



# THE GALLEON

NEWSLETTER OF THE

*Ancient City Chapter, St. Augustine, Florida*

**March 15th, 2022 — Volume 22 - No.03**

**Monthly Meeting will be held on  
Wednesday March 16th at the Guy Harvey Resort  
ALWAYS check your email for your invite!**

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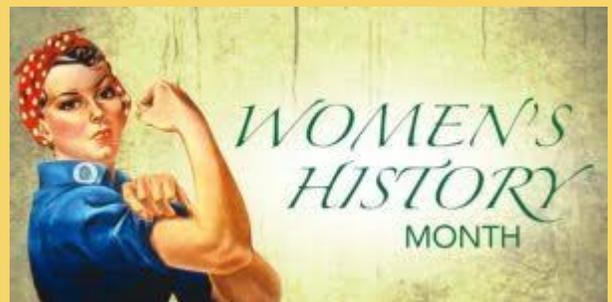
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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The next will be a Board of Directors Meeting is Mar 2nd, 2022, 5:30-7:00pm at the Blackfly Restaurant.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The Military Officers Association - Ancient City Chapter (MOAA-ACC) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(19) organization, dedicated to improving the knowledge, understanding and lifestyle of the general public towards our men and woman who serve in the United States Armed Services. MOAA-ACC, along with MOAA National, advocates through the political process in matters pertaining to active duty, retired and former military personnel, and for a strong national defense, while providing needed support to the St. Augustine and St. Johns County community.



From the Revolutionary War to present day conflicts, women have proudly served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Air Force, Marines and Coast Guard as nurses, pilots, engineers, Soldiers, and other specialties.

- World War I, about 35,000 women officially served as nurses and support staff.
- World War II, 140,000 women served in the U.S. Army and the Women's Army Corps (WAC) performing critical jobs such as military intelligence, cryptography and parachute rigging. Over 1,000 women flew aircraft for the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP).
- Vietnam War, 7,000 American military women served in Southeast Asia.
- 1976, the first women were admitted to America's service academies – the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and the U.S. Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.
- Persian Gulf War in 1991, more than 41,000 women deployed to combat zones.
- Today, over 700,000 women have served during post-9/11 war, including Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom.

## CALENDAR EVENTS

**3 March:** Navy Reserve Birthday



**13 March:** Daylight Savings Time Begins



**16 March:** General Membership Meeting

**17 March:** St Patricks Day



**25 March:** National Medal of Honor Day



**28 March:** MOAA-ACC Shoot Out

**14 April:** Air Force Reserve Birthday



**15 April:**



**21 April:** General Membership Meeting

**23 April:** Army Reserve Birthday



**7 May:** National Day of Prayer



**8 May:** Mother's Day

**21 May:** Armed Forces Day



**19 May:** General Membership Meeting

**30 May:** Memorial Day



**6 June:** D-Day

## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Dear Fellow Chapter Members,

As Spring rapidly approaches, the road ahead for our Ancient City Chapter is both bright and busy. There will be an opportunity for all to participate in some form or fashion.

First, I look forward to seeing everyone at our March 16<sup>th</sup> "Social" gathering at the Guy Harvey Resort. We have had many requests to just meet and have time to engage with each other - we'll do it in March. We'll also bring everyone up to date on events through June 2022.

Planning for our "MOAA SHOOTOUT," scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup>, continues. We really need everyone's help, either as a shooter or a team sponsor (4 shooters). This is our chapter's major fundraiser and we need your help in supporting it. Details are available on our website and will be available at the March meeting.

Planning for the Memorial Day Ceremony, May 30<sup>th</sup>, began on February 8th. Our chapter, in conjunction with the Veterans Council of St. Johns County, has been the sponsors of this event for decades. As of today we are back in our treasured National Cemetery - let's hope the venue doesn't change!

As the Ancient City Chapter has been selected to host the FCoC (Florida Council of Chapters) state convention in May of 2023, our first walk-through will take place on Thursday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at the WGV Renaissance Resort. Many of you remember the very successful state convention we hosted in 2015 - this one will be even better. This event has many moving parts, so we will need maximum participation. Planning actually begins on March 22nd, and we will definitely need you to play a role, so stand by for announcements.

Our April 20<sup>th</sup> program will be the "Veterans Heritage Project," presented by Donna Boyce. This is a great opportunity to promote us!

Have a wonderful month - see you on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

Blessings,  
Ron

## Women in Military History Who Made a Difference



*Photo by Airman 1st Class Shelby Kay-Fantozzi/27th Special Operations Wing Public Affairs*

From the beginning of American history, women have taken an active role in military life.

Whether holding down the home front in the early days as men went to war or dressing up as men to go fight on behalf of America, women have proven they'll protect the heartland, too.

Today, women make up about 16% of the enlisted active-duty forces in the military. The Pew Research Center found that more women are increasingly taking on officer roles, too.

### Military Females Who Have Made History:

**Agent 355** – While her real identity is still unknown, this female spy took part in the Culper Ring during the American Revolution. History documents she was one of the first U.S. spies, but other than her agent number, nothing else is known about her.

**Cathay Williams** – While she spent her early years working as a house slave, Cathay Williams felt determined to make her own history. Despite women being prohibited from joining the military, she enlisted under "William Cathay" on November 15, 1866, passing herself off as a man. During her enlistment, she contracted smallpox and ended up hospitalized. Her commanding officer received word and she was honorably discharged from service. Later, she signed on with an all-black regiment that became known as the Buffalo Soldiers.

**Pilot Bernice "Bee" Haydu** – During World War II, women served in the Air Force in what was known as Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASPs). Bee served as a WASP and dedicated her time to fighting for the rights of these female vets after WASP disbanded in 1944 — leaving these women no rank or benefits. She reached out to Congress to pass a bill to grant these rights. After a first denial, the bill eventually passed in 1977, thanks to her efforts.

**Lt. Cmdr. Marilyn Melendez Dykman** – Throughout the 20th century, the military saw a spike in participation from Hispanic-American women. In 1991, Melendez Dykman switched careers from the U.S. Army and became the Coast Guard's first Hispanic-American female aviator.

**Lt. Susan Ahn Cuddy** – Perhaps most impressive about this lieutenant was her brave decision to join the U.S. Navy when she did. Shortly after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor, she enlisted as the first Asian-American woman in the Navy. Her courage didn't stop there. Lt. Ahn Cuddy also was the first female gunnery officer. After her Navy career, she cracked codes for the Navy as an intelligence officer before joining the National Security Agency. She lived to be 100.



# ADVOCACY UPDATE

## Major Breakthroughs on Toxic Exposure Reform From VA, Congress, White House

By: Kevin Lilley

MARCH 02, 2022



Army photo

*(Updated March 3 with House passage of Honoring Our PACT Act)*

The push to provide veterans exposed to toxins during service with the benefits they deserve took significant steps forward on all fronts to begin the month, from the halls of Congress to the State of the Union address to a major change in VA policy.

MOAA has worked with both the legislative and executive branches for years to secure comprehensive toxic exposure reform, looking to avoid the mistakes and major delays from previous generations and create a transparent, rapid process for determining and rewarding benefits to veterans. The issue took center stage March 1 as part of the president's State of the Union address.

"The VA is pioneering new ways of linking toxic exposures to diseases, already helping more veterans get benefits," President Joe Biden said. "And tonight, I'm announcing we're expanding eligibility to veterans suffering from nine respiratory cancers. I'm also calling on Congress: Pass a law to make sure veterans devastated by toxic exposures in Iraq and Afghanistan finally get the benefits and comprehensive health care they deserve."

On March 3, the House of Representatives moved on the president's request, passed the Honoring Our PACT Act (H.R. 3967) 256-174. The omnibus reform bill moves to the Senate, which has passed less-comprehensive legislation.

### **VA Changes**

Hours before Biden's address, the VA announced plans to add nine new cancers to the list of presumed service-connected ailments:

- Squamous cell carcinoma of the larynx.
- Squamous cell carcinoma of the trachea.
- Adenocarcinoma of the trachea.
- Salivary gland-type tumors of the trachea.

Adenosquamous carcinoma of the lung.  
Large cell carcinoma of the lung.  
Salivary gland-type tumors of the lung.  
Sarcomatoid carcinoma of the lung.  
Typical and atypical carcinoid of the lung.

VA Secretary Denis McDonough called the move “the right decision,” adding that the “rarity and severity of these illnesses, and the reality that these conditions present a situation where it may not be possible to develop additional evidence prompted us to take this critical action.”

The announcement marks the beginning of the rulemaking process. The VA said it would allow for public comment on the proposal and would “conduct outreach to impacted veterans and survivors” after the process is complete.

### **The Honoring Our PACT Act**

The morning after Biden’s address, MOAA joined House leadership, veterans advocates (including comedian Jon Stewart), and others at a media event supporting the passage of the Honoring our PACT Act, a reform measure supported by MOAA and dozens of other military and veterans advocacy groups.



*Comedian Jon Stewart speaks during a March 2 press conference in support of the Honoring our PACT Act in Washington, D.C. (Photo by Mike Morones/MOAA)*

The bill would provide access to care for 3.5 million veterans exposed to burn pits, said Rep. Mark Takano (D-Calif.), the chairman of the House Committee on Veterans’ Affairs and the bill’s sponsor. It would add 23 respiratory illnesses/cancers – including those in VA’s proposed rule – to the list of presumptive ailments, and would also make the following significant changes to benefit eligibility:

- Recognizing radiation exposures for veterans who served in the Enewetak Atoll and Palomares, Spain, and Agent Orange exposure for those who served in Thailand, Laos, and Cambodia.
- Adding hypertension as an Agent Orange presumptive illness.
- Eliminating the sunseting for benefits related to Gulf War illnesses.

“There is no other toxic exposure legislation in Congress like it in scope or soundness,” Takano said. “And with the support of 42 veterans organizations and 100 co-sponsors, we have the momentum.”

MOAA has supported the legislation since its introduction in June.

“We look forward to collaborating with Congress to ensure implementation of these long-needed reforms to the presumptive process, and to ensure these new standards are applied to the provisions in the bill not yet supported by scientific evidence,” MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret), said.

**To learn more about MOAA - Advocacy in Action visit [www.moaa.org/content/take-action/advocacy-in-action/](http://www.moaa.org/content/take-action/advocacy-in-action/)**

# INFORMATION



For the most current information on the Legislative updates that your organization is support for you please visit MOAA's Take Action Center at: <https://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa>



New members will receive a FREE Name Badge, MOAA-ACC Mug, and a MOAA-ACC Collectable Coin. Please email: [MOAAACCMembers@gmail.com](mailto:MOAAACCMembers@gmail.com) or call Jim Cargilo, 1st Lt, USMC (FRM) at 904-377-9866.



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Annual dues are \$30.00 due on December 31st of each year for the following year. You may re-new your membership as follows:

1. Make checks payable to MOAA-ACC and mail to P.O. Box 4571, St. Augustine, Florida 32085.
2. Pay on-line at [MOAA-ACC.ORG](http://MOAA-ACC.ORG)
3. Bring your payment to a Chapter meeting.

Please email [MOAAACCMembers@gmail.com](mailto:MOAAACCMembers@gmail.com) or call Jim Cargilo at 904-377-9866 with any questions.

To Join go to [MOAA-ACC.org](http://MOAA-ACC.org) and click on this icon



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## CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Please look to our new website to find useful information about chapter activities and other useful information of interest. [MOAA-ACC.org](http://MOAA-ACC.org)

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# MOAA

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# SHOOTOUT!

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## EVENT SCHEDULE:

- Registration 8:00 - 9:00 AM
- Safety Briefing 9:00 - 9:15 AM
- Shotgun Start 9:30 AM

For additional information or questions, Contact  
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# SHOOTOUT!



## SPONSORSHIP PACKAGES:

MAJOR SPONSOR: **\$2500.** (includes 8 shooters, 10 team mulligans, 8 awards luncheon tickets, 2 station signs, article write up)

CORPORATE SPONSOR: **\$500.** (includes 4 shooters, 5 team mulligans, 4 awards luncheon tickets, 1 station sign, article mention)

STATION SPONSOR: **\$125.** (includes 1 station sign, 2 awards luncheon tickets )

INDIVIDUAL ENTRY: **\$125.** (includes random team entry, 1 awards luncheon tickets )

LUNCH ONLY: **\$25.** • SHOTGUN RENTAL: **\$25.** • BOX OF AMMO ( 12 OR 20 GAUGE ): **\$7.**

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We look forward to seeing you there!

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# Make the Most of Your MOAA Benefits

## ENGAGE WITH YOUR COMMUNITY

Connect with those who have similar life experiences, all while living up to our motto of never stop serving.

- Get involved in MOAA's **local and virtual chapters** to serve your community and connect with like-minded individuals.
- Join the **The Army and Navy Club** of Washington, D.C., and save significantly on your initiation fee — an exclusive LIFE Member benefit. Not in Washington, D.C.? Explore reciprocal membership for access to 200 clubs worldwide.
- Expand your network by volunteering to **serve on MOAA's Currently Serving and Spouse advisory councils**. Applications are accepted Aug. 1 of each calendar year.
- Support members of your community in need by donating to **The MOAA Foundation** or the **MOAA Scholarship Fund**. See [www.moaa.org/donate](http://www.moaa.org/donate).



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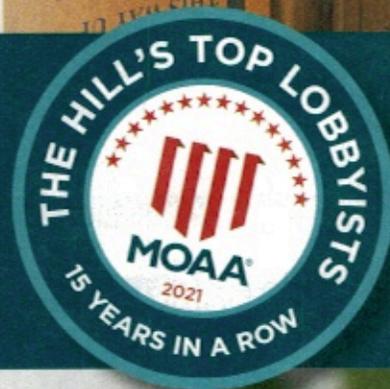
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## MOVE ON UP

*If you're looking for a new career, a new home, or a new car, turn to MOAA to get started.*

- Get great rates on **mortgages and other loans, as well as homeowners and renters insurance** through USAA.
- Save up to 25% on **GE appliances** through the Member Deals program.
- Learn from MOAA's **publications**, such as *Benefits Planning Guide* and *Aging Into Medicare* — free to PREMIUM and LIFE members.
- Access MOAA's **financial calculators** with customizable reports and explanations of key concepts to assist with your financial planning.

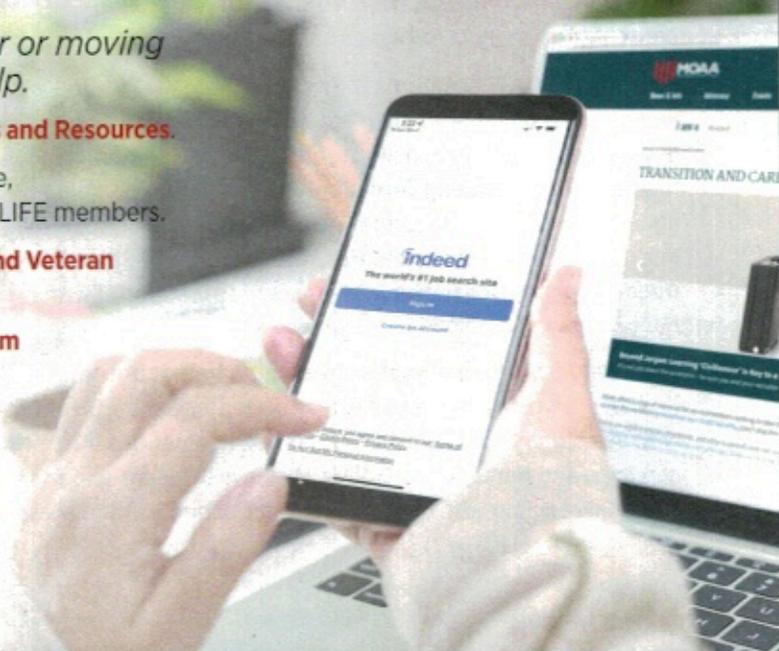
MOAA members have access to a full suite of exclusive member benefits and discounts. Best of all — we have done the homework for you by thoroughly vetting all of these outstanding products and services. Also, take pride in MOAA's advocacy work, which helps protect your earned benefits and continues to be lauded.



## MAKE A STRONG TRANSITION

*Whether you're transitioning to a civilian career or moving from one career field to another, MOAA can help.*

- Find your next job through MOAA's **Career Center Tools and Resources**.
- Get **one-on-one advice** on your résumé, LinkedIn profile, negotiating tips, and more — exclusive to PREMIUM and LIFE members.
- Make valuable career connections at MOAA's **Military and Veteran Networking Forum and Hiring Event**.
- Don't miss out on MOAA's **Active Service Discharge Term Life Insurance Plan** as a competitive alternative to Veterans' Group Life Insurance. You are guaranteed acceptance if you enroll within 90 days after separation.

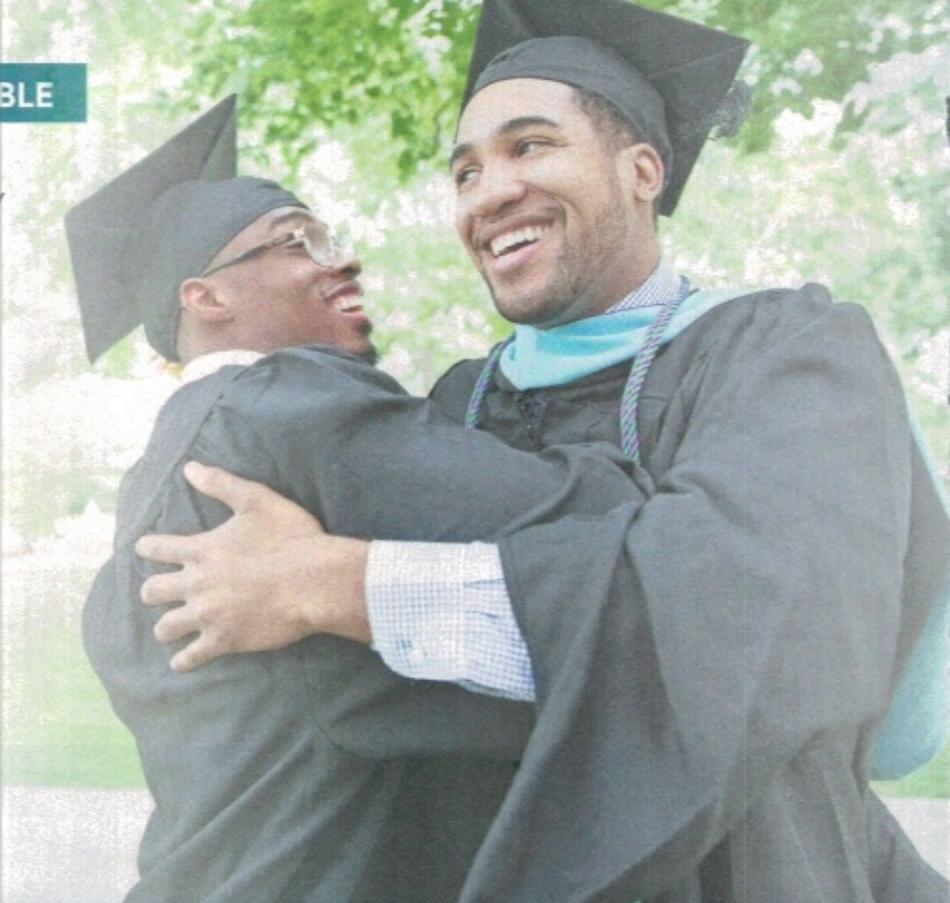


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## MAKE COLLEGE MORE AFFORDABLE

*College expenses add up quickly. Let MOAA help you and your family get started on the right foot.*

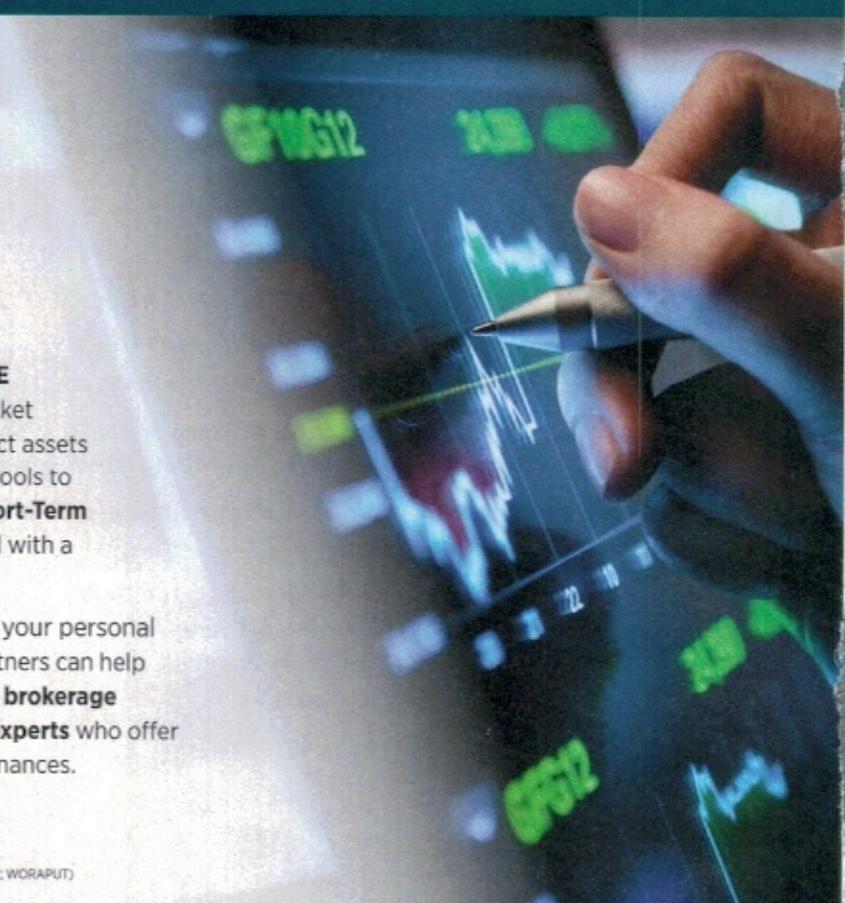
- Save for college with **USAA's college savings plans and 529 investment plan**.
- Capitalize on the newest version of the ACT and SAT preparation program through **eKnowledge** at the same low price of \$14.99 (95% discount).
- Find opportunities for **scholarships, grants, and interest-free loans** for your dependents through the MOAA Scholarship Fund — more than \$6.8 million was awarded in 2021.
- Learn what you need to know about **transferring your GI Bill** to family members with MOAA's resources, which will keep you informed about recent changes to this valuable benefit.



## PROTECT YOUR WEALTH

*A healthy retirement leads to achievement of your financial goals — let MOAA help.*

- Get **personalized education** from one of MOAA's credentialed financial professionals.
- Access valuable programs through **MOAA Insurance Plans**, such as: **MEDIPLUS® TRICARE Supplement Insurance** to help reduce your out-of-pocket medical expenses; **Long Term Care Insurance** to protect assets against the cost of long term care; access to planning tools to help protect your assets; and **Hospital Income and Short-Term Recovery Insurance** to help cover expenses associated with a hospital stay and follow-up home recovery.
- Rely on **MOAA's financial partnerships** to manage your personal finances, investments, and military benefits. Our partners can help with investment solutions, including **USAA's annuities, brokerage services, and personal portfolios**. We have **in-house experts** who offer personalized help with questions on your benefits or finances.



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## CARE FOR YOUR FAMILY

*MOAA can help protect those most dear to you — your peace of mind is invaluable.*

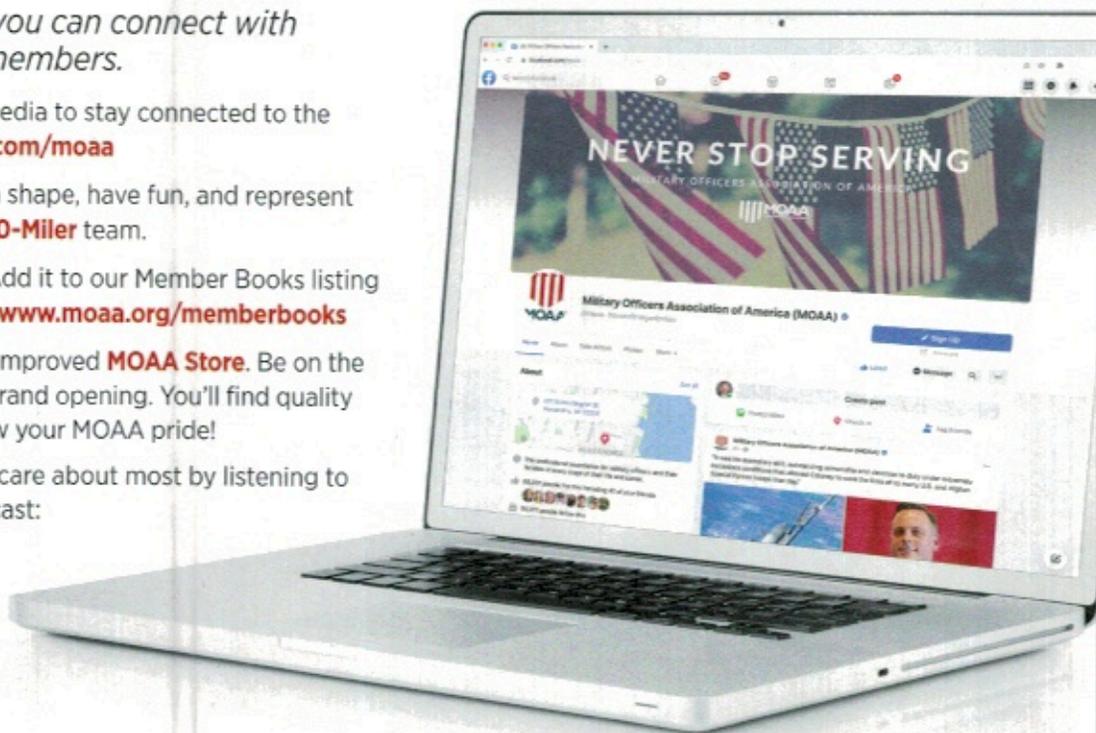
- Ensure the safety of your home and family with award-winning home security from **SimpliSafe**. MOAA members get 10% off and a free month of 24/7 monitoring.
- Get **Identity Guard's** \$1M identity theft protection or take advantage of their personal information monitoring solutions to minimize trafficking, exposure, and sale of identifying information.
- Protect against unexpected loss with a customized plan through **MOAA-endorsed life insurance** to help meet your family's financial needs.
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- Save up to 90% on your cat and dog veterinary care through **pet insurance with Pets Best**.
- Connect with friends and family from a distance with **discounted shipping rates through UPS**.



## CONNECT WITH MOAA

*Explore the many ways you can connect with MOAA and your fellow members.*

- Engage with us on social media to stay connected to the latest news. [www.facebook.com/moaa](http://www.facebook.com/moaa)
- Challenge yourself to get in shape, have fun, and represent MOAA by joining our **Army 10-Miler** team.
- Have you written a book? Add it to our Member Books listing in *Military Officer* magazine. [www.moaa.org/memberbooks](http://www.moaa.org/memberbooks)
- Coming soon: the new and improved **MOAA Store**. Be on the lookout for news about the grand opening. You'll find quality merchandise so you can show your MOAA pride!
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