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UPCOMING EVENTS

12 May, 6:00- 8:30 pm General Membership Meeting at Latitudes Seafood Company in Bel Air. Featured speakers from the Army Alliance are President of the Board, Mike Ray, Harford County Chamber of Commerce, SURVICE Engineering, and Executive Director, Colonel (Ret) Warline Bryant.

8 July 6:00 – 8:30 pm General Membership Meeting, Coakley's Restaurant. Details to follow.

19 September, 12:00- 3:00 Chapter Picnic at Ruggles Clubhouse on Aberdeen Proving Ground. Details to follow.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time this issue of the Beacon hits the street, Easter and Passover will have come and gone. I hope everyone observed the holiday according to your traditions and that we remember why those holidays exist.

I also want to recognize our Vietnam veterans as we observed Vietnam Veteran's Day last month. It's hard for us old-timers to grasp that the Vietnam War ended over 50 years ago. It seems like yesterday that I boarded a Freedom Bird in Cam Ranh Bay.

We had a great, well-attended general membership meeting on 18 March at Coakley's Pub in Havre de Grace. Our guest speaker was Dr. Asha George, Executive Director of the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense. Her

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remarks focused on what potential adversaries may be doing in the biological warfare arena. A great, if somewhat scary, presentation.

Our 12 May dinner meeting will be held at Latitudes Seafood Company in Bel Air and will feature speakers from the Army Alliance. Sign-up information is available elsewhere in this newsletter. I hope to see everyone there.

Never Stop Serving,

Bob Beahm
BG, USA (Ret)
Chapter President

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Updates to the latest legislative affairs can be found on the national website noted above or at the Maryland Council of chapters web page at <https://www.mdmoaa.org/>

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

The April General Meeting was a great success with many members in attendance. The presentation by Dr. Asha George on biodefence and bioterrorism was both informative and a little scary. The meal was good and the discussions lively! Next section provides more information on this topic if you are interested.



Attendees listening to Dr. George

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Presentation of Letter of Appreciaion to Dr. George by Bob Biehm

BIODEFENSE AND BIOTERRORISM TODAY

Attendees at the recent Susquehanna Chapter dinner meeting on March 18th may have been a bit shaken by Dr. Asha George's presentation, "Current Biological Weapons Threats." While not a topic of discussion for most, the Bipartisan Commission on Biodefense keeps it front and center.

The threat of bioterrorism and biological warfare is growing, with Russia, North Korea, and other countries identified by the Department of State as possibly running active biological weapons programs. The biological threat has been a concern for our warfighters for decades. However, improved delivery methods, detection, and the agents' toxicity extend beyond the battlefield, affecting civilians, the industrial base, and medical responses for covert operations.

Dr. George provided a number of facts about the emerging programs of Russia and North Korea, and the advances made through genetic engineering, altering human physiology, reducing immune response, and making attribution impossible.

If you missed the meeting or would like a copy of her presentation slides, visit the Susquehanna Chapter website <https://moaasusquehanna.org/upload/2026.03.17%20MOAA%20presentation%20Bio.pdf>

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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

WE NEED YOU!

Did you know that your current Regular Annual Member status with The Susquehanna Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America is about to expire? Your support over the past year has been appreciated and we would hate to lose you. Over the past years the Chapter has been instrumental in fighting for your benefits as a service member in Maryland at the legislative, legal, and community levels and indirectly at the national level through MOAA. Susquehanna Chapter of MOAA Membership annual dues (except the first year) are needed to be received by the end of each calendar year.

Please visit our website to renew your membership today before it expires. To renew, follow these easy steps: 1. First login using the Member Login button at the top of the page. www.moaasusquehanna.org 2. Once logged in, renew your membership by clicking the Membership or Join button at the top third of the page in the blue bar.

- For those who have forgotten their username and/or password, there is a "Forgot Login?" link on the Login page. *Note: If this is your first login, click "Request Login Information" to get your temporary password.*

Should you not want to renew online you can go to this link and download the membership renewal. Fill out the form, enclose a check for \$20.00 and mail to the address on the form.

National MOAA and local affiliate membership are two distinct memberships. You do not have to be an MOAA member to join the Susquehanna Chapter although membership in both the local and National organizations is encouraged. Submitting your dues payment through this online application is for Susquehanna chapter dues (joins/renewals) only. If you are attempting to join/renew for National MOAA, please go to www.moa.org/join.

If you need any assistance in accessing your account, please email us at info@moaasusquehanna.org

Thank you very much for your continued support of the Susquehanna Chapter of The Military Officers Association of America.

NATIONAL NEWS

MOAA-Endorsed Bill Would Support Veterans Facing Fertility Challenges

By: Jen Goodale

March 17, 2026

Bipartisan legislation introduced March 5 would expand access to fertility care for veterans whose reproductive health may have been harmed by toxic exposures during service. The MOAA-backed Warrior Infertility Act (H.R. 7841), led by Rep. Kelly Morrison (D-Minn.) and co-led by Rep. Jay Obernolte (R-Calif.), seeks to make infertility a presumptive condition tied to toxic exposure under the Sergeant First Class Heath Robinson Honoring Our Promise to Address Comprehensive Toxics (PACT) Act.

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Establishing infertility as a presumptive condition would alleviate the burden veterans face when seeking to prove a direct link between their infertility and military service. Coverage for treatments such as in vitro fertilization (IVF) can take months or even years to resolve and is further delayed by the lack of an established presumptive.

“The risks taken by those in uniform last far longer than their time in service,” said Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), president and CEO of MOAA, in a press release from Morrison’s office announcing the legislation. “The Warrior Infertility Act recognizes one of these risks — how exposure to toxins can create problems for those looking to build a family. MOAA thanks Reps. Morrison and Obernolte for this commonsense legislation that will allow these warriors to receive the support and care they’ve earned.” [MOAA/DAV REPORT: Ending the Wait for Toxic-Exposed Veterans]

The new bill would recognize the growing body of research connecting infertility with occupational hazards and toxic exposures experienced during military service. According to studies cited by lawmakers, active duty women experience fertility issues at significantly higher rates than their civilian counterparts, highlighting the long-term health impacts of service.

Morrison, an OB-GYN who has spent more than two decades practicing medicine, emphasized the importance of ensuring veterans can access the reproductive care they need.

“When service members put their lives on the line for our country, it’s our duty to make sure they’re supported when they come home. That includes essential and life-changing reproductive health care,” Morrison said in the release. “Service members are more likely to struggle with infertility but still face burdensome hurdles to getting treatment. Recognizing infertility as a service-connected condition will help ensure veterans do not fall through the cracks.” [RELATED: MOAA Joins Other Advocacy Groups on Capitol Hill to Support Women Veterans]

Obernolte echoed the concern that the effects of toxic exposures can follow veterans long after their military careers end.

“For too many veterans, exposure to toxic substances during military service can have lasting effects on their health, including their ability to build a family,” he said, noting the bill aims to remove unnecessary barriers to care.

The legislation has drawn strong support from a wide coalition of veterans and medical organizations, including MOAA, the American Legion, the Elizabeth Dole Foundation, and the National Military Family Association.

If enacted, the Warrior Infertility Act would represent an important step in recognizing the full scope of health challenges associated with military-related toxic exposure and ensuring veterans receive the care they deserve as they pursue the opportunity to build families after service.

Join a Virtual Chapter

Here’s Why You Should Join, or Start, a MOAA Virtual Chapter MOAA has seven virtual chapters: the Uniformed Services Nurse Advocates Virtual Chapter, the Surviving Spouse Virtual Chapter, the Public Health Service Virtual Chapter, the Chaplains Virtual Chapter, the Judge Advocate Virtual Chapter, the Advocacy for Servicewomen and Military Families Virtual Chapter, and the new MOAA Public Affairs and Communication Professional Virtual Chapter. MOAA’s virtual chapters are growing, successfully executing their respective missions, and complementing the efforts and membership growth of geographic chapters. We would like to

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continue to establish new virtual chapters to promote camaraderie amongst affinity groups and reach even more potential members.

Virtual chapters are intended to increase awareness of the MOAA brand by accessing previously untapped networks. Because virtual chapter membership requires national membership, and because virtual chapters encourage their members to also join their local geographic chapter, the potential effect is increased membership at all levels. We are, in fact, seeing that effect from these virtual chapters.

Like geographic chapters, virtual chapters are affiliates, not centrally managed. As such, each needs a champion who is willing to get the organization off the ground by drafting bylaws, filing for 501(c)(3) status, petitioning for MOAA approval, and recruiting members, among other actions. MOAA members who have been involved in

leadership positions in geographic chapters are uniquely qualified to establish a new virtual chapter, thereby playing an integral role in an important membership initiative. [LEARN MORE: MOAA Councils and Chapters]

By creating these groups, MOAA can attract potential chapter members who are not otherwise able or inclined to attend physical meetings. For example, younger military professionals with family obligations may find it difficult to attend a physical meeting even periodically, but they are more likely to find time to call in for a one-hour virtual meeting from home in the evening while keeping an eye on the children. Likewise, highly dispersed members, such as those living in remote overseas locations, may not otherwise have the ability to connect with peers on a regular basis and may enjoy the camaraderie provided by a monthly call.

A virtual chapter should be bound together by a shared affinity (e.g., warfare specialty) and/or mission (e.g., health care advocacy). While the possibilities are endless, some interest groups that may lend themselves to virtual chapters include:

- Currently serving officers
- Guard and reserve officers
- Member spouses
- Networking/mentoring specialists
- State advocacy champions
- Army and Navy Club members
- Other military association members
- Overseas military/expatriate
- Dentists
- Financial professionals

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Interested in starting one of these virtual chapters, or in championing another group? Contact Capt. Frank Michael, USN (Ret), USN (Ret), MOAA's senior director for Affiliated Councils & Chapters, at frankm@moaa.org.

MOAA on the Hill: CEO Outlines Key Priorities at Joint Veterans Hearing

By: MOAA Staff

Lawmakers have the opportunity to provide sorely needed support for veteran caregivers, protect service-earned benefits from for-profit “claim sharks,” and shore up critical transition-assistance programs for those leaving service by passing three bipartisan bills already moving through Congress, MOAA’s president and CEO told a joint committee hearing Feb. 24 on Capitol Hill.

Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), testified alongside fellow veterans advocates before House and Senate Veterans’ Affairs Committee members in Washington, D.C., using his remarks to stress the importance of three bills on MOAA’s priority list: · The Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act, which offers financial guidance along with career and retirement support that “helps family members avoid choosing between caring for a veteran and securing their own future,” Kelly told lawmakers. · The Governing Unaccredited Representatives Defrauding (GUARD) VA Benefits Act, which provides tools to stop unregulated companies from charging veterans for help with disability claims and “restores accountability without restricting access to lawful, accredited assistance,” Kelly said. · The TAP Promotion Act, which allows groups like MOAA to play a more important role in the transition process and “ensures servicemembers and their family members receive timely, accurate information before separation, not after problems arise,” Kelly said. Understanding trusted sources of this information allows veterans to find “the right places to follow up to make sure they can get access to all their benefits,” the CEO added in response to a question from Rep. Nancy Mace (R-S.C.), who chaired the hearing.

Kelly linked the need for streamlined provision of service-earned veterans benefits with the strength of the all-volunteer force, noting MOAA’s work on behalf of those in and out of uniform, including the development of the people-focused TotalForce+ event.

“From first salute to final honors, how we care for those who serve and those who stand beside them directly impacts who is willing to serve next,” Kelly said.

VA Rule Reversal

Kelly joined representatives from six other veteran advocacy groups – Blue Star Families, Vietnam Veterans of America, National Congress of American Indians, Service Women’s Action Network, Gold Star Wives of America, and Black Veterans Project – on the day’s second panel. Representatives from Disabled American Veterans (DAV) spoke to lawmakers during the first, which covered legislative issues as well as the VA’s recent rule change – and subsequent reversal – regarding the effect of medication on the disability ratings process.

After opposition lodged by veterans and advocates, VA Secretary Doug Collins announced the department would not enforce the Feb. 17 regulation – a rule he said only served to “clarify existing policy” in the wake of recent court rulings. Advocates have said the rule could have unintended consequences, such as encouraging

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veterans to skip medication prior to evaluations, reducing benefits for those able to control certain conditions via medication, and neglecting second- and third-order effects caused by a medication's side effects.

MOAA and other groups also raised concerns that the rule was implemented without the customary notice-and-comment process and without VA officials discussing the regulation with veterans associations.

“Transparency in terms of consulting us, giving us information, we think would've provided the secretary and the VA with information that may have adjusted the outcome” of the rule issue, Kelly said on behalf of the panelists in response to a question by Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-Ill.). “This group of people has information to provide and should be consulted.”

The rule had received more than 19,000 comments at the Federal Register website as of Feb. 24.

“We're pleased Secretary Collins listened to veterans and announced that the VA would not be implementing the rule,” Coleman Nee, DAV national commander, told the committee. “No veteran should be penalized for taking the medication they need to survive.”

For the latest information on these and other MOAA priorities, and to reach out to your lawmakers to voice support for this legislation and other MOAA-backed initiatives, register at our Legislative Action Center.

Surviving Spouse Corner: Strengthening Emotional Well-Being

By: Roy Yenchsky

The death of a military spouse reshapes emotional well-being in ways that reach far beyond grief itself. It is a loss that touches identity, daily rhythm, and the quiet sense of safety that comes from sharing life with someone who understood both the burdens and the pride of service.

For many, the brain responds to this kind of profound disruption with a mix of numbness, hypervigilance, and deep fatigue — natural reactions to a heart trying to make sense of a world suddenly changed. Yet within that upheaval, emotional well-being becomes not just a hope but a necessity: a steadying force that helps the mind process sorrow, rebuild resilience, and slowly rediscover moments of connection, purpose, and peace. This journey is neither quick nor linear, but it reflects the same courage and endurance that military families have always carried.

Emotional well-being and brain health are deeply interconnected, shaping how we think, cope, and experience daily life. Strong emotional balance supports healthier brain function, while a well-nourished brain strengthens our ability to manage stress, build relationships, and maintain resilience.

Research shows that chronic stress can harm key brain regions involved in emotional control, memory, and decision-making, including the prefrontal cortex, amygdala, and hippocampus. When these areas are disrupted, people might experience anxiety, irritability, or difficulty concentrating.

How Emotions Shape the Brain

Positive emotional states — such as purpose, connection, and calm — help regulate stress hormones and support cognitive performance. People who report higher emotional stability and life satisfaction tend to support stronger memory and decision-making abilities as they age.

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Conversely, chronic stress elevates cortisol, which can shrink the hippocampus and overactivate the amygdala, making emotional regulation more difficult and increasing vulnerability to depression or anxiety.

The Brain–Body Connection

The brain communicates constantly with the body through neural pathways and chemical messengers. Neurotransmitters like serotonin, dopamine, and norepinephrine influence mood, motivation, and focus. When these systems are imbalanced, emotional well-being can suffer.

Physical factors such as sleep, inflammation, and fatigue also affect how the brain processes emotions, reinforcing the need for whole-body care.

Strengthening Emotional and Brain Health

Several habits support both emotional balance and neurological resilience:

- Regular physical activity boosts serotonin and dopamine, improving mood and cognitive flexibility.
- Quality sleep helps the brain detoxify and consolidate memories.
- Social connection reduces stress responses and protects cognitive health.
- Mindfulness and gratitude practices calm the nervous system and enhance emotional regulation.
- Balanced nutrition, especially omega-3s and antioxidants, supports neural communication.

Together, these practices create a reinforcing cycle: A healthier brain supports stronger emotional well-being, and emotional well-being protects the brain.

PAWS4VETS FUNDRAISER

The MOAA Star Spangle Banner Chapter is holding a fundraiser for Paws4Vets. Paws4Vets mission per their website is:

Our mission is educating and empowering people to utilize Assistance Dogs to transform their lives.

We provide highly trained, customized, and insured Assistance Dogs to people with disabilities. We also provide Facility Dogs who are trained, certified, placed, and insured with a specific individual to use within his/her profession and/or volunteer activities to provide educational instruction or therapeutic interventions, medical or environmental aid, methodologies to students with “special needs,” or support to individuals with physical, neurological, psychological, or other medical related disabilities. We work to exceed industry training and utilization standards for all of our Assistance and Facility Dogs, and to increase the public’s knowledge about the important roles these Dogs serve within society.

Please see the flyer on page __ for details if you would like to support their chapter’s effort.

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ABOUT MOAA

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the nation's largest and most influential association of military officers. It is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization. <http://moaa.org>. The Chapter is an affiliate of the national MOAA. Like MOAA National, the Chapter is an independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization.

The MOAA Legislative Action Center provides information regarding MOAA's top national legislative priorities for the year and COLA, as well as perspective on issues in the military community that could affect you and your family <http://takeaction.moaa.org>

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If you are not a member of MOAA, you can join at <http://bit.ly/JoinMOAA>. Membership in MOAA is separate from membership in the Susquehanna Chapter.

MOAA MISSION

To preserve and protect earned benefits for our uniformed services, veterans, their families, and surviving spouses through:

Advocacy, Leadership, Education, and Service.

Advocacy Highlights:

Pay Raises for all ranks, Widows Tax repeal, MTF restructuring delays, protecting TRICARE benefits, military housing reforms, PACT Act support, MISSION Act reforming VA programs, GI Bill upgrades, COLA adjustment improvements.

Current Legislative Goals:

Compensations and Service-Earned Benefits, Military Housing, Health Care for currently serving, retirees, and veterans, Survivor families benefits, and improve Guard and Reserves pay and health coverage.

SUSQUEHANNA CHAPTER MOAA:

Susquehanna Chapter, a 501(c)(19) nonprofit organization was affiliated in October 1969 with the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), formerly TROA. Chapter members live in Harford and Cecil Counties. We promote the MOAA purposes and objectives to foster fraternal relations among retired, active and former officers of the eight uniformed services and the Reserve Components.

The chapter has 60 active members, who are currently serving, former, and retired officers, and their spouses and widows/widowers. Working through the Chapter, we provide assistance to our membership, enabling them to continue to serve their nation and communities, maintain contact with the other services, and enjoy social fellowship with people who share common values of patriotism, honor and selflessness.

Our Chapter helps provide critical grassroots support for MOAA's national legislative agenda. Our benefits are under attack, and MOAA is in the fight to preserve them. Chapter members let their legislators know what's on their minds and open doors for MOAA's legislative team in Washington, D.C. In these difficult times, our chapters are the best way we know to do that.

At the local level we successfully advocated for reduction of Harford County property taxes for retired veterans and reductions of MD State taxes on retired pay for military members and first responders. We sponsored

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scholarships, engaged Harford County Board of Education to establish a JROTC program, and continue to coordinate community outreach to schools for Veteran Poster essay contests. We coordinated COVID 19 grants for qualifying veterans, volunteered with the Susquehanna Habitat for Humanity, and participate in local veteran memorial activities.

MOAA SIGNATURE GROUPS

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Mr. Mike Ray is the Chief Operations Officer and Executive Manager of the Army & Marine Corps Sector for SURVICE Engineering. Mr. Ray has been with SURVICE since 1997 and is a graduate of Towson University with a BS degree in Computer Science and Mathematics.

Mr. Ray serves as the Sector Vice President overseeing SURVICE Engineering Company's Aberdeen Area Operation and Aberdeen Research Operation both in Belcamp, MD; Huntsville Area Operation, in Huntsville, AL; Michigan Area Operation in Warren, MI; and Washington Area Operation in Dumfries, VA. He provides key technical knowledge and management of business sectors encompassing aspects of combat threat

survivability, vulnerability, susceptibility, and lethality for SURVICE Sectors including Army air, ground, and C4ISR systems, Army RDT&E, and select Industry companies including ground vehicles and rotorcraft manufacturers. He also oversees SURVICE's composite material efforts focusing on lightweighting and electromagnetic protection for weapon systems. Prior to joining SURVICE Engineering, Mr. Ray performed sensor and susceptibility analyses for the U.S. Army Materiel Systems Analysis Activity on APG, MD

Mr. Ray currently serves on the NDIA T&E Executive Committee and previously he served as the president of the AUVSI Pathfinder Chapter.

Colonel Warline S. Bryant (Retired)



Colonel Warline S. Bryant (Retired) was born in Roanoke Rapids, NC. She was commissioned into the Regular Army as a Distinguished Military Graduate from Elizabeth City State University as an Air Defense Artillery Officer in 1989 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forensic Psychology. She also holds a Masters Degree in Human Resource Management from Webster University, Saint Louis, Missouri. She is currently working on her Phd. in Educational Leadership.

She has served and supported a variety of positions at the Division, Corps, Army Command, and Department of the Army levels. Colonel Bryant began her active duty career assigned to the XVIII Airborne Corp as a HAWK (High Altitude Weapons Kill) platoon leader of the 2nd Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Regiment, Fort Bragg, North Carolina. She spent the next 3 years serving as Assault Platoon, Platoon leader, while deployed to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in support of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm. Colonel Bryant held the position of Battery Commander, B Battery, 4th Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas where her unit deployed to Saudi Arabia in Operation Constant Vigilance, Instructor, Air Defense Artillery Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, Captains and Majors Assignment Officer, Human Resources Command, Alexandria, Virginia. Followed by Executive Officer for 2 years while assigned to 5th Battalion, 52nd Air Defense Artillery, 11th Imperial Brigade, Fort Bliss, Texas and deployed in support of Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. Upon return of her deployment, she assumed the position of Executive Officer, Fort Bliss, Texas by the request of the Commanding General. She attended the City of El Paso Leadership Course as part of the partnerships established with the city. The Secretary to the General Staff, Fort Bliss, Texas.

Colonel Bryant was nominated and selected to serve as a Special Assistant to the Chief of Staff, Army, Department of the Army Pentagon. Following this assignment, she was selected for command. Colonel Bryant commanded a Base Support Battalion, 25th Infantry Division. She worked for NORTHCOM as the Chief, of Air Missile Defense for the NCR for homeland defense. She is currently serving as the Military Deputy for Army Evaluation Command.

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**Susquehanna Chapter MOAA
General Membership Meeting
Tuesday, 12 May 2026, 1800 – 2030 hours
Latitude Seafood Co. Bel Air
5 Bel Air S Pkwy #1559, Bel Air, MD 21015**

Our guest speakers will be from the Army Alliance, Inc. - Mike Ray, President of the Board, and Colonel (R) Warline Bryant, Executive Director.



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