

# **Alameda Chapter Express**

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**President's Message** 

Sue Stewart, CAPT, USN (Ret)

Happy belated St. Patrick's Day! Since this is traditionally a religious holiday, why is drinking (and eating corn beef) one of the main events? Well, many Irish-Americans come from a Catholic background and may be fasting alcohol or not eating meat on Fridays during the season of Lent until Easter. But, the "fast" rule here is that on St. Patrick's Day, it is the one day during the season that they are allowed to break their fast. It was not until the Irish started immigrating to the U.S. that the holiday picked popularity. In fact, Revolutionary War soldiers were actually the first ones to hold a St. Patrick's Day parade, in 1762!

Although March is a bit quiet for Chapter events, please mark your calendars for the next Member meeting on 18 April (11 am) as well as the Coast Guard All Retire event on 27 April (8 am - noon). Both events are at CGI Alameda in Building #4.

MOAA National has this Chapter at around 96 members (including active duty and spouses), and we need your help to bring in new members and get current members to renew their Chapter dues for 2024. If you are not sure if you

## 2024 General Meetings \*

Coast Guard Island, Alameda Point Welcome Room Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>; 11:00 Zoom at Noon

# **Board of Directors Meetings**

Coast Guard Island, Alameda

Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, Zoom, 5:00 pm

Apr. TBD

May 7th, Tuesday, Zoom, 5:00 pm

## President's Message...continued

owe for 2024 (maybe you paid for more than one year), then contact our Membership Chair, Rudolf Bredderman. Unfortunately, we cannot list who owes dues or who has paid in advance for privacy reasons. One area that we urgently need your support is for members to volunteer to join the board. We currently are seeking board members for 2025 for all roles as well as members to assume the roles of Membership Chair or Treasurer for 2024. The board meets monthly with a majority of our sessions via Zoom. If you are interested in being a board member, please contact me: scscode10@yahoo.com.

Besides reading our ACE newsletter and checking out our website, I encourage Members to review the MOAA National website (https://www.moaa.org). The MOAA website has the latest on legislative outreach activities, COLA watch, transitional job seminars, and more. MOAA members and supporters can stay up to date on key issues affecting military and veterans' the community by registering in the online Action Legislative Center MOAA.org/takeaction. This online tool also makes it easy to send pre-formatted messages to your elected officials. I encourage you to sign today!

**Sue Stewart** info@alamedamoaa.org

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## Stay Informed

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#### **2024 Upcoming Events**

- Mar 27<sup>th</sup> Transgender Day of Visibility
- Apr 27<sup>th</sup> NCGRC Retiree Seminar
- May 18<sup>th</sup> SS Jeremiah O'Brien Seaman's Memorial Cruise
- Oct 10<sup>th</sup> 2024 Fleet Week Event

#### **Upcoming Guest Speakers**

We are excited to share the guest speakers for our upcoming Spring Chapter Meetings:

On **April 18th**, fellow chapter member, CAPT David Foote, USNR (Ret.) will share his extensive expertise on NATO to include the impact of Russia's invasion of Ukraine and the newest members Finland and Sweden.

On **June 13th**, <u>Rear Admiral Michael Schwerin</u>, Reserve Deputy, Navy Personnel Command and Special Assistant - Talent Management Center of Excellence. RDML Schwerin will cover a wide range of topics including the Navy's groundbreaking Peak Performance Program specifically designed to prepare Sailors with the physical and mental strength and resiliency to win in combat and in life.

Look for detailed biographies and presentation topics in upcoming communications. And please bring your questions and forward your ideas and connections for future speakers.

# General Membership Meeting Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

11:00 - 1300 Coast Guard Island, Bldg. #4, Point Welcome Room. Zoom starts at noon.

For Base access contact: LTC Rodney Grayson, secretary@alamedamoaa.org, (925)337-0241

#### Membership

# Rudolf Bredderman, Acting Membership Director

Please welcome as new members two spouses of current members: Mrs. Donna Phair

(Col. James "Skip" Phair, USA, Ret.) and Mr. Michael Schoonover (Capt. Ramona Chávez, USAF, Ret).

We had a total of 22 membership renewals for 2024 in February. With the enrollment of two new spousal members on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 11 active-duty members, our total 2024 membership is now up to 73. I was able to make contact with one more of our active-duty members in February. So, my best estimate of our current number of active-duty members is now eleven.

But, 27 of our 2023 members have not, as yet, renewed their membership for 2024. Several members of our Chapter Board of Directors are "reaching out" to these 2023 members who have not renewed for 2024. Hopefully, most will decide to renew.

If you have any doubt if your dues are paid for 2024, please contact me by email <u>bredderman@sbcglobal.net</u> or give me a call (510) 796-2485.

If you meet or socialize with any current or former military officers. and you believe they could be interested in becoming members of MOAA and/or members of our Alameda County Chapter try to get some contact

#### **MEMBERSHIP DUES**

Send check to the Alameda County Chapter, MOAA, c/o - Send check for annual dues payable to the Alameda County Chapter, MOAA. To: Rudolf Bredderman, 35923 Romilly Court, Fremont, CA 94536.

\$20 for regular members, \$5 for Surviving Spouses and Spouses, free for Active Duty.

information. Share that contact information with me and I'll try to recruit them to join our Chapter. Or, better still, just have them submit a membership application – one is attached at the end of this newsletter.

### **Legislative Update**

Skip Phair, Legislative Liaison

California has entered a very challenging fiscal year for planning its budget. The shortfall in revenue versus anticipated expenses is estimated to be \$38-73 billion. This problem has been aggravated by lower tax receipts in 2023 from economic slowdown and IRS induced delays in response to the forest fires earlier in the year. The California Constitution prohibits the Legislature from sending to the Governor, and the Governor from signing into law, a budget bill that would appropriate funds greater than the revenues for that year. In addition, Government Code requires that projected expenditures shall not exceed projected revenues for the ensuing fiscal year.

<u>AB 46</u>, tax exclusion of military retirement and survivor benefit, anticipates a \$50-150 million reduction in tax revenue the first year. For the bill to have a chance of being approved by the California Senate and signed by Governor Newsom we need to maintain visibility of the bill and emphasize the increased revenue benefit to California economy. Chapter members are strongly encouraged to <u>send a letter or email</u> (<u>page 10</u>) to the new Senate Appropriations Chair, Ana Cabellero (available on chapter website) that provides documentation of this point.

As part of MOAA's Federal advocacy strategy to support aging and disabled veteran, chapter members are encouraged to contact your representatives to support two priority bills for long-term care. The Elizabeth Dole Home Care Act (H.R. 542, S. 141) which has passed the House, would require the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) to establish agreements with outside providers to furnish medical and social services to veterans who are not in VA nursing homes. The bill also would require VA to improve in-home assistance and support for caregivers of veterans and raise the limit on expenses for nursing home care provided outside of VA facilities. Expanding Veterans' Options for Long Term Care Act (H.R. 1815 and S. 495) A bipartisan bill supported in both chambers would allow the VA to launch a pilot program to look at the effectiveness of paying for assisted living services. Currently, the VA is unable to pay room and board expenses at these facilities.

You can write your representatives or use the <u>MOAA Action Center</u> to support this legislation and several other bills for aged and disabled veterans.

We still need your voice! Help the Senate Appropriations Committee understand the importance of supporting AB 46.

Please contact the Chairman of the Appropriations Committee and send your letter in (page 10)! <u>Assembly Bill 46 Letter/Email to Senator Anna M. Caballero</u>

# **Contact your representative:**

- Look up your California Representatives: <a href="https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/">https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov/</a>
- Governor Gavin Newsom: <a href="https://www.gov.ca.gov/contact/">https://www.gov.ca.gov/contact/</a>

## **Native American Women in the Military**



During World War I, several Native American women volunteered to join the Army Nurse Corps, before they were even considered American citizens. During World War II, Native American women volunteers grew to about 800, joining various women's branches of the military, including Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC, Women's Reserve or Women Accepted for Volunteer Emergency Service (WAVES), Women Marines, Coast Guard Women's Reserve, and Women's Airforce Service Pilots (WASP). Native

American women continued to serve throughout our history, during the Korean War, Vietnam War era, Persian Gulf War and in the Post-9/11 era conflicts, and in several notable roles, from nurses to pilots and more. Native American women now serve in all branches of the Armed Forces.

# AlamedaMoaa.Org

# Seaman's Memorial Cruise May 19th

Saturday, May 18, 2024 Boarding 9:00am, Cruising 10:00 to 2:00pm Departs from Pier 35, Fisherman's Wharf

The Seaman's Memorial Cruise is an annual tradition for the SS Jeremiah O'Brien. It commemorates the gallantry of all veterans who have served in defense of America's freedom. Just outside the Golden Gate Bridge a wreath-laying ceremony is conducted complete with Color Guard.



This cruise is free for World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War Veterans. Complete the printable Order Form V for veterans tickets.

Food and drink are complimentary. Coffee and donuts are available upon boarding. Water, soft drinks, beer and wine are also provided. Vendors are TBA.

Form more information visit: <a href="http://alamedamoaa.org/get\_Calendar\_details.cfm?Calendarid=275">http://alamedamoaa.org/get\_Calendar\_details.cfm?Calendarid=275</a>



#### **VA Benefits for Surviving Spouses**

Sue Gonzales, Surviving Spouse Liaison

I recently had the opportunity to work with one of our members in filing her claim for surviving spouse benefits through the VA. I know this felt like a daunting task, but the County Veterans Services Officers are an

invaluable resource for all the benefits that survivors and dependents are qualified to receive. They really went above and beyond to assist her!

### Those benefits include:

- **Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC)** a monthly tax-free benefit paid to a surviving spouse, including additional payments for dependent children. Parents' DIC is paid to surviving parents based on financial need.
- Survivors' Pension a monthly income based tax-free benefit payable to a surviving spouse and/or child(ren) of a deceased Veteran with wartime service Access Your VA Benefits Go to eBenefits at www.ebenefits.va.gov, your one-stop shop to learn about and apply for your benefits.
- The Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA) a benefit that provides reimbursement for most medical expenses to certain surviving spouses and dependents of Veterans with permanent and total service-connected disabilities who are not eligible for TRICARE.
- **Dependents' Educational Assistance Program (DEA)** a benefit that provides assistance to obtain a degree and pursue other eligible education and training.
- **Home Loans** a benefit that may be used to help purchase, construct, or improve a home. It may also be used to refinance a mortgage.

• **Burial** — a benefit that includes furnishing a headstone, marker, or medallion, a burial allowance, a Presidential Memorial Certificate, and an American flag to drape over the deceased's casket, as well as the option of burial in a VA national cemetery.

The <u>California Association of County Veterans Services Officers</u>, Inc has a toll-free number to connect you with personnel in your area. Their number is 844/737-8838.

#### The local CVSO offices are:

- Alameda Co: (Lead Position is Vacant) 510/577-1926
  - o Alameda County has five locations in Oakland, Livermore, Fremont and Hayward
- Contra Costa Co: Joshua Zebley 925/313-1481
  - o Contra Costa also has outstations in Brentwood, Danville and San Pablo
- Marin Co: Sean Stephens 415/473-6193
- San Francisco Co: Elena Kim 415/934-4200
- San Mateo Co: Ed Kiryczun 650/802-6598

If anyone has any questions, please feel free to contact me. I will research and help you find the answers. Telephone: 510.325.5577 or Email: slspkg509@aol.com

I hope everyone enjoys the nice weather we are having and looking forward to Spring!

#### **Time to Update Your Info**

Bill Garcia, Personal Affairs

Spring is the time for Spring cleaning and also a good time to clean up your personal information with entities you regularly do business with.

Assure your information with DEERS is correct and up to date. That directly impacts pay and medical benefits.

Also important is your personal information with MOAA, both national and the Alameda County chapter.

In both cases it is as easy as logging in and taking a few minutes to review what they have about you.

And while you are at it, look over insurance policies and financial matters to ensure things such as names of beneficiaries, addresses, and phone numbers are correct.

Happy Spring!

#### **Camp Lejune Justice Act**

The deadline for filing a legal claim under the Camp Lejeune Justice Act is August 10th. If you are looking for assistance, contact MCRA's entrusted law firm **Baird Mandalas Brockstedt & Federico**. Read this educational and informative article for answers to questions you may still have. To learn more **click here**. Baird Mandalas Brockstedt & Federico is a corporate sponsor of The Association.



# Apply Today for a 2024 HIRE Vets Medallion Award!

Did you know that employers of all sizes can receive an award from the U.S. Department of Labor for their efforts to recruit, employ and retain America's veterans?

The 2024 HIRE Vets Medallion Award Program is now accepting applications! Learn more and apply online at HIREVets.gov.

The award highlights companies and organizations committed to hiring and retaining America's veterans in good, family-sustaining careers.

The HIRE Vets Medallion Award is the only federal-level veterans' employment award that recognizes employers.

The application deadline is April 30, 2023

Award recipients will receive a certificate and digital images of the medallion for use as part of their marketing and promotional activities. For more information, visit **HIREVets.gov**.

Apply Today

#### **VA Expands In Vitro fertilization for Veterans**

Kimberly M. Mitchell, Office of the Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs

**WASHINGTON** — Today, the Department of Veterans Affairs announced that it will soon be able to provide in vitro fertilization (IVF) to eligible unmarried Veterans and eligible Veterans in same-sex marriages. VA will also be able to provide IVF to Veterans using donated sperm or eggs — a critical step toward helping Veterans who are not able to produce their own sperm or eggs due to service-connected injuries and health conditions.

Under existing law, all Veterans who receive IVF from VA must be unable to procreate without the use of fertility treatment due to a health condition caused by their military service. Before today's expansion of care, VA was only allowed to provide IVF services to Veterans who were legally married and – within that relationship – able to produce their own gametes (both eggs and sperm). Under this expansion of care, VA will offer IVF benefits to qualifying Veterans regardless of marital status and – for the first time – allow the use of donor eggs, sperm, and embryos.

VA is taking immediate steps to implement this policy and expects to be ready to deliver this care to Veterans nationwide in the coming weeks.

"Raising a family is a wonderful thing, and I'm proud that VA will soon help more Veterans have that opportunity," said **VA Secretary Denis McDonough.** "This expansion of care has long been a priority for us, and we are working urgently to make sure that eligible unmarried Veterans, Veterans in same-sex marriages, and Veterans who need donors will have access to IVF in every part of the country as soon as possible."

All Veterans enrolled in VA health care are eligible for a wide range of reproductive health services at VA – including maternity care, gynecology care, access to contraceptives, cervical cancer screening, menopause care, and more. All enrolled Veterans are also eligible for fertility evaluation, management and select treatment for fertility conditions.

VA can also <u>cover up to \$2000 of adoption expenses</u> for Veterans who have a service-connected disability that causes infertility. Under current law, however, VA is not authorized to cover surrogacy for any Veterans.

VA has advocated for this IVF expansion for years, including submitting repeated legislative proposals to expand IVF services at VA.

This expansion of care is a part of VA's continuing efforts to support Veterans who are seeking to grow their families. Last year, VA also <u>expanded access</u> to maternity care coordinators to 12 months postpartum. These coordinators help Veterans navigate health care inside and outside of VA, connect Veterans with care after delivery, ensure access to follow-up screenings, and <u>more</u>. This is particularly critical at a time when pregnancies in women Veterans using VA care have increased by more than 80% since 2014, from 6,950 pregnancies in 2014 to 12,524 in 2022.

For more information about reproductive health at VA, visit <u>VA.gov/ReproductiveHealth</u>. For more information about IVF at VA, visit here.

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# VA announces 2024 Equity Action Plan New Actions Ensuring all Veterans Receive Health Care and Benefits Earned

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

VA recognizes that Veterans face the same systemic inequities that are reflected in the general American population. As a federal steward to nearly 19 million Veterans, VA must lead by example, exhibiting a more inclusive environment in which all who rely on our services feel safe, welcome and also receive the benefits and care they have earned. This includes ensuring all Veterans, including Veterans from underserved communities, have improved service delivery and customized services at each phase of the Veteran's journey to meet every Veteran where they are. It also includes creating opportunities to enhance access, outcomes and experiences while eliminating barriers to care and benefits.

VA continues to focus on ensuring equitable outcomes for all Veterans. As a part of this focus, VA has taken significant action to cultivate and sustain access to care and benefits through the following:

- Engagement with Veterans and their communities, including underserved communities.
- Policy and operational changes such as grantmaking programs, research and training programs; and

• Executing historic legislation, including the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act of 2022 (P.L. 117-168

In fiscal year (FY) 2024, VA will make progress through executing five strategies that will address systemic barriers experienced when applying for disability compensation; address difficulties achieving equitable health care outcomes; and providing equitable access to VA care and benefits. VA will create and expand opportunities in procurement that will target underrepresented communities and contribute to economic improvements. VA will continue its efforts in Veteran-centered data collection and evidence-based decision-making to inform and improve the overall health, well-being and trust of those we serve.

Five Strategies: Benefits, Health, Access, Economic Security, Data

For more information visit: https://department.va.gov/equity/

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#### **2024 Alameda MOAA Board Members**

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President: CAPT Susan Stewart, USN Immediate Past Pres: CAPT Fred Jaffin, USN First Vice President: LTC Paul Gonzales, USA

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#### AB 46 Letter/Email to Senator Anna M. Caballero

#### Senator Anna M. Caballero

Chair, Senate Appropriations Committee California State Capitol, Room 412 Sacramento CA 95814

March 20, 2024

# Please Keep Veterans in California: Support <u>AB 46</u>: Military Services Retirement and Surviving Spouse Benefit Payment Act

Senator Caballero,

I am writing in support of <u>Assembly Bill 46</u>, Exemption of Military Retirement from State Income Taxes, introduced by Assemblyman James Ramos during the 2023 session. California has more military bases than any other state and over 160,000 military personnel assigned to those bases. Billions of Department of Defense dollars flow into California every year to support our military and military retirees. In addition, military retirees provide an experienced workforce for critical professions in California. Data estimates that California has lost over \$200 million dollars to the state's economy annually due to the declining military retiree population. According to a recent report over 500,000 veterans have fled California to other states. How much has that cost California's economy?

Assemblymember Ramos recognizes the importance of retaining our experienced and skilled military retiree workforce in California and introduced <u>AB 46</u> in 2023 to provide an exemption from state income tax to military retired pay and military survivor benefits in California. AB 46 was passed by the Assembly last session with overwhelming bipartisan support, because it makes good fiscal and common sense! Military retirees, according to DoD data, provided over four billion dollars to California's economy in 2021.

The State's Finance personnel painted a negative picture of the direct costs, in terms of lost tax revenues, when testifying before your committee on AB 46 last session. But, they fail to provide data that details, or even considers, the much greater loss of billions of federal dollars that come into California's economy to support those military retirees, such as VA Hospital funding, Medicare, Tricare to name a few.

I am extremely grateful for elected officials such as James Ramos, Bob Archuleta, Shannon Grove, Brian Dahle, Jacqui Irwin and others who have voiced strong support for AB 46. Congressional Representative Adam Schiff has even written a letter of support, citing the billions of dollars that will flow into California's economy by keeping military retirees in California. Let's stop this exodus of a highly skilled and experienced workforce and federal dollars to other states and remove the stigma of California being one of the most tax "unfriendly" states for military retirees to call home.

# Respectfully,

Signature

Name, Address [Title if applicable] [Organization if applicable]

#### **Membership in National MOAA**

Rudolf Bredderman - Acting Membership

Please keep your contact information in the national MOAA database up to date. I can review it, but I cannot change it. You can update your contact information by logging into your membership account at MOAA.org and accessing your "Profile Info" page. Members can also call or email the Member Service Center and one of MOAA's Member Service Representatives would be happy to update the necessary information. Members can email msc@moaa.org or call 1-800-234-6622 for further assistance.

It is important that Chapter members who are Premium (Annual) members of national MOAA keep their national MOAA membership current with the payment of annual dues; or upgrade to "LIFE" membership in national MOAA. I guess, another option would be to downgrade to "Basic" membership but with the loss of the MOAA's monthly Military Officer magazine and the loss of a few other premium member benefits. A comparison of member benefits at each membership level can be reviewed at <a href="https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/">https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/</a>

#### **MOAA National 2024 Dues Increase:**

National dues have slightly increased as of January 1, 2024. This increase assures MOAA's ability to maintain, improve, and deliver the member benefits and services you receive, including our robust legislative advocacy efforts. If you or your chapter members have questions about the dues increase, please contact our Member Service Center at (800) 234-6622. Please view the 2024 dues structure and associated member benefits here: <a href="https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/">https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/</a>

MOAA Membership Costs as of 1 January 2024

### **Basic MOAA membership is FREE!**

# **Premium (Annual) Membership:** Annual Dues

	Regular Members	Surviving Spouses**
One Year	\$62	\$56
Two Years	\$106	\$95
Three Years	\$140	\$126

Note\*\* If you are the surviving spouse of a military officer who was a LIFE Member of MOAA, you are a LIFE Member of MOAA and do not pay annual due.

<u>Life Membership</u>: LIFE membership cost varies from \$921 for someone 49 years old or less to \$107 if you are 95 to 99 years old. If you are over 100, LIFE Membership is FREE. LIFE membership passes to your spouse if you predecease your spouse.

MOAA membership is incredibly significant when MOAA lobbies Congress on issues important to the military community. To join national MOAA visit https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/

If you need help in becoming a member of national MOAA, let me know. If I have your written permission, I can sign you up to be a "Basic" MOAA member at no cost. The best way is to send me an email <a href="mailto:sbcglobal.net">bredderman@sbcglobal.net</a>>



National MOAA and the Alameda MOAA Chapter are nonpartisan organizations.

To join, visit <a href="https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/">https://www.moaa.org/content/join-moaa/why-join-moaa/</a>

# You defend the country. We defend your benefits. <u>Join Now</u>

# **Resources at Your Fingertips**

- Need a DD-214? Visit https://www.va.gov/records/get-military-service-records/
- DOL VETS: <a href="https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets">https://www.dol.gov/agencies/vets</a> The U.S. Department of Labor is the Congressionally mandated lead agency for programs and services to veterans, transitioning service members, and military spouses.
- Alameda, MOAA Board Members for 2021: http://www.alamedamoaa.org/Chapter-Officers
- MOAA Alameda Membership/Renewal Application Last page of newsletter or online here:
   <a href="http://www.alamedamoaa.org/Join">http://www.alamedamoaa.org/Join</a>
- MOAA National application <a href="http://www.moaa.org/Content/Join-MOAA/Why-join-MOAA.aspx">http://www.moaa.org/Content/Join-MOAA/Why-join-MOAA.aspx</a>
   Alameda Chapter Website <a href="http://www.alamedamoaa.org">http://www.alamedamoaa.org</a>
- California MOAA Council Website: https://www.californiamoaa.com/
- Alameda Chapter Editorial and Privacy Policy: <a href="http://alamedamoaa.org/Editorial-and-Privacy-Policies">http://alamedamoaa.org/Editorial-and-Privacy-Policies</a>
- MOAA Legislative Update/Action Center: <a href="http://alamedamoaa.org/Legislative-Update">http://alamedamoaa.org/Legislative-Update</a>
- Useful Websites for California Veterans
- CA Legislation:

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml

- California State Senate: <a href="http://senate.ca.gov/">http://senate.ca.gov/</a>
- California State Assembly: http://assembly.ca.gov/
- To find CA Law, including the Military and Veterans

Code: https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/codes.xhtml

- Find your State and Local Legislator: http://votesmart.org/
- CALMOAA Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/groups/582556558468846
- Northern California Coast Guard Retiree Council Website is NCCGRC.org
- MOAA MOAA's TRICARE Toolkit
- PACT Act General PSA (30): <a href="https://youtu.be/Rj1Eo0C\_UNE">https://youtu.be/Rj1Eo0C\_UNE</a>
- PACT Act General PSA (15): <a href="https://youtu.be/1-MPpbhRPS0">https://youtu.be/1-MPpbhRPS0</a>
- PACT Act Veteran PSA (30): <a href="https://youtu.be/tulW0c76pC0">https://youtu.be/tulW0c76pC0</a>
- PACT Act Veteran PSA (15): https://youtu.be/ohaeNLC6fRY
- PACT Act Doctor PSA (30): https://youtu.be/0gEf3wEr81A
- PACT Act Doctor PSA (15): https://youtu.be/P4Z04L16 2A
- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (30): https://youtu.be/fDGw1ykpQ 0
- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (15): https://youtu.be/W94lGxmqlFo
- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (Spanish, 30): https://youtu.be/l9o42 7COmY
- PACT Act Caregiver PSA (Spanish, 15): https://youtu.be/AzrE5Gdrejc
- PACT Act Benefits PSA (30): https://youtu.be/LDH5rcSW0q0



# 2024 Alameda MOAA Membership Application

Please Check One	Please Check One				
New Member Renewal	Officer	Spouse Surviving Spouse			
	Name and Rank of qualifying officer's spouse:				
Military Status (please check on Active Duty	e) Retired	Guard/Re	eserve	Former / Inactive	
U.S. Service (please check one)  Army Navy	Air Force USPHS	Coast Gu	-	Marine Corps NOAA	
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Spouses Name:	City		Jtate		
I am interested in participating in a Cha	pter office or co	ommittee Yes	No		
Membership is for the calendar year commencing 1 January of each year.					
Annual Dues: 1) Active Duty: \$0 2) F	Regular: \$20/\$	510 if joining after Jul	y 1 <b>3) Spou</b> s	e/Surviving Spouse: \$5	
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