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Message from the Chapter President: Greetings, I hope that you're all enjoying what our region has to offer this summer with family and loved ones!

I wanted to start off with recognizing that the California retired military community has reached a long sought after milestone when Governor Newsom signed into law state tax exemption on military retirement pay and Surviving Spouse Benefits. While not 'everything' that was hoped for was included in the legislation, it's a monumental step for California and it's more than 140,000 military retirees. There have been several organizations and individuals championing this over the last several years and we are thankful for their efforts. I did want to mention one of our own, Fred Green. Fred has been involved with this effort for a long time as part of our Miramar Chapter, CALMOAA, National MOAA and other service organizations. I'm sure Fred especially feels a high level of satisfaction and we are all grateful for his (and many others) efforts! [See more on page 6]



We had a great turnout for our August luncheon and enjoyed our guest speaker Author of "Game of Drones" Rich Martindell, Lieutenant Colonel, USAF [Retired]. Rich had a fascinating presentation and shared personal experiences in his working as a drone pilot in support of US operations around the globe. I'd like to thank Wes Schermann for arranging for Rich to speak to us. [See more page 3]

PSA: We are seeking an individual to act as our Chapter Website administrator. Our new website (<https://miramarmoa.us/home-page/>) is really good and we're hoping a member can maintain the site, add & eliminate content on a regular (but not daily) basis. Please reach out to me if you've had experience with this and would like to contribute. We'll provide training to get you started.

Lastly, I'd like to recognize the passing of the San Diego Chapter President... BG Dean Mallires who passed on very recently. Dean was a pillar in the military community and very active in MOAA, AUSA and other organizations. He was a steady attendee at our bi-monthly luncheons and will be greatly missed. His obituary may be found here (<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/name/dean-mallires- obituary?id=59164793>). [Additional writeup on page 9 of this newsletter]

That's all for now, I DO appreciate everyone's support of our organization and feel free to reach out with input for our chapter.

S/F, Gerard Cloutier, LtCol. USMCR (Ret), President, MOAA Miramar Chapter

Birthday and Anniversary Celebrations

June, July and August Birthdays



June

MRS VICKI LEE CULLEN
Maj JACK J FLECK
LTC ROBERT C GADDI
CAPT WALTER B GOFF
MRS SANDRA GOFF
MRS GERDA M HATTON
MRS LORI HILL
LCDR ROBERT R JOYCE
CWO4 LOUIS P KLEIS
Maj RONALD D LIVINGSTON
CAPT MARY BETH R NEWTON
MRS DEANNA M ORTHMEYER
MRS RICHARD STEPHENSON
Lt Col WILLIAM T WALKER

July

CAPT ELSA P ANG
MRS JING BALUYOT
CAPT WILLIAM M BOKESCH
MRS FANNY CACHO
Col BART J CONNOLLY IV
LTC ANGELO J CORPORA
MRS LEONA GULCK
LCDR DAVID A HILL
COL J GUNNAR SCHALIN
CAPT ANDREW J SEVERSON
MRS PAULETTE SEXTON
CW5 JENNIFER J WERNER

August

COL JOSEPH R BOSCACCI
MRS SARA BURNETT
MRS PAM CONNOLLY IV
MRS CHRISTINE CORPORA
MRS TERI GREEN
CWO4 BERNARD L MARSTALL
Maj DAVID E MARVIN
LCDR MICHAEL J PATOTA
CDR DONJA K STEPHENSON
LtCol DAVID C YORCK

June, July & August Anniversaries

June

CAPT ELSA & ROGER ANG
CAPT WILLIAM & ISOBEL CHISUM
LTC ANGELO & CHRISTINE CORPORA
LT KENNETH & ROSEMARY GENGLER
CDR JOHN & BONNIE GORMAN
Maj RONALD & VIRGINIA LIVINGSTON
LCDR ALAN & PATRICIA LOCKWOOD
CAPT MARY BETH & LCDR DON NEWTON
CAPT CARL & CHARLENE WEISCOFF



July

COL MICHAEL & DIANA HILL
CWO4 BERNARD & LORRAINE MARSTALL
LtCol ROBERT & COLLEEN PESCATORE
CAPT HAROLD & PAULETTE SEXTON
LCDR STEVEN & MARY STREIGHTIFF

August

LCDR DAVID & FANNY CACHO
CDR LARRY & BRENDA KARCH
CWO2 ERIK & JILL PETERSEN
CAPT MICHAEL & CATHY PUCKETT
LCDR GLENN & GINGER TYSON

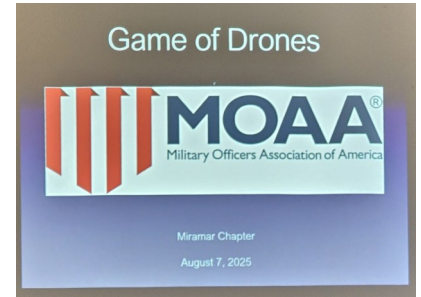
Membership Report: As of August 1st we have 84

Regular, 16 Surviving Spouses, and 2 Associate members.



Lt. Col. Rich Martindell - guest speaker at the August Meeting

Lt. Col. Richard L “Rich” Martindell (USAF Ret) provided a very informative presentation covering his three years as a civilian contract drone pilot flying the MQ-9 Reaper unmanned vehicle over hotspots of the world including Iraq, Central Africa out of Niger, Central Europe out of Poland, and finally the Red Sea area out of Yuma.



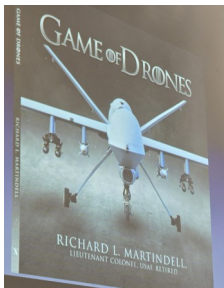
Explaining his civilian status, he was quick to point out that as a civilian, under the rules of the Geneva Convention, he was not allowed to be part of the “kill chain” as far as the targeting of individuals or facilities was concerned. His job was to fly the unmanned vehicle to the right spot and allow the weapons officers to conduct that part of the mission.

Among the most interesting items he covered was the reach of the MQ-9 Reaper as well as the nature of

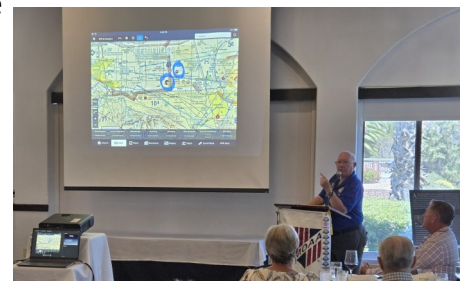


the mission profiles he flew. He also provided pictures of the living conditions in various places where he was carrying out his missions. For the most part, especially in the overseas locations, they were austere in the extreme, but he managed to find ways to make the situation livable at each location. He also noted that for these kinds of missions there was “no hiding from a mistake” because everything was recorded. Finally he touched on the pressures involved in the job on both him and military pilots flying the same missions, and the tensions created with no

real way for pilots to decompress after each mission.



Lt. Col. Martindell has written a book about his experiences cleverly titled “Game of Drones” which he offered for sale to members.



Air Force fighter pilot Martindell is an ROTC graduate of the University of Arizona. In his active career, he flew the F-4E on 232 combat missions in North and South Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos. Later, in Germany, he sat on a 15-minute nuclear alert in the F4 during the Cold War and also flew the F-15.

Save the date for our **OCTOBER MEETING** on **THURSDAY**, October the 2nd at 11:00 am at the Adm Baker Golf Course. Look for a meeting invitation to be sent in September and be sure to attend as we’ll learn a little about the DOD **Skillbridge Program**.

MOAA National News Flashes

Weight loss drugs will no longer be covered for TRICARE For Life (TFL) beneficiaries as of Aug. 31 – a policy change that has left many beneficiaries with questions regarding their care. **Issue Q & A:**

Q. Will I lose coverage for my medication? **A.** TFL beneficiaries who have been prescribed a GLP-1 medication *for weight loss – such as Zepbound, Wegovy, or Saxenda – will no longer have that medication covered as of Aug. 31. They must pay 100% of the cost of the weight loss drug as of that date, even if they have an approved prior authorization. But, TFL beneficiaries who have been prescribed a GLP-1 medication for Type 2 diabetes – such as Ozempic, Mounjaro, or Victoza – will maintain their coverage.*

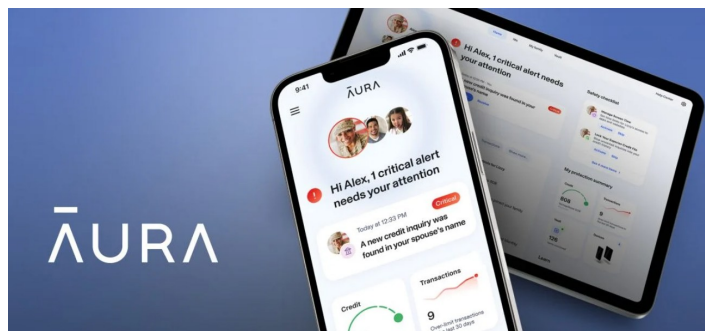
Q. Why has my coverage changed? **A.** The change is part of the Defense Health Agency’s implementation of “regulatory controls on weight loss medication coverage,” according to [an Aug. 5 TRICARE.mil article](#). [Direct-care recipients](#) and some other, smaller, coverage pools also saw their coverage removed as a result of the implementation.
[Source: <https://www.moaa.org/>]

Here’s another good deal from MOAA National HQ: Military officers understand the importance of a strong national defense, but your identity also needs protection. If cyber criminals get a hold of your Social Security number, home address, and birthday, they could impersonate you online and steal your assets. Data breaches are increasing every year, and it has become very difficult for any of us to prevent our personal information from falling into the wrong hands.

In 2023, the Federal Trade Commission reported that Americans lost over \$10 billion to identity theft and fraud -- a 15% increase from 2022. Protect yourself for a fraction of the cost.

Save up to 75% through your membership.

Aura has a comprehensive solution for helping to reduce your risk of identity theft and get you back on track if it should happen. You'll receive:



All-in-One Digital Safety for the Whole Family: Proactive digital protection from identity theft, fraud, and online threats.

Fraud Alerts up to 250x Faster: Get fraud alerts in minutes versus days.

\$1 Million Identity Theft Insurance: Covers eligible losses and fees due to identity theft.

24/7 U.S.-Based Fraud Experts: Experienced agents will assist in filling out forms and navigating institutions to quickly resolve the impacts of an incident.

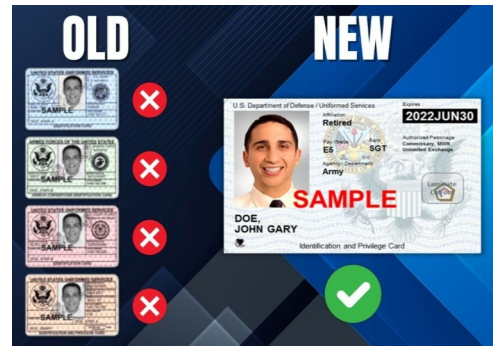
Plans range from \$9 a month for individuals to \$20 a month for an entire family. As a member of MOAA, you and your family are eligible for this new benefit. It’s the ounce of prevention that could prevent many pounds of hassle and heartache. Have questions? Reach out to a member of Aura's dedicated MOAA team at (888) 664-2103.

For a full list of MOAA Member Benefits please visit [MOAA - MOAA's Exclusive Discounts](#) on the national MOAA website.

Update: DOD and MOAA National Provide Clarity on Termination Dates for Legacy Retiree IDs

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 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, but [had been updated as of July 29](#).

“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.”

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 for USID cards with indefinite (“INDEF”) expirations. 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.

To renew your card see 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).

Military Retiree Appreciation Days are held annually all over the country. The closest one for our members for 2025 will be **6 September 2025** at Camp Pendleton. Please call 760-725-6090 for more information.

After a multi-year effort, the California Legislature passed SB 53 providing tax relief for those receiving retired military pay or SBP payments. In June the legislation was signed into law by California Governor Gavin Newsom and putting it into effect for the current tax year. MOAA chapters and members played a role in this historic achievement.



Legislative Chair Bill Nelson provided a full legislative update

California Enacts Historic Military Retirement Tax Relief

After years of sustained advocacy and collaboration, the Military Officers Association of America—California Council of Chapters (CALMOAA) has achieved a milestone victory. With the signing of California’s 2025–26 state budget, Governor Newsom and the Legislature enacted a state income tax exemption for up to \$20,000 annually in military retirement pay and Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) income.

This is not just a legislative win, it’s a legacy moment. It represents years of work from the leadership and general membership of MOAA, whose engagement through in-person testimony, Zoom hearings, and letter-writing campaigns helped carry this policy across the finish line. The coordinated advocacy effort this year was deeply appreciated in the Capitol and serves as a model for how to amplify veterans’ voices in Sacramento. We’ll start our efforts to expand the exemption next legislative cycle.

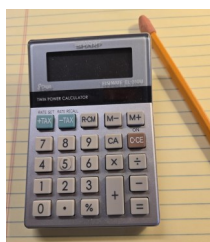
With the exemption effective retroactively to January 1, 2025, eligible retirees and surviving spouses will be able to claim the benefit when filing their 2025 taxes. Because this provision was passed as part of a trailer bill in the state budget, it carries immediate and full-year effect, not a delayed implementation like traditional legislation.

Eligibility is income-based: \$125,000 AGI cap for individuals | \$250,000 AGI cap for couples filing jointly
All members are encouraged to consult with their tax professionals to determine eligibility and prepare to file accordingly for the 2025 tax year.

Protecting Veterans in the Final Stretch: Advancing SB 694 Against Claims Sharks

While we celebrate the success of tax relief, we must remain vigilant. **SB 694 (Archuleta)** continues to advance and addresses a persistent threat—unaccredited, for-profit entities exploiting veterans seeking help with VA benefits. These “claims sharks” charge steep fees, often without proper oversight or results. SB 694 would tighten enforcement and give CalVet stronger tools to stop these predatory actors.

Your continued support of this bill matters. A pre-drafted support letter is available at [CA Legislation/Bill](#) (scroll down to SB 694). Members are encouraged to join the [Veterans Discord server](#) to stay informed and connected. For years, these unaccredited actors have been exploiting veterans. SB 694, if enacted, will defend the benefits veterans have earned and hold dishonest and unaccredited actors accountable.



Miramar Chapter of MOAA Treasurer’s report for July 2025: *We ended the month with a checking/savings balance of \$14,521.26, with one remaining \$250 check still outstanding . Accounting for the full \$2,000 disbursement from our JROTC funds, that sub-account balance sits at \$468.71 at the end of the month. Many thanks to the following members for their May-Jul 2025 ROTC donations: Ang, Chisum, Cloutier, Green, Grimes, Mallires, Marvin, Smidt, Walker, Zana.*

Our May 28th Chapter Meeting Welcomed JROTC Cadets and Their Faculty Advisers to Present to the Membership



Six High School Programs attended the meeting and showcased their members and activities



Ramona HS



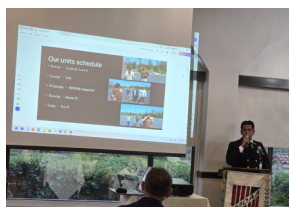
Canyon Hills HS



Kearney HS

Beyond supporting college level programs at SDSU and USD, there are 13 JROTC Units that we support with MOAA Medals/ Certificates & Chapter Representatives at their Awards Ceremonies. We support....

- Fallbrook H.S. MCJROTC
- El Camino H.S. MCJROTC
- San Marcos H.S. AFJROTC
- Oceanside H.S. MCJROTC
- Army & Navy Academy (Carlsbad)
- Mira Mesa H.S. AFJROTC
- Scripps Ranch H.S. AFJROTC
- Canyon Hills H.S. NJROTC
- Grossmont H.S. NJROTC
- Westview H.S. NJROTC
- Ramona H.S. NJROTC
- Orange Glen H.S. NJROTC
- Kearny H.S. AJROTC



Grossmont HS



Scripps Ranch HS



Orange Glen HS



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Next Miramar Chapter BOD meeting 4 September 2025 @ 1800 via Zoom



We have learned of the death of BG (Ret) Dean Mallires. See page nine for more details. Any members aware of recent passings of chapter members please advise the newsletter editor of the death.

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



Brigadier General Dean J. Mallires

Reporting the death of Brigadier General Dean J. Mallires, U.S. Army (Retired), described by many as one of the most energetic and exceptional officers in the military retirement community.

Dean was a kid from the north side of Chicago who ultimately attended Loyola and was part of ROTC there, graduating in 1968 and going on to become an officer in the Signal Corps. Over the years he earned a well-deserved reputation for being skillful as a leader and was often put in charge of the most unruly and difficult troops. He commanded a Signal Company, Signal Battalion, Medical Battalion, support Center RAO, and the 33rd infantry brigade.

Later in his career he became a national guardsman and was sent on many deployments ranging from a few days to multiple weeks and had a front row seat at many historic events. BG Mallires received over 20 military awards including the Legion of Merit, retiring in 1998 with 30 years and one day of service. At the time of his death, he was an active member of 16 service-related organizations. His selfless service was a hallmark of his life and his continued support of soldiers and their families.

He is survived by his beloved wife Lori and their two daughters who were the highlight of his life. His dedication to family, service, and country was evident in all that he did.

For more information, please visit the Chapter website <https://miramarmooa.us/Home-Page/>

On the website is most current information concerning:

- ⇒ Legislative Activities and Highlights
- ⇒ Surviving spouse matters
- ⇒ National MOAA and related organizations contact Information
- ⇒ Job Search Assistance
- ⇒ Volunteer opportunities



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