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President's Corner

By the time you read this the Annual Scholarship Banquet will be completed. We are so proud of this year's Scholarship winners and the parents, spouses and others who helped and mentored them in their educational journey. PMOAA is proud to be a part of the next phase of their learning with our scholarship program, that includes a \$3000 contribution towards the cost of their education. Congratulations to all the winners. May you succeed beyond your wildest dreams!

We are also proud of our hard-working Scholarship Committee led by Maj Charles Booton, USAF (Ret) who has done tremendous work over the past many years reaching out to our community and region, including our local Army and US Air Force ROTC programs, especially the units at the University of West Florida here in Pensacola. Thank you, Charley! The other stellar members of the Committee are: CAPT Bill Cuilik, CAPT Meredith Yeager and LTC Karen Vinson-VanHouter.

We do NOT have a meeting in August, so the next time we meet will be on September 18 at 1730 at PYC. We will have full information about our speaker, etc. in the September Beacon. Enjoy these "Dog Days of Summer" and think of the cooler temperatures to come in late September, but really in October.

Your Board of Directors will be busy in August with a couple of important undertakings. The first will be to find replacement officers and directors for those whose terms expire in January 2026.

The Nominating Committee is led by Trumin Brown so if you are interested in serving on the board or as an officer, please contact Trumin at Trumin.brown@att.net. The second task is to meet with all the JROTC programs in our area to introduce them to our new annual stipend program that was voted upon by the Board a few months ago. We intend to start this fall providing up to \$750 per year to each JROTC program in our area. If you would like to serve on the committee for this highly worthwhile program, please let me know at kpyle1968@gmail.com. The third is to find a new Beacon Editor. If you or someone you know would like to take on this most rewarding opportunity, please contact Jean Booton at Jean.Booton@pmoaa.org or any Board member.

We look forward to seeing you at the September 18 meeting at PYC. May God Bless the rest of your summer and LIFE with the knowledge that you are loved. Enjoy!

Your President, Ken Pyle

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*No August Meeting*

*Enjoy your summer.*

*See you on September 18 at  
the Pensacola Yacht Club.*



## LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

With a great deal of pride on June 14<sup>th</sup> I watched the military parade in honor of the United States Army's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday. I recalled my first parade in honor of the Army birthday on that same day in 2007. I had just reported as a special assistant to the Commanding General United States Army Forces Command (FORSCOM), General Charles C. "Hondo" Campbell (RIP). The parade occurred on the Fort McPherson parade field. (Editor's note: Filmmaker Tyler Perry purchased a large portion of the fort after its closure. The movie Six Triple Eight was filmed at the fort featuring the parade of the only black female Army battalion of that name to deploy to Europe during World War II). I highly recommend that film as it is a great story that probably most people are unaware of. Throughout my 31-year career in the Navy I had occasion to work with the Army and those last few years, especially in 2008-2009 when I was embedded with the Army as a Combat Advisor in Afghanistan I felt "Army Strong". In any event, during the 250<sup>th</sup> birthday parade the Army ceremonial horse units were featured and as you will see in this update, they are now being retired to put those dollars to more modern warfighting. At the end of this update is a picture of one of those units in action.

I have chosen a few articles from the weekly MOAA newsletters in May/June, I hope you enjoy them and take action where appropriate.

You can support those efforts by being part of the action. A way to do that is to sign up for the MOAA legislative alerts visit [https://moaa.quorum.us/sign\\_in/](https://moaa.quorum.us/sign_in/).

To help you stay informed about issues, please consider subscribing to the MOAA Newsletter which is sent out two to four times per month on Thursdays via email. You can sign up for the newsletter at [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org). Please let me know how you think I can make this column better for you by sending an email to me at [dave.mitchell@pmoaa.org](mailto:dave.mitchell@pmoaa.org).

Also, if you are not aware, the Florida Council of Chapters (FCoC) publishes a newsletter every other month. It can be viewed here at <https://flmoaa.org/news/>

Your voice needs to be heard by our Florida Congressional Delegation. Please use some or all of the links available within this Legislative Affairs column and subscribe to the automatic notifications I mentioned above. The Pensacola Chapter of MOAA is a member of the Florida Council of Chapters, FCoC at [flmoaa.org](http://flmoaa.org) and an affiliate of the [Military Officers Association of America \(MOAA\)](http://moaa.org) who together are the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. We are an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization. MOAA has several critical legislative issues they are championing. Become an advocate and **Take Action NOW!** at <https://moaa.quorum.us/>

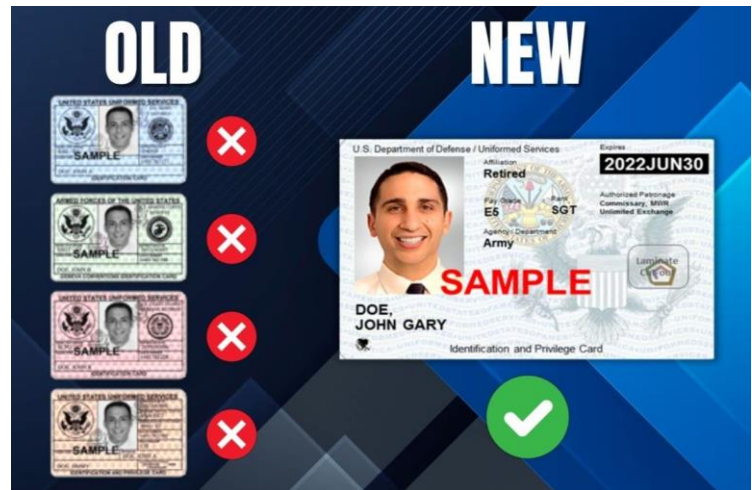
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## DoD: No 'Termination Date' Set for Legacy Retiree IDs

(By: Kevin Lilley from the July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 MOAA Newsletter)



(Image by Tech. Sgt. Lucas M. Weber/Air Force)

While DoD officials encourage those holding legacy (paper-based) identification cards with indefinite expiration dates to update to the new model, they have yet to "determine a termination date" for the older IDs.

This is in contrast to a June retiree newsletter published by the Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS), which stated all retirees had until Dec. 31, 2025, to update their cards to the Next-Generation Uniformed Services ID (USID) card before they became invalid for base access.

A revised DFAS article "correcting the inaccuracies" of the original was published online July 10, a DoD official told MOAA via email July 22. It [does not include the Dec. 31 deadline](#). The original PDF version of the newsletter remained on the DFAS site as of July 22.

"It's important for USID cardholders to know these older paper-based forms of ID will eventually be terminated and will need to be replaced by the new plastic-based USID card," the updated version states. "This is true even if your old ID card has an INDEF expiration date on it."

### [FROM CAC.MIL: [Renewing Your Uniformed Services ID Card](#)]

The DoD official told MOAA that the old cards "may continue to be used as the Department of Defense has not determined a termination date USID cards with indefinite ("INDEF") expiration dates. Military retirees and beneficiaries with legacy ID cards with INDEF expiration dates are encouraged to update their USID cards to the new Next Generation USID card at their convenience."

Previous guidance, provided to MOAA by the Defense Manpower Data Center (DMDC) in March, had stated that the "INDEF" cards would face termination at some point in 2026.

Military OneSource, an official DoD web resource, states in its [frequently asked questions](#) about ID cards that legacy USID cards of all types “will no longer be accepted for access to benefits, privileges, or DoD bases” in 2026.

Other DoD resources and social media pages have also put out information citing a Dec. 31 changeover deadline, which has led to some cardholder confusion.

### **Renewing Your Card**

Full details on the DoD ID card system are available at MOAA's [ID card resource page](#), to include:

- Eligibility guidelines.
- A guide to renewing your card, including mail and online options.
- What to bring when you renew your card.
- How to update a dependent's card.
- How to update your information in the Defense Enrollment Eligibility Reporting System (DEERS).

**[KEY LINKS: [Find Your Nearest ID Card Office](#) | [ID Card Office Online](#)]**

Cardholders with questions regarding their ID, or facing trouble with the online renewal or appointment process, can contact DMDC at (800) 538-9552. If applicable, be ready to provide an online application number and any error messages received.

### **VA Expands Burial Benefits for Some Veterans**

(By Kevin Lilley from the July 17<sup>th</sup> 2025 MOAA Newsletter)

Some veterans who pass away while receiving VA-provided home hospice care will be eligible for a full VA burial allowance, the [VA announced July 10](#), enacting one of many provisions in a MOAA-backed bill passed late last year.

The Senator Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act ensures these veterans are among those eligible for the full benefit, which had not been the case under prior law. The change “better supports veterans who choose to spend their final days at home, surrounded by loved ones,” VA Secretary Doug Collins said in the announcement.

The benefit expansion applies to those who pass away between July 1, 2025, and Oct. 1, 2026, and were receiving hospice care at home after being discharged from a facility where they were receiving VA-provided medical or nursing care. Family members of these veterans are asked to reach out to their local VA for further details and benefit application information; more information on VA burial benefits is available [on the VA website](#) or by calling (800) 827-1000.

**[MOAA MEMBER EXCLUSIVE: [Your Guide to Military Burials](#)]**

MOAA joined more than 40 other veterans organizations in supporting the Dole Act, which combined more than 90 pieces of legislation into a bill offering expanded benefits and support services to veterans, their families, and their caregivers. It increases the VA share of home nursing care costs from 65% to 100% and launches a pilot program for hiring more nursing aides to offer VA-backed in-home care in underserved regions, among other home-care benefits.

MOAA has been tracking the act's implementation since it became law. One key step [came in the spring](#), when VA officials

began engaging with veterans service organizations (VSOs) to develop plans to recognize individuals and groups that provide no-cost assistance to those looking to navigate VA health care and benefits systems.

MOAA's ongoing VA legislative advocacy includes work on behalf of the [Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement \(3R\) Act](#), which would expand employment, retirement planning, health care, and other financial resources available to caregivers.

**[TAKE ACTION: [Ask Your Lawmakers to Support Veteran Caregivers](#)]**

Keep up with the latest MOAA advocacy efforts via our newly redesigned [Legislative Action Center](#).

### **Pay Raise, TRICARE Pilot Programs, and More: An Early Look at the FY 2026 NDAA**

(By the MOAA Governmental Relations Staff from the July 17, 2025 MOAA Newsletter)

Congress has made significant strides in the last few days to advance its most critical defense policy bill: the annual National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). This legislation will authorize military pay, benefits, and support programs for fiscal year 2026. Its impact reaches across the breadth and width of the uniformed services community—servicemembers, families, retirees, and survivors alike.

The latest from both chambers:

- **Senate:** The Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) reported its bill out of committee July 11 with near-unanimous support (26-1 vote) following a swift, bipartisan markup.
- **House:** The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) reported its version out of committee late July 15, also with a near-unanimous (55-2) vote after a longer process, debating over 700 amendments.

The next big hurdle for both versions will be full floor consideration. And MOAA is closely tracking what's in – and what's missing – as the NDAA continues to move forward. Here's a look at what both bills contain after their committee markups, and how you can help MOAA's work on the must-pass legislation.

**RELATED: [House NDAA Resources](#) | [Senate NDAA Executive Summary](#)]**

#### **What's In**

##### **Currently Serving:**

- **Military Pay:** Both the House and Senate versions support a base pay increase of 3.8% in 2026, which would keep pace with the [Employment Cost Index](#).
- **Separation Pay:** The House version would boost the Family Separation Allowance to \$400 per month. Previous authorizations allowed DoD to increase the allowance from \$250 to \$400 per month; this provision creates a new floor
- **Allowances:** The House version requires studies to improve the accuracy of both the Basic Allowance for Housing and the Basic Allowance for Subsistence, a long-standing MOAA priority.



**[TAKE ACTION: [Ask Your Lawmakers to Restore BAH to 100% of Projected Housing Costs](#)]**

**Families and Survivors:**

- *Child Care:* The House version includes a three-year extension of the [In-Home Child Care pilot program](#), which provides fee assistance for military families seeking in-home care.
- *Impact Aid:* The Senate version authorizes \$50 million “to educational agencies affected by the enrollment of military and DoD civilian dependents,” according to the executive summary, along with \$10 million in impact aid payments for children with disabilities and \$20 million “for local educational agencies determined by the Secretary of Defense to have high concentrations of military children with severe disabilities.” The House version authorizes \$35 million to local educational agencies impacted by the presence of tax-exempt federal property and an additional \$10 million for locations serving military-connected children with severe disabilities.
- *Food Security:* The House bill excludes BAH from the eligibility calculation for the Basic Needs Allowance, [a long-standing MOAA priority](#).
- *Housing:* The House bill requires a Government Accountability Office (GAO) review of privatized military family housing inventory.

**[RELATED: [Lawmakers Want Details on Plans to Privatize Military Stores](#)]**

**Retirees and Veterans**

*Transition Help:* The House bill enhances the Transition Assistance Program (TAP) by standardizing the presentation of VA offerings while introducing transitioning servicemembers to VA-approved veterans service organizations who are able to assist with the transition into civilian life and navigating benefits available to servicemembers and their families.

**[RELATED: [Career and Transition Resources From MOAA](#)]**

**DoD Health Care**

- *Dental Readiness:* The House bill provides no-cost dental coverage under TRICARE for members of the reserve component.
- *Improved Access to Care:* The House bill would create a pilot program designed to streamline access to OB-GYN care by providing it without a referral to TRICARE Prime beneficiaries. It would also institute a five-year pilot treating pregnancy as a qualifying life event for the purposes of eligibility to enroll in TRICARE Select.

**[RELATED: [MOAA-Backed Bill Offers More Options for Moms-to-Be Under TRICARE](#)]**

**What Can I Do to Help?**

While MOAA continues direct engagement with lawmakers and their staffs, that alone won't be enough to move the NDAA across the finish line. Your voice — raised as a constituent — can make all the difference.

Use [MOAA's Legislative Action Center](#) to contact your elected officials and urge them to ensure the NDAA continues moving through the legislative process without delay.

**Riding Off Into the Sunset: Army Ending 5 Ceremonial Horse Units**

(By Rose L. Thayer from the July 10<sup>th</sup> 2025 MOAA Newsletter, originally from Stripes.com (Stars and Stripes))

The Army is putting to pasture five ceremonial horse units that bring the service's cavalry history from the Old West to life for communities across the country.

Service officials said the move will save \$2 million annually and the money will be pumped into weapons and training.

“We're doing this to align more resources with warfighting capability and readiness,” said Steve Warren, an Army spokesman.

More than 230 horses, mules and donkeys assigned to Fort Irwin, Calif., Fort Huachuca, Ariz., Fort Riley, Kan., Fort Sill, Okla., and Fort Hood, Texas, will be put up for adoption and transferred out of the Army in the next year.

Only the Old Guard caisson units at the Military District of Washington and Joint Base San Antonio, Texas, will remain active. These units participate in funeral services for Medal of Honor recipients, prisoners of war and those killed in action, and veterans ranked sergeant major or higher at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery in Texas and Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.

**[RELATED: [Army Heralds a New Beginning for The Old Guard as Horse-Drawn Caissons Return to Arlington](#)]**

Each base is responsible for coming up with its own plan to close the unit and move soldiers from their assignment with a horse unit, Warren said. It is possible the horses could remain in the area to provide pomp and circumstance to events but outside of the Army's budget.

“There may be work arounds. We don't know. This is early days,” Warren said. “We're not going to assign soldiers to the horse detachment any longer. We're not going to keep horses at Fort Hood any longer.”

The budget cuts are part of an ongoing initiative in the Pentagon to rearrange funding to activities and costs that directly support warfighting. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth has described cuts such as these as “refocusing and reinvesting existing funds into building the force that protects ... the American people.”

It also follows a difficult period for the Old Guard stables in Virginia. It paused funeral honors for two years after the deaths of two horses in 2023 exposed unsanitary living conditions and a lack of open space for the herd to graze. The 3rd Infantry Regiment completely reformed its equine program and [horse-drawn caissons](#) returned to Arlington National Cemetery in May.

The Army's other ceremonial horse units typically bring alive the history of the cavalry during weekly public demonstrations and unit ceremonies as well as during parades, rodeos and events throughout local communities.

The Fort Sill Artillery Half Section carries the traditions of World War I, while the 1st Infantry Division Commanding General's Mounted Color Guard is reminiscent of Civil War-era soldiers. The three others all represent the Army of the late 1880s, using Colt revolvers and sabers of the era.

B Troop at Fort Huachuca is unique from the others in that it does not have any authorized personnel and instead relies on volunteers to fill its schedule of events for recruiting, community relations and Army ceremonies.

The 1st Cavalry Division Horse Cavalry Detachment at Fort Hood and Fort Riley's mounted color guard have participated in presidential inauguration parades, while the Fort Hood detachment and the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Horse Detachment from Fort Irwin have walked the annual Pasadena Tournament of Roses Parade in California.

Fort Riley's color guard participated in 143 events in 15 states and two countries in 2024, said Maj. Guster Cunningham, spokesman for the division. On average, about 30 soldiers are assigned to the unit at any given time, working alongside its 18 horses, two draft horses and four mules.

"We will work diligently to find suitable homes for our horses and will keep the community informed throughout this transition," Cunningham said. "This change does not impact the 1st Infantry Division's ("Big Red One") core priorities: building warfighting readiness, caring for soldiers, civilians, and families, adapting our formations to win, and developing inspirational leaders. We remain committed to strengthening partnerships and engaging with our surrounding communities."

The Fort Hood detachment, with roughly 40 soldiers, now owns 29 horses and four mules, according to the 1st Cavalry Division. At division ceremonies, the soldiers typically close the event with a cavalry charge, complete with the mule-drawn Studebaker wagon and Apache helicopters overhead.

Service officials said they aim for a seamless transition for the horses to responsible owners.

"The 1st Cavalry Division Horse Detachment has been a proud symbol of the division's heritage for over 53 years, playing a vital role in community relations and representing the division and the Army with distinction at national events, including the Army's 250th birthday parade. The 1st Cavalry Division remains committed to its mission of warfighting readiness and service to the nation while honoring the legacy of our horse detachment," the division said in a statement.

Other units affected by the change did not respond Tuesday to a request for comment.

Each unit will have six months to create a plan to close the horse units, and then each will spend the next six months executing the plan, Warren said. The horses will not be sold, he said.

"We're not trying to try to make money here. We're going to donate them, find adoption for them," Warren said. "Just like our military working dogs, they are part of the Army. They're part of the Army family. We're going to treat them with compassion."

## **Surviving Spouse Corner: Understanding Long-Term Care Insurance Policies**

(By: Roy Yenchsky from the July 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025 MOAA Newsletter)

National statistics show that 70% of Americans will need some level of long-term care, which can be a range of services and support to meet your personal care needs. Most long-term care might be considered non-medical or custodial care.

The insurance industry definition of long-term care is when you cannot perform two of the [six activities of daily living](#): toileting, transferring, eating, dressing, bathing, and continence. Significant cognitive impairment might also result in the need for long-term care.

The cost of long-term care will vary depending on where you live. You will need to research the cost of long-term care for your local area. Levels of care might include an Alzheimer's disease/dementia care unit, nursing home care, assisted living, in-home care, and adult day care. In many parts of the country, the cost can be over \$100,000 a year.

### **[RELATED: [Long-Term Care Resources From MOAA](#)]**

The basic cost of a long-term care insurance policy is determined by your age and any health issues you might have as well as decisions you select for coverage. These might include daily benefit, home care, benefit period, lifetime benefit, and elimination period, which are all part of the basic premium. Generally, the younger you are when you buy a policy, the lower your premium will be. However, depending on the policy, the premium might not be guaranteed, and the insurance company might increase the premium.

Adding to the complexity of long-term care insurance policies are numerous riders (options) available. Every rider you choose will increase the premium cost but will also add an enhanced overall benefit. Some, but not all, of the riders available might include: percentage benefit increase, spousal shared care, waiver of premium, spousal survivorship, international benefit, cost-of-living adjustment, nursing care, nonforfeiture, shortened benefit, and paid-up benefits.

The premiums you pay for a qualified long-term care insurance policy might be included as part of your medical expenses if you itemize deductions on Schedule A on your IRS form 1040 instead of taking the standard deduction.

A long-term care insurance policy also gives you choices as to what facility you use or if you choose to stay in your home and have home health care.

The long-term care insurance industry is continuing to evolve with new and enhanced products, such as providing a death benefit if you never use it for long-term care and guaranteed fixed premiums.

Consult with an elder law attorney and a trusted financial advisor when doing your research. But please, discuss this with your spouse and plan now.



Troopers with the Horse Cavalry Detachment, 1st Cavalry Division, ride during a traditional cavalry charge, commemorating 1st Cavalry's retiring Troopers, on June 29, 2022, at Fort

Hood, Texas. (Photo by Spc. Cheyne Hanoski/Army)

**Compiled and Edited by  
Captain Dave Mitchell, USN (Ret)**

## The Surviving Spouse Assistance Committee Corner

The death of a spouse or partner can be one of life's most stressful events. Every person handles grief differently but being prepared by developing your estate plan will certainly help through a difficult time. Making a list with all your financial data and important information and then sharing it with your spouse or partner can really help when this does happen. For those who haven't already put their "house in order" so to speak, below are a few sites that provide various aspects to inspire and/or benefit you as you work through this process.

## Planning the Estate from MOAA.org:

<https://www.moaa.org/content/search-results/?keyword=Benefits%20Planning%20Guide>

Financial Challenges faced by the Older Surviving Spouse or Partner:

<https://www.consumerfinance.gov/data-research/research-reports/data-spotlight-financial-challenges-faced-by-recently-widowed-older-adults/full-report/>

## MOAA Surviving Spouse Resources:

<https://www.moaa.org/content/about-moaa/meet-our-leaders/surviving-spouse-advisory-committee/surviving-spouse-resources/>

For the surviving spouse or partner considering a pet? Below is a link from MOAA.org that might help:

<https://www.moaa.org/content/publications-and-media/news-articles/2022-news-articles/surviving-spouse-corner-benefits-of-pet-adoption/>

Now that it is hurricane season, some information to make sure you are prepared. Here is a link to the Escambia Disaster Plan website: <https://myescambia.com/our-services/public-safety/beready/disaster-plan>

And don't forget to include digital estate information in your estate files if you must evacuate.

**Submitted by Judy Dickson, Chair,  
Karen Vinson-VanHouter, Karin Wiseman,  
Bill Mayer and Carol Olson**

*Link to PMOAA Digital Asset & Quicklist files on our website:*  
<https://pmoaa.org/Surviving-Spouse-Assistance>

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**COL Manuel F. Siverio, USA (Ret)**

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**PMOAA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**July 2025**

There was no Board of Directors meeting in July. Our next meeting will be August 19. And there will be no Membership meeting in August. See you on September 18 at the Pensacola Yacht Club.

**Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan E. Ulloa, Secretary**

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## BEACON Editor Needed by September

**If you, or someone you know, would be interested in being the **BEACON** editor, please contact any Board Member or send an email to [Jean.Booton@pmoaa.org](mailto:Jean.Booton@pmoaa.org)**

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## 2025 PMOAA CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Most member meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month except for June, July, and December. Board meetings are held at 1600 on the Tuesday following the member meetings (some exceptions apply). Locations are subject to change (PYC is Pensacola Yacht Club; Mustin is Mustin Beach Club on NAS Pensacola; Oaks is The Oaks on NAS Pensacola). Christmas Party will be at 1800 at PYC.

## MEMBER MEETINGS

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|--------------------------------|-----|
| July 31 – Scholarship Banquet  | PYC |
| Aug 1- <b>NO MEETING</b>       |     |
| Sept 18 - <b>Dinner</b>        | PYC |
| Oct 16 - <b>Dinner</b>         | PYC |
| Nov 20 -Annual Biz Mtg         | PYC |
| Dec 4 - Christmas Party (1800) | PYC |

## BOARD MEETINGS

**No Board Meeting**  
Aug 19 TBD  
Sept 23 PYC  
Oct 14 PYC  
Nov 18 PYC  
Dec 16 PYC

*Menus and speakers TBD at a later date.*

Just a reminder, if you move, change your email address or phone number, please go on-line at <https://pmoaa.org>, log in with your user name and password and update your information. Or email [membership@pmoaa.org](mailto:membership@pmoaa.org) with your current information.





## PMOAA MEMBERSHIP SIGNUP / RENEWAL FORM

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Existing members – only information changes  
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### ★★ 2025 SCHEDULE ★★

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| <b>MAY 29</b> | <b>GUEST OF HONOR</b><br><b>General William "Spider" Nyland, USMC</b><br><i>Marine Corps 250th Anniversary Night</i><br>Seville Quarter, 130 E Government St, Pensacola, Florida |
| <b>JUN 26</b> | <b>Major General Richard Simcock, USMC</b><br><i>The Surge in Iraq</i><br>Seville Quarter, 130 E Government St, Pensacola, Florida                                               |
| <b>JUL 31</b> | <b>Captain Matthew Meistrup, USCG</b><br><i>Coast Guard/Marine Team Night</i><br>Seville Quarter, 130 E Government St, Pensacola, Florida                                        |
| <b>AUG 28</b> | <b>Colonel Andrew Turner, USMC</b><br><i>Battle of Najaf, Iraq</i><br>Seville Quarter, 130 E Government St, Pensacola, Florida                                                   |
| <b>SEP 25</b> | <b>Captain Lee Anne Savoia, USN, Medical Corps</b><br><i>U.S. Navy Medical Corps</i><br>Seville Quarter, 130 E Government St, Pensacola, Florida                                 |
| <b>OCT 30</b> | <b>MGySgt Larry McCartney, USMC</b><br><i>Khe Sanh Remembrance-Reunion Night</i><br>Pensacola Veterans Memorial Park,<br>Bayfront Parkway near 9th Avenue, Pensacola, Florida    |



To make a donation to the "Heroes Among Us" campaign, please visit [www.heroesamongus.com](http://www.heroesamongus.com) or call 800-875-2265. Make checks payable to "Heroes Among Us" or "Seville Quarter, 130 E Government St, Pensacola, FL 32501".







June-September Seville Quarter 1800 hours



## Wreaths Across America



This July, we're joining the national Giving in July campaign to spotlight community groups like ours that are making a positive impact and raising funds to honor our nation's heroes.

By sponsoring a \$17 veteran's wreath through FL0843P - Pensacola Chapter of the Military Officers of America Association, you're doing more than placing a wreath — you're supporting our local efforts. For every wreath sponsored, \$5 is given back to our group through the Wreaths Across America Group Sponsorship Program.

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Submitted by  
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## Veteran's Flight Pensacola Beach Airshow July 11-12, 2025

The Veterans Flight has been a prelude to the world renowned Pensacola Beach Airshow for over a decade.

Originally aimed at WWII vets, it's now opened up to those who served in Korea and Vietnam. This year, the event was Friday and Saturday morning, 11 and 12 July prior to the big airshow.



Speaking of WWII vets, five "Lima Bravos" enjoyed their flights on Friday and gathered for a group picture...Amazing! (To qualify to be a Lima Bravo, he/she must have celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> birthday and flown with Veterans Flight during the Pensacola Beach Airshow.)

(Photo by Steven Stopler, Veterans Flight Photo Ops Chief)

Conceived by Mr. Roy Kinsey, he has rallied a large number of volunteer pilots who own and fly their antique WWII era trainer aircraft such as the Boeing/Stearman PT-17, North America T-6, and Beechcraft T-34...among others. They hark from Florida, Alabama and Georgia and gather at the Pensacola Aviation Center on the PNS east ramp. Starting at around 0730 for about three hours, they fly these vets up and down the beach to finish in time for the Beach Airshow. It's a huge social and media event replete with medical staff and many selfless volunteers to assist boarding/deplaning veterans. Other services include marshalling aircraft launching/recovering, photography and refreshments.

This year two chapter members...retired USAF Vietnam era jet pilots Gib Ahl (in a Stearman) and Joe Kinego (in a T-6) got to cheat gravity...albeit at a much slower and casual pace! They even demonstrated to these volunteer pilots that they still had the 'Right Stuff' as they were briefly handed the controls.



(Photo by Joe Kinego)



(Photo by Charley Booton)

Overall a splendid and joyous event blessed with great weather.

**Story by Charley Booton**



## 31<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS BANQUET

Our Scholarship Awards Banquet will be held on July 31, 2025. Due to its date at the end of the month, coverage was not available for this issue of the Beacon. Look to the September **Beacon** for updates and pictures of our proud Scholarship winners.



## JROTC / SCHOLARSHIP DONATION FORM

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