



# MOAA Membership Application



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Branch of Service: \_\_\_\_\_ Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

- Retired
- Active
- National Guard
- Auxiliary
- Former

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home/Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth (If you'd like a birthday card): \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_ St Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA (FL23)

One Year Membership: \$31 (Auxiliary: \$27)  
 Three Year Membership: \$78 (Auxiliary: \$68)  
 Special rates for Active Duty: 1 Yr \$15/ 3 Yr \$38  
 Two Year Rates Also Available--Call MOAA

Fill out and mail with check (made out to MOAA) to: SPA-MOAA; PO Box 7054; St. Petersburg, FL 33703-7054, or call MOAA at 1-800 234-6622 and join over the phone. Please be sure to mention St Petersburg Area Chapter when joining over the phone.

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# St Petersburg Area Chapter MOAA APPLICATION



Initial Dues: Officers- \$25; Auxiliaries- \$20

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_, 1<sup>st</sup> Name \_\_\_\_\_

Initial \_\_\_\_\_; Suffix(Jr.) \_\_\_\_\_, Nickname \_\_\_\_\_

Rank \_\_\_\_\_, Service: \_\_\_\_\_

DOB \_\_\_\_\_, National MOAA # \_\_\_\_\_

(Chapter applications cannot be accepted until the applicant joins MOAA "national" per our Bylaws)

Status of Uniformed Officers: Retired \_\_\_\_\_, Active \_\_\_\_\_, Reserve \_\_\_\_\_, Former officer \_\_\_\_\_, Other \_\_\_\_\_

Auxiliaries' deceased spouses' first name, rank, service \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's preferred name \_\_\_\_\_

ID renewal date (for Spouse & Widow) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_, State \_\_\_\_\_, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_, Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Your Sponsor or Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Please make Chapter dues checks out to SPA-MOAA 17 August 2009



## ★★★★★ JOIN OUR CHAPTER ★★★★★ HELP KEEP OUR EARNED BENEFITS

On a national level, MOAA (The Military Officers Association of America) has achieved much to maintain and improve benefits for retired, active duty, surviving spouses, reservists

and national guard personnel.

The St. Petersburg Area Chapter, MOAA (a member of the Florida Council of Chapters) represents our interests at local and state level.

### I. The Chapter will provide you with:

- a. Association with fellow officers, warrant officers & surviving spouses;
- b. Yearly roster of members & chapter information;
- c. Monthly award winning newsletter, *Officers Call*;
- d. Monthly luncheon: social, announcements, & program;
- e. Member Support, such as:
  - 1 Assistance to recent surviving spouse,
  - 2 Contact with & visits to ill & incapacitated members,
  - 3 Career transition (TOPS—The Officer Placement Service);
- f. For members w/ computers:
  - 1 Our award-winning Military Message Center provides messages and alerts;
  - 2 Visit our web site at [www.MOAAStPeteArea.com](http://www.MOAAStPeteArea.com)

### II. Chapter members must be members of (national) MOAA which:

- a. Lobbies congress & the administration for all veterans, surviving spouses, active duty service persons, reservists & national guard;
- b. Circulates its monthly glossy magazine, *Military Officer*;
- c. Disseminates information of local interest.

### The Eight Purposes of MOAA:

- To inculcate and stimulate love of our country and its flag
- To defend the honor, integrity and supremacy of our national government and the Constitution of the United States
- To advocate military forces adequate to the defense of our country
- To foster the integrity and prestige of uniformed service
- To foster fraternal relations between all branches of the various services from which our members are to be drawn
- To further the education of children of service personnel
- To aid active and retired personnel of the various services from which our members are to be drawn, and their dependents and survivors, in every proper and legitimate manner.
- To present their rights and interests when service matters are under consideration.

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## Why it is Important that You Join MOAA

MOAA national, with 372,000 members in over 400 chapters nationwide, has fought many battles and won many victories for all veterans, active duty, National Guard, and reservists over the years. Congress and the President are under intense pressure to cut the defense budget and personnel and entitlement cuts are a constant target. Most in Congress and the Executive Branch have no military experience. According to the Selective Service, 16,307,243 men (no women) were drafted since the modern draft was started during WW I. But the last man drafted entered the Army June 20, 1973. When the draft ended, ONE in TWO families had someone in the military. Today it is less than ONE in 25 and declining. No wonder we have to fight for the defense budget since the great majority of Americans have no contact with the military and take the defense of this country for granted.

A partial list of MOAA victories: 1985 — defeated Gramm-Rudman Act, which would have cancelled retired COLAs for six years; 1999 — authorized dual compensation of military retired pay and pay as a federal employee; 1999 — restored the 20 year retirement system; 2001 — instituted TRICARE for Life and TRICARE Senior Pharmacy for Medicare eligible retirees; 2004 — obtained partial concurrent receipt of retired pay and VA disability compensation; — 2005 obtained Basic Allowance for Housing equity for certain Reserve Components; 2005 — increased Tricare support for certain Reserve Components; 2006 — final phase-in of active duty Basic Allowance for Housing increases to eliminate out of pocket expenses; 2007—banned TRICARE and pharmacy co-pay increases sought by DoD for FY08; 2008—permanently banned charging hospitalized troops for meals and ended SBP payments for veterans 70 years old and who have paid for 30 years.

And the list goes on (see [www.moaa.org](http://www.moaa.org) for more items).

All these and more were made possible by MOAA, and other organizations like MOAA that support and speak for our men and women in uniform, who, by law, cannot speak for themselves.

Larry Fernald, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)  
President

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