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1990, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999

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2000, 2001

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2020, 2021, 2022

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(5-Star Award) 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021
(5-Star Award Website) 2020, 2022
(4-Star Award Website) 2021

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Notes from the President's Desk

Miramar Chapter, the months of February and March include some notable dates/birthdays to recognize, not to mention Valentine's Day, which you don't want to forget!

The Coast Guard Reserve turns 83 on Feb 19th...the day in 1941 that the civilian Reserve of the Coast Guard as a military component, modeled after the Navy Reserve, and the civilian reserve was redesignated as Coast Guard Auxiliary. Presidents' Day also falls on Monday, February 19 this year. On Feb. 23, 1929, retired Marine Col. Arthur Marix and 62 fellow officers formed The Retired Officers Association in Los Angeles. TROA was established to provide assistance and advice to other military officers from all branches of the uniformed services. Today, MOAA has over 350,000 members, making us the largest association of military officers in the country.

Finally, the Navy Reserve turns 109 on March 3rd. In 1915, the Naval Reserve Force was established ahead of the possible U.S. involvement in WWI. The Reserves grew from 8,000 at their inception to almost 246,000 at the end of WWI. The Naval Reserve Force surged again during WWII to provide 84% of the Navy's fighting force during that global conflict.

We held our first joint Miramar and San Diego chapter bi-monthly luncheon on February 1st, and despite the rainy weather, we had a great turnout and enjoyed a great meal from Adm Baker. Our speaker, Prof. Jeff McIllwain from SDSU, gave a wonderful presentation about his professional life and work tracking criminal and terrorist networks, and he also made a compelling case for how important organizations like ours are, as we "Never Stop Serving" in our communities and helping shape future leaders. He was very good!

Our next joint luncheon will be on Friday, April 5th, due to scheduling conflicts at Admiral Baker. Again, that is Friday, April 5th, so please mark your calendars now!

Col Darryle J. Grimes, USAF (Ret), Miramar Chapter President (619)-639-7217/grimesdj@gmail.com.

Next Meeting: Miramar BOD Meeting, Thursday, March 7th, 6pm Location: Zoom
Speaker: N/A

CHAPTER AFFAIRS**CHAPTER AFFAIRS****MEMBERSHIP REPORT****As of February 5, 2024**

Regular	112
Surviving Spouse	17
Associate	2
Honorary	1
Total	135

106 Members have renewed.

JROTC Donations to JROTC Fund were:

Elsa Ang, Mark Brouker, Janet Gallagher, Darryle Grimes, Louis Kleis, David Marvin, Martha Smidt, Tom Splitgerber, Donja Stephenson, William Walker.

OVERVIEW of the February 1 Chapter Lunch. Excellent Lunch and Guest Speaker Dr. Jeffrey McIlwain's Presentation. Our chapter membership renewal continues (it has been mentioned that members may take advantage of the 3-year renewal dues discount!) Also note that that Life and Premium Memberships provide many important benefits and that a 10% discount is available, using a code provided by Fred Green. The March meeting is a BOD meeting. The April Luncheon will be on FRIDAY APRIL 5).

**VETERAN AFFAIRS
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
FOR March 2024**

"Miramar Quarterly Color Ceremony" - hosted by Headquarters 3rd MAW. Location is in front of flagpoles near 3rd MAW Headquarters. **Color Ceremonies** are now **on a TBA status**. For reservations and **further info call (858) 577-8990**. **CALLS MUST BE NO LATER THAN "ONE WEEK IN ADVANCE"**.

Friday, March 1: Asiatic Fleet Memorial Day.

March 2, 1867: Naval Civil Engineer Corps established.

March 3, 1871: Navy Medical Corps established.

March 3, 1915: Naval Reserve Force established.

March 3, 1931: "Star Spangled Banner" Made U.S. National Anthem.

Sunday March 3: World Wildlife Day.

March 5, 1942: (U.S. Navy Construction Battalion (Seabees) established.

Sunday March 10: Daylight Savings Time Begins.

March 12, 1912: Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. founded.

Sunday, March 17: St. Patrick's Day.

Wednesday, March 20: Spring Begins.

Friday, March 22: World Water Day.

Sunday, March 24: Palm Sunday.

Friday, March 29: National Vietnam War Veterans Day.

Friday, March 29: Good Friday.

Sunday March 31: Easter.

Friday, April 5: Miramar Chapter Luncheon, (11:30AM Social Time, 12:00PM Meal) at Admiral Baker Golf Club.

CHAPTER ACTIVITIES and COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT
NETWORKING OPPORTUNITIES and MEMBER NOTES OF INTEREST

NOTICE: An announcement of MEMORY CARE RESOURCES FOR VETERANS is now posted on the Chapter Web Site under Veterans Benefits Page (New Paragraph 28). See website info on Page 1.

ACTION NOTE)

(TIME TO STEP UP for LEADERSHIP POSITIONS on Board of Directors/Officers/Service Representatives)!!!!

ATTENTION all MEMBERS!: MARCH 2024 is here. We are requesting Chapter Members to join our board of directors, and fill our vacancies. Please contact President Darryle Grimes for consideration in a leadership role for the coming year. All positions are available for individuals interested in being active representatives/leaders in the Miramar Chapter. (Surviving Spouses are also eligible for all positions of Leadership including President). Contact Chapter President (Darryle Grimes) for information on position requirements/ responsibilities and application procedures. Being a member of BOARD Of Directors/ Leadership is a very rewarding experience. Position of Service Representative for U.S. Public Health Service has been combined with Coast Guard Service, until a Representative is identified, the Navy Representative has been empty for a considerable period of time, and the Service Representative for Air Force has moved out of state. WE NEED someone to step up as Membership Chair. PLEASE come forward. Contact Darryle Grimes (Chapter President) grimesdj@gmail.com, or Fred Green (1st Vice President) fred.green@icloud.com.

Fellow Chapter Members; If looking for employment, or know of a veteran who needs help finding a job, or know of a job/position at your place of business needing filled, contact <https://www.moaa.org> and follow the menu for Transition Assistance, Placement, Job Board, or Advocacy.

NAVNET Resources Management are all former senior military leaders who have transitioned to highly successful civilian careers and therefore have a clear understanding of both employer needs and job candidate search processes. **NAVNET members** have extensive technical and managerial expertise across the full spectrum of experience levels from journeyman to executive. **NAVNET meets together for breakfast on the 3rd Friday of each month at Admiral Baker Clubhouse located at 2400 Admiral Baker Road, San Diego, CA, 92120 (Starts at 0700 and usually ends by 0815 or so).** The **current Coordinator (Tom Hammond)** for NAVNET is a **member of the MOAA Miramar Chapter (TOPS Liaison) and (CALMOAA NAVNET Representative)**, and **may be reached for information on current job openings,** at his email: tom@navnetresources.com or on the website: www.navnetresources.com.

WEBSITE/EMAIL TELEPHONE INFORMATION

MOAA Surviving Spouses and Friends (Private Group) – Facebook Link:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/581427115240904/?multi_permaLinks=3829526447097605%2C382506392087719%2C3824863560897227%2C2821842571199326%2C3815695241814059¬if_id=1609513928974893¬if_t=group_activity&ref=notif

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) – Facebook Link:

<https://www.facebook.com/28446275521/posts/10159082027055522/?d=n>

California State Issues: www.leginfo.ca.gov/.

Surviving Spouse Email: sscomm@moaa.org.

DIC Surviving Spouses/DIC Increase Advocacy: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/610245403387077>.

Veterans Pension eligibility: <https://www.va.gov/pension/eligibility>.

CALVET, California Department of Veterans Affairs: vetservices@calvet.ca.gov. 1-800-741-8532 (Toll Free).

Passport Renewal: <https://www.defense.gov/News/Nes-Stories/Article/Article/2880945/dod-personnel-families-can-renew-passports-online/>

Veterans Crisis Line: 1-800-273-8255.

PACT Act Overview: [https://www.va.gov/files/2023-](https://www.va.gov/files/2023-07/PACT%20Act%20Overview%2010%20101%20V7.12.23%200845hrs.pdf)

[07/PACT%20Act%20Overview%2010%20101%20V7.12.23%200845hrs.pdf](https://www.va.gov/files/2023-07/PACT%20Act%20Overview%2010%20101%20V7.12.23%200845hrs.pdf)

Have you heard? The USS Midway Museum is always looking for Volunteers! Do you enjoy learning about and talking about military history? Do you have any military experience? Do you like meeting new people from all over the world? Do you have a language skill? Would you enjoy acting as a guest services “Ambassador”? Do you like telling or relating “sea stories”? Learning something new? Having a good time? Making new friends? Are you interested in or have experience in restoring aircraft? Have ship maintenance experience with corrosion control or painting? – Metal work? Welding? Do you remember the Marlinespike Steamship fancy knot work you once could do? Could you contribute 20 – Hours a month? **The Midway Museum needs volunteers in all areas from Administrative Support, Safety, Docents, Aircraft Restoration, Ship Corrosion and Painting.**

The museum has a fit for your interests and a need for your skills. Join the Midway Volunteers – **which already includes a few chapter members from MOAA Chapters, including the MOAA Miramar Chapter at U.S. Marine Corps Air Station, MOAA Chapter San Diego, and MOAA Chapter Silver Strand, who come from diverse backgrounds.** Midway’s volunteers include civilians with no military experience, and men and women veterans with enlisted and officer backgrounds, from all branches of the U.S. armed forces. Regardless of your physical limitations, if you have a talent and the motivation, **Midway will work to accommodate you.** Where can you **act as if you were 26 – years old and get away with it?** Sound interesting? **Can you think of someone else who would be an easy fit?** Want to learn more? **Spread the word!!! Email Volunteer Office USS Midway Museum at volunteering@midway.org or Website: www.midway.org/volunteers or Call: (619) 398-8289.** (NOTE: Miramar Chapter Members, **Vice President, Editor, and other Members are volunteers on Midway,** and may be contacted if need of some questions/answers about USS Midway Museum. Contact info is available from **Editor** or under **CONTACT US** on the Miramar Chapter website: **moaa-miramarchapter.weebly.com**). For Midway information go to Midway website: **www.midway.org/contact or Tel: 619-544-9600.**

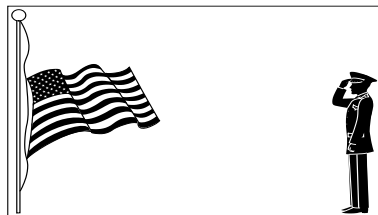
Did you know you can also reserve overnight visits on USS Midway Museum?? Please see email below with link to reserve/schedule an overnight on board.
<https://www.midway.org/education/snooze-crewz-overnight-adventure/#programs>.

A view of the 50th Anniversary of the end of the Vietnam War is available on the following site.
<https://www.midway.org/exhibits-activities/special-days/50th-anniversary-of-the-end-of-vietnam-war/>

NOTE from STEVE DONLON: The Committee on the Commissioning of the USS JOHN L. CANLEY (ESB-6) is accepting DONATIONS and requests for TICKETS. The committee will acknowledge all donors on the commissioning program insert and recognize those contributing \$500 or more with designated seating at the ceremony. The Website is now accepting requests for tickets: **<https://johnicanley.com>**.

TAPS

We have not received notice of any member passing away January or February prior to publication of this newsletter.



Please remember all our families, and all those who are serving their country, and their families during these current times, in our thoughts and prayers.

Editor Notes

Articles for Newsletter: Please submit your articles prior to 2nd week of the month. I will try to include all articles submitted (as space will allow). Fax/Tel: (858) 672-3731 or email: bmarstall@san.rr.com. The newsletter is uploaded to our Chapter Website. Website is updated periodically, (Current information covered from newsletter, articles/photos of interest to our members). Newsletter is continued to be mailed to members (those not having computer access), as preferred method of delivery. **Complete PDF version is posted on Website as Newsletter and may be downloaded**, and is also maintained in Editor files and available to members. **Editor:** Contact information may be obtained from President, Vice-President, or Editor, and online on the Chapter Website. **Editor** bmarstall@san.rr.com

**Surviving Spouse/Military Spouse Corner:**

Every month there are considerable articles keeping Active Duty and Retired informed of what is happening. [Those surviving spouses that do not have access to website, please have a member of your family or friend access it during the month, for important links to information and assistance \(Editor\)](#). Donna Henson is the Surviving Spouse Liaison. [She may be contacted at dmh3678@gmail.com](#).

“This last year was eventful for Surviving Spouses with the SBP/DIC offset ending and several new bills being presented that will increase all DIC benefits. The link to support various bills is the MOAA’s Legislative Action Center. We must work harder to gain sponsorship in 2024 for inclusion in the 2025 budget. If you have any questions about survivor issues, please let me know. Ladies, There will be a reserved table for Surviving Spouses and guests at the April 2024 luncheon. Hope to see you there. Donna Henson.

This article is from the January 2, 2024 MOAA Council and Chapter News. (Edited to fit).

Surviving Spouse Corner: Know Your Benefits, by Pat Green, MOAA Surviving Spouse Advisory Council Member.

Many states have made legislative decisions that show appreciation for the sacrifices of service members and veterans/survivors. Benefits differ in each state, though. To know what the benefits are in your state, you need to do homework. Your research could result in monetary savings and opportunities. Following are some resources and places to start.

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Veterans Service Office: There might be printed materials that enumerate county and state benefits for surviving spouses.

MOAA Council and Chapter Legislative Chairs: Ask about benefits they are aware of that apply to surviving spouses.

County Property Appraiser: Ask about a homestead exemption, a widow (widower) exemption, or an over age 65 exemption on your property tax or school tax. If income caps apply, what are your state's limits and guidelines? In Florida, for example, there is a homestead, widow, and age exemption and property taxes on homesteaded homes. In addition, the property tax for homesteaded homes of disabled veterans is reduced by the same percentage of the disabilities affecting the veteran as certified by the VA. In Florida, that benefit passes to the unremarried surviving spouse and is transportable to a downsized home.

State Legislator: If you have income tax in your state, some or all of your military retirement pay, or Surviving Benefit Plan may be deducted from your reported income. Ask about any other benefits from the state.

Mayor's Office: Call and ask about the benefits the city offers.

MOAA's Military State Report Card and Tax Guide: Obtain a copy of the report card and tax guide. Aside from taxes, some additional areas to explore are scholarship opportunities for surviving spouses and dependent children; state, county, or city policies giving employment and/or promotion preference to a surviving spouse; portability of a professional license or forgiveness of fees, and discounts on passes to parks and museums.

ACTION NOTE FOR ALL SPOUSES AND SURVIVING SPOUSES: (EDITOR)

MOAA Legislative Action Center: MOAA members and supporters can stay up to date on key issues affecting the military and veterans' community by registering in the online Legislative Action Center at [MOAA.org/takeaction](https://moaa.org/takeaction) or <https://moaa.quorum.us>. This online tool also makes it easy to send pre-formatted messages to your elected officials. **Encourage all your network to sign up today.**

Legislative Update**NATIONAL & CALIFORNIA LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS**

Major “MOAA National issues” (website):

<http://www.moaa.org/Content/Take-Action/Top-Issues/Top-Issues.aspx>

Continue to CHECK this NEWSLETTER, the CHAPTER WEBSITE, and MOAA WEBSITE for UPDATES on NATIONAL, CALIFORNIA, and LOCAL ISSUES

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For Ready Reference Contact Information, LINKS, Record Retrieval/Replacement, Service Retiree Publications, TRICARE, VA Organizations, Fact Sheets, Benefit Forms, U.S. Senate Directory, Representatives Directory, Committees, Military Lodge Information, Military Base Information, Crisis Lines, Toll Free Numbers for Contacting Information.. [Website is listed on Page 1.](#)

CONTINUING NOTE: MOAA continues sponsoring AB46 as submitted by Assembly Member James Ramos to exempt Military Retirement Pay from California Tax. Link is https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=20232024oAB46. Act is to add/repeal Sections 17132.9 & 17132.10 of Revenue and Taxation Code, relating to taxation. **Bill, will exclude from gross income retirement pay received by taxpayer from federal government for service performed in uniformed services, as defined during the taxable year. Bill would also exclude from gross income annuity payments received by a qualified taxpayer, as defined, to United States Department of Defense Survivor Benefit Plan during taxable year. The bill would make related findings and declarations. MOAA requests members, contact appropriate California Representatives ([Email List below](#)) to support bill, due to California needs to join other states providing tax relief for veterans. [Copy of Draft Email, and Sample Letter](#) to Governor Newsom [may also be obtained from Editor or Chapter President](#) (AB46 is among current bills in Suspense, but recommend that members keep contacting their representatives to get this bill passed!!!). Sign up on the MOAA Legislative Action site ([listed on Page 1](#)).**

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Governor’s Economic Advisor

Other acts under consideration that members should be contacting their Representatives about!!:

[H.R. 1282/SB.344 The Major Richard Star Act](#)

[H.R. 1413 Arlington National Cemetery \(ANC\)](#)

[H.R. 2537/SB. 1823 BAH Restoration Act](#)

[H.R. 3232/SB.1588 Respect for Grieving Military](#)

[Families Act](#)

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[AB-1350 Veterans Memorials](#)
[AB 1361 California 100% rated Veterans Real Estate Exemption Act](#)
[SB 73 Employment Policy: Voluntary Veteran’s preference](#)
[SB-82 Property taxes: Disabled Veteran’s exemption; eligibility letters](#)
[AB 718 VALVET Study of Mental Health among Women Veteran](#)
[AB 883 Expedite Application in Department of Defense Skill Bridge program](#)
[Go to MOAA, VFW, DAV, and other Veterans Organization Legislative Sites and remain up-to-date on these and other bills, and contact your Representatives for support.](#)

[AB 988 Miles Hall Lifeline and Suicide Prevention Act](#)
[SB-726 Property taxation: exemption: disabled homeowners, SB-811 Teacher Credentialing: Interstate Teacher Mobility Compact](#)
[SB-871 Property taxation: homeowners/veterans/disabled veterans’ exemptions,](#)
[SCA-6 Property taxation: veterans exemption.](#)
[SJR-4 Veterans Health Care](#)
[H.R. 1277/SB. 596 Military Spouse Hiring Act](#)
[H.R. 1045/SB.956 TRICARE Young Adult](#)

SAN DIEGO MILITARY ADVISORY COUNCIL (SDMAC) at admin@sdmac.org.

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 409 Camino Del Rio S, Ste 302
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SDMAC worked to support several bills. [For additional information on current action on bills go to SDMAC website.](#)

VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

[In San Diego County](#), veterans are encouraged to visit the [VA Regional Office \(8810 Rio San Diego Drive, San Diego\)](#) to complete their application and speak directly with representatives.

[If a Veteran needs a ride to their appointment](#), call 10 days, before their appointment to make an appointment with VA Transportation Department, [\(858\) 552-7506](tel:8585527506) to get the ride. Remember VA requires everyone to wear a mask.

[CALVET, Veteran Services: \[vetservices@calvet.ca.gov\]\(mailto:vetservices@calvet.ca.gov\)](#)

[CALVET Veterans Services. For those not receiving information from this organization, please go to their site, stay up to date on services provided. Major information is provided in their newsletters. Check Community Activity/Involvement Page 3 & 3A for additional websites and telephone numbers.](#) CALVET will continue to assist veterans in transition to next stage in lives through education/training opportunities. [Veterans Services Division](#) is hosting a **Correction Services JOB FAIR** at caltap@calvet.ca.gov, Post-9/11 GI Bill, Veterans Readiness & Employment, and CalVet Tuition Fee Waiver. Check CalTAP webpage for training opportunities, previously recorded webinars, and additional information.

“Moment that Matters Section

<u>Service & Separation</u>	<u>Post-Military Life</u>	<u>Retirement & aging</u>
Getting a Solid Start	State & Federal Benefits	Health & Well Being
Apply for a Disability Rating	Education	Planning for Retirement
Enrollment in VA Healthcare	Financial Literacy	Aging & End of Life Care
Legislative Actions	Home Loans	Veterans’ Spouses & Their Families

Welcome New Members

CAPT MARK & CANDACE DENARI USN

March Anniversaries

CAPT H SPEER & CHRISTINE EZZARD
LTC ROBERT & KATHLEEN GADDI
COL HT & CAROL LINKE

Maj RONAN & JUNE MANDRA
CAPT SHAUN & KATIE SWARTZ
Maj FRANCIS & REMY WIFLER

March Birthdays

LtCol CHRISTIAN G BREAUT
MS BRUNILDA A CLEVELAND
MRS NORMA DAHLVIG
CAPT H SPEER EZZARD
CAPT DAVID H GRUNDIES
MRS TESS HEMMERLING
MRS DERALYN KAHENY
MRS LORI ANN MALLIRES
Maj RONAN A MANDRA

MRS JUNE MANDRA
CAPT PATRICK J PARK
MRS COLLEEN PESCATORE
MRS CYNTHIA RIEF
CAPT SPENCER T SCHOEN
MRS JUDY SPLITGERBER
LCDR GLENN R TYSON
MRS PATRICIA WALKER

Photo of Guest Speaker, Dr. Jeffrey McIlwain at Feb 1 Luncheon



Photos of Presentation “The Power of Narrative: How Veterans Strengthen America” on Feb 1, 2024



Photo of Guest Speaker and Uncle who developed the formation of the Mexico Air Force in WWII.





The RENEWAL process is in action. MOAA's chapters over the years have provided critical grassroots support for MOAA's national legislative agenda. Our benefits are under attack, and MOAA is fighting to preserve them, and **MOAA has made great progress this last year.** Chapter members let legislators know what is on their mind, open doors for MOAA legislative team in Washington D.C. MOAA members need to stick together, and chapters are the best way we know of. **MOAA chapters unite** active duty/former/retired officers from every branch (National Guard/Reserve/ Surviving Spouses included). This camaraderie allows connection with members of similar background and develop close and lasting friendships. Chapter Membership is critical to attaining that goal. If you have not renewed yet, and we have an email address on file for you, John Gorman has emailed you a reminder that your membership is up for renewal.

If you receive the Newsletter through regular mail, the mailing label displays the date the membership is expiring.

(Example)

Rank, Name, Service Exp: Month Year
Street
City, State, Zip

A renewal form/application is located on the last page of the Newsletter, on the website or may be received by contacting John Gorman, the Newsletter Editor, or President. You only need to fill in any info that has changed and mail it the PO Box listed on the form.

Everyone may also renew/apply online (as well as make a tax-deductible donation to our JROTC fund).

Please go to <https://chapterdues.moaa.org/Membership.aspx> and then:

1. Select; Renewal, California, and then Miramar Chapter and hit NEXT.
2. Then follow the instructions and fill out the data asked for. Have your Credit Card ready.

If you have a Zelle account, you can pay your dues via Zelle. Our Zelle email address is miramarchapter@gmail.com.

If you or a potential qualified individual have any questions concerning your membership, please contact John Gorman at jgorman1@san.rr.com.

If not a member of National MOAA, can join and get 10% discount by going to www.moaa.org/join and click on either PREMIUM or LIFE option. On getting to payment page, can enter application/form as **BOARDREFERRAL** by entering code **BOARDREFERRAL** and receive 10% on final total. (Will see box in far-right column labeled "Add Coupon or Promo Code").



California Council of Chapters
Military Officers Association of America



To the California State Veterans Commanders Council

SB 770 was recently signed into law by Governor Newsom (September 2023) and now a proposal, which seeks to eliminate Medicare in California and establish a “state run health care system”, is moving its way through the State Legislature. SB 770 requires that the State of California prepare a proposal to seek a 1332 Waiver from the Health & Human Services Secretary, which would pave the way for a massive health care tax being imposed on California residents and employers. SB 770 has set in motion that a 1332 Waiver proposal be completed by the end of 2024 that will result in the elimination of Medicare and all private health coverage in California, replace it with a costly, \$400 billion-dollar untested health care system run by state government, and require the largest tax increase in state history. California lawmakers have made several attempts over the past years to create a “single payer health care system, such as AB 1400, introduced by Assemblymember Ash Kalra in 2022. AB 46 placed a \$400 billion-dollar cost on a proposed single payer, state run health care system in California. AB 1400 also mentioned a 15% payroll tax and an income based “health care tax” to help fund a single payer health care system in California. California’s disabled veterans, who are entitled to no cost health care from the Veterans Administration, could find themselves paying an imposed “health care tax” based on that disabled veteran’s income or spouse’s income. Disabled veterans who are self-employed or small business owners could find themselves subject to a payroll tax to fund a single payer health care system in California. Veterans who are entitled to Medicare could find themselves paying an additional health care tax based on income, above the dollar amount that Medicare already sets each year. Military retirees who are entitled to Tricare for Life would experience a massive disruption to their Tricare medical benefits, currently provided by the federal government. Our active-duty military families stationed at installations throughout California would have their Tricare medical benefits disrupted and current coverage changed. Military families may find themselves subject to a state health care tax for the federal Tricare benefits earned while serving our country. A self-employed military spouse may find themselves subject to a 15% payroll tax. CALMOAA has raised these concerns to both state and federal legislators and has asked that any 1332 Waiver submitted to the Secretary of Health & Human Services MUST contain language to exempt and protect our disabled veterans, veterans entitled to Medicare, and our nation’s active-duty military families stationed at installations in California from any future imposed taxes to fund a state-run health care system.

A policy advocate for the California Chamber of Commerce, Preston Young recently wrote:

“For those who think dismantling our health system is a good idea, here are a few specific concerns to consider: SB 770 / single payer proponents seek to eliminate all private health coverage in California and force all Californians into a new untested health system – with no ability to opt out or choose private coverage instead. Study after study shows Californians like their health coverage and Medicare, and strongly support protecting their right to choose it, and strongly support protecting the Medicare coverage seniors have earned. The waiver sought by SB 770 would redirect roughly \$200 billion annually to the new single payer health system. But that system is projected to cost more than \$500 billion/year. The missing \$300+ billion a year would be raised by new, higher taxes on payroll, employers, and the goods and services Californians purchase.”

I agree that every resident in California should have access to affordable and quality health care. I agree there are changes that can be made to improve the access and cost in California. A state run, single payer health care system, will not only be disruptive and much too costly, but also take away your right to choose your medical provider and impact the quality of medical care available in California. California is already on the road of ensuring health care for all Californians and seeking a 1332 Waiver and establishing a state-run health care system at the cost of over \$400 billion dollars is not the answer.

Respectfully,

Jeffrey L Breiten, 3rd Vice-President. Legislative Affairs
National MOAA: website: www.moaa.org
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MOAA Miramar Chapter: The March 7 Meeting is a BOD (6:00 PM). Reservations for Lunch (FRIDAY) April 5, (11:30 AM Social Time/12:00 PM Meal), at Admiral Baker Golf Club.

Please print Cost per person is \$25.00

Name of Member: _____ \$ _____

Name of Spouse: _____ \$ _____

Guests: How many? _____ \$ _____

Guest Name (s): _____

Donation to the eight High School JROTC Programs we support are always welcome. \$ _____

Make Check Payable to: (Miramar Chapter, MOAA) (See Zelle option below) TOTAL: \$ _____

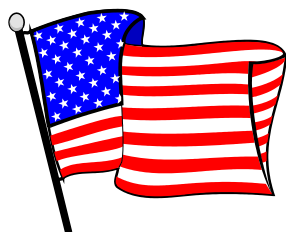
Tentative Menu: Chef Holiday Buffet Lunch with Dessert.
Vegetarian Meal optional: (How Many? ; _____)

<p>No refunds unless unusual circumstances are reported to Wes Schermann before day of event.</p>	<p>To RSVP if paying by Zelle, use "Note" feature. For questions concerning lunch reservations, contact Wes Schermann:</p> <p>E-mail: wscher73@aol.com Tel: (619) 672-8404.</p>	<p>Mail this form and check (Miramar Chapter, MOAA) for TOTAL amount to:</p> <p>Wes Schermann 11519 Fury Lane #73 El Cajon, CA 92019</p> <p>If you prefer to pay via the Zelle Banking App, send payment to miramarchapter@gmail.com.</p>
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Reservations must be received by the Director of House and Reception (Wes Schermann), no later than Monday April 1, for April 5 Luncheon.

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FOR RENEWAL PURPOSES ENTER ONLY THE INFO THAT HAS CHANGED.**

NAME: _____ RANK: _____ SERVICE: _____

ADDRESS: _____ CITY/STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

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BIRTHDATE: _____ ANNIVERSARY MONTH: _____

SPOUSE'S NAME: _____ SPOUSE'S BIRTH MONTH: _____

Today's DATE: _____

ARE YOU NOW A NATIONAL MEMBER? YES ___ NO ___

NATIONAL MOAA NUMBER: _____ LIFE MEMBER MOAA (YES/NO)

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CURRENT OCCUPATION & EMPLOYER: _____

Recruiting Sources: (TOPS; SETAP; Mail; Telephone; Chapter Member; Other)

***NAME OF CHAPTER MEMBER/RECRUITER:** _____

Membership dues are; \$20 annual, \$35 two years and \$45 for three years (REGULAR)/\$12 annual, \$22 for two years, and \$30 for three years (SURVIVING SPOUSE/ASSOCIATE/HONORARY). Make check payable to: Miramar Chapter, MOAA. Mail application and check to: Miramar Chapter, MOAA, PO Box 45216, San Diego, CA 92145-0216.