

MEMBERSHIP NEWSLETTER



UPCOMING MEETINGS/SPEAKERS

October 18, 2024: Col (Ret) Donna Fore. She was in the Pentagon on 9/11 and will recount her experiences from that day. Also, Nominations for Chapter officers for 2025.

November 15, 2024: Gary Bates, City of Harker Heights IT Director on IT threats to your computer. Also, Elections for Chapter officers for 2025.

December, 2024: NO MEETING!

January, 2025: Incoming Bell County Sheriff Bill Cooke. New officers appointed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UMHB Military Appreciation Day: Saturday, November 16, 2024. *CenTex MOAA presents first Conde Endowed Scholarship (\$2500.00) at Football Game halftime.*

CenTex MOAA Evening Social. A Saturday evening in March; Time TBA. *Johnny's Steaks & BBQ in Salado.*

ATTENTION ALL RETIREES & SURVIVING SPOUSES

MOAA has an "OPEN SEASON" webinar coming up on October 29, 2024. Aside from a qualifying life event ([QLE](#)), open season is your only chance each year to make changes to your TRICARE, Medicare, or FEDVIP coverage. Join Capt. Paul Frost, AFC®, USN (Ret), MOAA's financial and benefits counselor, for an in-depth review of: Open season dates for Medicare, TRICARE, and FEDVIP. Original Medicare (Parts A and B) vs. Medicare Advantage Plans (MAPs, or Part C)

- The US Family Health Plan (USFHP)
- FEDVIP plan terminology
- 2025 prices (as available)

Register at: [What You Need to Know for TRICARE, Medicare, and FEDVIP Open Season \(on24.com\)](#)

President's Postings—David Sage

CenTex MOAA Jack Oliver Golf Tournament. We held our annual golf tournament on 13 Sep 24 at Killeen's Stonetree Golf Course. It was our best to date, raising over \$27,000. A special thanks to Dewitt Mayfield for leading the committee and outstanding planning and execution, Jeff Davison for tireless fundraising efforts, and Dick Chapin for keeping the money straight. If you're interesting is assisting or sponsoring next year's golf tournament, please contact me (hooksage@yahoo.com).

Fort Cavazos Retiree Appreciation Day (RAD) is scheduled for 25-26 Oct 24.

1. 25 Oct activities:
 - a. Golf tournament at Clear Creek. If you want to play, RSVP at charles.e.mcphilomy.naf@army.mil.
 - b. At 1730, Bingo Social events with food @ Phantom Warrior Center Please RSVP at tlstmm02@yahoo.com.
2. 26 Oct activities:
 - a. Health Fair starting at 0900 at the Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center.
 - b. ID cards at 130 Legends Way.
 - c. Legal Services at Bldg 13.

UMHB's Military Application Day is set for 16 Nov24. Key Events include;

- a. Conde Endowment plaque dedication, TBD.
- b. SSG Conde Medal of Honor display unveiling, TBD.
- c. Football game vs. Howard Payne University @ 1300.

CenTex MOAA Community Veterans Picnic: We are currently planning to host the 2d Annual Veterans Picnic in May or June 2025. Jeff Davison is leading the planning efforts. If you want to assist or for more information contact Jeff Davison (harleyds2@yahoo.com)



MOAA Joins Surviving Spouses on Capitol Hill in Fight for Critical Legislation (from MOAA.org website)

This year's Hill event focused on advocating for the passage of four bills:

- **The Love Lives On Act** (H.R. 3651/S. 1266) addresses the complex realities facing surviving spouses who remarry after losing a servicemember. Currently, surviving spouses lose access to certain survivor benefits when they remarry before age 55. This bill would allow surviving spouses to retain these critical benefits regardless of remarriage.
- **The Caring for Survivors Act** (H.R. 1083/S. 414) seeks to increase Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) for eligible survivors. Currently, DIC paid by the VA is significantly lower than comparable benefits for other federal survivors, such as those in the civil service or law enforcement.
- **The Health Care Fairness for Military Families Act** (H.R. 1045/S. 956) would expand health care coverage under TRICARE to dependents of servicemembers up to age 26, aligning the program with civilian health care standards. Currently, military families often find themselves in a position where their children age out of TRICARE coverage at 21 (or 23 if they are full-time students).
- **The CHAMPVA Children's Care Protection Act** (H.R. 2414/S. 1119) addresses age limits like the Health Care Fairness Act, but focuses on young adult dependents of veterans who die from a service-connected disability who are eligible for the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Department of Veterans Affairs (CHAMPVA). This bill would extend coverage to these children until age 26, ensuring that survivors of veterans have access to critical healthcare for their dependents.

For more information, go to: [MOAA - MOAA Joins Surviving Spouses on Capitol Hill in Fight for Critical Legislation](http://www.moaa.org/content/chapters-and-councils/chapter-recruitingx/recruiting-materials/online-chapter-membership-dues-join-and-renewal/)

President's Postings (continued):

Upcoming Luncheon Speakers. Reminder that our Monthly Luncheon is on the 3rd Friday of each month. Please RSVP at <http://centexmoaa.org/>. Our next luncheon is on Friday, 18 Oct 24 from 11:30 AM to 1:30 PM at the Lion's Den, 5100 Trimmier Road, Killeen, TX. Our future luncheon guest speakers are:

- a. October: Col Donna Fore, USAF (Retired), who was present in the Pentagon on 9/11.
- b. November: Gary Bates, City of Harker Heights IT Director, to discuss IT threats to your home networks and computers.
- c. December: No meeting
- d. 17 January: Incoming Bell County Sheriff Bill Cooke.

CenTex MOAA Dues: Reminder that we need your dues. You can pay your dues on the MOAA National system, please make sure you identify that you want to pay your dues for the CenTex MOAA chapter. Link to site: <https://www.moaa.org/content/chapters-and-councils/chapter-recruitingx/recruiting-materials/online-chapter-membership-dues-join-and-renewal/>



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AWARDS, SCHOLARSHIPS & COMMISSIONINGS NEWS



Bill Nance presenting \$2500 MOAA Scholarships to Cadet Roderick Armstrong, UMHB (Left) and Cadet Sudane Peart, TAMU-CT (Right) this past August.

*AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION AND APPLICATIONS FOR
2025 WILL BE SENT OUT TO SCHOOLS IN JANUARY 2025*



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

(From Personal Affairs Chair, Charles Sweeney) Our Chapter Secretary, Kent Marquardt's father has passed away. Chapter member Jim Livingston's brother who lived in Kingman, KS, has passed away. Chapter member Bob Gosney is in the State Veteran's home in Temple, and

Dick Chapin, Chapter Secretary, reports that we have a new Caterer for our Chapter luncheons. Beginning October 18th, Keanah Hodges (Key's Kitchen) will be providing the food. She's providing a great BBQ meal for us on the 18th! You can see more of her culinary skills on Facebook and Pinterest.

We need your attendance!

Chapter leadership has lined up a great schedule of guest speakers and we will nominate, elect, and install Chapter leadership over the next 3 meetings (October, November, and January 2025). AND—we have great food and comradery! Register your attendance at [Centex MOAA](#).

