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Monthly newsletter of the Portsmouth Area Chapter, an affiliate of the Military Officers Association of America, serving Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Suffolk, Smithfield, Franklin, and surrounding counties, Virginia, since 1983. Dinner meetings are the Second Thursday of each month except July and August. Although **MOAA** and **PACMOAA** actively lobby legislatures for all US uniformed services members, we are nonpartisan and do not participate in political activities.

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The Mission: PACMOAA supports the Military Community through legislative advocacy, mentoring youth, and community involvement.

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Bruce LaLonde CPA
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Right (L to R): CAPT Bruce LaLonde, PACMOAA President, CWO Van and Elle White, Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless Board of Directors, and Major Sherry Ferki, PACMOAA 2nd VP, stand with items Donated to the Portsmouth Volunteers for the Homeless



LEFT: Churchland HS JROTC Cadet GYSGT Macey McLendon being serenaded by one of the Sounds of Time Singers

Right top and bottom: Jeanne Labrecque and Karen Smith being serenaded by a "Sounds of Time" singer.



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HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

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The January Installation Dinner Meeting

will be held on **Thursday, January 9th** at Roger Brown’s Banquet Room, 316 High Street, Portsmouth (757) 399-5377

Sign in and social time begins at 6 PM, with Dinner Served at 6:30 PM.

- Buffett Menu*
Caesar Salad
Lemon Pepper Chicken
Grilled Salmon
Jasmine Rice
Sauteed Vegetables
Corn Bread & Honey Butter

Apple Cobbler

Tea, Sweet Tea, Coffee, Lemonade and Water
Corn Bread and Honey Butter

Cost is \$30 (includes gratuity & tax). Cash bar available. Please make your reservation no later than **Sunday, January 5th** with Sherry Ferki at 757-922-7030 or by email at navmedarmynurse@gmail.com.

A RESERVATION MADE IS A RESERVATION PAID

Right: scan the QR Code to find out more about PACMOAA

Below Left & Right: Dena Cain being serenaded, by a “Sounds of Time” singer, & Julie Branch, (Ken & Donna App’s



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daughter) singing along.

SPEAKER & INSTALLATION OFFICER

9 JANUARY 2025 SPEAKER CAPT Jim Carman, USN (Ret), CAE



As MOAA's Vice President, Council/Chapter and Member Support, CAPT Jim Carman, USN (Ret), is responsible for planning and executing member support functions to include oversight of MOAA's 400 geographic and virtual councils, chapters, and satellite affiliates; operation of MOAA's Member Service Center; planning and execution of MOAA's career transition support services, finance and benefits education programs, caregiver support program, surviving spouse engagement program, and annual membership events; and works with the General Counsel to support MOAA's national board of directors.

He also conducts career transition and benefits education facilitations and council and chapter visitations in support of MOAA's advocacy, leadership, education, and service missions.

Career highlights:

Commanded two Navy operational units, Patrol Squadron Ten and Patrol and Reconnaissance Wing Ten, while serving as a Navy pilot.

Selected to serve two Vice Presidents as a member of the White House Staff

Currently leads the Member Support Group at MOAA, the strongest team with whom he has ever served

Biography from <https://www.moaa.org/content/about-moaa/meet-our-leaders/moaa-staff/councilchapter-and-member-support/carman,-jim/>

CAPT Jim Carman, USN (Ret), CAE will install the new PACMOAA Leadership Team and then give an overview of MOAA.

MEMBERSHIP

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE AND RENEWAL REMINDER JANUARY 2025

WELCOME ABOARD

LTC Edward (Frank) Womble, USA (Ret) and his wife Gloria from Suffolk

You can pay your dues in-person, by mail, or online. Dues should be mailed to PACMOAA, P.O. Box 5353, Portsmouth, VA 23703. Thank you to the many members that made a multiyear payment for dues!! Members that paid for 2 or 3 years in 2023 or earlier may need to renew this year. Remember, multiyear payments give you a discount. See attached dues renewal form at the end of the newsletter for details. **Only about 25% need to pay dues in 2025** and I will notify you via email or phone if you owe dues for this year. Thank you all for utilizing the multiyear form of payment, you have made my job collecting dues much easier!! If you're not sure if you owe dues, check with Hans or Sherry.

Your dues money enables PACMOAA to pay for things like the newsletter; speaker expenses; VCOC dues and expenses; admin expenses like name tags, printing, postage: and entertainment like the Sounds of Time band that performed at our Christmas Concert.

Maintaining and/or increasing membership is essential for a chapter to survive and thrive. The PACMOAA Goals in order are Membership, Legislative, and Community Activities. Without adequate membership, legislative advocacy and community involvement are severely impacted!

PACMOAA had 66 "paid" members as of 26 December 2024. This included 4 life members, 8 new members and

7 deaths. Three of the new members became surviving spouses in 2024. The membership includes 52 regular members and 15 Surviving Spouses. PACMOAA ended 2024 with 67 members!!

As I've mentioned in the past, **we need everyone to be a recruiter**. Currently, the primary way potential members in PACMOAA's area find out about our chapter is by **word of mouth**. Inviting an eligible colleague, friend, or neighbor to a dinner meeting is a great way to introduce them to PACMOAA. Potential members can attend a dinner meeting for ½ the usual price. *Please consider inviting potential members to our January meeting with our speaker from MOAA!!* Remind them that MOAA keeps them updated on national issues, PACMOAA provides updates on state and local issues, including pharmacy issues!



REMINDER: Many members include donations for our **SCHOLARSHIP FUND** with their dues payment and this can be done in-person, via mail, or online. The students are very appreciative of any assistance they can obtain to help with their college expenses!!

Reminder per Guidelines for Paying PACMOAA Dues Online

Members need to create and/or login to their PayPal account.

From the Account Overview page, click the Send button. If prompted for whether the money will be sent to a business or friend, enter "friend". Type PACMOAATreasurer@gmail.com in the block where it says "name, @username, email, or mobile" and click "next". Enter the amount to transmit and add "For PACMOAA Dues" in the note section and click "continue". Review the information, including the bank account or credit card you want the funds to come from. Press "Send payment now" when everything looks correct.

PERSONAL AFFAIRS/ SURVIVING SPOUSE

PERSONAL AFFAIRS JANUARY 2025

With the stress and enjoyment of the holidays behind us, it's time to start the new year. In addition to all the losses of PACMOAA members/surviving spouses in 2024, many current members and/or their family members are dealing with significant medical issues.

I mentioned before that at least 5 current members or members that died in the past few years, suffered from some form of Parkinson's disease. I called the Parkinson's helpline last week at 1-800-473-4636 to find out some information for one of my friends at Lake Prince Woods.

The following information was sent to me by the Associate Director, Sharon Metz, RN, MPH:

"You can download this book, at no cost, onto your device or read it online. You are also welcome to forward it to anyone who would find it useful. This Guide is packed with good information. Page 32 in particular summarizes medications to avoid in the context of Parkinson's.

Hospital

Safety

Guide:

<https://www.parkinson.org/sites/default/files/documents/Hospital-Safety-Guide.pdf>

From the **Aging Life Care Association** (<https://www.aginglifecare.org/>), 3 Care Managers in the Virginia Beach area:

https://www.aginglifecare.org/Shared_Content/ALCA_Directory/ALCA_Find_an_Expert.aspx?hkey=6c3ced7c-b5f0-4d27-9d30-37734ab6cf49

If the web page does not show 3 names, use your zip code and a radius of 50 miles.

Veteran's section on our website:

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<https://www.parkinson.org/living-with-parkinsons/finding-care/veterans>

There are additional topics in the left margin.”

COL Hal Hostetler, USA (Ret) has not been able to attend meetings in a while. As most of you know, Hal has been in a leadership team position for about 20 years and always entertained us at the annual Christmas Gala with the Tidewater Concert Band. He recently had surgery and is in rehab now at Portside Health & Rehab Center at 4201 Greenwood Drive in Portsmouth. He is in room 212 and will welcome visitors.

I know of several other members/spouses that are suffering from significant medical issues. Please keep Hal and our other members facing illness in your prayers. Some of our members may need help with transportation or simple tasks. If so, please reach out and let me know if we can help you. One of the things I loved about the Army Community was that everyone watched out for each other. I feel like the PACMOAA family does the same if we know someone needs assistance. Please take care of yourself and your family and I hope you all have a good New Year!

Submitted by: Sherry Ferki, MAJ, USA (Ret)
PACMOAA 2nd VP/Membership Chair
Personal Affairs Chair and Surviving Spouse Liaison
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Surviving Spouse Corner: What You Need to Know About Reserve-Component Benefits

By: Kathy Thorp December 04, 2024 <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2024-news-articles/member-spotlight/surviving-spouse-corner-what-you-need-to-know-about-reserve-component-benefits/>

Did your spouse die before he or she turned 60 years old and before reaching the age to apply for retirement with pay? Are you confused about what death benefit you might be eligible for, and how to apply for it?

Let's take this step by step to explain Reserve Component-Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) eligibility. If you can find your loved one's notice of eligibility letter (20-year letter), it will outline what was selected at the 20-year mark in your spouse's career. If the "immediate" annuity was selected, it is known as Option C (DD2656-5) and you are immediately entitled to your spouse's RCSBP. Option B is a deferred annuity; the annuity is deferred to your spouse's eligible age of 60 if he or she were alive today. Option A is when one declines election and the surviving spouse will not have any RCSBP.

[FOR PREMIUM AND LIFE MEMBERS: [Guard and Reserve Retirement Guide](#)]

If you are unable to locate the 20-year letter, call the [appropriate service casualty office](#) and report your spouse's passing, and they can help you. Find more contact information online at these sites:

- **Army Reserve:** <http://www.hrc.army.mil/>
- **Air Force Reserve:** <http://www.arpc.afrc.af.mil/>
- **Navy Reserve:** <https://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Reserve-Personnel-Mgmt/Reserve-Retirements/>
- **Marine Corps Reserve:** <http://www.marforres.marines.mil/>
- **Coast Guard Reserve:** <http://reserve.uscg.mil/>

For example, a surviving spouse of a Navy servicemember who was a gray-area reservist should call (833) 330-6622 and report the passing of your loved one. Mail a request for death benefits, along with an original death certificate, to:

Navy Personnel Command
ATTN: PERS-912E 5720
Integrity Dr. Bldg. 768

Millington, TN 38055

If your spouse reached the 20-year mark and was eligible for retirement (regardless of branch), you will need to call the Defense Finance and Accounting Service at (800) 321-1080 to report the death.

There are various types of coverages for RCSBP, such as spouse-only; spouse and child(ren); child(ren) only; former spouse; former spouse and child(ren); and natural interest person (insurable interest).

If you are eligible for RCSBP, you have only six years from the date of your spouse's death to apply for the annuity or the annuity might be denied.

Find more details on the process [at this link](#).



Submitted by:

Sherry Ferki, MAJ, USA (Ret)

PACMOAA Personal Affairs Chair & Surviving Spouse Liaison,

VCOC Surviving Spouse Liaison

MOAA & LEGISLATIVE

Long-Sought Bill Improving Veteran, Caregiver Support Heads to President's Desk

By: René Campos December 17, 2024 <https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2024-news-articles/advocacy/long-sought-bill-improving-veteran,-caregiver-support-heads-to-presidents-desk/>

The Dec. 16 passage of a bipartisan slate of VA health care and benefits improvements marks a major milestone for veterans, caregivers, and survivors, with the legislation addressing issues from long-term care services to claims processing to resources for student veterans and many other critical VA programs.

The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act ([S. 141](#)), strongly supported by MOAA and more than 50 veterans organizations, passed out of both the House and Senate in the final hours of this Congress; the House [passed its initial version Nov. 18](#), the Senate passed an amended version Dec. 12, and the House approved that version four days later. The legislation now heads to the president's desk for signature.

“As we approach the end of this legislative session, we must recognize the profound positive impact this bill will have on the health and well-being of our veterans, their caregivers, and survivors,” MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), said.

Key provisions in the [250-page bill](#) include:

- Increasing VA's share of home nursing care costs from 65% to 100%, significantly reducing the financial burden on aging and disabled veterans who wish to receive care at home.
- Expanding services to better support caregivers, providing them with respite and mental health care to ensure their well-being and that of their families.
- Strengthening support for unhoused veterans by raising the VA's per diem rate for transitional housing and offering greater flexibility to assist with essential needs and other critical services.

Leaders of both the House and Senate Veterans' Affairs committees — Chairmen Rep. Mike Bost (R-Ill.) and Sen. Jon Tester (D-Mont.), along with ranking members Rep. Mark Takano (D-Calif.) and Sen. Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) — played pivotal roles in advancing the legislation. Organizations like MOAA worked tirelessly for months to help lawmakers reach agreement on this sweeping package, which represents the culmination of

efforts to pass over 90 major veterans' bills during the past two years.

More Work to Do

Despite its significant strides, the Dole Act does not address all veteran care concerns. During negotiations, provisions to expand non-VA residential treatment programs for veterans facing mental health and substance use challenges were removed.

Moran, the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee ranking member, expressed disappointment over this exclusion and pledged to prioritize the issue when he assumes the committee chairmanship in the next Congress.

"While I look forward to the enactment of this bill and the good it will do, I remain committed to ensuring veterans have access to the residential care they need to overcome mental health and substance use issues," Moran said.

MOAA and other veterans organizations have pledged to work with Moran and other congressional leaders to address residential care in 2025. Prior to Senate passage of the bill, veterans organizations sent a letter to committee leaders advocating for the expansion of residential rehabilitation treatment programs in the VA's offerings. MOAA and our partners are committed to prioritizing access to these programs as well as ensuring all veterans receive the care they deserve through both the VA direct care system and its community care network.

[\[READ THE LETTER\]](#)

The Dole Act's passage emphasizes the critical importance of bipartisan collaboration in supporting the veteran community. Once enacted, the legislation will provide immediate and long-term benefits to millions of veterans and their families, reaffirming the nation's commitment to those who have served.

As this congressional session closes, MOAA extends its heartfelt gratitude to our members, advocates, and partners who worked with dedication and passion to help get the Dole Act across the finish line. Your steadfast commitment to MOAA's mission and advocacy engagement empowers our association to make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in our uniformed services and veteran communities. MOAA deeply appreciates your unwavering support.

NDAA Recap: What's In, and What's Out, of the Final Bill

December 24, 2024 MOAA Staff from <https://www.moaa.org>

At [more than 1,800 pages](#), the FY 2025 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) will shape the service-earned benefits of those in uniform, and their families, well beyond the fiscal year. The bill, [which cleared Congress last week](#) and [was signed into law by the president Dec. 23](#), includes dozens of provisions tracked by MOAA throughout the long lawmaking process ... with several more proposals that did not make the final cut.

Some of these MOAA-backed moves – most notably the substantial increase in pay for junior enlisted servicemembers – already have [received significant media coverage](#). Here's a more complete breakdown of the legislation, including areas where MOAA hopes to secure future improvements via advocacy work with the incoming 119th Congress.

Pay and Allowances

Highlights: MOAA [outlined details](#) of the junior enlisted pay hike and the 4.5% raise affecting nearly all other servicemembers, along with increased eligibility for the Basic Needs Allowance (BNA), shortly after the bill passed the Senate on Dec. 18.

Reports Required: DoD must report on the Basic Allowance for Subsistence (BAS) to Congress – specifically, to determine whether the allowance is enough to cover food costs and whether a servicemembers’ number of dependents should factor into rate calculations. Another report requires a review of factors used to calculate both stateside and overseas cost-of-living adjustments (CONUS/OCONUS COLA), and whether changes to the formula are warranted.

Other Improvements: Junior enlisted members on sea duty may be eligible to receive their Basic Housing Allowance (BAH), and reservists will be eligible for travel-cost reimbursement for inactive duty training and muster duty.

Not Included: MOAA will continue its work to restore BAH to 100% of anticipated housing and utilities costs – provisions authorizing funds for such an increase did not make the final legislation.

[RELATED: [NDAA to End Copays for Birth Control for Military Families](#)]

Health Care

Highlights: The bill includes reforms designed to improve beneficiary access to health care, such as allowing tele-mental health providers to offer services across state lines; a waiver for the referral requirement for some types of care for servicemembers under TRICARE Prime; and the end of copays for TRICARE contraception coverage.

REWARD-ing: Existing rules made it difficult for military treatment facilities to retain skilled, experienced civilian nurses seeking to take on new positions. The NDAA includes language from the [MOAA-backed REWARD Experience Act](#) that would waive such regulations and allow for talented medical personnel to remain part of the DoD health care system.

Reports Required: The Government Accountability Office (GAO) will look into the performance of providers under the new “T-5” TRICARE contracts, and DoD will brief Congress on TRICARE’s non-coverage of monoclonal antibodies as part of [Alzheimer’s treatment](#). Both of these measures were included in a report accompanying the final bill, not the NDAA itself.

[RELATED: [Your TRICARE Benefit Will Change in the New Year: Here’s What to Know](#)]

Not Included: MOAA will advocate for a number of improvements left out of the NDAA late in the process, such as:

- A pilot program to treat pregnancy as a [qualifying life event under TRICARE](#).
- Expanding coverage of hearing aids to children of retirees using TRICARE Select ([a recent change](#) covered children under TRICARE Prime).
- Creation of a TRICARE dental plan for Selected Reserve members.
- A report on the TRICARE retail pharmacy network, to ensure beneficiaries, especially those in rural areas, can access the care they need.

Spouse and Family Support

Highlights: [A full breakdown of MOAA priorities in this bill](#) touches on spouse employment improvements, upgrades to military housing, and improvements to military child care.

Not Included: MOAA sought [expanded flexibility for military spouses](#) who work for the federal government and face career challenges brought on by PCS moves – a provision that did not reach the final legislation. Other unfilled priorities included reports and studies on several programs, such as the Exceptional Family Member Program, DoD child care services, and home-based businesses on military installations.

Retirees, Survivors, and Veterans

Highlights: Several sections of the bill provide for the restoration of caisson services at Arlington National Cemetery, [which have been suspended since May 2023](#).

Survivor Support: The NDAA provides an extension for minor dependents to file death gratuity claims. It also opens enrollment in DoD-run elementary and secondary schools to some dependents of fallen servicemembers.

Not Included: MOAA will continue its work to remove hiring restrictions faced by retired servicemembers seeking some DoD civilian positions – removing the so-called “180-day rule.”

Help MOAA continue the fight on these ongoing issues, and ensure the upgrades that were included in the NDAA are carried out as intended by lawmakers, by signing up for our [Legislative Action Center](#).

Reminder: VA Will Introduce Major Sign-In Changes for 2025

By: Rene Campos December 23, 2024 from <https://www.moaa.org>

The VA is set to overhaul its online sign-in process in 2025, introducing two new secure options: [Login.gov](#) and [ID.me](#). This move aims to simplify access and bolster security for veterans.

[RELATED: [Here's How Accessing Your VA Benefits Online Will Change in 2025](#)]

Streamlining Access and Enhancing Security

The VA's decision to reduce the number of sign-in options comes in response to feedback from veterans seeking a more straightforward system. By consolidating to [Login.gov](#) and [ID.me](#), the VA also ensures compliance with the latest federal security standards, safeguarding veterans' information and benefits.

Key Dates and Changes

- **Jan. 31, 2025:** Veterans will no longer be able to use [My HealtheVet](#) user IDs and passwords to sign in. The My HealtheVet health portal will remain accessible, but users must adopt the new sign-in methods, [Login.gov](#) or [ID.me](#).
- **Sept. 30, 2025:** Veterans will no longer be able to use DS Logon usernames and passwords to log in.
- **New Requirements:** Veterans will need to create accounts with either [Login.gov](#) or [ID.me](#), using a unique email address and setting up [multifactor authentication](#) for added security.

[RELATED: [Thousands More Could Be Eligible for VA Family Caregiver Program](#)]

Preparing for the Transition

Veterans are encouraged to create their [Login.gov](#) or [ID.me](#) accounts as soon as possible. Both platforms meet modern security standards and provide access to VA and other government services.

- **Login.gov:** A government-provided account for accessing various services.
- **ID.me:** A private account provider partnering with government and non-government organizations.

Steps to Secure Your Account

1. **Identity Verification:** This one-time process ensures only you can create your sign-in account, preventing scammers from accessing your benefits.
2. **Multifactor Authentication (MFA):** Set up an MFA method, such as an authenticator app, to receive a code each time you sign in, adding an extra layer of security.

For more information and to create your account, and answers to frequently asked questions about the new process, visit [VA.gov/sign-in-changes](#).

Get Help Navigating VA Benefits

Questions about VA benefits? Start here. PREMIUM and LIFE Members have direct access to our webinar archive with to-the-point information on everything from claims and appeals to concurrent receipt to home loans and more.



Submitted by:
Sherry Ferki, MAJ, USA (Ret)

VCOC AND JLC

Virginia Council of Chapters (VCOC) will have its first Quarter Virtual Meeting on Tuesday, January 14th.

Ken App
CDR USN (Ret)
PACMOAA Legislative Representative

VCOC Legislative Report

The Virginia General Assembly 2025 session begins on Wednesday, January 8 and will be a **45-day** session. This year is a short session and the legislators expect to have more than 3000 bills introduced! There will be updates on any legislative issues that need your response as the session progresses.

The Commonwealth of Virginia Joint Leadership Council (JLC) of Veterans Service Organizations approved and adopted their legislative initiatives for 2025. These were included in detail in the November Salute but as a brief review they are as follows:

- JLC 2025-01 Verification of Veteran Status
- JLC 2025-02 Stop Unscrupulous Firms from Exploiting Veterans
- JLC 2025-03 Virginia National Guard Tuition
- JLC 2025-04 Suffolk State Veterans Cemetery Expansion
- JLC 2025-05 Women Veterans Day

Details of each of these initiatives including the background information can be found on the JLC website. There is a new website for the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans Service Organizations. It can be found under Boards and Foundations at the following:

<https://www.dvs.virginia.gov/about-us/boards-foundations/joint-leadership-council-of-veterans-service-organizations>

We will keep you updated when action is needed on these issues.

Mary L. Snyder,
PACMOAA Legislative Representative

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COMMUNITY



Left: Cindy Brewer singing along with a “Sounds of Time” Singer



Right: Donna App being Serenaded by a “Sounds of Time” singer

Below: Teresa Lewis being Serenaded



Left: Cpt Sacha Fountain being serenaded



Right: Karen & COL Bill Smith, CAPT Bob and Cindy Brewer



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Left: Toys for Tots Donna App making a Toy Donation, with Cadet GYSGT Macey McLendon looking on.

Right: LCDR Paul Stott with Dena Cain



Below Right: Mary Snyder and Gladys Steorts at the Check-in table



PROGRAMS

January 9th, 2025 CAPT Jim Carmen USN (Ret), CAE, MOAA Vice President, Council/Chapter Member Support, will install new Officers and present an Update on MOAA

13 February 2025 Dr. John Joyce, President of Non-Profit Support Portsmouth Public Art

13 March 2025 Lindsey Jones, Advocate for the Chesapeake Bay Naval, Maritime, and Transportation Museum and leading point of information for Portsmouth Early Maritime Leaders

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

With the start of a new year and after much political division, senseless violence, and international wars that our nation has endured, we need a message of hope. Perhaps solitude can be gained from words of our greatest President in his Second Inaugural address at a time when our nation had just survived one of its greatest trials. His words given over 150 years ago still apply in many ways today.

“With malice toward none, with charity for all, with firmness in the right as God give us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation’s wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.” Abraham Lincoln, 1864



Submitted by
CAPT Bob Brewer, USN (Ret) Chaplain



CDR Ken App, USN (Ret)
Salute Editor

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2025!!!

Please fill out the form below if any contact information has changed and submit to Sherry Ferki or Ken App.

PACMOAA MEMBERSHIP/RENEWAL FORM 2025

FULL NAME: _____ NICKNAME: _____

GRADE/RANK: _____ SERVICE: _____ BIRTH DATE: _____

STATUS: Active Retired Former Surviving Spouse

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL PHONE: _____

MOAA Membership No.: _____ (From MOAA card or Military Officer Mailing Label)

Spouse's Name: _____ Spouse's Nickname: _____

Are you willing to serve as board member or on a committee? () Yes () No

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DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____