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CALENDAR EVENTS

1 April: Fool's Day - Be Careful!

9 April: National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day observed

12 April: Easter

15 April: Federal Taxes Due (extended to July 15th)

10 May: Mother's Day

22 May: Birthday of NOAA (1917)

25 May: Memorial Day Program at Fleet Landing to Remember fallen comrades-in-arms

27 May:- 1:30 MOAA Presents Program. Lunch preceding at Noon (RSVP) - tentatively NAVF Veterans Benefits

29 May: MOAA Florida Council State Annual Convention
(CANCELLED) Annual Board Meeting & Elections via Dial-In

14 June: U.S. Army (USA) Birthday and Flag Day

21 June: Father's Day

MAYPORT MESSENGER

(Newsletter for Florida Chapter 51 - FL51)

Former POW Recognition

National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day will be observed on Thursday, April 9, 2020.



Former POW Recognition Day is a day that, while not as well-known as National POW/MIA Recognition Day, is just as important. The word "former" is the key to remembering the major difference between these two events honored every year on their respective days. The late Senator John McCain is a former POW; his memory and the memories of many others who came home from POW

CALENDAR EVENTS (Continued)

24 June- 12:30 MOAA Presents Program. Lunch preceding at 11:00 (RSVP)

4 July: Independence Day Celebrated at Fleet Landing

16 July: United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Birthday 1798

August: Planning a second Korean Peace Ambassador Medal Awards session with Congressman John Rutherford

4 August: United States Coast Guard (USCG) Birthday 1790

6 August: Hiroshima Bombing

9 August: Nagasaki Bombing

18 September 2020 - POW / MIA Day Program & Celebration - Joe Ruthenberg leading with Bill Weimer assisting. Johnson Hall reserved 10:00 to Noon for program.

September / October: Planning an update by Councilman Rory Diamond and CAPT Mark Vlaun, USCG Jacksonville Sector

November: Annual Chapter Meeting in Johnson Hall

11 November: Veteran's Day celebrated at Fleet Landing

camps are on the minds of those who observe both holidays.

National Former Prisoner of War Recognition Day is a day to honor captured wartime service members who eventually came home. It is observed annually on April 9th, and commemorates the surrender of between 60,000 and 80,000 US and Filipino service members to the Imperial Japanese army at the Bataan Peninsula, Philippines in 1942.

The initial day of recognition was created by joint resolution during the 100th Congress, and was signed into law by President Ronald Reagan on April 8, 1987. A later joint resolution designated April 9, 1988 and April 9, 1989 as days of recognition, which President Reagan signed into law on March 28, 1988. The law requires that the sitting president issue an annual proclamation regarding observance of the day.

<https://militarybenefits.info/former-pow-day/#ixzz6HdUZ7C9z>

Membership

27 March 2020: 97 members.

Still looking for 2020 dues from 12 members.

“Take Action”

Key Bills/Items: <http://takeaction.moaa.org>

MOAA’s Legislative Mission for 2020

1. Protect Gold Star spouses during future set downs
2. Support concurrent receipt for disabled retirees
3. Extend CHAMPVA coverage
4. Jobs & Childcare for Military Families Act

KEY BILLS:

HR 333 - Concurrent Receipt

HR 413 - Small businesses credit to hire guard/reserve

HR 847 - Protect Coast Guard pay

S 1047 - VA support to DIC widows

S 21 - Protect Coast Guard pay

The Military Coalition Keeps Up the Fire on Concurrent Receipt

Mark Belinsky

MARCH 25, 2020



Maj. Richard Star, USA (Ret), and wife Tonya listen to Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.) speak during a March 3 press conference in support of H.R. 5995, the Major Richard Star Act. (Jennifer Milbrett for MOAA)

The Military Coalition (TMC), a group of military and veteran service organizations representing a combined 5.5 million-plus membership, recently signed two important letters of support in the fight for [concurrent receipt](#).

MOAA, a co-chair of the 34-member TMC, already has expressed its support for both measures:

•**H.R. 333**, the Disabled Veterans Tax

Personal Affairs Corner

The Personal Affairs Council is Chaired by Pat Kluever, with co-Vice Chairs Chaplains Beryl Hubbard and Bill Weimer.

The Council supports the Fleet Landin Bereavement Team led by Frank Donnelly for residents & fully supports the needs of non-resident members.

Points of contact for Personal Affairs Support are Pat Kluever #116 at (540) 775-4955, Beryl Hubbard (904) 241-3252, Bill Weimer (904) 246-1892, and Peggy Steck (904) 246-5804

Non-member clergy are welcome to offer support to the Council and support teams as available.

Termination Act, is sponsored by Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-Ga.) and essentially aims to fix the financial injustice of concurrent receipt for all retired personnel. It is a “Hail Mary” pass worth your support, addressing the unjust offset in one large piece of legislation with a price tag over \$30 billion over 10 years.

[\[Read The Military Coalition’s Letter I Show Your Support for H.R. 333\]](#)

•**H.R. 5995**, the Major Richard Star Act, is sponsored by Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.) and is smaller (estimated at \$2 billion over 10 years). The bill and its Senate companion, S. 3393, offer an incremental approach for concurrent receipt and initially address those forced to medically retire from a combat injury.

[\[Read The Military Coalition’s Letter I Show Your Support for H.R. 5995/S. 3393\]](#)

Parallel TMC efforts on these bills are critical to making long-overdue progress on concurrent receipt; the last progress

Funding & Awards Submission Dates

- MOAA Foundation's Board of Directors approved \$3,750 for additional No-Dough-Dinners at USO Mayport 2019/2020.
- 1st dinner was 8 JUL 2019.
- 2nd dinner was 9 DEC 2019.
- 3rd dinner 27 JAN 2020
- 4th and final dinner funded by MOAA Foundation for 23 March 2020 has been funded but delayed until COVID-19 precautions are lifted,

Chapter leadership team is working thru the following:

- Historic Mayport Chapter has been granted tax-exempt status by the IRS on 14 May 2019 as a 501(c)(19) Veterans Organization
- Moving forward to form a related 501(c)3 Foundation

NEXT EDITION

- Planned for Monday 27 April 2020.

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on the issue was over a decade ago. The incremental approach of the Star Act presents a partial solution for concurrent receipt at a reduced cost, offering up categories into bite-size bills with each category serving as a milestone to reaching total repeal, a goal shared by MOAA and the TMC.

Each milestone makes the next one less costly and more likely for inclusion into the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA), and puts us on the path for concurrent receipt for all. While MOAA prefers concurrent receipt for all, the incremental approach affords the opportunity for a partial success, so we come away with one victory and a reduced cost for the next victories.

[RELATED: [Bill Would Restore Disabled Vets With Their 'Unjustly Denied' Benefit](#)]

The Road Map to Concurrent Receipt

The incremental approach to concurrent receipt is really five milestones, each providing relief for a different group of veterans:

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1. Those who retire with a 50% VA disability rating or higher. This was achieved in 2004.
2. Those forced to medically retire because they were hurt in combat. This would be addressed by H.R. 5995 and S. 3393.
3. Those forced to medically retire because they were hurt on duty in non-combat incidents.
4. Those who retire with 40% VA disability ratings.
5. Those who retire with 30% VA disability ratings.

Applying Lessons Learned

The repeal of the “widows tax” was a hard-fought victory for MOAA last year. Keys to that victory were compelling stories combined with the unified advocacy efforts of the 34 TMC organizations. Throughout the NDAA process, there were many elected officials who signed up to fully support repeal of the widows tax but warned the \$5.7 billion price tag did not have funding and would therefore be unattainable. It was the overwhelmingly long list of co-sponsors that successfully convinced Congress to finally waive the “pay for” rule and move forward with the repeal.

Ask your representative to support both H.R. 333 and H.R. 5995, and please add your compelling story to the “Call To Action” message. We additionally ask you to call your representative. Recent MOAA analysis indicates that in the current environment, a phone call followed up with an e-mail makes the greatest impact when an in-person visit is not possible.

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Sincerely,
Jacquelyn Bartlett
Jacquelyn Bartlett

Headed south on I295 immediately after the Dames-Pointe bridge take the next exit after the bridge and again the next exit onto Merrill Avenue West, go West to the "T" at Jacksonville University and turn right (North) on University. In about 1/4 mile the entrance to Dolphin Pointe will be on your left behind the health care building down Dolphin Pointe Blvd to St John River.

These Actions Will Increase Your Medicare Part B Premiums

Shane Ostrom

MARCH 25, 2020



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Your Medicare Part B premium amount (and the Part D premium) is based on the Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) on your tax return from two years ago — the most recent federal tax return the IRS provides to Social Security. The Income Related Monthly Adjustment Amount (IRMAA) is an extra amount added to the base Medicare Part B premium for higher income levels.

Here is the [Medicare IRMAA premium table](#). (Military retirees won't have Medicare Part D coverage, but if you should get Part D, [this is the cost](#).)

Your MAGI is your total Adjusted Gross Income (2019 IRS Form 1040, line 8b) plus your tax-exempt interest income (line 2a). This is your income **before** your standard or itemized deductions.

[TAKE ACTION: [Tell Congress to Control TRICARE Copays to Protect the Military Health Care Benefit](#)]

Some non-paycheck actions that cause an increase in your MAGI include:

- IRA and retirement account withdrawals
- Roth IRA conversions
- Withdrawals from insurance annuity policies
- Withdrawals (but not loans) from cash value of life insurance
- The gain from the sale of a home or securities
- Interest, dividends, and capital gains from held savings and investments
- Business income
- Alimony
- Rental real estate
- Farm income

Please note that some of the above [can be managed](#).

[RELATED: [MOAA's Financial Resources](#)]

Besides the shock of Part B premiums to Medicare newcomers, the jump in your Part B premium after a one-time financial transaction can also cause distress.

You can appeal your increased Medicare premium if you experienced a life-changing event that caused your income to decrease. Or, you can prove your income information that determined your premium is incorrect or outdated.

You can appeal to Social Security for any of the following life-changing events:

- the death of a spouse
- marriage, divorce, or annulment
- retirement, reduced work income, or loss of job for one or both spouses
- loss of income-producing property due to event beyond your control
- loss or decrease in a pension

Bring your documentation to validate your situation.

However, a one-time jump in MAGI from the result of a home sale, a large portfolio distribution, or a Roth IRA conversion, for example, does not qualify as a life-changing event. These situations will increase your Medicare premium for at least a year in the future.

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Beware of Scams Connected to the Coronavirus Crisis

Amber Monks

MARCH 18, 2020



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In a time of uncertainty, there is a heightened risk of falling victim to scams concocted by those with ill intent. For cybercriminals and scammers, the coronavirus crisis creates an attentive audience who may be willing to accept false information in order to protect themselves from perceived risks.

Arm yourself not only against the virus, but against other threats, by learning how to detect them first with tips from the Army Criminal Investigation Command (CID).

Know How Officials Operate

Knowing how legitimate organizations do business can give you a leg up on anyone who attempts to pull the wool over your eyes. Health officials you've never contacted will not email you or come to your door. If this happens, contact your local police department immediately. Legitimate health organizations will not intimidate you with repercussions if you do not do what is asked. If you are threatened with arrest, prosecution, or confinement, you can safely know that the representative you are dealing with is not working on behalf of a real agency.

Similarly, hospitals will not contact you seeking money to provide an urgent service for a loved one. If there is any question, contact your local hospital or the family member for further confirmation.

Your bank will not call you to offer investment alternatives or to move around funds during market uncertainty. Be especially suspicious if the contact comes from a financial organization that you do not have a relationship with.

[RELATED: [Pentagon Bans Domestic Travel for Troops, Families As Coronavirus Spreads](#)]

Spot a Cyber-Threat

Some scammers are claiming your computer can be infected by a coronavirus; at present, there is not a digital version of the threat. This is a variation on [a common scam](#) where a caller claims to be a computer-support technician and offers to repair your device, then requests sensitive personal data to access it.

As always, follow good practices online and don't open or click on links from unsolicited emails. These links or emails could contain

malware. Never give away personal or financial information about yourself or others online without first verifying the source.

Below is a list of websites that have recently shown signs of malicious behavior detected by anti-virus software, per Army CID:

- coronavirusstatus.space
- coronavirus-map.com
- [blogcoronacl.canalcerodigital](https://blogcoronacl.canalcerodigital.com)
- coronavirus.zone
- coronavirus-realtime.com
- coronavirus.app
- bgvfr.coronavirusaware.xyz
- coronavirusaware.xyz

Common Scams

Other common scams can come in the form of phone calls and text messages. The White House is warning the public to ignore rumors of a national quarantine that have been circulating via text. By phone, criminals have been posing as friends or family members needing money to cover a “virus prevention fee” that must be paid to return from overseas.

Most scams include messaging that require immediate action. No matter how urgent it sounds, if something doesn't sound quite right, it probably isn't, and you can always contact an organization you know and trust for confirmation. Legitimate organizations can verify their information and will not pressure you into taking an action that you are uncomfortable with.

Know Your Sources

Seeking information from trusted sources can also help you steer clear of scams. MOAA has links to these organizations, as well as links for recent news updates, at MOAA.org/coronavirus. You can

also contact your state, county, or city health department, your local hospital, your primary care physician, local medical clinics, or other locations where you receive medical services.

While we are unable to offer any medical advice, MOAA is here to guide you no matter where you are in your military career and beyond. To get exclusive access to all MOAA has to offer, [join as a Premium or Life Member today](#).

Coronavirus Resources

- [Coronavirus.gov](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Coronavirus Website](#)
- [CDC Advice for Higher-Risk Individuals](#)
- [VA Coronavirus Website](#)
- [TRICARE Coronavirus Information](#)
- [DoD Coronavirus Response Website](#)
- [Health.mil Coronavirus Information](#)
- [National Institutes of Health Coronavirus Information](#)
- [Latest Coronavirus News from Military.com](#)
- [Latest Coronavirus News from Military Times](#)

TRICARE and the Shingles Shot: What You Need to Know

Shane Ostrom

MARCH 18, 2020

Medicare covers the shingles shot as a pharmacy issue under Part D insurance. Most military retirees have no Part D coverage because of our TRICARE pharmacy plan. Having another pharmacy program disqualifies us from the TRICARE home delivery program and can cause us to file manual claims to TRICARE pharmacy for reimbursement.



A pharmacist prepares a dose of the shingles vaccine to be administered at Blanchfield Army Community Hospital's Town Center Pharmacy, Fort Campbell, Ky. (Photo by Maria Yager/Army)

Coverage of the shingles shot under TRICARE For Life (TFL) is a common question among retirees. It's an issue we have been working on, but don't get your hopes up.

[TAKE ACTION: [Tell Congress to Control TRICARE Copays](#)]

TFL covers the shingles shot as a medical coverage, not pharmacy coverage. So, the process goes like this:

- You get the shingles shot.
- You do not have Part D Medicare, so the cost falls to TFL.
- TFL covers the shot as a medical cost not covered by Medicare.
- When medical costs are not covered by Medicare, TFL deductibles and cost-shares apply.

- The deductible is \$150 single/\$300 family rates, with a \$30 cost share for a network primary care doctor.

The bottom line is, you pay for the shot even though it is technically covered.

That explains the medical coverage-side of TFL, however, on the pharmacy side of TFL, you can get the shot at a Tricare network pharmacy. Use the Tricare pharmacy coverage and the shot is covered. Yes, it is confusing.

[RELATED: [More Health Care News from MOAA](#)]

There is confusion about the shot coverage because the TRICARE Prime and Select programs cover the cost of the shot if it's administered by your network doctor. TRICARE Prime and Select are major medical plans, and TFL is a Medicare supplement plan. Major medical plans and supplement plans are apples and oranges, and comparisons do not apply.

If you are a Prime or Select enrollee and meet the TRICARE requirements for the shingles shot, you may want to get the shot before transitioning to Medicare/TFL at age 65.

National Cemetery Administration Suspends Military Funeral Honors

Amanda Dolasinski

MARCH 23, 2020

The move comes as a precaution to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. The NCA said the suspension will last until further notice.



A rainbow soars over Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego. (Photo by National Cemeteries Administration via Facebook)

The National Cemetery Administration is suspending military funeral honors – whether by military personnel or volunteer organizations – at its 142 national cemeteries.

Cemeteries will remain open and continue to provide interments for veterans and eligible individuals, according to the NCA. Immediate family members – limited to 10 people – will be able to witness the interment from a safe distance.

The precautions are “a matter of public health and safety,” the NCA said in [a March 20 Facebook post](#) announcing the changes.

[RELATED: [MOAA's Guide to Military Burials](#)]

The NCA is asking families who wish to postpone a scheduled interment to contact the national cemetery where the interment is scheduled as soon as possible. Those who choose to continue with the interment can work with the NCA to schedule a committal or memorial services at a later date.

The National Cemetery Scheduling Office in St. Louis will continue to provide scheduling services for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. To schedule a burial, call (800) 535-1117, option 1.

Arlington Update

Arlington National Cemetery (ANC) closed to the public as of March 13. Funerals will continue, [per the ANC website](#), and family members can visit during restricted hours after obtaining a family pass. Family members can call (877) 907-8585 for more information about visitation, ceremonies, or scheduling.

Status updates will be posted on [ANC's Facebook page](#).

Detail on Key Chapter Events

I took the opportunity to use our February 2020 monthly MOAA Chapter event to introduce Chapter members and Fleet Landing residents to Fleet Landing's updated Family Survivor's Guide. Fleet Landing's bereavement team lead COL Frank Donnelly, USMC (Ret) covered the updates to this valuable document and made copies available to all attendees. Once filled in, the guide provides families with critical information on finances and important documentation and facts.

The article produced for Fleet Beat by CDR Chet Davis, USN (Ret) is provided below for all who could not attend or do not receive the Fleet Beat newsletter.

Family Survivor's Handbook

By Chet Davis



LtoR: Pat Kluever, Frank and Rae Donnelly

Fleet Landing residents, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) Historic Mayport Chapter members, and others were provided with the updated *Family Survivor's Handbook* at a meeting in the Coleman Auditorium on February 26.

Pat Kluever, president of the Historic Mayport Chapter, introduced Fleet Landing resident and Bereavement Officer Colonel Frank Donnelly, USMC (Ret.), who provided an overview of the recently revised handbook. Noting the significant assistance provided by Resident Support Coordinator Patty Chicoine, Donnelly outlined changes and highlighted important sections of the handbook. Although the handbook will require some time to complete, the value to spouses and other relatives upon a death cannot be over-emphasized. The data contained in the handbook will greatly facilitate and enhance the response to many financial, benefit, and account issues that arise after a death. The handbook will provide assistance to both our military retirees and the nonmilitary population of Fleet Landing.

Of note, with the advent of strict privacy laws, the importance of having granted permission, as outlined in the handbook, to designated persons will speed up the resolution of most issues as they occur.

The point is for all of us to plan ahead to make a painful time pass with the least turmoil.

Copies of the handbook are available from Chicoine (ext 1116).

*Thanks To Peggy Steck for This Article***March 28th, 2020 - AMERICAN LEGION - HELP TO VETS**

The Leadership of The American Legion, The Sons of The American Legion, The American Legion Riders and The American Legion Auxiliary are working together during this crisis. The coronavirus COVID-19, is impacting Florida's veterans, active duty military members and their families. As many organizations are being forced to close their doors, our veterans are unable to work and provide an income to support their families.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES**VA Suicide Prevention Hotline:**

- **Phone: 1-800-273-8255 then press 1.**
- Send a **text message to 838255** to connect with a VA responder.
- Start a confidential online **chat session at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/Chat).**
- Take a **self-check quiz at [VeteransCrisisLine.net/Quiz](https://www.veteranscrisisline.net/Quiz)**

National Child Abuse Hot line

- **Phone: 1-800-422-4453 - 24-hour hotline** that offers crisis counseling for adult survivors, abused children, parents experiencing stress and several other problems. Information and references.

National Runaway Safeline:

- **Phone: 1-800-RUNAWAY** - This national service is provided to all children and parents across the US. Whether a child feels unsafe at home and is wanting to run away, or if a parent believes they have a child who ran away from home and needs help, the National Runaway Safeline is a place to call where **professional personnel are on-duty 24/7 to answer questions**

ACCESS Florida

- **Phone: 1-850-300-4323**
- **General Information about Food Assistance and SUNCAP** - The Food Assistance Program helps people with low-income buy healthy food. A food assistance household is normally a group of people who live together and buy food and cook meals together. If your household passes the Food Assistance Program's eligibility rules, the amount of food assistance benefits you get depends on the number of people in your household and how much money is left after certain expenses are subtracted.

The Florida Department of Labor

- **Phone: 1-800-204-2418**
- **File for jobless benefits in Florida** - The Florida Department of Labor formally called the Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation, is the organization you need to get in touch to file for jobless benefits. The State of Florida makes contacting the agency simple, and there are numerous ways to do so. Contact the Florida Agency for Workforce The phones at the Florida unemployment office are answered from 8:00 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Poison Control:

- **Phone: 1-800-222-1222 (24 hours)**
- Agency advises what to do in suspected or actual poisoning.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration:

- **Phone: 1-800-662-4357**
- SAMHSA's National Helpline is a free, confidential, 24/7, 365-day-a-year treatment referral and information service (in English and Spanish) for individuals and families facing mental and/or substance use disorders.

Social Security Administration:

- **Phone: 1-800-772-1213**
- The United States Social Security Administration is an independent agency of the U.S. federal government that administers Social Security, a social insurance program consisting of retirement, disability, and survivors' benefits.

Homeless Call Center:

- **Phone 877-424-3838**
- Access VA's services for Veterans who are homeless or are at-risk of being homeless, available 24/7.

PROJECT VetRelief

PROJECT: VetRelief is teaming up with the [Florida Veterans Foundation](#) to support those who are affected by this pandemic. We are anticipating that we will see a substantial increase in the number of applications requesting assistance over the next few months. Both programs are privately funded and are not equipped to fund the expected demand of our veteran community.

Please find it in your heart to donate so that we can make a greater impact and support all service members who need us during this chaotic time.

Existing Guidelines:

- Veteran, Active Duty Military, or Immediate Family Member (*Spouse, Legal Guardian, or Child*)

- Acceptable Discharges: Honorable or General Under Honorable Conditions
- Florida Resident for minimum of 120 Days
- Show Sustainability - balance of income and expenses
- Experiencing an unforeseeable emergency
- Provided for necessities: shelter, utilities, food (in the form of a gift card), and some transportation and medical expenses
- Funds are granted one-time annually per household

Additional process for COVID-19:

- Applicants who are experiencing loss of income must show proof via pay stubs or letter from employer.
- Phone interview with local VetRelief Advocate will be accepted.
- To avoid depletion of funds, a monthly financial cap will be put in place.

HOW TO SUBMIT:

Please send the application, DD-214 (member 4 copy), proof of temporary/permanent layoff due to coronavirus, and the bill for which you are requesting assistance to: aid@legionmail.org or by fax (407) 299-0901.

[Download the application \(PDF\)](#)

For the safety of our staff and volunteers, our office is closed to outside visitors. Therefore, we will not take any walk-in appointments or applications that are hand-delivered.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

PROJECT: VetRelief has partnered with the Florida Veterans Foundation on raising funds to accommodate the increased needs of our veteran community. Please donate so that together we can assist all those who need our support. As more information comes in we will be updating you. I have heard that the President has signed the stimulus bill and we will be advising you within the next few days of how that will affect us here in Florida. Please be safe and continue to check on your legion family members.

A new document will be distributed shortly through your leadership channels entitled "**How to Perform a Buddy Check During the Coronavirus Pandemic**" which will offer tips and how to reach our fellow veterans and family members who may be sheltering and social distancing to find out if they need assistance.

We can get through this together working as a team.

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End of Newsletter Content

The Mayport Messenger is the newsletter of MOAA's Historic Mayport Chapter Inc. and is published monthly on the last Monday of each month or that next Monday if it is the first day of the next month.

If you have questions or comments about the content of this newsletter please contact me at "patkluever@verizon.net" or call (540) 775-4955.

Editorial Policy

The National Military Officer's Association of America (MOAA) and affiliated Councils and Chapters are non-partisan, and encourages active engagement to understand legislative issues and the stance of officials to inform MOAA membership during elections.

The last page of this newsletter will always be a Historic Mayport Chapter membership application for your use to recruit new members.

(Cut the last page for email or print the last page for hard copy)

Membership Application

The Military Officer's Association of America's (MOAA's) greatest mission is to improve the lives of those who serve and their families. The larger our numbers, the greater our voice.

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.

If you know if an eligible veteran please print and cut out the membership application form below and ask the veteran to join up. - ***Thank You!***

MOAA'S HISTORIC MAYPORT CHAPTER
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Regular Member (Military Officers):

Full Name: _____ / Rank: _____ / Service _____

Dates Served: _____ to _____ / Retired?: _____ (Y/N)

— or —

Surviving Spouse Member:

Full Name: _____ Rank: _____ / Service: _____

(Fill in name, rank, & service of your deceased military officer spouse)

Please make your check for \$25 payable to "MOAAs Historic Mayport Chapter Inc" Send application & check to 3534 Eunice Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32250 or put in Fleet Landing Social Box #116

(Annual dues are due for all members 1 January each year)

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Spouse's Name: _____ / Email: _____

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MOAA Member #: _____ If you are not currently a member of MOAA, can your Chapter obtain a **basic** MOAA membership for you at no cost to you _____ (Y/N)

Your Birthdate: _____ / Spouse Birthdate: _____
(So we may honor you both on your birthdays)

Comments / Additional Information: _____
