAC MOAA are welcome to join us for a social time.

If you know of any of our ladies who have moved or have health issues we should be aware of, please forward that information to Mary Jonas at mlgjonas.2012@gmail.com or call her at (928) 925-4674.



[Minutes of NAC MOAA Board Meetings & Treasurer's Report](#)

You may now request a copy of the NAC MOAA Board Meeting minutes and/or current Treasurer's Report from Roberta Rice, Secretary - rbdrice@verizon.net.

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Membership / Public Information Officer – Corner

Dear NACMOAA Friends. Thank you so much to all of you who paid your dues for 2025 (and beyond) before the January 1st deadline. Administratively, doing so helps us out so much. Thank you! For those of you who haven't yet had the opportunity to renew your chapter membership, you may have received an individual reminder to do so. You are valued members of our chapter, and we would love to retain you as members. However, our By-laws only grant a 90-day grace period which expires at the end of March 2025. Please renew your memberships prior to that date, or if you have extenuating circumstances and would like an extension, please contact our Chapter President to request a waiver prior to March 31st. Thank you. We appreciate you and your continued support. Please too, if you can, donate to our scholarship award fund. Your donations go straight to the top Cadets in our area. These fine young people represent the best of our upcoming military future. Your contributions are the only source we have for making these scholarship awards possible. Thank you!

Please join me in recognizing the sacrifices of our military members, whether Cadets or Admirals/Generals, active duty, reservists, or retired, who have raised their right hands and swore an oath to support and defend our Constitutional values and our way of life. Once they have done so, their lives are no longer their own. They are continually on the firing line and when duty calls – they go. Gratefully, it now appears that negotiations for peace through strength are taking hold and the nearly assured conflicts that were brewing may be diminishing. Let us thank God for each day of peace that may be forthcoming. Though even many of us retirees would be ready to return to active duty to preserve our precious freedoms, I breathe easier now that we are acting positively through strength instead of reacting due to perceived weakness. The lives and sacrifices of our nation's military members appear to be of much more value today. And if sacrifices are required of us, they will not be required lightly nor in vain. May God Bless the United States of America.

Dues and contributions can be made in one of three ways:

* In person at our bi-monthly Luncheons;

* Mailed to: NACMOAA
P.O. Box 95
Dewey, AZ 86327

(Make checks payable to: "NACMOAA").

*Online through our National MOAA organization's website: www.moaa.org .

Note: MOAA National has instituted a new online option for payment. However, our Chapter has yet to embrace that new method of payment. Further examination of that process is being conducted, and we will inform you if/when we determine that it is a safe, suitable, and advantageous method for payment. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

As your Public Information Officer, I am continually looking for ways to let others know of our Chapter's activities and events and to locate prospective new members. Please invite any eligible prospective member to join our organization. We would love to welcome them. Thank you.

LCDR H. Spencer O'Neal, USN, (Ret)
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LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE

by COL (RET) Steve Woods, U.S. Army

While the 119th U.S. Congress did convene on January 3, 2025, many of the bills that MOAA anticipates supporting with advocacy in the coming year have not yet been reintroduced so the call to advocacy on these has not yet gone out. Consequently, there are significantly less advocacy action items in the MOAA Legislative Action Center (LAC) than are 'normally' there. The Arizona Council of Chapters Legislative Chair recently received word from April Vogel, Maj Gen, USAF (Ret), MOAA Vice President for Government Relations, that MOAA is waiting for these bills to be reintroduced to the 119th Congress before they add the advocacy items relating to them into the LAC. They anticipate that most of these bills will be reintroduced in the next couple of weeks which will provide precious little time for us to pepper our Federal Representatives with these advocacy items, particularly the ones targeted for the upcoming Advocacy in Action (AiA) event in Washington DC. I'll be putting out a supplemental Legislative affairs update in the next couple of weeks targeting the specific AiA items as soon as they are posted in the LAC by the National MOAA Office so that we can help the MOAA team traveling to DC for this event.

There is one initiative that is being championed by our Arizona Council of Chapters that is of special note. There was a bipartisan bill, the Aviator Cancers Examination Study (ACES) Act, submitted in the last Congress by our Senator Kelly with the support of our AZ Council of Chapters, that failed to receive adequate committee support. They have gotten Senator Kelly to resubmit it to the 119th Congress. This bill seeks to address the disproportionately high cancer rates among aircrew members from the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marine Corps. The AZ Council of Chapters will additionally be asking MOAA to add the ACES Act to its priority legislation roster, but even if it does not make this cut at MOAA, they ask our members to please support it.

*I would also like to re-address the vital work of legislative advocacy within MOAA and the important role of the LAC in pursuing this advocacy. If you are NOT registered with the "**Legislative Action Center**" (AKA Quorum), please follow the below six steps to register:*

MOAA LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER

*If you are NOT registered with the "**Legislative Action Center**" (AKA Quorum), please follow the below six steps to register:*

1. Go to MOAA.org
2. Click on "**Advocacy**"
3. Click on "**Legislative Action Center**"
4. Click on the red box in the upper right "**Sign Up**"
5. Fill out the required information and submit
6. You are now registered

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Once registered, enter the "Legislative Action Center" for advocacy as follows:

1. Go to MOAA.org
2. Login to your MOAA account
3. Click on "Advocacy"
4. Click on "Legislative Action Center"
5. Under "Active Legislative Campaigns" click on an issue or "Write" (in a black box) to the right of the issue you want to write about
6. When you click "Write" the next screen will be populated with letters to both our Senators and to your Representative.
7. Note: You can edit the proposed letters if desired/needed
8. Scroll to the bottom and click on "Submit Selected Letters"
9. You've just engaged your elected representative at help our military and their families, retirees, or surviving spouse

CURRENT U.S. and ARIZONA LEGISLATORS

To contact our Congressional members on any issues of importance to you personally or to MOAA, you can use the MOAA Action Center to send emails or you can visit the members' websites to send a message. You can also call their offices direct.

Our U.S. Senators and Representatives:

- Senator Ruben Gallego -- www.gallego.senate.gov – (202) 224-4521
- Senator Mark Kelly -- www.kelly.senate.gov – (202) 224-2235
- Representative Eli Crane – www.crane.house.gov/ -- (202)225-3361 CD2 (Yavapai County/Payson Areas)
- Representative Paul Gosar – www.gosar.house.gov/ -- (202) 225-2315 CD9 (Lake Havasu City/Kingman Areas):

As our chapter now covers three Arizona state legislative districts, please check your current voter registration card for your district:

District 1: (Yavapai County Area)

Senator Mark Finchem – mfinchem@azleg.gov – (602) 926-3631
Representative Selina Bliss – sbliss@azleg.gov – (602)926-4018
Representative Quang Nguyen – qnguyen@azleg.gov – (602) 926-325

District 30: (Lake Havasu City/Kingman Area)

Senator Hildy Angius – hanguis@azleg.gov – (602) 926-5051
Representative Leo Biasiucci – lbiasiucci@azleg.gov – (602) 926-3018
Representative John Gillette – jgillette@azleg.gov – (602) 926-4100

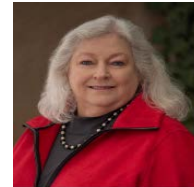
District 7: (Payson Area)

Senator Wendy Rogers – wrogers@azleg.gov – (602) 926-3042
Representative Walt Blackman – wblackman@azleg.gov – (602) 926-3244
Representative David Marshall – dmarshall@azleg.gov – (602) 926-3579

I don't need to remind you that grassroots advocacy works.... but only if you get involved! Thank you for all your support on MOAA's advocacy issues in the past and for your continued support of Veterans, retirees, families, and surviving spouses through legislative advocacy in the coming year!



**NACMOAA Surviving Spouse Liaison
By Sharon Douglas**



MOAA earns top honors

For the 18th consecutive year MOAA has earned the “Top Lobbyist” Award as voted on by The Hill, a beltway area news outlet. MOAA was recognized in the Grassroots section that highlights the ongoing dedication of its over 350,000 members.

While the MOAA Staff works hard in Washington, it is truly the combined efforts of the members that keep important issues front and center with their lawmakers. Members tell heartfelt personal stories of how proposed or neglected bills are causing them hardship. Standing up for the rights and benefits our spouses, active duty, and veterans fought for and deserve.

We find ourselves in a very uncertain time as the new administration takes office in 2025. It seems the emphasis is on cost and staff cuts rather than funding for new and existing programs benefiting our military and survivors. I urge you to continue to make your voices heard and continue to call and write to your elected officials. Don't let our important issues get lost in the busy and chaotic time during the changeover in government regime.

Below is one way to contact your lawmakers. Thanks, to Joan McDermott for supplying the information.

Arizona Legislature Right to Speak

If you've not signed up for the Right-to-Speak (RTS) option, it's not too late. Once you have an account, you will not have to re-register again. You can pick the issues and bills making their way through the AZ Legislature and actually leave messages for your legislator. Believe it or not, they and their staff actually do pay attention to 'the voices of the people' that they serve! Now is a critical time to speak up.

- 1) Enter this link into your browser and select Request to Speak System
- 2) On the Civic Engagement Beyond Voting (CEBV), select Get an RTS Account (in the red rectangular box).
- 3) Complete the information and CEBV will register you!

*If you DIDN'T take advantage of that option, you'd need to go to Phoenix to the capitol building, find the kiosk, and sign up there.

<https://bit.ly/CEBV-RTS>

Share this with anyone who would like to find an effective way to make a difference.

Submitted by: Joan McDermott, NACMOAA Member Mohave County

Victory for Caregivers

*The first victory of 2025 for Caregivers was the passage of the Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Health and Benefits Improvement Act. Some key benefits of the bipartisan bill include:
For Caregivers: Full coverage for home nursing care, Mental health grants for caregivers, streamlined application process, Expanded support programs, and a Home Health Aide Pilot Program, among others. There are a number of benefits directed at veterans. For the comprehensive list of benefits the bill provides, see [Congress.gov](https://www.congress.gov) bill S141
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TRICARE for Life Fees

In the past the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) has targeted TFL fee increases as a way to reduce the budget. A report from the CBO in December of 2024 suggested 2 ways to achieve this goal. The first would include a yearly enrollment fee. The proposed fees were \$610 for an individual and \$1220 for a family. The second suggestion was cost sharing. The CBO suggested a minimum out of pocket requirement, including an \$850 deductible per year. After the deductible was satisfied TFL would only cover 50% of the next \$7650, in Medicare cost sharing. TFL beneficiaries could be responsible for up to \$4675 in cost share per year and would increase with yearly increases in Medicare charges.

MOAA remains committed to fight any proposal that increases costs to seniors who rely on TFL for their healthcare.

Please join the fight and take proactive steps to let Congress know what a hardship this would create for you and your family. Look for more information and updates at MOAA.org or in the MOAA Newsletter. We must stay vigilant.

Contact me with questions or concerns.

All the best;

Sharon

Sharon.douglas.NACMOAA@gmail.com



On January 29, 2025, members of NACMOAA Steve Woods, Bob Wallace and Clyde Meade presented the Embry Riddle Air Force ROTC members with a check to support and fund their participation in the Bataan Memorial Challenge.

Thank you to the membership of NACMOAA for their support.



IN MEMORIAM - NAC MOAA RECOGNIZES & CELEBRATES THE LIVES OF RECENTLY DECEASED MEMBERS



LTC (R) Ray Strom, a long time active member of our chapter passed away on 28 December 2024. Ray was a fixture at our luncheon meetings and was very involved in legislative affairs. He shared his views with lawmakers and was an avid advocate for veterans rights and benefits. During Covid, Ray inscribed personal messages in cards created by his late wife, Brenda, and drove them from Cottonwood to Prescott. He had a great passion for model trains and was captivated as a young child. He enjoyed sharing his passion; he and LTC Jim Rice often shared their love of model trains at our NAC luncheons. Ray was a good friend of many and his generosity of time and service will be missed.

Col Jim Muehleisen , passed away on 27 January 2025 and was a highly respected friend and a loyal and very busy member of the Northern Arizona Chapter MOAA. He served the Chapter well and long as a Director and as our Chapter Treasurer. He was a friend to all who knew him and he will be greatly missed. He retired from the US Air Force after 24 years where he served in aerospace progression. In his retirement he volunteered in many organizations and enjoyed leading hikes in the Prescott area. He is survived by his wife Nina Clifford Muehleisen, a son, a daughter and three grandsons. Services for Jim were held at the Prescott National Cemetery on 7 March 2025.



Rebecca (Becky) Baker passed away on January 17, 2025 after a long illness with her devoted husband of 47 years, Al Baker, by her side. On their honeymoon, they drove through Prescott, AZ and she made Al promise to retire here which they did in 1994. She spent many hours in volunteer work at Prescott Fine Arts and Yavapai College Foundation. She was a regular attendee at the ladies luncheons. Becky was known for hosting many parties. She had a son and daughter - however her daughter predeceased her.



Kevin Thomas, MD, LCDR, USN, FMR recently became a member of our Chapter and passed away on 1 March 2025. He was a 15 year veteran of the US Navy and looked forward to joining in our chapter activities when he could find time from his family practice at Optum Primary Care in Prescott Valley. He is survived by his wife of Washington State and two sons. Kevin became interested in MOAA as a next door neighbor of Clyde Meade.



WELCOME ALL



FEBRUARY MEETING



*Guest Speaker - Mr. Jerry (Geronimo) Martin with book signings &
Thank you from Bob Wallace*



A full room enjoying fellowship, friends and yummy Valentine's themed desserts



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING MEMBERS & GUESTS

IN THE SILENCE OF GRIEF: THE TAPESTRY OF LOVE AND LOSS

12/18/2024 Author: Ramesh P ELaidam (In TAPS Magazine)

In the quiet corners of my heart, where the echoes of cherished voices reside, I find solace in the tapestry of memories woven by those I've lost. Their absence, though profoundly felt, becomes a canvas upon which I paint the colors of their laughter, their wisdom, and the love that forever lingers.

I allow myself the grace to grieve, understanding that each tear is a tribute to the depth of my connection. In the silent conversations with my soul, I navigate the realms of sorrow and joy, honoring the fullness of the lives they led. Their stories become my sanctuary, a place where I find strength amidst the quiet moments of reflection.

I remember and celebrate, weaving tales of their existence into the fabric of my being. Through the shared smiles, the walks in the garden, and the turn of well-worn pages, their essence dances around me, reminding me that love transcends the boundaries of life and death.

In the embrace of kindred spirits, I discover the power of shared grief. We speak a language born of loss, finding comfort in the understanding gaze and the unspoken words. Together, we create a sanctuary where vulnerability is met with compassion, and where the weight of sorrow becomes a little lighter.

I nurture my body and soul, recognizing the importance of self-care. Each step I take, every nourishing meal, and every moment of rest becomes a testament to my resilience. As I care for myself, I honor the love that once emanated from those I've lost, understanding that my well-being is a reflection of their enduring legacy.

I create memorials, tangible tokens of remembrance. A blooming garden, a cherished book, or a handwritten letter – each tribute is a whispered promise that their influence lives on. In these gestures, I find a sense of closure, a gentle acknowledgment of the beautiful tapestry they've woven into my life.

I learn to navigate the labyrinth of grief, understanding that healing is not a destination but a journey. I am patient with myself, embracing the ebb and flow of emotions, and allowing time to mend the fractures within my soul.

In the quiet corners of my heart, where grief and love entwine, I discover the resilience of the human spirit. I am kind to myself, acknowledging that grief is not a sign of weakness but a testament to the profound connections that shape our existence. And as I move forward, I carry the laughter, the lessons, and the enduring love of those I've lost, knowing that they are forever a part of the beautiful tapestry of my life.

Ramesh P. Elaidam originally published this article on Medium on October 21, 2023. It has been modified slightly for brevity.

HELPFUL INFORMATION & NOTICES

See MOAA on the web at www.moaa.org
See NACMOAA on the web at www.nacmoaa.org

SPECIAL ONLINE ACCESS INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS TO STAY CONNECTED
TAKE ACTION Page: <https://moaa.quorum.us/> or moaa.org/takeaction

Web Page for NACMOAA: nacmoaa.org

Facebook: NACMOAA

Northern Arizona Chapter MOAA Mission

NACMOAA's mission is to promote the purposes and objectives of the Military Officers Association of America; to foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former commissioned and warrant officers of the eight U.S. uniformed services, including the National Guard and Reserve Components; to protect the rights and interests of our members and all U.S. military veterans, their dependents and survivors; and to serve the community and the nation

**All NACMOAA Chapter members are
encouraged to be members of
national Military Officers Association of America.**

MOAA MISSION: To advocate for our military community and connect it to the nation we serve.

MOAA VISION: To promote and protect a strong national defense and lead our nation to honor its commitments to all who serve.



[Veterans Suicide Prevention Line](#)

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the **988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline**), and is now active across the United States. When people call, text or chat 988, they will be connected to trained counselors that are part of the existing Lifeline network. These trained counselors will listen, understand how their problems are affecting them, provide support, and connect them to resources if necessary.

The previous Lifeline phone number (1-800-273-8255) will always remain available to people in emotional distress or suicidal crisis.

Any person who has ever held a commission or a warrant in any of the eight uniformed services is eligible for membership in the Military Officers Association of America.



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Regular Membership Application Northern Arizona Chapter MOAA

Name _____ MI _____ Last _____
Rank _____ Service _____ Component _____
Status: Active Retired Former Reserve NG DOB(optional): _____
Address _____
City _____ ST _____ Zip _____
Home phone _____ Cel _____
EMail _____

Spouse Name: First _____ Last _____

Member of National MOAA: Yes No (circle one). You do not have to be a National member to join our chapter. If you are, circle membership type: Basic Premium Life and provide your National MOAA Membership # _____

If you're not a National member, can we enroll you in a National Basic (no cost) Membership _____?

Dues (choose the one which applies to you):

New Regular member who signs up in the 1st qtr - \$30; 2nd qtr - \$25; 3rd qtr - \$20. If you sign up in the 4th qtr it's \$30, but that covers your 4th qtr in the current year, plus dues for the entire follow-on year.

Amt enclosed: \$ _____ (make check payable to NACMOAA)

Signature _____ Date _____

SURVIVING SPOUSE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: (_____) _____ CEL (_____) _____

E-mail address: _____

Your deceased spouse Rank / First / M Int / Last Name / MOAA Member #

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Amount enclosed: \$ _____ (Make check payable to NACMOAA)

Signature _____ Date _____

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THIS & THAT....Thoughts From Your Editor

There are some excellent articles on www.moaa.com in light of the changing economic times. A very informative article authored by Jim Carman, CAE, Captain, U.S. Navy (R), Vice President Council/Chapter and Member Support and was shared with MOAA chapters. It is too extensive to include in our newsletter but will be published via email by Clyde Meade, President, to NACMOAA members. It is titled: **Federal Budget & Workforce Reductions.**



Steve Woods in his legislative section, continually encourages members to reach out to their Congressional Representatives. After facing some very lengthy and non-productive interactions with the VBA following my husband's death, I reached out to Congressman Eli Crane. His office was prompt in making an initial contact to discuss the issues. They have kept me updated on the actions they took and have made progress. We have not come to full resolution but I am pleased to report that they acted promptly and in my best interests and continue to provide follow up.



If anyone is interested in providing dessert for our April Luncheon, please contact Clyde Meade. We have been taking turns since our current location does not provide desserts. There is a budget provided for the purchase.

Happy St. Patrick's Day

***May music fill your heart, May good luck bring you cheer,
May your blessings outnumber the shamrocks all year***



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