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FROM THE PRESIDENT

By: Steven G. Woods



For more than 25 years, May has been recognized as Military Appreciation Month – a time to honor the service, commitment and courage of our Armed Forces. As a Nation, we owe a profound debt of gratitude to the brave service members, past and present, who protect our freedom and security, and their families who share their sacrifice.

The Northern Arizona Chapter of MOAA comes into this month with a lot of news. First and foremost, I wanted to announce the chapter being awarded, by the MOAA National Headquarters, a 5-Star Level of Excellence (LOE) chapter award for yet another year. Additionally, we also received the MOAA National Headquarters Harris Communication Award 5-Star rating for our outstanding newsletter. I wanted to thank Clyde Meade and all our leaders who contributed so much to this year's LOE submission that resulted in this Level of Excellence award. We have a great team and it's nice to see National MOAA's recognition of their outstanding efforts and excellence. I also wanted to give a special congratulations to Roberta Rice and Kara Woods for their marvelous work with our newsletter that resulted in the Harris Communication 5-Star award. I look forward to us moving ahead with repeat 5-star performances in 2026 for both these highly competitive honors!

Our Chapter also participated in several JROTC and ROTC awards ceremonies at schools throughout the Quad Cities area in April, awarding the MOAA medal and a corresponding scholarship to deserving cadets. On April 15 we presented the MOAA medal and a \$200 scholarship to JROTC Cadet Savannah Williams at Bradshaw Mountain High School in Prescott Valley. On April 21 we awarded Emery Riddle Aeronautical University (ERAU) Army ROTC Cadet Jaydon Harris the MOAA medal and a \$1000 scholarship and the next day we made the same award to ERAU Air Force ROTC Cadet Cameron Todhunter. Finally, on April 28, we presented a \$200 scholarship with the MOAA medal to Prescott High School JROTC cadet Ruari Wall. It was great to meet and award these great young Americans. I would like to thank our Vice President Ray Jordan for his hard work in bringing this

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program together flawlessly and a special thanks to all our membership who contributed generously to make these scholarships possible.

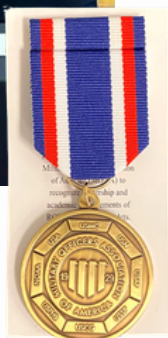
Since our last newsletter, we have also had a change in one of our leadership positions within the Chapter. Former Secretary Roberta Rice has returned to the Chapter Secretary position, replacing Secretary Alex Torrence. Thank you so much Alex and congratulations to Roberta.

As we look forward to our great nation's 250th Birthday in less than two months, I wanted to make our membership aware that the Prescott VA Hospital will be having a large 250 Years of Independence Ceremony on June 26. Details will be announced shortly, and we will forward the information to you as soon as it is received. The VA will also host a Memorial Day Ceremony at the Prescott National Cemetery at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, May 25. Suttle service to the cemetery will run from Yavapai College from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Our next Luncheon will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026. Doors open at 11:15 AM. Please RSVP before Tuesday, June 2. You may RSVP by mailing in the form provided in this Newsletter with your check, or, if you wish to pay at the door, by replying to the email our membership chairman recently sent out or calling me at 928-227-2776 or 210-387-5055 to let us know you're coming. Once again, the luncheon will be at the Prescott Centennial Center, 989 Wineglass Dr., Prescott, AZ 86301. Our speaker for the luncheon is scheduled to be Steven Sample, the Director of the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System. With its main Hospital in Prescott, it's five major clinics in Anthem, Cottonwood, Flagstaff, Kingman, and Lake Havasu City, and it's six smaller clinics across the Navajo and Hopi Reservations, NAVAHCS is the largest provider of medical service to Veterans in Northern Arizona. VA medicine in Northern Arizona continues to grow, come see Steve's presentation of all that's new with VA medicine and NAVAHCS, get a glimpse of what's to come in the near future, and get your questions answered by the senior VA official in Northern Arizona.

I want to leave you with a reminder to keep up your advocacy efforts through MOAA's Legislative Action Center to our leaders in Washington and separately to our State Congressional Delegations in Phoenix. The MOAA advocacy issues are important to so many still serving and their families, our veterans, our retirees, and our surviving spouses. Thank you for all you do, I look forward to seeing you over the coming months, and never stop serving.

Steven G. Woods, COL (Ret), U.S. Army
President NACMOAA Chapter



SCHOLARSHIP & AWARDS PROGRESS REPORT

On April 15 Steve Woods and I went to Bradshaw Mountain High School for the Junior Army ROTC awards ceremony. I gave an award certificate, a medal and a check for \$200.00 to **Savannah Williams**.

On April 21 Steve Woods and I went to Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University for the Army ROTC awards ceremony. I gave an award certificate, a medal and a check for \$1,000.00 to **Jaydon Harris**.

On April 22 I watched the Embry-Riddle Air Force ROTC parade, and then, with Steve Woods, attended the awards ceremony. I gave a certificate, a medal and a check for \$1,000.00 to **Cameron Todhunter**.

On April 28 Steve Woods and I went to Prescott High School for the Junior Air Force ROTC awards ceremony. I gave an award certificate, a medal and a check for \$200.00 to **Ruari Wall**.

Ray Jordan
Vice President, NACMOAA Chapter

JOIN US AT OUR JUNE LUNCHEON: PRESCOTT CENTENNIAL CENTER

10 June 2026 - WEDNESDAY

GATHERING TIME: 11:15 AM

PLACE: 989 Wineglass Dr. Prescott, AZ 86301

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTIONS: 11:30 AM

BUFFET LUNCH: 12:00 PM

Menu

Grilled BBQ Chicken Breast or
House Smoked Pork
Macaroni Salad
Mixed Vegetables
Mixed Spring salad with buttermilk Ranch
Warm rolls and butter.

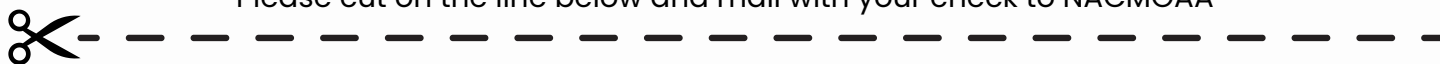
COST: The Buffet Lunch is \$30.00 per person. **The reservation deadline is 2 June.**

IF YOU HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS, PLEASE ADVISE Steve Woods!

Steve must have an accurate attendance count for the caterer by 2 June.

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. The 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 Drive. Turn right onto Clubhouse Drive. The center will be on your left.

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



TO RECEIVE NO LATER THAN 1 APRIL

NACMOAA address is PO Box 95 Dewey, AZ 86327

You may call Steve at 928-227-2776 (leave a message) to place a reservation if you prefer to pay at the door.

LATE NOTICE CANCELLATIONS CANNOT BE REFUNDED

10 June Meeting: Please make checks payable to: NACMOA - All meals are \$30.00

My check for \$_____ is enclosed

Members: _____ Guest: _____

Lunch	\$
2026 Dues (\$30.00)	\$
Scholarship	\$
Total	\$

LUNCHEON SPEAKER



Steve Sample, MS, FACHE, CHC, serves as the Executive Director (Medical Center Director) of the Northern Arizona VA Health Care System (NAVAHCS), where he is responsible for delivering comprehensive healthcare services to Veterans across a vast region of Northern Arizona.

Under his leadership, NAVAHCS operates a Joint Commission–accredited, 220–bed health system that serves approximately 34,000 Veterans over a catchment area exceeding 65,000 square miles.

Mr. Sample assumed the role of Medical Center Director in August 2022, following his service as Interim Director and Associate Director for NAVAHCS. Prior to relocating to Prescott, Arizona, he served as Assistant Director for the Southern Arizona VA Health Care System in Tucson.

A seasoned healthcare executive, Mr. Sample began his career with the Department of Veterans Affairs in 2007, holding key leadership roles in compliance, business integrity, and healthcare operations. His experience includes central office leadership as a team lead within the Veterans Health Administration’s Office of Compliance and Business Integrity.

Before entering federal healthcare leadership, Mr. Sample served 23 years in the United States Air Force, where he held a variety of operational and leadership roles. He is a command pilot who flew combat missions during Operation Desert Storm and served as a deployed commander during Operation Allied Force.

Mr. Sample is a graduate of the Air War College and the Air Command and Staff College, and he completed the Department of Veterans Affairs’ Leadership VA and Health Care Leadership Development Program in 2017.

Passionate about improving Veteran outcomes, Mr. Sample is known for his focus on expanding access to care, strengthening community partnerships, and ensuring Veterans are fully informed about the benefits and services available to them.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER:

Members of NACMOAA may contact our Chaplain, Pete Jensen, anytime for prayer over the phone at (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.

MINUTES OF NAC MOAA BOARD MEETINGS & TREASURER'S REPORT

You may now request a copy of the NACMOAA Board Meeting minutes and/or current Treasurer's Report available through the secretary.

NAC MOAA LADIES LUNCHEONS

We had a fun year trying all types of restaurants around the Prescott area. We have settled on **Gabby's Grill** in Prescott Valley for the foreseeable future. Our gathering dates will continue to be the 2nd Friday of odd-numbered months as follows:

July 10
Sept 11

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.

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MEMBERSHIP & PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER CORNER

Is it Summer yet? Some days it sure feels like it, and other days, not so much. However, I'm enjoying the cooler weather while I can! Ah but although the Summer days can be hot, I always enjoy those Summer mornings and cooler breezy evenings – with occasional afternoon Monsoon showers!

But, as we contemplate our own comfort or discomfort regarding the weather, and if it's too hot for a round of golf, let's not forget our fellow military compatriots who are deployed to the Persian Gulf. To those who have been there, "hot" doesn't begin to describe the scorching temperatures in that region – not to mention the intensity of the combat missions being carried out there. Please keep our service personnel in your thoughts and prayers.

NOTICE! If there is anyone who is well versed in "Word Press" web development systems who would like to take on the role of Public Information Officer and manage our Chapter Website nacmoaa.org, please let me know. I can keep most of the website up to date, but not to the extent needed to attain the standards desired by national MOAA. Please let me know if you have such skills and are willing to take on the job and be of service to our Chapter. Thank you!

To our new members and prospective new chapter members – Welcome! It is an honor and privilege to have you join us. Even those of you who are thinking of joining but may have difficulty making our bi-monthly luncheons, please consider joining anyway as there is strength in numbers for our advocacy efforts. Of course, your dues help, but also your contributions to our scholarship funds and special event funds, such as our sponsorship of the Memorial E.R. Cadet Bataan Death March re-enactment held at White Sands, NM, will help immensely. Your membership and donations are helping to pay it forward as those who came before cared for us. Thank you.

To those of you who wish to make donations to our Scholarship and event funds, and to those who have yet to pay your 2026 Chapter Dues; Please mail your donations by mail to:

NACMOAA
P.O. Box 95
Dewey, AZ 86327
(Make checks payable to: "NACMOAA").

Please RSVP soonest for our June membership luncheon. See elsewhere in this newsletter for details. We're looking forward to seeing you there! Thank you!

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 are gaining new members and want to make them feel appreciated and welcomed. If you see someone at our meetings that you don't recognize, please introduce yourself and welcome them to our NACMOAA family. Thank you.

LCDR H. Spencer O'Neal, USN, (Ret)
Membership Chair/Public Information Officer, NACMOAA
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The image displays three promotional posters for Dick Jonas' works. The left poster is green and features the title "A Fighter Pilot Looks At the World Upside Down" and "Book 4 of a Philosophical Memoir by Dick Jonas" with an image of a fighter jet. The middle poster is white and features the title "The Light In The Window" and "EROSONIC, LLC Album Thirty Two" with an image of a pilot in a cockpit. The right poster is blue and features the title "PTF Passing the Flame by DICK JONAS" and "The original companion to seven albums of military battle (songs, lyrics, and stories)" with an image of a fighter jet. Below the posters is contact information for EROSONIC, LLC: PO Box 1226, Chino Valley AZ 86323, 928-710-3742, www.erosonic.com, 40 CDs, Streams online, 8 books with song lyrics, stories, pictures.



LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS UPDATE

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

MOAA's Summer Advocacy in Action (AiA) Campaign



NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE ACTION

MOAA's Advocacy in Action campaign was a great success and Arizona was well represented! On April 15, 2026, more than 160 MOAA volunteers from across the nation made over 300 in-person visits with members of the Senate and House of Representatives and their staffs. Arizona's AiA team included:

1. **CAPT Bruce Kosaveach, USN (Ret)** – President, Arizona Chapter; Team Captain; and First Vice President, Arizona Council of Chapters
2. **Col Pete Kloeber, USAF (Ret)** – Membership Chair, Grand Canyon Chapter; and Member, MOAA National Board of Directors
3. **Col Tom Waddell, USAF (Ret)** – President, Grand Canyon Chapter; and Legislative Chair, Arizona Council of Chapters
4. **Nora Durham** – Surviving Spouse Liaison, Green Valley Chapter; and Member, MOAA National Surviving Spouse Advisory Committee

Bruce, Pete, Tom, and Nora got their steps in as they visited the offices of both Arizona senators and six of Arizona's nine representatives. The team met face-to-face with Senator Mark Kelly, Representative David Schweikert (District 1), and Representative Eli Crane (District 2). They also met with senior staff members for Senator Ruben Gallego and Representatives Greg Stanton (District 4), Andy Biggs (District 5), Juan Ciscomani (District 6), and Abe Hamadeh (District 8). Each visit was positive, professional, and productive. Members and staff were receptive and appreciative of the information they were provided on MOAA's 2026 Advocacy in Action priorities:

1. Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168)
2. Military Care Act (H.R. 6796)
3. Major Richard Star Act (S. 1032 / H.R. 2101)
4. GUARD VA Benefits Act (H.R. 1732)

The most important takeaway from the Capitol Hill visits is simple: grassroots advocacy works. Each office confirmed that constituent outreach is one of the most effective ways to promote legislation and ensure our congressional delegation understands what matters to the people they serve. As Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), MOAA President and CEO, reminds us: "Every voice matters. And the more members who participate, the more powerful we can become." That means your voice matters. Please stay active through MOAA's Legislative Action Center at <https://moaa.quorum.us>. Our earned benefits require constant attention, and it is up to each of us to help protect and preserve them. It only takes a few minutes to visit the LAC, send a message, and make sure your voice is heard in Washington.

Contact Your Congressional Members

Make your voice heard directly by reaching out:

- Senator Mark Kelly – kelly.senate.gov | (202) 224-2235 | Phoenix: (602) 671-7901
- Senator Ruben Gallego – gallego.senate.gov | (202) 224-4521 | Phoenix: (602)256-0551
- Representative Eli Crane – crane.house.gov | (202) 225-3361 | Prescott: (928)286-5338

U.S 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)

ARIZONA LEGISLATIVE ACTION

The Arizona Legislature continues to consider legislation in committees in both the Senate and the House. Several bills supported by Arizona MOAA have made progress this session, although some have stalled and may not reach the floor of either chamber before adjournment. These include:

1. HB2165 – State Park Pass Fee Exemption
2. HB2165 passed the House but is currently awaiting action by two Senate committees.
3. SB1050 – State Park Fees Exemption
4. SB1050 passed the Senate but is currently awaiting action by one House committee.
5. HB2960 – Veterans’ Specialty Court Grant Program

HB2960 passed the House but is currently awaiting action by two Senate committees. One very positive development is the progress of HB2120, which has superseded SB1365. HB2120 would expand the property tax exemption to all 100% disabled veterans. It also excludes Social Security benefits, Railroad Retirement benefits, and Veterans pensions from “income from all sources” when determining eligibility for the property tax exemption income cap. HB2120 has passed both chambers and should soon be transmitted to the Governor for signature. This is an important step forward for Arizona’s disabled veterans and their families. As the session comes to a close, Arizona MOAA will continue working with the Veterans Caucus and other partners to identify and support veteran-focused legislation for the next session. Our goal is to work with bill sponsors early so that strong, well-developed legislation can be introduced before the 2027 legislative session begins in January. Thanks for supporting our state-level advocacy program through your calls, letters, and RTS participation! As with our national priorities, grass roots advocacy works! As our chapter now covers three legislative districts, please check your current voter registration card to see what Legislative District you belong to. State legislative delegation contact information is as follows:

Arizona Legislative 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) 926-3258

Arizona Legislative 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

Arizona Legislative 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

Grassroots advocacy works, but only if you take the time to participate!



NACMOAA SURVIVING SPOUSE LIAISON

By Sharon Douglas



The month of May is designated as Gold Star Awareness Month, a time to honor and pay tribute to the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in service to our country. We remember their courage, dedication, and selflessness, and extend our heartfelt gratitude to the families who continue to bear the weight of their loss. This month, we stand in solidarity with Gold Star families, acknowledging the strength and resilience they display as they carry on the legacy of their loved ones. Never Forget. Honor, Remember, Respect.

Gold Star spouses from around the country recently meet with Congress to advocate on behalf of all uniformed services survivors.

Kathy Prout, a MOAA Life member and founding member of Gold Star Spouses of America (GSFA), organization led an April 21 campaign on the Hill that included several MOAA members and staff among the advocacy teams meeting with legislative leaders.

GSSA outlined three legislative priorities, and MOAA backs each of them:

The Caring for Survivors Act (H.R. 2055 | S. 611). Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) rates for survivors of those who die in the line of duty, or of veterans who die of service-connected ailments, have been only minimally adjusted since 1993. They now rest at 43% of a 100% disabled veteran's compensation; this bill would raise that rate to 55%, resulting in about \$450 more per month and matching the compensation percentage offered by similar federal programs.

The bill also allows more survivors who have cared for a disabled veteran to claim DIC benefits. Current law requires a veteran to have been totally disabled by a service-connected condition for at least 10 years for a survivor to qualify for DIC. The Caring for Survivors Act would reduce this to five years.

The Sharri Briley and Eric Edmundson Veterans Benefits Expansion Act (H.R. 6047). This bill would increase the rate of DIC to provide additional financial support for survivors and increase the rate of Special Monthly Compensation (SMC) to boost financial support for catastrophically service-connected disabled veterans.

The Love Lives on Act (H.R. 1004 | S. 410). This bill would allow surviving spouses to maintain certain benefits, including DIC and Survivor Benefit Plan payments, regardless of the age at which they remarry. Current law revokes these benefits if the spouse remarries before age 55, leaving many young spouses a stark choice: Restore a two-parent household or maintain financial security.

We must continue to keep these important issues in front of our lawmakers until they are passed into law. **Please continue to call, write, and email your concerns.** Visit the MOAA Advocacy in Action webpage at: <https://moaa.quorum.us/>

There are formatted pre-filled forms for you to sign or you can personalize to highlight your concerns and situation.

May is Military Appreciation Month



May 2026 is National Military Appreciation Month, a dedicated time to honor the U.S. Armed Forces, veterans, and their families. Designated by Congress, this month highlights the sacrifices of service members and includes major observances like Armed Forces Day and Memorial Day, featuring widespread community events and company discounts.

Exclusive MOAA discounts can be found at:

<https://www.moaa.org/content/benefits-and-discounts/MOAA-exclusive-discounts/>

Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony

Prescott National Cemetery will be hosting a Memorial Day Remembrance Ceremony on May 25, 2026.

When: Mon. May 25, 2026, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. MT

Where: Prescott National Cemetery 500 AZ-89 Prescott, AZ

Cost: Free

Prescott National Cemetery invites the public to join them at the cemetery in honoring those who have served. The ceremony will feature a Posting of the Colors and guest speakers.

Parking & Shuttle Information:

Free parking will be available at Yavapai College Prescott Campus. Shuttle service will run between the college and the cemetery.

- Shuttles begin at 9:00 a.m. Last shuttle to the cemetery departs at 10:30 a.m.
- Event parking signage will be posted throughout the college campus

Contact Information:

For questions about the ceremony, parking, or shuttle services, please contact:

Josh Sisson Email: joshua.sisson@va.gov Phone: 928-495-8476

Volunteer Opportunities:

Community members are invited to assist with placing and retrieving flags:

- Flag Placement: Friday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m. (parking available at cemetery for volunteers)
- Flag Pickup: Tuesday, May 26 at 10:00 a.m.

TRICARE logins are transitioning to a new system for accessing TRICARE-related platforms and other government sites. The new login system is named myAuth. The DS LOGON is due to sunset at the end of the 2026 fiscal year (30 September 2026). For more information

<https://newsroom.tricare.mil/News/TRICARE-News/Article/4477500/tricare-logins-transitioning-to-myauth-in-2026-what-you-need-to-know>

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 10 June NAC Luncheon.

All the best;
Sharon



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VETERANS SUICIDE PREVENTION LINE

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (now known as the 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline) is now active across the United States. When people call or text 988, they will be connected to trained counselors who 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

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

Veterans Handbook - <https://www.va.gov/welcome-kit/>

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 the 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.



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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 _____

E-Mail _____

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 # _____

Dues for Surviving Spouse is \$5/yr

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

Signature _____ Date _____

Mail check and application to: NACMOAA Treasurer, PO Box 95, Dewey AZ 86327



April Luncheon



U.S. VETS IS AN ARIZONA QUALIFYING CHARITY

You can donate up to **\$987** for a joint tax return or **\$495** per individual return

Your donation helps provide critical services for our veterans

3 Ways to donate

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