

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Greetings, Green Valley MOAA Chapter!*



Happy Spring to all of you!

As I write this, it is now the beginning of April, and we are coming to the end of the first part of our 2025 program year. A hearty thanks to all the 2025 Board Members who have been looking after everything for me



since Barbara and I have been traveling most of January and March. Our Green Valley MOAA Chapter is now looking forward to our biggest event of the year, our Scholarship Dinner and Award Ceremony, when we will award JROTC Scholarships and University of AZ Educational Grants to Veteran students. We hope to have a very large turnout to welcome and honor all our selected award winners and their proud families. I am hopeful we will see most of you there at the Post 66 American Legion on Duval Mine Road for this great event in May. Our Scholarship Director, Marianne Rogers Faust, Col, USAF, (Ret), has again done a fantastic job coordinating with all the local high school JROTC programs and with the Veteran's Student Office at the University of AZ. Thanks to Marianne's tireless efforts, we had a slate of great candidates and have selected our awardees.

Our 1VP and Treasurer, Lee Staab, COL, USA, (Ret), has enrolled our chapter in the new national MOAA online dues and events payment system. He will be putting together a tutorial on how to use the system. When it is fully activated, members will be able to pay all dues online.

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Additionally, our hope is to set everything up so that all our meetings/dinners/luncheons' registrations and payments can be made with this system as well, obviating the necessity of writing a check and putting it and a registration form in the mail. We will be able to accomplish it all online.

We continue in our mission of bringing a wide range of support to military members, veterans, and their families. We welcome all members' input and help to accomplish this mission. If you would like to become more active in the chapter, contact me or one of the other board members. We are always looking for more help, and, of course, potential new board members. We also look forward to seeing you at one of our board meetings. We meet at Friends In Deed on La Canada in Green Valley on the second Wednesday of each month at 0900. All members are welcome to attend any meeting. We do not have any board meetings in June, July and August.

As reported earlier, in January we again submitted our applications to National MOAA for a Level of Excellence Award (LOE) for our overall service to the military community and the Communications Award for our Newsletter and Website. Last year our Chapter, along with the other Arizona Chapters, was awarded a Five Star Level for both and we hope to do so again. The award announcements from MOAA should be made soon. We are hopeful we will attain another 5-Star rating.

Our next Community Event at which we will be participating will be at the Quail Creek Independence Day Ceremony and Parade on July 4<sup>th</sup>. We will again have a table out in front of Madera Clubhouse, where we will be selling Jim Click Raffle tickets to win the new car/truck, a nice 1<sup>st</sup> class flight or \$5,000 cash. We hope to again have the Jim Click vehicle on display near our table as we have had the past couple of years. Come by, admire the vehicle, buy some tickets, say hello, support your MOAA Chapter. We hope to see you there!

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### ✂ Additional Reminders ✂

1. **MOAA's LEGISLATIVE ACTION CENTER:** If you have not already done so, please register on the MOAA site (MOAA.org) and send a message to your political representatives urging them to support the various MOAA initiatives.
2. **LIFE MEMBERSHIP:** There are four types of MOAA Membership: Regular Basic Member, Regular Annual Member, Surviving Spouse of Deceased Member, and Regular Life Member. If you are not already a Life Member of MOAA, please consider becoming one. You pay dues one time, you never pay National dues again, and you receive all the benefits of a Life Membership.
3. **DUES:** It is still not too late to send in your dues for 2025 if you have not done so already. Dues are \$25 for regular members; \$15 for Surviving Spouses; \$15 if you wish to register your spouse as an auxiliary member. We need your support! Chapter dues form is on pages 15-16.

Jack Bundy, CW3 USA (Ret)  
2024-2025 Chapter President  
Green Valley Chapter, MOAA

***Become a Life Member!***  
***We Never Stop Serving!!***

#### **MOAA MISSION**

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a nonprofit veterans' association dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitments to currently serving, retired, and former members of the uniformed services and their families and survivors. Membership is open to those who hold or have ever held a warrant or commission in any component of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, or NOAA and their surviving spouses.

## Scholarship Awards Dinner Set for May 7

Peggy McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs



Our annual Scholarship Awards Dinner will be held on Wednesday, May 7 at the American Legion Post 66, 1560 W Duval Mine Rd . Menu options will include Chicken Cordon Bleu and Pot Roast, complete with seasonal vegetables and a festive dessert. Cost is \$28. The social period will start at 5 with dinner at 5:30.

There will be a cash bar available. The reservation form is on page 14. Deadline to register is **April 30**.

This year we will again be presenting \$2500 scholarships to JROTC cadets from Sahuarita, Walden Grove, Rio Rico and Nogales High Schools. In addition, three veterans from the University of Arizona will be presented \$1000 educational grants that can be used for expenses not covered by the GI Bill.

We hope you will be able to join us and personally congratulate these young men and women as they embark on or continue their higher education.

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## In Memoriam for CW4 R. Ozier

CW4 Robert Ozier, USA (Ret) passed away on March 25 at age 89. Robert was on the original board when the Green Valley Chapter was founded on September 3, 1980. Even though he and his wife, Joy, lived in Tucson in recent years, he remained a dues-paying member of the Chapter.



As we went to press, no information was available regarding services.

## MOAA Legislative Advocacy Update

Darren Venters, Legislative Affairs/Transition Liaison

MOAA has updated the Legislative Action Center (LAC) with the Advocacy in Action (AiA) priorities. This month's *Military Officer* magazine contains valuable information on these priorities and MOAA's advocacy efforts. I encourage you to read the articles and then visit the LAC to send letters to our congressional members using the pre-drafted messages available:

 [Access the LAC here](#)

If you haven't visited the LAC recently, this newsletter includes easy-to-follow instructions to help you register and access the platform. Your participation is critical to the success of our grassroots advocacy program!

### Advocacy in Action (AiA) – April 9, 2025

MOAA's Advocacy in Action (AiA) campaign took place on April 9, 2025, when representatives headed to Capitol Hill. I was honored to join Colonel Pete Kloeber and the Arizona team in visiting all eleven congressional offices to present MOAA's AiA priorities.

MOAA is currently finalizing the AiA action plan. Once complete, I will ask you to reach out to our congressional members and request their support for MOAA's legislative priorities.

### Support the Richard Star Act

The Major Richard Star Act was reintroduced in the 119th Congress. This critical legislation would allow combat-injured veterans to receive both their earned DoD retirement pay for years of service and VA disability compensation for lifelong injuries.

MOAA has long championed this effort, and we need your help to get it passed!

 [Send your letter of support here](#)

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### ACES Act – Support Needed

Senator Mark Kelly has reintroduced the ACES Act (S.201), which has been assigned to the Senate Veterans Affairs Committee. This legislation would fund a study by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine to examine cancer prevalence and mortality among active-duty aircrew.

MOAA is reviewing the ACES Act for inclusion in this year's legislative priorities. Until it is added to the LAC, I encourage you to personally send letters of support to Senator Kelly and Senator Gallego.

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### Contact Your Congressional Members

Your voice makes a difference! Reach out directly:

#### ✦ Senator Mark Kelly

🔗 [Website](#) | 📞 (202) 224-2235 | 📍 Phoenix Office: (602) 671-7901

#### ✦ Senator Ruben Gallego

🔗 [Website](#) | 📞 (202) 224-4521 | 📍 Phoenix Office: (602) 256-0551

#### ✦ Representative Eli Crane

🔗 [Website](#) | 📞 (202) 225-2542 | 📍 Tucson Office: (520) 881-3588

#### ✦ Representative Juan Ciscomani

🔗 [Website](#) | 📞 (202) 225-2542 | 📍 Tucson Office: (520) 881-3588

***Please continue to monitor the LAC and take action in support of MOAA's priorities.  
Your advocacy matters!***

## Arizona Legislative: Keep Up the Momentum

Darren Venters, Legislative Affairs/Transition Liaison

We are making progress on the four bills we are supporting in the Arizona Senate and House, but as the session winds down, we must maintain strong advocacy efforts to ensure they pass.

### Key Bills & Status Updates:

- ✓ **HB2672: Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans** – Under review by the Senate Rules Committee, chaired by Senator Farnsworth.
- ✓ **SB1155: Pay Equity for USPHS/NOAA** – Under review by the House Rules Committee (Chair: Rep. Hendrix).
- ✓ **SB1704: VDF Monies for State Veterans Homes** – Under review by the House Rules Committee, chaired by Rep. Hendrix.
- ✓ **SB1021: In-State Tuition for ROTC Cadets** – Passed all House committees, now awaiting a final vote.

### Call to Action: Contact Committee Chairs Today!

Help us push these bills forward by contacting the following committee chairs and urging their support:

✉ **Senator Farnsworth, Senate Rules Committee** – [DFARNSWORTH@AZLEG.GOV](mailto:DFARNSWORTH@AZLEG.GOV)

➡ Support **HB2672: Property Tax Exemption for Disabled Veterans**

✉ **Rep. Hendrix, House Rules Committee** – [LHENDRIX@AZLEG.GOV](mailto:LHENDRIX@AZLEG.GOV)

➡ Support **SB1155: Pay Equity for USPHS/NOAA**

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**CO-Chairs Blackman and Marquez of the Veterans Caucus have formed an Advisory Committee to the Veterans Caucus.** The Committee members are Paul Aguire, David Lucier, Kathy Gallowitz, Tim Stringham, Selina Lemley, Phillip Cushman, Bobbie Ann Baldwin, Joan McDermott, and Darren Venters.

Committee hearing for bills passed between the houses is over for this Legislative session.  
**Veterans Caucus has 30 bills in its portfolio.**

[SB1122](#) Property tax exemptions; inflation adjustment sent to Governor 3/25/2025.  
An Act amending section 42-11111, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to property tax exemptions. Exemption for property; widows and widowers; persons with a total and permanent disability; veterans with a disability.

[SB1155](#) Income tax; subtraction; uniformed services  
An Act amending section 43-1022, Arizona Revised Statutes; relating to taxation of income. Ways and Means Committee DPA 7/0/0/2 Mar 26/2025 (I've been following this bill for the last 5 years) Representative Blackman's HB 2030 now.

[SB1424](#) Liquor sampling; reporting; requirements STRIKE EVERYTHING; APPROPRIATIONS. NOW, Impersonation; veteran; armed forces

An Act amending title 13, chapter 24, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 13-2414; relating to obstruction of public administration. Designates impersonating a veteran of the United States Armed Forces and engaging in specific, listed conduct with the intent to induce another to submit to the person's fraudulent official authority or to rely upon the person's fraudulent official acts to be a felony. Stipulates the class of felony based on the conduct of the individual while impersonating a veteran and titles the act the Master Sergeant Orlando Dona Valor act.

[SB1703](#) Veterans' benefits; claims; prohibition. Gowan/Travers Amendment  
An Act amending section 41-608.01, Arizona Revised Statutes; amending title 41, chapter 3, article 7, Arizona Revised Statutes, by adding section 41-610.03; relating to the department of veterans' services.

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These bills remain alive having been heard by a committee by the deadline:

HB2009	vehicle license tax; exemption; military
HB2133	nurses; provisional licensure
HB2320	appropriation; veterans' services; mental health
HB2672	property tax; exemption; veterans; disabilities
HB2933	technical correction; double punishment.
NOW:	appropriation; nonprofit veterans' organization
HCR2010	gold star families; legacy preservation
HCR2023	property tax; combat veterans; exemption
SB1021	ROTC cadets; in-state student status
SB1163	veterans; emergency admission; transport
SB1704	veterans' donations fund; annual transfer

Thank you for your continued support of our **Arizona grassroots advocacy program**—your voice makes a difference!

As our chapter now covers two legislative districts, please check your current voter registration card for your district. Contacts for our current state legislature members are:

### District 19:

- Senator David Gowan      [Email: DGOWAN](#) (602) 926-5154
- Representative Lupe Diaz      [Email Lupe Diaz](#) (602) 926-4852
- Representative Gail Griffin      [Email Gail Griffin](#) (602)-926-5895

### District 21:

- Senator Rosanna Gabaldon      [Email: RGABALDON](#) (602) 926-3424
- Representative Consuelo Hernandez      [Email: CHERNANDEZ](#) (602) 926-3523
- Representative Stephanie Hamilton      [Email: SSTAHLHAMILTON](#) (602) 926-3279

***Grassroots advocacy works and thanks for supporting our legislative efforts both here in Arizona and in Washington. Keep up the great work!!***

### JROTC Activities Update

Marianne Rogers Faust, COL, (Ret), JROTC & University of Arizona Liaison

The Naval JROTC unit, with cadets from both Sahuarita and Walden Grove High Schools, continues to stay very busy. Some of the cadets recently participated in the Quest for Gold Field Meet and qualified for the first time to compete in the Navy Nationals in Pensacola, FL. They will be competing against 23 other units later in April. A few cadets also participated in the Navy National Marksmanship Meet in Anniston, AL. Cadet Kaitlyn Ward skillfully represented Area 20 as an individual precision marksman. The competition features three positions...prone, standing, and kneeling. And on the mental gymnastics side, a few cadets successfully participated in the Super Brawl Academic Meet in Glendale, AZ.

The new senior instructor, LTC (Ret) Arturo Roque, at the Army JROTC unit at Rio Rico High School has hit the ground running. The cadets there have been very busy too. The photos show some cadets participating with the Air Rifle Team at the Utah competition and the Raider team at the Flagstaff competition. LTC Roque even decided to share a photo from their monthly staff coordination meeting. All of their activities are a real team effort!

MSgt (Ret) Harvey continues to be the only instructor for the Air Force JROTC unit at Nogales High School. And the school counselors are very glad and grateful that he is willing to handle this program with 133 cadets by himself until another instructor can be hired. Hopefully there will be more activities and photos to share next academic year!



Rio Rico JROTC CMD Team

Rio Rico Coordination Team

Kaitlyn Ward

## Benefit MOAA Scholarship Program While Buying Groceries

COL, (Ret) Lee Staab, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President & Treasurer

Thank you all for your continued support for our scholarship program. This program has benefitted many young women and men in the local area for several years. Due to your generosity, many JROTC cadets and veterans have been able to continue their education and serve our country in the profession of arms.

While our scholarship program receives funds from various sources, especially member donations and the Jim Click raffle, we all can increase the scholarship funds available simply by purchasing groceries at a local store. Fry's Food Stores offer a "Community Rewards" program where shoppers can support a non-profit of their choice (Green Valley MOAA) by linking their Fry's VIP card to our organization. Fry's will donate a portion of their eligible purchases to the charity linked to a specific card. **Please remember to first link your Fry's VIP card to Green Valley MOAA** and then the next time you shop at Fry's to maximize your fuel points, purchase that bottle of wine or pick up some snacks. Many thanks to our generous members. [ [MORE INFO](#) ]



## Travel Toiletries Needed

Peggy McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs



If you will be traveling during the summer and staying in hotels, please consider bringing home any unopened bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotions and shower gel for the homeless veterans served by the VA hospital in Tucson. They would also appreciate receiving toothpaste and brushes, razors and shaving cream, sunscreen and hand sanitizer. You may bring these items to the Scholarship Awards dinner on May 7 or drop them at 1908 E Longspur Place, first right after the Quail Creek waterfall.



### Jim Click Raffle Tickets Now on Sale!

Peggy McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs

For the past several years our Chapter has been participating in the Jim Click raffle to support our scholarship and educational grants efforts. This year Tucson based auto dealer Jim Click is donating a fully loaded 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige SUV, First Class airplane tickets for two to anywhere in the world commercial airlines fly, and \$5000 in cash.

Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100 with all the money collected remaining in our Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund. Ticket purchases are not tax deductible, but they definitely help a good cause. Tickets will be available for purchase at our dinner on May 7, cash or checks payable to GV MOAA S&MA Fund.

Only 100,000 tickets are sold each year. The drawing will be December 12. Maybe 2025 will be the year one of our members becomes a winner.



**2025 THE JIM CLICK MILLIONS FOR TUCSON RAFFLE**

**WIN ONE OF THREE GREAT PRIZES!**

**TICKET PRICE**  
**\$25 EACH OR 5 FOR \$100**  
Raffle benefiting Tucson charities 100% of funds raised stays here.

**GRAND PRIZE**  
NEW 2025 KIA CARNIVAL HYBRID SX PRESTIGE

**2ND PRIZE**  
TWO ROUND-TRIP, FIRST CLASS AIRLINE TICKETS TO ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD!\*

**3RD PRIZE**  
\$5,000 CASH!

The Jim Click Automotive Team is presenting a NEW 2025 Kia Carnival Hybrid SX Prestige to the entire community to be used as the featured prize in our ongoing effort to raise millions of dollars for non-profit organizations in Southern Arizona. With your \$25 contribution you could win this stunning vehicle or one of two other great prizes! The best part is that 100% of your contribution will support Southern Arizona charities that keep all the proceeds from the maximum 120,000 tickets which will be sold. The drawing will be held on December 12, 2025.

Entries must be received by December 5, 2025 at Raffle Headquarters.

For campaign and ticket information, contact the Millions for Tucson Raffle Management Team at 520.342.5210 or at: [jimclickraffle@russellpublic.com](mailto:jimclickraffle@russellpublic.com)

\*Restrictions apply. Please see Millions for Tucson Raffle Rules | [millionsfortucson.org](http://millionsfortucson.org) | Raffle Management Headquarters: 1926 E. Ft. Lowell, Suite 102, Tucson, AZ

## Chaplain's Corner

Robert D. Lewis, Chapter Chaplain

I first want to encourage all members to attend the annual scholarship awards dinner on 7 May, 2025 at the American Legion Post 66, in Green Valley.

We will recognize local high school Air Force, Army and Navy JROTC cadets receiving scholarships as well as some veterans, attending the U of A, receiving grants to continue their education. Past awardees have been very impressive and provided a section of our youth that is positive and encouraging.

With the Easter Season, Christians turn their attention to the sacrifice of the Cross. According to the Law, almost all things are purified with blood. In Genesis Adam and Eve hide in humiliation after eating the forbidden fruit. God, in His mercy, sacrificed an animal to cover their nakedness and shame.

In the book of Exodus, we watch God set his Divine plan in motion to free his chosen people with the sacrifice of unblemished lamb blood applied over their doors. The Old Testament provides many other instances where animal sacrifice was demanded by God for the cleansing of sins. However, Gentiles were not part of, or included, in the practice.

It wasn't until the crucifixion of Jesus (the unblemished Lamb of God) that Gentiles were the focus of God's favor for the remission of sins.



His crucifixion provides HOPE for all of us. The price for forgiveness has been paid. We just need to ask for forgiveness and it WILL be given.

## MOAA Polo Shirts

Peggy McGee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President/Programs



We will be placing another order for polo shirts with the MOAA logo and Green Valley Chapter underneath. The shirts come in red, white, and blue in both men's and women's styles in sizes small - 4X. They tend to run a little small. The cost will be around \$28 with the final cost being dependent on how many shirts we order.

To place an order, please contact [Peggy@greenvalleymoaa.org](mailto:Peggy@greenvalleymoaa.org), giving your size and color preference. You do not have to pay until you receive the shirt.

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### MAY DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Reservation form may also be found on the [GreenValleyMOAA.org](https://GreenValleyMOAA.org) website

**7 MAY 2025 • Social 5pm – Dinner 5:30pm**

American Legion Post 66 • [1560 W. Duval Mine Road, Green Valley](#)

**Please make your reservations by APRIL 30.**

Reserve \_\_\_\_\_ places

Cost: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$28 per person)

#### MENU CHOICES:

#1 Chicken Cordon Bleu

#2 Pot Roast

*Indicate menu choice (#)  
next to your name, below.*

Both served with seasonal vegetables & dessert. Vegetarian option available by request.  
Cash bar will be available.

Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: GV MOAA Reservation

#### ***Mail check and reservation form to:***

MOAA of Green Valley • PO Box 1535 • Green Valley, AZ 85622-1535

**RANK:** \_\_\_\_\_ **NAME:** (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Member/Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

Member/Guest name: \_\_\_\_\_

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If you require a ride to the meeting, program or event please check here: ☐

✂ ----- CUT HERE -----

If you cannot get your reservation and check mailed timely, or **if you have made a reservation and find you cannot attend, PLEASE CALL (leave a message if no answer):** Peggy McGee 520-207-6188 or by email: [pjmcgee@cox.net](mailto:pjmcgee@cox.net). **Your chapter is charged for all ordered meals even if they aren't served.** Please bring a check or exact cash amount to the meeting.

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Military Officers Association of America  
Green Valley, Arizona Chapter  
PO Box 1535 • Green Valley, AZ 85622-1535

### 2025 Chapter Membership/Renew Dues

Chapter Dues: (Military-\$25; Spouses-\$15)

Membership Dues \$\_\_\_\_\_ Make check payable to: Military Officers Association of Green Valley or GV MOAA.

PLEASE PROVIDE THE INFORMATION BELOW:

Name:\_\_\_\_\_ New \_\_\_ Renewal\_\_\_

Rank:\_\_\_\_\_ Branch of Service:\_\_\_\_\_ (Status) \_\_\_\_\_ National # \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse/Partner\_\_\_\_\_

Address:\_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip\_\_\_\_\_

DOB (Month/Day/Year) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Scholarship & Military Assistance Fund \$\_\_\_\_\_ Donation.

**Please write a separate check payable to:** Green Valley MOAA Scholarship and Military Assistance Fund or GV MOAA S&MA Fund.

**Dues may be paid at any meeting or mailed to Military Officers Association of America, Green Valley, Arizona Chapter, P.O. Box 1535, Green Valley, AZ 85622-1535.**

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Congratulations on becoming a member of the second oldest of the nine MOAA Arizona Chapters. The MOAA is recognized as the most respected and influential professional military association in America. The Vision Statement "NEVER STOP SERVING" provides a focus for the entire MOAA organization.

To help us better understand how you would prefer to contribute to our Chapter, please complete the following questions.

Previous work and/or volunteer experience \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Description of training, leadership and knowledge that may be pertinent \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

PLACE A CHECK NEXT TO YOUR DESIRED CHAPTER AREAS OF PARTICIPATION:

- ☐ Fundraising or Assistant
- ☐ Public Relations or Assistant
- ☐ Scheduling & managing Chapter events or Assistant
- ☐ Grant writing or Assistant
- ☐ Chapter secretary or assistant
- ☐ Chapter Treasurer or assistant
- ☐ Community Partner Programs committee member
- ☐ Historian
- ☐ Chapter Liaison to military units
- ☐ Chapter Liaison to JROTC units
- ☐ Chapter Liaison to Green Valley Chamber of Commerce or Assistant

RETURN THIS NEW MEMBER QUESTIONNAIRE WITH YOUR CHAPTER APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM.

**Welcome Aboard**

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### EVENTS ~ CALENDAR DATES

**January 16:** Luncheon, American Legion Post 66

**March 19:** Luncheon, American Legion Post 66

**May 7:** Dinner, American Legion Post 66

**September 18:** TBD

**October 16:** Mix & Mingle, TBD

**November 20:** Dinner, TBD

**December 11:** TBD

The Board of Directors meetings are the second Wednesday of each month 9-10:30am at the Friends in Deed Building, Green Valley.

Members are welcomed to attend... join us!

There are no Board meetings in June, July or August.

Check the Chapter website for Calendar updates:

[greenvalleymoaa.org/news-events](https://greenvalleymoaa.org/news-events)

**2025 Chapter Dues Campaign continues!**

### WHY JOIN MOAA

MOAA's greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families. Membership is open to active duty, former, retired, and National Guard and Reserve commissioned and warrant officers of the uniformed services and their surviving spouses.

### 2025 OFFICERS, DIRECTORS & CHAIRS

	<b>PRESIDENT,</b> Acting Membership Chair CW3 Jack Bundy USA (Ret) (951) 760-8706		<b>1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President &amp; Treasurer</b> COL Lee Staab USA (Ret) (720) 345-7305		<b>2nd Vice-President,</b> Programs, Public Relations COL Peggy McGee USAR (Ret) 207-6188	
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	<b>Surviving Spouse Liaison</b> Nora Durham (719) 232-9277		<b>Chaplain, Personal Affairs Director</b> CWO3 Robert Lewis USA (Ret) 481-6994		<b>Grant Writer/ Coordinator</b>  VACANT	

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**GREEN VALLEY'S PREMIERE  
MORTGAGE LENDER**

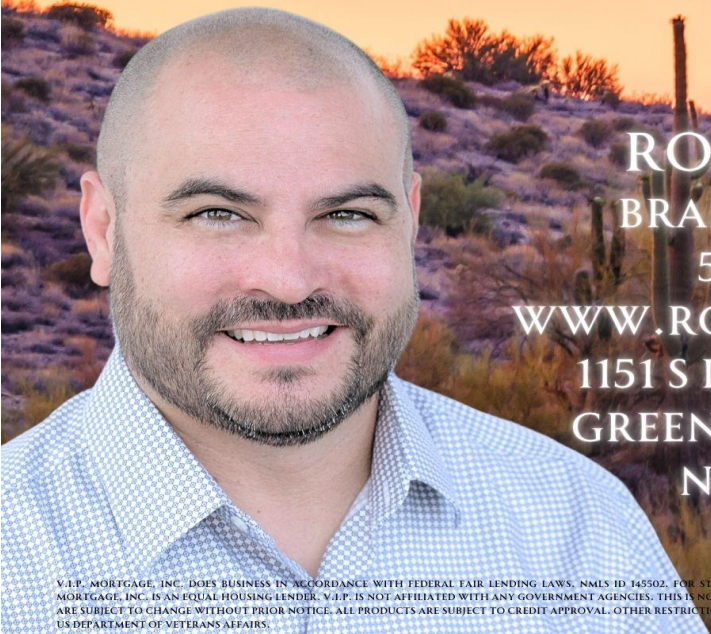
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## MOAA National News

Last week, MOAA staff and more than 150 volunteers took to Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., for Advocacy in Action 2025, meeting with over 330 congressional offices. Together, we delivered a unified message: ***Congress must do all that it can to protect service-earned pay and benefits.***

However, the fight isn't over.

The 119th Congress is just getting started, and lawmakers need to keep hearing from constituents like you. The work we did on Capitol Hill last week must be reinforced by MOAA advocates from across the country.

We urge you to take action on MOAA's top legislative priorities:

- **[Incentivize Military Spouse Hiring](#)**: Actions to combat stagnant, high rates of unemployment among military spouses must include measures to incentivize their hiring. Cosponsor the Military Spouse Hiring Act to add a military spouse target group to the Work Opportunity Tax Credit program.
- **[Unaccompanied Housing Improvements](#)**: Transparency is key to supporting lawmaker oversight of this ongoing issue and addressing a \$137 billion maintenance backlog. Ask Congress to require DoD to make reports on unaccompanied housing installation conditions publicly available.
- **[Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans](#)**: Pass legislation to shorten how long millions of veterans must wait before receiving service-earned care and benefits.
- **[Support Veteran Caregivers](#)**: Champion/cosponsor the passage of the Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act.

And don't forget — every message does make a difference. The pressures on service-earned pay and benefits aren't going away — but neither is MOAA.

We need every voice and every advocate to help us keep fighting, and to remind Congress that the greatest asset to our nation's security and prosperity is not a weapon system — ***it's the men and women in uniform and their families.***

Visit MOAA's [Legislative Action Center](#) and take action today.



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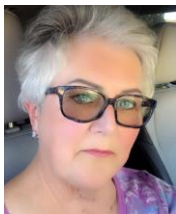
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