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 Military Officers Association of America
Southwest Illinois Chapter

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January 2020

President's Input

Happy New Year everyone! This year marks the year of "Perfect Vision—2020!" So, let's get to that Perfect Vision and make a difference in the world. And we'll start with this. Many of you already have purchased items on Amazon.com. Did you know that you can help other charities by making just a little adjustment to the site you sign in to? Here's the way: Smile.Amazon.com. That's it. It's the same Amazon site, but Amazon contributes to the charities based on a percentage of your purchase. Easy-peasy. Of course, one of the charities is MOAA, either MOAA Foundation or MOAA Scholarships.

To set up your donation on Amazon:

1. Go to to shop.
2. Log in as you would normally on Amazon, follow the prompts to create a new account.
3. Once you're logged in, if you are new to Amazon Smile, the site will allow you to pick the charity you want to support.

4. Search for either "The MOAA Foundation" or Military Officers Association of America Scholarship Fund."

5. Once you select your charity, look above the left upper menu bar for the gold "Supporting:" and your charity will be listed in white.

6. If you already shop using Amazon Smile, use the pull-down window to change your charity.

7. Shop and donate.

How much easier can it be!?! Just be sure to use Smile.Amazon.com for the donation to take effect. Let's get out there and shop!!

Speaking of Scholarships, our annual fundraiser, although sparsely attended, was still a wonderful success in great part due to the generosity of those who attended and our wonderful auctioneer, Mike Bronow. We were also treated to music of the season by Jack Moelmann. Great food, great people, and lots of fun. A tremendous recipe for success. Thank you to all who attended and those who contributed to the Scholarship

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Treasurer's Report for November 2019

Checking Account Balance ...	\$539
Savings Account Balance	\$8,389
Certificates of Deposit	\$15,299
Total	\$24,117



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This Month's Program



Our January meeting will be a very casual affair at the Global Brew Tap House for our Quarterly Chapter Happy Hour.

There will be no schedule and program--just great conversation. These Happy Hours have received light attendance--please consider joining us, and invite a fellow officer to join you!

16 January 2020
4:30 to 6:30 pm
 Please join us for our
SW IL MOAA Happy Hour
 at the
Global Brew Tap House
 in
O'Fallon IL
(next to Egg & I)

Menu	
Good Beverages	Good Conversation

Upcoming Programs

Date	Venue	Topic
8 Feb 2020	Cardinal Creek Golf Course Clubhouse	Col (ret) Richard & Starla Smith's China Trip
14 Mar 2020	Cardinal Creek Golf Course Clubhouse	TBD
23 April 2020	Global Brew Tap House (4:30 to 6:30 pm)	SW IL MOAA Happy Hour
9 May 2020	Ann Morey's Home	Annual Business Meeting
13 June 2020	Black Stallion Room, Fairmount Park	Horse Races
12 Sep 2020	TBD	2020-2021 Chapter Kickoff Social

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recipe for success. Thank you to all who attended and those who contributed to the Scholarship Fund. All this in preparation to award scholarships to two (or three?) well deserving young college-bound young adults. Thank you for your generosity.

And thanks to everyone for the part you play in the history and future of our Chapter. You may think you're not contributing, but every time you attend a meeting or contribute time or money to one of our sponsored events, you're part of the change. Thank you for your service in the past and your service now, and God bless you in the New Year!

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Another new year is upon us and hopefully we are not facing another Continuing Resolution to keep the government—and the National Defense—running without interruption. The last CR was due to expire on December 20. There is some hope for a budget given that The Armed Services Committees of the House of Representatives and the Senate have released their report which will be voted on (hopefully) before the Christmas break.



Among the noteworthy items in the report are 3.1% pay raise for serving personnel, repeal of the Widows' Tax (funding still at issue), a "hold" on reducing military medical positions, access to TRICARE Reserve Select, emphasis on tenant rights for military housing, twelve weeks of paid parental leave for federal service employees, among other items. Read more about what's in and what's out at moaa.org/.../advocacy/heres-whats-in.-whats-out-of-the-finalized-defense-bill. Full report highlights follow.

FY20 NDAA Conference Report

The House and Senate Armed Services Committees (HASC/SASC) released the conference report for the FY20 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) late Monday, December 9. In a joint statement announcing the completion of their conference, the committee chairs and ranking members said the report is "the product of months of hard-fought, but always civil and ultimately productive, negotiations."

The President signed the FY20 NDAA in a ceremony at Joint Base Andrews, Md on December 20. This legislation culminates the many efforts of MOAA ranging from grassroots visits at home to coordinated campaigns on Capitol Hill.

With a top line of \$738 billion in discretionary spending, the bill provides \$71.5 billion for overseas contingency operations (OCO) and \$5.3 billion in emergency disaster recovery funding for military installations damaged in various natural disasters. Another \$10.6 billion in Defense mandatory spending is included. Finally, another \$5.7 billion in mandatory spending was added as a result of several provisions within the conference agreement (widows' tax repeal, new medical malpractice allowances for service members, and 4,000 Afghan Special Immigrant Visas).

To no one's surprise, the 3.1% pay raise for all uniformed military personnel has made it through to the conference agreement.

Military Health Care

The agreement prohibits the Pentagon's plan to eliminate up to 18,000 uniformed medical billets until the Services and the Defense Health Agency complete reviews required under the FY17 NDAA to ensure reductions and realignments will not negatively impact the care beneficiaries receive. Such realignments would include closing or reducing in size military treatment facilities at this time.

The current military partnerships with civilian trauma centers to improve and maintain military medical providers' skills are expanded. TRICARE Reserve Select will be available to Reservists currently

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covered under a federal health benefits plan.

The conference agreement stops short of completely repealing the Feres Doctrine. However, it does authorize the Secretary of Defense to consider and pay an administrative claim for personal injury or death of a member of the uniformed services resulting from medical malpractice caused by a DoD health care provider.

Service members' access to mental health care services remains a top priority for lawmakers. The NDAA requires that DoD develop a comprehensive policy on providing mental health care, as well as a strategy for recruiting and retaining providers. The National Guard is given authorization for a pilot program through which members would access mental health care through a smartphone app.

Military family support

DoD is to conduct a “comprehensive assessment” of child care capacity on military installations. The House provision providing child care fee assistance for survivors of service members killed in combat is included in the conference agreement. Direct hiring authorities for child care providers, including easier transfer of credentials between installations, is included.

The reimbursement for state licensure expenses for spouses moving as a result of the service member's PCS is doubled. DoD is authorized to enter into a cooperative agreement with the Council of State Governors to improve professional license portability.

After trying to do it for several years, lawmakers have repealed the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)/Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) offset, colloquially known as the “widows tax”. Under this offset, surviving spouses who qualify for both programs lose SBP payments equal to what they receive from DIC. The NDAA agreement eliminates the offset over three years. Starting January 1, 2021, the 65,000 families affected by the offset will receive a third of their full SBP payment. The number rises to two-thirds in 2022, and the offset is completely eliminated in 2023. In the final year, families will no longer be able to transfer their SBP benefits to children. That transfer is usually done for tax purposes, and the conference agreement does not address the high taxes that resulted from the 2017 tax reform legislation. This program is one of the ones that necessitated the additional mandatory spending included in the final conference agreement, rather than finding an offset in other discretionary spending.

Military Housing

Over the last few months, and most recently last week before Congress, DoD officials have expressed a reluctance to finalize the Tenants Bill of Rights, Common Lease, and other reforms to the Military Privatized Housing Initiative (MPHI) until the NDAA was released. As expected, the conference agreement contains a number of provisions concerning the program, including:

- Requirement for a standardized assessment tool to evaluate housing for various risks, including the presence of lead and mold, as well as new quality control measures and increased health and hazard inspections;
- Each Service is to create a dispute resolution process that includes the ability to withhold rent until a dispute between the service member and the housing contractor is resolved;
- Major repairs and remediation on a unit are to be disclosed to the family before they sign a lease;
- Emphasis that the Government Housing Office is to act as an advocate for military families; and
- Suspension of the Resident Energy Conservation Program until the Secretary of Defense certifies that homes are accurately metered.

The conference agreement provides additional funding for housing office personnel, and temporary direct hiring authority to ensure the offices are fully staffed.

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The Services are to establish a Tenant Bill of Rights that sets minimum acceptable livability standards, requires better communication, addresses the establishment of a formal dispute resolution process, bans contractors' use of non-disclosure agreements, and enhances protections against reprisal for families that complain. Last week, representatives of the Services indicated that the Bill of Rights had pretty much been negotiated between each other and with the contractors. Finalization could occur quickly with the conference agreement release.

Several provisions aim to improve the process by which families' household goods are moved between installations. This includes creation of a new advisory committee to provide feedback to the Secretary on various issues involving military moves.

Sexual assault & harassment

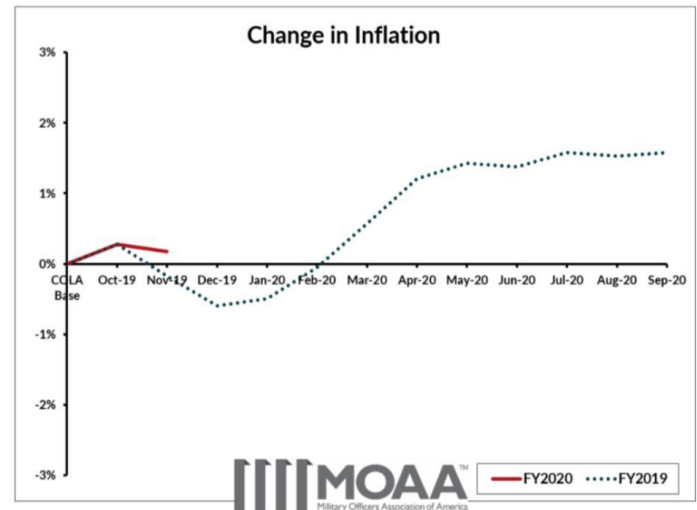
The number of investigative personnel and Victim Witness Assistance Program liaisons will be increased. Congress wants investigations of sex-related offenses to be completed within six months of the complaint being filed. Additional digital forensic investigators would aid the Department in recovering text messages, investigating child pornography, and making the case in allegations of Internet fraud.

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COLA Watch

moaa.org/content/take-action/cola-watch

The November 2019 CPI is 250.644, 0.2 percent above the FY 2020 COLA baseline. The Consumer Price Index for December is scheduled to be released Jan. 14, 2020. The CPI baseline for FY 2020 is 250.200.



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Call for Articles! If you want to submit an article for the Eyes to the Skies, just send the draft article to me at rick.sunner@gmail.com. Please keep these things in mind:

- Submit your article by the 10th of the month prior
- The article must be in MS Word or text format

We reserve the right to edit the article so it fits in the newsletter and meets our (and MOAA's) editorial policy.

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Commanders will receive additional training on their roles in the disposition of sexual assault and collateral offenses.

Victims of sexual assault are to receive periodic updates throughout the court-martial process regarding their case. The report also ensures that DoD fully documents a victim's preference of prosecution jurisdiction and other decisions. They are also to receive access to a Special Victims Counsel within 72 hours after requesting one. Those counsels are to receive additional training on state civilian criminal justice matters in the state where the victim resides.

Domestic Violence

In the coming year, DoD is to create a program to provide legal counsel to domestic violence victims, and to report to Congress on the program. These specially trained counsels will help victims before and during the court-martial process. The NDAA also closes gaps in reporting Military Protective Orders across military installations, and between installations and civilian authorities.

Other Personnel Issues

The Marine Corps has eight years in which to fully integrate men and women in basic training in San Diego, and five years to do so at Parris Island (where a pilot program has already done this a little bit).

DoD has 120 days after enactment to provide Congress with information about the number of transgender service members and applicants, including the request for and granting of waivers for accession or retention. The Department has to update that report for the two years following the initial submission.

The agreement adopts the House provision requiring that the Secretary create a process to conduct a final review of discharge characterization upgrades or dismissals that have been denied by Service review boards. The House prohibition against reducing the number of military and civilian personnel assigned to a Service review board agency also made it into the final agreement. Review board members are to receive special training on victims' responses to trauma caused by sexual assault, intimate partner violence and spousal abuse.

Federal Civilian Workforce Issues

Under the agreement, all federal civilian employees are eligible for 12 weeks of paid parental leave. This was not only a key priority for many Democrats but, reportedly, strongly supported by some in the White House. According to the HASC, this will affect more than two million federal employees. The agreement also ensures that relocation expenses incurred as civilians move as part of their federal employment are not taxed by the federal government.

A one-year extension on authorities for certain allowances, benefits and gratuities for civilian personnel in combat zones is provided. Hiring authorities for certain key positions are also included.

Authorization for the Use of Military Force (AUMF)

DoD is to report semiannually on the details of the use of military force. This includes specified support of foreign partner forces.

There is no specific language calling for creation of a new AUMF. Current operations are occurring under the authority of the 2001 and 2002 authorizations.

PFOS/PFOA Contamination

The conference agreement largely aligns with House provisions prohibiting the use of firefighting foams with these chemicals starting in FY24, and a limitation on their use before then in routine training. The

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National Guard is given access to Defense Environmental Remediation Account funding to address contamination in and around its bases.

Military Construction

The conference agreement authorizes \$11.8 billion for these projects, including \$1.2 billion for 44 projects in the Services' unfunded requirement lists.

A program to build new child development centers to address capacity shortfalls is funded with \$120.9 million.

There is no language prohibiting the Administration from reprogramming these funds to pay for the border wall or other emergencies. The authorizers agreed to leave this to the appropriators to decide.

Take Action

[Act Now to Help Veteran Caregivers](#)

The Transparency and Effective Accountability Measures (TEAM) for Veteran Caregivers Act improves the veterans caregiver program by ensuring all caregivers are included in the veterans' medical records, establishing a minimum standard of information in downgrade notification letters, and extending benefits for at least 90 days after a termination letter is sent for cases where a veteran is deemed "no longer clinically eligible" for the program.

[Give the VA the Resources It Needs to Help Blue Water Navy Veterans](#)

The VA recently announced a stay on all claims involving the recent Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Act and related court actions, which will help tens of thousands of veterans who have long fought for benefits related to Agent Orange exposure. And if there are gaps in funding -- or the VA needs more staff to process these cases -- Congress must ensure that the needed resources are available.

[Expand the Work Opportunity Tax Credit to Include Military Spouses](#)

According to Department of Defense data, 24% of the military spouse labor force remains unemployed. That's over six times higher than the national unemployment rate. To retain the best and brightest in an all-volunteer force, we must remove as many barriers to family financial stability as possible. Younger military families largely view two incomes as vital to their family's well-being. Reduce the military spouse unemployment rate and ask Congress to expand the Work Opportunity Tax Credit to include military spouses.

[Support Concurrent Receipt for Disabled Military Retirees](#)

Act now to support the Retired Pay Restoration Act, a bill to provide concurrent receipt of both military retired pay and veterans' disability compensation.

[Act Now to Extend CHAMPVA Coverage](#)

Did you know that children of disabled veterans are the only group in America not covered by their parent's health insurance up to age of 26?

The CHAMPVA Children's Care Protection Act of 2019. If passed, they would expand coverage under CHAMPVA for children of eligible veterans, family members, and survivors so they can maintain their health care coverage until age 26.

Act now to join other concerned veterans, servicemembers, families, and surviving family members in delivering this message to get this enacted once and for all.

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[Do Not Raise TRICARE Fees](#)

Think your health care already costs enough? So do we. But jacking up your TRICARE fees and out-of-pocket costs is on the list of budget options for lawmakers to consider. That would ignore the price military retirees and their families have paid up front with their service and sacrifice.

[Support Full Concurrent Receipt for Disabled Military Retirees](#)

Act now to support H.R. 333, the Disabled Veterans Tax Termination Act. This bill provides full concurrent receipt for disabled military retirees, including Chapter 61 retirees.

[Protect Gold Star Spouses During Future Shutdowns](#)

Under current law, Gold Star spouses receiving benefits from the Department of Defense are protected from interruptions in payments during a government shutdown. But because Coast Guard paychecks come from the Department of Homeland Security, these survivors are still at risk.

[Native American Veterans Memorial Must Reflect All Services](#)

The Smithsonian recently approved the design for a [National Native American Veterans Memorial](#) to be constructed on the grounds of the National Museum of the American Indian. The design includes the logos of the five armed services, omitting both the U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, whose members are veterans under federal law. MOAA asks that you take a moment to write your members of Congress and say that ALL veterans should be included in this important memorial. Please join MOAA and the Military Coalition in this fight. Native American veterans of USPHS and NOAA have admirably served this country. They deserve the same recognition.

5 Things You Need to Know About the Widows Tax Repeal Included in the NDAA

by *Dan Merry* | December 11, 2019

The finish line in the fight to repeal the “widows tax” is within sight¹, and while there are still critical hurdles to clear, the final product of this extensive effort on behalf of military survivors is taking shape.

Here is what’s known about the plan outlined in the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) to end the Survivor Benefit Plan Dependent Indemnity Compensation ([SBP-DIC](#)) offset. Visit [moaa.org](#) or follow [MOAA’s social media platforms](#) for updates; the House agreed to the conference report by a vote of 377-48 on Dec. 11, with Senate action expected soon.

1. The logistics. The phased-in approach to repeal is really a three-year rollout with a delayed start. No changes will be made to the benefit in calendar year 2020, but the offset will be reduced partially over 2021 and 2022, with full elimination starting on Jan. 1, 2023.
2. The limitations. The benefit will not be extended retroactively. The bill states specifically that “no benefits may be paid to any person for any period before the effective date provided ... by reasons made of the amendments made” by the NDAA.
3. The “pay-for.” We confirmed with staff leadership on the House Armed Services Committee that no benefits have been or will be reduced to pay for this repeal.
4. The fine print. The NDAA section addressing the repeal also removes the option for an eligible surviving military spouse to establish an annuity in the name of a dependent child instead of their own. This change would take effect Jan. 1, 2023. Spouses who’ve elected to transfer their annuity payment to a child (or children) will have their eligibility for the benefit restored on Dec. 31, 2022, “whether or not payment to

¹ [Widows Tax Repeal Included in Final Draft of the NDAA](#), MOAA News Article, 9 Dec 2019

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payment to such child subsequently was terminated due to loss of dependent status or death,” per the legislation.

Previously, survivors were coerced to transfer their survivor benefits to their children in order to receive both benefits. Those benefits expired whenever the dependent reached the age of majority. But a change in the 2017 tax bill dramatically increased the rate those benefits were taxed at. By repealing the child option, survivors both avoid what’s been termed the “[kiddie tax](#)” and receive the full benefits they deserve. However, the current dilemma of this egregious tax remains a challenge, and MOAA is actively pursuing a resolution.

5. What’s next. MOAA stands ready to ensure the government rights this wrong. As the full details of the repeal take shape, our legislative and benefits experts will continue to ensure all who’ve waited far too long to receive this benefit will get what’s been promised. MOAA members with concerns about the legislation or further questions on the repeal process can email legis@moaa.org.

MOAA Named One of The Hill’s Top Lobbyists for 2019

by *Dan Merry* | December 15, 2019

For the 13th year in a row, the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) was named one of the top lobbyists for 2019 by The Hill, a news outlet based in Washington, D.C., covering federal policy, defense, finance, and technology.

MOAA is the only military or veteran service organization honored among the 100 winners in the association category of “The Hill’s Top Lobbyist of 2019 List.”

“We are grateful to receive this recognition. Our staff and MOAA members, along with our Board of Directors and the nearly 400 chapters across our nation, take pride in our advocacy for those who serve or have ever served in our seven uniformed services, their families and survivors,” said MOAA’s president and CEO, Lt. Gen. Dana Atkins, USAF (Ret). “To be included among the other 99 accomplished associations adds to this honor and highlights the diversity of effort it takes to make a difference in Washington D.C.”

Below are some highlights of MOAA’s successful advocacy efforts in 2019, many of which are included in the Conference Report of the FY2020 National Defense Authorization Act passed overwhelmingly out of the House and enroute to the Senate for their approval:

- Helped secure repeal of the Widow’s Tax to eliminate the loss of up to \$12,000 per year for nearly 67,000 surviving spouses of servicemembers killed in service or through service-caused illnesses. This rights a wrong that has existed for over four decades.
- Partnered with other Veteran Service Organizations to pass the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veteran’s Act of 2019 – increasing access to benefits and healthcare for those impacted by Agent Orange at sea further from the mainland.
- Ensured a 3.1 percent active duty pay raise, and protected housing allowances from arbitrary cuts.
- Successfully lobbied Congress to delay DoD’s plan to eliminate 18,000 military medical billets and call for an assessment on military medical readiness and support to beneficiaries, including many military caregivers and their families.
- Engaged Congress to legislate significant improvements to accountability for the quality and safety of military family housing provided by public-private partnerships.
- Ensured no new healthcare access fees for currently serving and retirees.

This honor really speaks to the hard work of MOAA’s staff and its members, and it validates the value of relationships we forged with members of Congress and their staffs. Our work with The Military Coalition and other organizations must also be recognized as a force multiplier for all of us who lobby on behalf of those who selflessly serve our nation.

SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

By Ann Morey

Applications and instructions for the Inez Peter's Memorial Scholarship (\$2,500.00) and the CWO3 Charles E. Nalley Scholarship (\$1,000.00) may be downloaded from our website, moaa-swil.org. The forms are also available in this month's 'Eyes on the Skies' newsletter.

The scholarships will be awarded to the child or grandchild of a current dues paying member, of at least one year, in the Southwest Illinois Chapter of MOAA. Applicants are eligible to win only one of the offered scholarships and can only be awarded any of our scholarships once.

Applicants will be rank ordered by the reviewers. The top-ranking applicant will be awarded the Peter's scholarship. The applicant ranked second will be awarded the Nalley scholarship.

If you have any questions, you can reach me by phone at 618-628-0286 and 618-409-9966, or by email at ram204@att.net.

If you were unable to attend the Christmas meeting and auction that funds our scholarships, please consider sending a donation to SWIL MOAA Scholarship fund to Treasurer Dick Glogowski, 102 Arrowhead, O'Fallon, IL 62269.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

COUNCIL AND CHAPTER NEWS

TAKE ACTION!

For more information about the articles in this month's newsletter and how you can get more involved, visit the MOAA [Take Action Center](#) webpage.

MOAA NATIONAL NEWS

For more information about MOAA's advocacy and how you can take part, as well as other information, visit the [MOAA webpage](#).

- moaa.org/.../advocacy/ask-lawmaker-to-expand-military-lending-act-provisions-to-all-americans
- moaa.org/.../open-season-101-what-you-need-to-know-about-changing-your-tricare.-fedvip-plans
- moaa.org/.../everything-you-need-to-know-about-vets-and-caregivers-new-base-access
- moaa.org/.../advocacy/heres-whats-in.-whats-out-of-the-finalized-defense-bill

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

For Illinois veteran news, please visit the state website at illinois.gov/veterans/Pages/.

SW IL VETERANS SERVICE OFFICE

The [VSO](#) provides free assistance to veterans, their dependents, and survivors in navigating complex services and benefits. The nearest VSO is in Belleville, and can be contacted at 618-233-8445/5140.

VETERANS AFFAIRS

- [VA Solid Start](#), veterans in their first year of military to civilian transition will learn about VA programs and benefits through this new program (includes the **Veterans Crisis Line**).
- **Visit the [Veterans Benefits Administration](#)** for all the latest information for veterans benefits.
- [Fisher House: A Home Away From Home](#), for families of patients receiving medical care at major military and VA medical centers.
- [Quilts of Valor: Reaching Out and Comforting a Fellow Human Being](#)

SOUTHWEST IL CHAPTER, MOAA
INEZ PETERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION
CWO3 CHARLES E. NALLEY SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME _____
HOME ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
PHONE NUMBER _____ E-MAIL _____
PARENT/GUARDIAN _____
ADDRESS IF DIFFERENT FROM ABOVE _____
NAME OF CHAPTER SPONSOR _____ RELATIONSHIP _____
HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE CURRENTLY ATTENDING _____
HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION DATE _____ GPA _____ CLASS STANDING _____
COLLEGE OR SPECIAL TRAINING CREDIT: HOURS _____ SEMESTERS _____
NAME OF COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY ATTENDING or PLANNING TO ATTEND:

APPLICANT SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

APPLICATION PACKAGE MUST INCLUDE:
(Incomplete packages will not be considered)

Legibly completed application.

Two one-page essays, one side, single space, 12 point Times New Roman font.

- One-page essay outlining career goals and why the applicant chose or plans to pursue a particular field of study.
- One-page essay on the applicant's participation in a particular extracurricular, school, or community activity highlighting accomplishments and explaining personal benefit from the activity.

A letter of recommendation from a member of the school faculty or staff who can comment on your qualifications for your career choice.

A letter of recommendation from an adult leader of an extracurricular, school, or community activity, organization, club, or employment in which the applicant was active.

Official high school transcript, reflecting at least three years of high school and including any college credits as applicable. If you are currently enrolled in a college, also include your official college transcript.

A copy of any and all of your ACT and/or SAT scores.

A listing of all school and community clubs, organizations, and/or groups to which you are or were a member. Include any leadership positions, honors, and/or awards as applicable with the listed activities. This should also include participation identified in the one-page essay above.

Forward the completed package to:

Southwest Illinois MOAA
PO Box 735
O'Fallon, IL, 62269
Attn: Ann Morey

APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN 4 MAR 2020

MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
SOUTHWEST ILLINOIS CHAPTER
INEZ PETERS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP
CWO 3 CHARLES E NALLEY SCHOLARSHIP

The Southwest Illinois Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), in accordance with the Association's goal to further the education of children of service personnel, will award two scholarships for the academic year 2020-2021. The scholarship may be used by the winner for his/her tuition, books, or general college expenses.

ELIGIBILITY: The applicant must be a high school senior or a currently enrolled undergraduate, full-time student of an accredited college or university in the award year. The applicant must be the child or grandchild of a current dues paying member for at least one year in the Southwest Illinois Chapter of MOAA. Scholarship winner must be enrolled and attending college by 30 September of the award year. Applicants will be considered for both scholarships. The top ranked applicant will receive the Peters scholarship and the second ranked applicant will be awarded the Nalley scholarship. Students that apply for these scholarships are not eligible to apply for the JROTC Freedom Scholarship also offered by this Chapter.

AWARD: The scholarship will be awarded based on leadership qualities, ability, academic merit, character, and sincerity of purpose in reaching his/her goals.

SUBMISSION: An application is attached. Complete all items and forward the application, transcripts, and other required information to:

Southwest Illinois MOAA
PO Box 735
O'Fallon, IL, 62269
Attn: Ann Morey

THE PACKAGE MUST BE POSTMARKED NOT LATER THAN 4 Mar 2020.

SELECTION: Award winner will be announced in April 2020 of the application year. Selected students may be awarded a Southwest Illinois Chapter of MOAA scholarship only once.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP: The award will be sent to the college of enrollment upon the Chapter's receipt of verification of enrollment in good standing at an accredited college/university. Winners will receive further instructions.

Direct any questions to Ann Morey, 618-628-0286, 618-409-9966, or ram204@att.net

Thank you, Southwest Illinois MOAA Scholarship Committee



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Meeting Announcement

There will be no formal program this month. Please join us at the Global Brew Tap House. (See Program News for details.)

RESERVATION FORM FOR SW IL MOAA CHAPTER MEETING

Reservation deadline (mail, e-mail, or phone call received by): No Reservation Required.

Please join us next month for our February meeting at Cardinal Creek.