



# Jayhawk Chapter MOAA Newsletter

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## July Program:

Our speaker for the July meeting will be Chad Lawhorn, Managing Editor of the Lawrence Journal-World and author of "Lawhorn's Lawrence."

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## President's Comments. . .

Our Jayhawk Chapter was very well represented at the three KU ROTC Unit Awards Ceremonies conducted in April and May, and at the K.U. Joint ROTC Commissioning Ceremony on May 16 where 30 new Officers were Commissioned as 2nd Lieutenants and Ensigns (12 Army, 8 Navy, 1 Marine Corps and 9 Air Force). Thank you to all who participated and attended these Ceremonies.



Jayhawk Chapter also continued our tradition of the setting and retiring of Flags at Maple Grove and Pioneer Cemeteries for Memorial Day, and having of our Chapter Members participating and/or attending the Memorial Day Services at the American Legion and/or VFW ceremonies.

I hope you have read the "From the President" articles in both the May ("Fierce Advocates") and June ("Budget Pressure") issues of the *Military Officer Magazine*. For those who may not have read them yet, please do. These two articles presented the two primary issues that MOAA addressed when "Storming the Hill" (Health Care Reform and the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP)-Indemnity Compensation (DIC) offset, and provided an overview of the Budget Issues facing DoD and the respective Armed Services committees drafting the defense bills. It also identified opportunities for each of us to be a part of the solution.

Things the Jayhawk Chapter can do individually and collectively are to remain a strong and engaged membership and by setting new and/or updated goals for the future. Some of these could include the following:

- Responding to MOAA *Calls for Action* by sending the recommended correspondence to your respective legislators, including modifying those to include your supporting perspective on an issue.
- Including forwarding the *Calls for Action* to family and/or friends who can provide additional support to a particular issue.
- Increase efforts to recruit new members to join our Jayhawk Chapter.
- Increase participation in our 30-100-5 Comfort Scholarship Fund.
- Continue to grow our volunteerism locally by remaining committed to participation in local groups and activities.

Obviously, the above is only a sample of the goals we can set for our future. If you have other ideas for goals and/or activities for our membership please contact any of our Board Members to let them know your thoughts.

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at our Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, July 19th .

*Mike*

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\* Reservations should be sent  
to **Jim Cooper** by  
**14 July**



# JAYHAWK CHAPTER NEWS



## TAPS

**Alfred Forney Gallup** died May 26, 2016, age 100, at his home in the Lawrence Presbyterian Manor. He was born in Marysville, KS to Ralph Forney Gallup and Stella Hawkins Gallup. Al graduated in 1938 from the K.U. School of Business. On Dec 7, 1941, he was drafted and joined the U.S. Army Air Corps. After flight training he served as a "Hump Pilot," flying C-46 aircraft from Burma and India over the Himalayas to China until the end of WWII. He continued his education at Columbia University, earning a Master's in Business. He was an Assistant Professor of Air Force ROTC at K.U. and K.S.U. In 1950, Al began work as a sales agent in Lawrence for the Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co, retiring at age 82.

In 1942, Al and his college sweetheart Winifred Hill married at Lackland Air Base, Texas. Together they raised two daughters.

Al is survived by his wife, daughters Nancy Penland, M.D. (husband Ralph Penland) and Cindy Pine (husband Richard Pine, Jr, dec.)

Services were held Thursday, 2 June, at First Presbyterian Church.

Former Member **Floyd E. Gehrt** passed away June 27, 2016. Private graveside services are planned. His son, Tim, advises that he was able to enjoy his customary martini on Sunday night.

## PERSONAL NEWS

### CHANGE OF ADDRESS:

COL Roy Creek's new address is 1501 Inverness Drive, Apt. 203, 66047-1835.

### From Dean Bevan:

Theatre Lawrence presents "An Evening of Dean Bevan's Plays," Friday and Saturday, July 8 and 9, on their main stage at 4660 Bauer Farm Drive. These will be short plays – comedy and drama, including both one-act plays and the current vogue, ten-minute plays.

The playwright, Dean Bevan, is well-known to local theatregoers, who have seen him in many plays at Theatre Lawrence, at KU, and in EMU Theatre productions. Bevan taught creative writing and English literature at Baker University, and since retiring in 2000 he has written 21 plays and acted in 34.

Bevan's plays have received numerous awards and been performed across the country – New York City, Seattle, San Francisco, Palm Springs, San Diego, and other cities in New Jersey, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Virginia, New York, Ohio, Florida, Michigan, Illinois, and elsewhere.

The ten-minute format has altered the theatrical landscape with its possibilities, and has been embraced by prominent playwrights including David Mamet, Christopher Durang, Tony Kushner, August Wilson, and others. These plays have been called "a streak of theatrical lightning." And Bevan jokes that "if you don't like one, it'll be over soon."

Tickets are \$10 online, by phone, or at the door. Curtain time is 7:30.

### From David Kent:

The first week in June, Orean and I visited friends in Florida. On June 2, we went to Venice, FL to see the campus of the winter home of Kentucky Military institute, the oldest private preparatory military school in the US (1845 – 1971). I attended 1950 through 1955, when I graduated. My father had been the PMS 1950-53 (active duty officers in those days were assigned to Jr. ROTC schools). KMI was famous for its winter home in Venice, traveling after Christmas each year on the "KMI Special" (L & N RR) from Louisville, KY to Venice, FL, returning to KY in early April. The two main buildings on campus, now 90 years old, are still in use. San Marco Hall (I'm standing in front of it) was our upper school dorm and classroom building, and Venice Hotel was faculty and junior school quarters and dining hall (now an assisted living facility). San Marco is now apartments on upper floors and the Venice Mall (offices) on ground floor, with extensive display of memorabilia in the corridor. I even found my name (Cadet Capt. David Kent, Cmdr, Co. D) on a Sunday parade program! The former parade field is now a city park. KMI wintered in Florida for 38 years. That was the first time I'd been back to that campus since graduating. Lots of good memories!



**The newsletter is only as good as the material available,  
so each member is requested to forward news and other items of interest to the editors.**

**From Ed Phillips:**

On April 9, 2016, I had the honor and the privilege of accompanying my 93 year old Mother, Margaret Flickinger Phillips, on an Honor Flight to Washington, D.C. The Flight was sponsored by Honor Flight of Central Florida. My Mother is a World War II veteran having served proudly as a Navy Hospital Corps Wave, or Pharmacist Mate as they were then known. She joined the Navy in 1943 in Des Moines, Iowa and served until 1945 discharged as a Pharmacist Mate Third Class. She attended Hospital Corps School at Bainbridge, Maryland and was stationed at Naval Hospitals at Boston, Massachusetts and Mare Island, California. She was trained as an EEG Technician. While at Mare Island, she met and married John Phillips and went on to serve 38 years as a Navy Wife. He retired in 1982 as a Master Chief Hospital Corpsman. Between the three of us we served the Navy for more than 72 years.

There were 48 veterans on our Flight, of whom 22 were WW II vets, 19 from Korea, and the rest from Viet Nam. The entire flight was extremely well organized from beginning to end. We met at the Orlando Airport at 0430 and departed on a Southwest flight to Baltimore Washington International with the 48 Vets, their 48 Guardians, and 12 support staff after a rousing send off from family and Airport Staff. We landed in Baltimore and were met by a large enthusiastic crowd that included a large contingent of Midshipman and staff from the Naval Academy.

We were escorted to the National Mall by the US Park Police through a sleet and snow storm. Our first stop was at the World War II Memorial in miserable weather. Fortunately the weather cleared over the next 30 minutes as we visited the Korean and Viet Nam Memorials. By the time we reached the Tomb of the Unknowns, for a Changing of the Guard, it was a bright sunny but cool day. The Cemetery was beautiful all decked out in spring flowers.

We also visited the Women in Service, Marine Corps, Air force, and Navy Memorials before returning to BWI. One of the highlights of the day was a "mail call" at the airport where the Vets received many letters from family and friends thanking them for their service. All of the Vets were deeply moved by these letters. After some plane problems, we returned to Orlando at 0130 to a rousing welcome from family and friends who were there even at that late hour.

Every Vet enjoyed the trip and were overwhelmed by the love, support, and appreciation they received from not only family and friends but from complete strangers throughout the day. I strongly encourage anyone who has not had the opportunity to experience an Honor Flight, either as a principal or in my role as a Guardian, to do so. It is a once in a lifetime experience.

There is an Honor Flight Organization in Kansas City. Like the more than 200 across the country, it is supported by volunteers and donations. I guarantee you will not be disappointed by the experience. My Mom has not stopped talking about it!

**From Alan Van Loenen:**

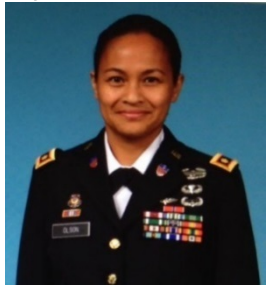
Below are some "Civil War" events in which my Civil War reenactment group is taking part that are within a day's trip from Lawrence to attend this summer and fall.

- (1) Buffalo Bill Days - Festival: Leavenworth, KS: August 26 - 28
- (2) Ft. Riley, KS Days - Ft. Riley, KS: Sept 10
- (3) Osawatomie Freedom Festival - Osawatomie, KS: Sept 17 -18.



## *Army News*

### *LTC Tracey Olson, USA*

**Greetings Jayhawk Chapter!****Jayhawk Battalion welcomes the new PMS**

The Jayhawk Battalion would like to welcome our incoming Professor of Military Science, LTC Tracey Olson. LTC Olson comes to us from FT Leavenworth, KS where she served as an Observer Coach/Trainer and Adjutant for Operations Group Delta, Mission Command Training Program

LTC Olson received her commission in the Quartermaster Corps through the University of Hawaii – Manoa ROTC program where she was a Distinguished Military Graduate. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Chaminade

University of Honolulu and her Master's Degree in Adult Education from Kansas State University. She did a branch transfer to the Adjutant General Corps in April 2004.

LTC Olson has held numerous progressive command and staff positions to include: Platoon Leader and Company Executive Officer, 1st US Army support Battalion in Sinai, Egypt; Platoon Leader and Battalion S1, 203d Forward Support Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Benning, Georgia; Group S4, 1st Personnel Group; Company Commander, 22d Personnel Services Battalion; Chief, Readiness & Officer Strength Manager, 1st Corps at Fort Lewis, Washington; Brigade S1, 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division and Deputy G1, 101st Airborne Division at Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

Welcome to the Jayhawk Detachment!



## Jayhawk Battalion Spring Commissioning

May 16, 2016 was a great day for the Jayhawk Battalion. It was our distinct pleasure to see twelve of our Cadets earn their commissions as the Army's newest Second Lieutenants. After successful graduation from their respective universities, our Cadets and their families took part in two commissioning ceremonies: the Army ceremony at the Military Science Building and the Joint Commissioning Ceremony with their Navy, Marine and Air Force ROTC peers. Each of the graduating Cadets has demonstrated success, maturity, and a high level of potential, and it was a great honor to administer their Oaths of Office and witness their first salute. We wish each and every one of our new Army officers the best of luck and success.



## Cadet Summer Training 2016

Each summer the Jayhawk Battalion Cadets have an opportunity to compete for and participate in summer training whether it is at FT Knox, KY, FT Benning, GA or as far as the country of Georgia. Cadet Cody McCurry, an MS II, was awarded a Cultural Understanding Language Proficiency (CULP) opportunity. CULP is a program designed to immerse Cadets in foreign cultures where they can learn more about how others around the world view the U.S. and in the process learn more about themselves. Below is the essay CDT McCurry submitted reflecting on his CULP experience with the Georgian Military.

### CDT McCurry's Reflective Essay:

"Prior to traveling almost halfway around the world, I possessed a very individualistic mindset culturally. I tended to view America as sort of the "center of the world", as opposed to just another piece to the puzzle. My perspective drastically changed after nearly a month of assimilating myself to the Georgian culture. While attending the Sachkhere Mountain Warfare School, we learned the basic skills in order to repel, descend, and ascend on a fixed rope, navigate obstacles, and traverse through the mountains. In addition to the technical training, I had the privilege to interact with the Georgian



CDT McCurry secures his safety helmet while waiting in line to negotiate a Rock Wall Obstacle

instructors who provided all the top culture "cliff notes" that proved to be quite interesting and helpful, when traveling across Georgia. I thoroughly used the words "gamajobar", "madloba" and "bodishi" meaning "hello", "thank you" and "my apologies", in my attempt to bridge the culture language barrier. I quickly came to realize that a smile, accompanied by a rub of the stomach, can get you further with the cooks than any attempt of words ever could.

The witnessing of the Georgian Independence Day in T'blissi provided more insight into a culture that has no problem being "bumper to bumper" with you. The love and especially pride, that was exhibited on that day by the Georgian's was obvious. From King David and the Battle of Digori in 1121, to the 2008 Russa-Georgian War, Georgians have always fought to preserve the staples of their culture that has always been worth dying for; their religion, family, and freedom. Their culture is deeply rooted in Christianity. We had the opportunity to see several historic monasteries, as well as visiting the famous Katshki pillar; where Monks have dedicated their entire lives to live in solitude on top of a 130 foot limestone pillar, dating back to the 4<sup>th</sup> century.

We also were lucky enough to participate in a huge Georgian feast called a "supra". The supra consisted of courses upon courses of meals mostly consisting of different meats, breads, cheeses, vegetables, and usually wine but in our case lemonade. There is traditionally someone who leads the supra called the tostada, who calls for toasts throughout the dinner. These toasts revolve around the similar staples of their cultural fabric. As the meal progressed, we danced and sang to both American and Georgian music. It made me realize how similar we were to these people we just met, who grew up a world away. To expand on that, our trip to the Georgian National Defense Academy in Gori was truly fascinating being able to observe other cadets our age, striving for similar goals that many of us desire, such as physical fitness, leadership development, and a career in the military. I can honestly say I have a greater understanding and appreciation for the need to foster these strategic relationships and build a coalition from this CULP experience. In doing so, our nation can be well on our way in accomplishing our current and future missions; promoting peace and prosperity all over the globe."

**WE BUILD LEADERS!**



Check out our website at [www.armyrotc.ku.edu](http://www.armyrotc.ku.edu) for more details on these events. Additionally, find us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/KUArmyROTC> and follow us on Twitter: [http://twitter.com/KU\\_ArmyROTC](http://twitter.com/KU_ArmyROTC)

**ALL IN!**

*MAJ Flora Carson*

**Never Stop Serving!**



## Navy News

### CAPT Dave Meron, USN



As in the past we will not be submitting anything over the summer. With the students all away and the staff off at training, there is really nothing to report. We look forward to providing you some exciting input as soon as we get the students back at the end of August.

*CDR Chris Higgenbotham*



## Air Force News

### LtCol Bill Pastewait, USAF

I don't have any new cadet updates until the school year starts. I put all our graduation/commissioning items in the last update. Additionally, most of my staff is out training this summer.

*LtCol Bill Pastewait*

Commander, Air Force ROTC Det 280

### *Memorial Day Cemetery Flag Placement*

Our chapter was out again for the Memorial Day weekend, placing flags on the graves of veterans. On Saturday morning, May 28<sup>th</sup>, we placed flags at Maple Grove Cemetery on the north side of town and at Pioneer Cemetery on KU's West Campus. We placed approximately 140 flags in less than an hour's time. Our crew consisted of Dwight Jackson, Gary Bjorge, Stan Sneegas, Mike Miller, myself and our granddaughter, Patsy, and Grant Caughey, who is an old squadronmate and member of the DAV. We retrieved flags on Monday evening.

If you are interested in assisting next year, I will be publicizing the project again next April/May – just let me know at that time.

Jim Cooper



### *Korean Veterans Ceremony by Kaw Valley Chapter at Kansas NG Museum 25 June 2016*

Again this year, Kaw Valley Chapter presented ceremonies for all Korean Veterans in the area who participated in that "Forgotten War". LTC (Ret) Ray Rhodd acted as Master of Ceremonies with Maj Sheli Sweeney assisting. There was a large attendance and a number of the Veterans gave an account of their activities during this period, clear up the 38<sup>th</sup> parallel.

Also, on 23 Feb 2016, a number of veterans and their families were present at the Kansas Legislature, where they were recognized for their service.



## MOAA LEGISLATIVE UPDATES

This is a summary of the many items MOAA produces each week on legislative activities. Those who have e-mail receive the full Legislative Updates each week.

### MOAA Legislative Update, 29 April 2016:

#### House Defense Bill Addresses Survivors, Divorces, Draft:

The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) followed the lead of the [Personnel Subcommittee](#) and rejected administration proposals to cap the military pay raise and cut force levels.

After a marathon session, the committee went on to include several other significant provisions in its version of the FY 2017 defense authorization bill on April 27, including the following:

#### *Survivors:*

extends the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance by one year until Oct. 1, 2018, and keeps the monthly rate at \$310. SSIA was established in 2008 to provide incremental relief to survivors affected by the "widows tax."

Although MOAA is disappointed at the inability to increase the allowance, we're relieved it won't be allowed to expire. A one-year extension automatically creates pressure for further action, and committee leaders have pledged to work toward raising the SSIA and phasing out the offset.

The bill also changes the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) calculation for survivors of reserve personnel who die while serving under Inactive Duty Training (IDT) orders to the same (more favorable) method used for deaths on active duty. This is another MOAA-supported issue.

#### *Former Spouses:*

changes the rules under the Uniformed Services Former Spouse Protection Act (USFSPA) by basing the amount of retired pay to be divided with a former spouse on the servicemember's grade and years of service at the time of divorce; the change would not be retroactive, but would apply to divorces finalized after this change becomes law. MOAA has long supported this measure.

#### *Women and the draft:*

requires both men and women reaching age 18 to register with the Selective Service. By a 32-to-30 vote, the committee decided the recent opening of all combat roles to women means they should no longer be exempt from draft registration.

#### *Navy:*

increases Navy force levels by about 1,700 above the DoD budget request. The bill also changes the name of the Department of the Navy to the Department of the Navy and Marine Corps.

### MOAA Legislative Update, 06 May 2016:

#### MOAA Answers Your Top Questions

Every week MOAA's Member Service Center answers hundreds of emails and phone calls. Here are answers to a few of the most common legislative related questions recently asked:

#### **Q. If there are newly imposed TRICARE for Life (TFL) fees will I be affected?**

DoD's FY17 budget proposed annual enrollment fees that would eventually reach 2 percent of retired pay for those who become Medicare-eligible on or after Jan. 1, 2017.

Under its proposal, beneficiaries already enrolled in Medicare on Jan. 1, 2017 would be exempted from the new fee. Chapter 61 (military disability) retirees and survivors of servicemembers who died on active duty also would be exempt from the new fee.

The House Armed Services Committee (HASC) rejected the proposed TFL fees in its version of the FY17 Defense Authorization Act. The Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) is scheduled to take up its version of the bill next week, and MOAA hopes the SASC will follow the HASC in resisting additional TFL costs.

#### **Q. Wasn't I promised free health care for life?**

There is widespread discussion about the "free" part of that promise. MOAA believes many servicemembers were promised free health care for life by supervisors, retention officers, or NCOs based on the widespread availability of military hospitals and clinics across the country in the past.

In the late 1960's, Congress changed the law to specify that retirees would be eligible for care "on a space-available basis" in military medical facilities. Still, MOAA has documented that some

service retention brochures continued to tout "lifetime health care" as a career benefit long after that.

Regardless of whether the word "free" was explicitly used, MOAA believes that was how most members interpreted the lifetime health care promise - because their only experience as active duty members was with free care in military facilities.

Crunch time really came in 1996, when TRICARE was implemented at the same time DoD downsized and eliminated hundreds of military hospitals and clinics, and specified that care would be allocated by priority for (1) currently serving members and families, (2) retirees and family members under age 65 and (3) retirees and families over 65.

As a practical matter, that radically changed the availability of military health care and shut virtually all of the over-65s out of the military health care system. The resulting outcry over broken commitments led Congress to enact TRICARE For Life (TFL) as a supplement to Medicare in 2001. So current law does, in fact, authorize lifetime health coverage for career servicemembers and their families and survivors.

MOAA will continue to oppose any TFL fees beyond the Medicare Part B premium.

#### **Q. What is MOAA's position on privatizing the VA?**

MOAA believes the VA system definitely needs improvements, but we disagree with those who would phase it out and move all veterans' care to the private sector. The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) is a system with a unique and comprehensive mission, and is unlike any other health system in America today. Privatizing the VA would eliminate some of the best aspects of VA care, such as spinal and polytrauma care.

#### **Q. Is concurrent receipt still a priority for MOAA?**

Definitely. MOAA continues to support full concurrent receipt of both military retired pay and VA disability pay-regardless of the percentage of disability. This issue remains one of MOAA's key legislative priorities, and our goal of full elimination of the offset is specified in [MOAA's Resolutions](#), under Resolution No. 6-Career Force Compensation and Retirement System.

There are currently three MOAA-supported bills on this issue.

Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) introduced the Retired Pay Restoration Act (S. 271). This bill would permit retired members of the Armed Forces who have a service-connected disability rated less than 50 percent to receive full concurrent receipt of both retired pay and veterans' disability compensation, including Chapter 61 disability retirees with less than 20 years of service. The House companion to this bill is H.R. 333, introduced by Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-Ga.).

Another MOAA-supported bill regarding concurrent receipt is H.R. 303, introduced by Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-Fla.). This bill would authorize full concurrent receipt for retirees with regular or Guard/Reserve retirements, regardless of disability rating.

Members are able to see up to date bill status information and send letters of support through [MOAA's key bills webpage](#).

MOAA is committed to advocating for concurrent receipt until the offset is eliminated for all disabled retirees. We believe strongly in the principle that career military members earn their retired pay by service alone, and those unfortunate enough to suffer a service-caused disability in the process should have any VA disability compensation added to, not subtracted from, their service-earned retired pay.

The main challenge, as it is with so many of our legislative goals, is funding. Under congressional rules, the only way the Armed Services Committees can propose such fixes is by identifying equal spending cuts in other programs in their purview. That's why it's been so difficult winning further progress.

In all likelihood, progress will come as it has in the past - in increments rather than in one big change.

### MOAA Legislative Update, 13 May 2016:

#### Senate Panel Proposes Health Care Overhaul:

On May 12, the Senate Armed Services Committee approved its version of the FY 2017 Defense Authorization Bill. In the wake of



last year's retirement reform, the committee has turned to overhauls of DoD's leadership structure, procurement, and health care programs.

Changes addressed by the committee include:

- \* eliminating preauthorization requirements for specialty care;
  - \* lowering copays for high-value medications and services;
  - \* requiring a plan to improve pediatric care;
  - \* requiring a standardized appointment system in military facilities;
  - \* establishing performance accountability standards for military health care leaders at all levels;
  - \* incorporating value-based methods and provider reimbursements in TRICARE contracts;
  - \* expanding telehealth services;
  - \* authority for TRICARE beneficiaries to enroll in the federal civilian dental and vision programs;
  - \* authorizing DoD to conduct a pilot program to provide commercial health insurance for Guard and Reserve beneficiaries; and
- “realignment of the medical command structure” of DoD (with no further details available yet).

In general, MOAA supports the array of quality and access improvement initiatives the committee proposes, though we remain concerned about the magnitude of potential fee hikes.

On non-health care issues, the committee recommended:

- \* A 1.6 percent military pay raise, as recommended in the Pentagon budget (vs. the 2.1 percent raise recommended by the House committee);
- \* Force level reductions recommended in the Pentagon budget (vs. the increases allowed in the House bill);
- \* Requiring both males and females to register for the draft;

#### Former Spouse SBP Coverage Open Season:

A change in last year's Defense Authorization Act lets military retirees' SBP coverage for a former spouse transfer to a new spouse if the former spouse dies.

The law allows a one-year window after remarriage to cover a new spouse. For people remarried more than a year ago, the law gives them until Nov. 25, 2016 to switch SBP coverage to a current spouse.

This open season period applies ONLY to members who:

- Had SBP coverage for a former spouse before Nov. 25, 2015, and
- Whose former spouse died before Nov. 25, 2015, and
- Who subsequently remarried a new spouse on or before Nov. 25, 2015.

The law change affects reserve component retirees who purchased Reserve Component SBP (RCSBP) as well.

The former spouse SBP open season coverage does not apply if SBP coverage was discontinued for any reason other than the death of the covered former spouse.

Retired members whose SBP-covered former spouse has died and who remarry after Nov. 25, 2015 can apply to DFAS, provided they apply within one year of remarriage.

#### A MOAA Hail and Farewell:

It's a sad day at MOAA headquarters as COL Bob Norton, USA (Ret) retires today as MOAA's Deputy Director for Government Relations.

Bob brought a superb background, having spent multiple tours at US Army HQ, the Army Secretariat and the Office of the Secretary of Defense working Reserve personnel policy issues.

In his more than 19 years with MOAA, he expanded his portfolio to become our expert on veterans benefits as well, and played a major role in winning a wide array of legislative victories, including:

The Post-9/11 GI Bill, especially in regard to including Guard-Reserve coverage and transferability to family members

Extension of TRICARE coverage to the Guard and Reserve community

Award of early retirement credit for Guard/Reserve members called up for active service

In-state tuition eligibility for veterans attending public universities

Extension of GI Bill-equivalent Fry scholarships to survivors of Post-9/11 deaths

Repeal of the dual-compensation law that previously cost Regular officers who took civil service positions tens of thousands of dollars annually

His outstanding work directly improved the lives of more than a million currently serving and retired members and families.

#### **MOAA Legislative Update, 20 May 2016:**

##### Senate Panel Raises Fees and Caps Pay, but Helps Survivors

The Senate Armed Services Committee approved its version of the FY 2017 Defense Authorization Bill (S. 2943), and it's considerably different from the one approved by House lawmakers on a range of issues.

On non-healthcare issues, the bill would:

- \* approve force levels recommended in the president's budget rather than increases like the House bill recommended;
- \* make the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance permanent at the \$310 monthly rate;
- \* provide a 1.6 percent military pay raise (vs. the 2.1 percent House proposal);
- \* enable the family to either move early or remain at their current duty station for up to six months while their servicemember begins a new assignment to increase stability under certain circumstances;
- \* require a test of privatizing military commissaries at five locations;
- \* impose a 25 percent cut in 4-star billets and another 25 percent cut from other flag-officer billets; and
- \* require women to register for the draft.

For TRICARE, the Senate bill makes no changes to TRICARE For Life.

But it would adopt most of the DoD-proposed fee increases for other beneficiaries, including:

- \* requiring a new annual enrollment fee for TRICARE Standard that would start at \$150/\$300 (single/family) as of Jan. 1, 2018, and rise to \$450/\$900 over the next five years;
- \* raising the TRICARE Prime annual enrollment fee 24 percent to \$350/\$700 (single/family);
- \* raising the annual cap on out-of-pocket expenses to \$1,500 for currently serving families and \$4,000 for retired families (vs. current \$1,000/\$3,000);
- \* giving DoD discretion to implement a pilot program authorizing Guard and Reserve members to elect coverage under the auspices of the federal employees health insurance program;
- \* eliminating TRICARE Standard deductibles for care from DoD network providers, but doubling the deductible to \$300/\$600 (single/family) for out-of-network care;
- \* changing TRICARE Standard co-pays for various provider visits to a flat fee vs. a percentage of TRICARE-approved charges;
- \* adjusting annual enrollment fees by the Consumer Price Index for Health Care Services established by the Bureau of Labor Statistics;
- \* adjusting co-pays, doctor visit cost shares, the catastrophic cap, and other flat fees by the same percentage as the retired pay COLA;
- \* roughly doubling pharmacy copays over a 9-year period, including raising the mail-order copay for generic drugs from the current zero to \$11, effective in 2020; and
- \* authorizing DoD to collect a “no-show” fee for missed appointments at military medical facilities.

Like the House-passed bill, the Senate bill would move most responsibilities for military health care programs from the Army, Navy, and Air Force to the Defense Health Agency. This would place military medical facilities, healthcare delivery, and personnel and budget responsibilities directly under DoD for unified planning and execution.

The bill also includes a wide range of provisions aimed at improving access and quality of care, including:

- \* eliminating referral requirements under TRICARE Prime for urgent and specialty care;
- \* requiring a single appointment system for all military medical facilities;
- \* expanding telehealth capabilities;
- \* requiring a DoD plan to improve pediatric care;
- \* allowing military beneficiaries to enroll in federal civilian dental/vision plans; and
- \* requiring new accountability standards for military healthcare leaders at all levels.

MOAA appreciates and supports the Senate Armed Services Committee's efforts to directly address the well-documented access, quality, and efficiency problems of the military health system.

But we believe the proposed beneficiary fee increases are significantly too high and fail to adequately consider the very high non-cash premiums career servicemembers and families are required to pay up-front through decades of service and sacrifice.

Senate leaders plan to bring the defense bill up for full Senate consideration as early as next week.

MOAA has been working with several senators to sponsor important amendments to the bill to protect commissaries, help disabled retirees, and increase the military pay raise.

#### Adding Insult to (Severe) Injury:

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*Director, Government Relations*

Over the past decade-plus of war, we've heard time after time about the difficulties severely wounded, ill, and injured servicemembers encounter across a variety of fronts.

There seems to be a never-ending supply of stories about insensitive people and unresponsive bureaucracies making life even tougher for those whose military service already cost them significantly in terms of quality of life.

The good news is well-meaning people at all levels have been making sincere efforts to improve the situation.

Many aren't making progress as fast as we would hope, and many problems remain to be overcome. But in most cases, active efforts are under way to address the most significant administrative problems.

Two statutory issues, in particular, are proving more problematic.

The first involves the deduction of VA disability compensation from service-earned military retired pay.

Congress has provided some significant relief on that front, prioritizing the most severely disabled and the combat-disabled.

MOAA believes strongly in the principle that no disabled retiree, regardless of disability percentage, should have to fund his or her own disability compensation by forfeiting an equal amount of service-earned retired pay.

But we find it particularly inequitable one group of severely disabled retirees was excluded from any relief: those who were medically retired for noncombat disabilities with less than 20 years of service.

Under current law, a 20-year retiree with a 10-percent combat-related disability (rightly) suffers no retired-pay offset.

But someone who suffers a noncombat service-caused injury that leaves him a 100-percent disabled quadriplegic and is medically retired with two to 19 years' service must forfeit most or all of his military retired pay under the current VA offset law.

That's plain wrong. Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) will offer an amendment to the FY 2017 Defense Authorization Bill to correct that when the bill comes to the Senate floor, with MOAA's strong support.

The second statutory inequity stems from the requirement for severely disabled military retirees (including many in their 20s) to enroll in Medicare and pay Medicare Part B premiums of \$105 a month.

Had these members not had the misfortune of becoming 100-percent disabled in service, the military would have fully covered their health care until retirement, and they wouldn't have had to enroll in Medicare until age 65.

MOAA believes 100-percent service-disabled retirees should be exempted from paying Medicare enrollment fees until age 65 or DoD should provide them an allowance to offset the fee.

Both options have proven problematic, mainly for funding reasons.

MOAA understands funding for defense is not unlimited.

What we don't understand is, of all the things DoD spends money on, why preventing 100-percent disabled retirees and military widows (read "[Time to End the Military Widows Tax](#)") from having to pay extra for having suffered those conditions doesn't make the cut.

#### Will House Defense Bill Changes Affect You?

On May 18, the full House of Representatives passed its version of the annual defense authorization bill (H.R. 4909) by a vote of 277-147, authorizing \$602 billion in defense spending for FY 2017.

The House bill includes force increases for all services, protects currently serving and retired personnel from most TRICARE fee increases, extends the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance for one year, and authorizes a 2.1 percent pay raise.

But final passage took the House two days to wade through 181 proposed amendments. Some of those adopted in the final bill:

- \* deleted a provision requiring women to register for the draft, and required a study of selective service registration requirements instead;
- \* allow both servicemembers of a dual-military couple to split 36 days of parental leave according to family needs when they adopt a child;
- \* restore TRICARE coverage for children with autism to the rates that existed before DoD reduced them on April 1;
- \* establish an electronic tour calculator Selected Reserve members can use to track aggregated early retirement credit earned over the course of multiple call-ups;
- \* eliminate the two-year limit on continued noncompetitive appointment of military spouses to civil service positions when they accompany their sponsor on service-directed moves; and
- \* require a DoD report to Congress on survivor income losses due to deduction of VA survivor benefits from Survivor Benefit Plan annuities.

#### COLA Continues to Climb:

The May CPI is 234.444, and .1 percent above the FY 2014 COLA baseline. Because there was not a positive COLA in FY 2015, the FY 2014 baseline is used.

The CPI for June 2016 is scheduled to be released on July 15, 2016.

Note: Military retiree COLA is calculated based on the CPI for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), not the overall CPI. Monthly changes in the index may differ from national figures reported elsewhere.

#### **MOAA Legislative Update, 27 May 2016:**

##### McCain Amendment Boosts Pay

Although this law is still in effect, lawmakers have been capping active duty pay for the last several years. And, if Congress passes the DoD's proposed 0.5 percent reduction in pay, the pay gap between the military and the private sector would expand to 3.1 percent.

MOAA appreciates Sen. McCain's acknowledgment of the importance of a full pay raise. We urge the Senate to adopt this provision in the defense bill.

##### Senators File Hundreds of Amendments to Defense Bill

The Senate Armed Services Committee sent its version of the defense bill to the full Senate for consideration. In just a few days, hundreds of amendments have been introduced.

The following provides a summary of some of the amendments regarding pay and benefits:

##### Military Pay:

Currently, the Senate's version of the defense bill calls for only a 1.6 percent pay raise, half a percentage point below private sector wage growth.

Senators Lisa Murkowski @-Alaska) and Susan Collins (R-Maine) offered amendments eliminating proposed reductions in housing allowances.

##### Concurrent Receipt:

Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) offered a series of amendments on concurrent receipt. The amendments all extend concurrent receipt to disabled retirees and provide lawmakers several options for how to help thousands of retirees suffering from the deduction of military retired pay from VA disability compensation.

##### Health Care:

Sen. James Lankford @-Okla.) introduced an amendment requiring a study on how the Department of Veterans Affairs and DoD can align their pharmacy prescription buying programs to increase their purchasing power and to lower costs.

Sen. Deb Fischer (R-Neb.) filed an amendment ensuring that beneficiaries who lose services through changes to MTF health care programs are able to receive the same care through the purchased care network of the TRICARE program.



**Spouse Employment:**

Sen. Bob Casey (D-Penn.) championed an amendment allowing reimbursement of up to \$500 for military spouse costs associated with re-licensure and re-certification after PCS to a new state.

**MOAA Legislative Update, 03 June 2016:****How Does Your Military Hospital or Clinic Measure Up?**

The Military Health System (MHS), which includes the TRICARE program, is setting the course to be more open and visible to beneficiaries.

What does this mean? Military beneficiaries will have access to more information about how military hospitals and clinics rate on selected measures of:

- \* patient satisfaction and access to care;
- \* health outcomes (information on surgical complications, etc.);
- \* patient safety; and
- \* quality of care.

This initiative stems from a 2014 review that concluded beneficiaries lacked information regarding system access, quality, and safety. In response, last year's Defense Authorization Act directed DoD to keep beneficiaries informed about their health system.

The goal is to provide meaningful information for beneficiaries, ensure MHS leaders and staff understand the value and purpose of transparency, and highlight areas that need improvement.

MOAA survey results show variation in care and services has long been an issue in the MHS, and this initial effort is a step in the right direction.

The measures are accessible at [www.health.mil/transparency](http://www.health.mil/transparency). The site requires some exploring, as there are links to multiple reports.

**Spouse Re-licensure Assistance:**

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Multiple studies show military spouse unemployment and underemployment remain significantly higher than their civilian counterparts', despite education programs and a desire to work.

Blue Star Families released a report in April indicating this costs the US economy anywhere from \$710 million to \$1.07 billion annually in lost tax revenue, unemployment benefits, and health related costs. For military families, it also means lost current income, lost career value, and lost retirement savings.

Maintaining consistent employment remains a major challenge for military spouses due to frequent moves and the costs of preparing for employment in a new location.

More than 50 percent of military spouses require state-unique licensing or certification for employment in their career field. Spouses relocating to new states often face financial and waiting time – barriers for new licenses or certifications and are forced into jobs for which they are overqualified. As a result, they earn 38 percent less than their civilian counterparts.

Senators Bob Casey (D-Pa.) and Jerry Moran (R-Kan.) have spent years trying to assist military spouses with licensure and certification costs through the introduction of a tax credit after a military move, but it has never been passed.

This year, the senators introduced an amendment to the FY 2017 Defense Authorization Bill (S. 2943) that would let DoD reimburse up to \$500 for spouses' move-related re-licensure or recertification costs.

This would help ease adverse moving impacts and get spouses back into the job market as quickly as possible.

**MOAA Legislative Update, 10 June 2016:****Pay, Benefits, Budget Amendments Hang Up Defense Bill**

Every year, Senate leaders want to get the annual defense bill finished early, but their success rate in recent years hasn't been good.

This year, the Armed Services Committee finished drafting the bill and got it before the full Senate in record time.

But this "must pass" bill has attracted over 500 amendments on everything from Guantanamo detainees to the titles of Pentagon officials.

Two major amendments posed immediate challenges.

One offered by Committee chair Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) would add \$18 billion to the overseas contingency operations

(OCO), commonly referred to as the war-time account, to pay for a higher military pay raise and larger force levels, among other things. But some see this as a violation of last year's budget agreement, and others have problems using the OCO account (which isn't subject to budget limits) to get around spending caps.

Another amendment offered by Sen. Jack Reed (D-R.I.), ranking member of the committee, would add another \$18 billion to non-defense accounts. The rationale is sequestration required equal cuts in defense and non-defense spending, so any exception should apply equally to both.

In addition to these two amendments, senators had hundreds more to sort through. As a result, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell (R-Ky.) filed a cloture motion on the entire defense bill. The Friday morning vote succeeded 68-23.

Cloture usually limits not only debate time, but also puts restrictions on what kinds of amendments can be considered. In the past, this has meant limiting amendments to issues already covered in the bill, which could be used to block Sen. Harry Reid's (D-Nev.) concurrent receipt amendments, for example. In other cases, leaders have agreed to limit amendments to a specific number for each party.

It's not an easy issue. MOAA wants a defense bill passed without having to wait until late in the year. But we also hope to get votes on important amendments on concurrent receipt, the military pay raise, and housing allowance changes, among others.

**Keep the Housing Allowance Intact**

**As reported in last week's update**, the Senate Armed Services Committee (SASC) surprised many when it proposed reducing housing benefits to troops in the FY17 defense bill. The SASC provision would allow servicemembers to receive only the actual cost for housing, rather than the housing stipend, which is based currently on rank, geographic location, and dependency status.

Sen. Lisa Murkowski (R-Alaska) introduced an amendment striking the provision from the defense bill. Sen. Susan Collins (R-Maine) joined with Murkowski on the senate floor on Thursday, supporting the effort to stop the cut to the housing benefit.

"Last year I spearheaded a successful movement to remove a similar provision from the fiscal year 2016 NDAA. I am disappointed to see that this proposal has resurfaced again this year. I am pleased to work with my colleague from Alaska [Murkowski] to remove a provision that I believe is both unfair and harmful," Collins said.

MOAA applauds Murkowski and Collins in their fight to remove this unfair and harmful provision.

**Amendments of Interest**

There have been over 530 amendments introduced in the Senate, and although it is unlikely all of the amendments will come to a vote, there are several MOAA would like to see incorporated into the defense bill:

**VA Benefits:**

Sen. Kristen Gillibrand (D-NY) submitted an amendment to authorize potential veterans' benefits to Navy veterans who served onboard ships in the territorial waters of Vietnam during the conflict. Many of these veterans have contracted diseases associated with exposure to Agent Orange, but they are denied service-related benefits from the VA due to an arbitrary and unfair limitation to veterans who served "boots on the ground" in Vietnam.

Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) offered an amendment that would include reserve active duty for preplanned missions as qualifying service for GI Bill eligibility.

**Survivor Benefit Plan:**

Sen. Ted Cruz (R-Tex.) introduced an amendment that would provide equal benefits under the Survivor Benefit Plan for families of Reserve Component members who die in the line of duty while performing inactive-duty training.

**Veteran Status:**

Sen. John Boozman (R-Ark.) submitted an amendment that would grant veteran status to members of the Reserve Components who served a career of 20 years or more and are military retirees, but who through no fault of their own are not recognized by our government as "veterans."

**Spouse Employment:**

Sen. Tim Kaine (D-Va.) championed an amendment making DoD positions noncompetitive for military spouses after a permanent change of duty station.

### **MOAA Legislative Update, 17 June 2016:** **Defense Bill Passes Senate, Faces Veto Threat**

The Senate passed the FY17 Defense Authorization Bill (S. 2943) on Tuesday after hundreds of amendments fell victim to a Senate rule that lets one senator hold up all amendment action.

When Sen. Mike Lee (R-Utah) found his amendment (to prevent unlimited detention of US citizens with links to terrorism suspects) blocked, he raised objections to every other amendment, effectively stymying any further amendment action. That killed the chances for MOAA-supported amendments to upgrade force levels and the 2017 pay raise, delete proposed housing allowance cuts, expand concurrent receipt eligibility and more.

Armed Services Committee Chair Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) fumed on the Senate floor that one senator could kill much-needed amendments - including some he said were literally a matter of life and death - and called it a "shameful chapter" in Senate history.

Compounding the defense bill's rocky road to enactment, the White House issued a statement last week citing a litany of objections it has to the Senate-passed bill, including provisions on pay and benefits.

#### **TFL fees:**

In calling for changes to TRICARE, the statement said, "The Administration is disappointed that the legislation does not include a modest enrollment fee for TRICARE for Life." In its budget request earlier in the year, the administration wanted to impose a fee up to 2 percent of retired pay for TFL beneficiaries.

#### **Housing Allowances:**

The administration also objected to controversial changes to the basic allowance for housing (BAH) system, saying the changes would "return the allowance to its distorted state from the mid-1990s, and reinstitute a burdensome and inefficient administrative-authorization process." The administration rightly noted changes to the structure of BAH "would disproportionately affect female service members and those military families in which both military members have chosen to serve their country."

#### **Military Health System Reform:**

The statement objected to plans in both the House and Senate bills that would place responsibility for military health care under the Defense Health Agency rather than leaving the services to manage their separate systems.

#### **Commissary Privatization:**

The administration took issue with a proposal by the Senate Armed Services Committee to conduct a test of privatizing commissaries at up to five locations. That provision has since been dropped from the bill.

This is the eighth time the administration has threatened to veto the annual defense bill. But President Obama actually followed through on the threat only once.

So what comes next? Senate lawmakers now must work with their House counterparts to iron out hundreds of differences in their respective bills, including dramatically different provisions on TRICARE fee changes and housing allowance rates.

The timeline for completion of that considerable task could be anywhere from the end of July to the end of October ... or later.

#### **Top 10 Goals for 2016**

Check out MOAA's top legislative priorities for the year.

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### **MOAA Legislative Update, 24 June 2016:**

#### **Congress Offers Limited Relief for Military Survivors**

The unfair deduction of VA Dependency Indemnity Compensation (DIC) from military Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuities affects around 63,000 survivors.

Congress recognized the unfairness of the SBP-DIC offset and created the Special Survivor Indemnity Allowance (SSIA) in 2007 to

begin phasing out the offset. The law authorizing SSIA (currently \$270 monthly, rising to \$310 for FY17) is set to expire in October 2017.

Both the Senate and House versions of the FY 2017 defense bill contain provisions extending SSIA, however, they come up short in addressing the repeal of the offset in a comprehensive way.

The House defense bill would extend SSIA for one year at \$310 per month. The Senate bill would make SSIA permanent at \$310 per month.

MOAA is grateful to both chambers for not letting SSIA expire. But we're very disappointed neither bill would continue the incremental increases intended to phase out the SBP-DIC offset over time.

MOAA is not giving up on making more progress this year.

We're working with Military Coalition partners to lobby top congressional leaders to identify additional mandatory spending offsets to help the Armed Services Committees make the SSIA upgrades we know they would like to do.

Please send your legislators a MOAA-suggested message to push senior Republican and Democratic leaders in both chambers to find the necessary funding for a multi-year schedule of SSIA increases for long-suffering SBP-DIC widows.

#### **Congress Divided on TRICARE, Pay, Housing**

The House and Senate have both passed their versions of the FY17 Defense Authorization Bill, and they disagree on many important issues, including TRICARE fee hikes, housing allowance cuts, the military pay raise, and force levels.

#### **Health Care:**

In the wake of last year's retirement reform, Armed Services Committee leaders are now focused on overhauling the military health care system.

The Senate would apply new and higher fees to current beneficiaries.

The House would grandfather currently serving and retired members and families against the large fee hikes.

#### **Housing Allowances:**

The Senate bill would cap housing allowances at current BAH rates or the servicemember's actual housing cost, whichever is less, beginning with the first PCS after Jan. 1, 2018. That could have a big effect on many military homeowners. The Senate bill also would dramatically cut housing allowances for dual-military couples and other military sharers of housing by many thousands of dollars a year.

The House bill does not make any changes to housing allowances.

#### **Pay Raise:**

The House bill provides servicemembers the full pay raise allowed by law - the same 2.1 percent pay raise experienced by the average American (as measured by the Employment Cost Index).

The Senate bill accepted the administration's proposal to cap the 2017 pay raise at 1.6 percent - which would be the fourth consecutive pay raise cutback.

#### **Force Levels:**

The House bill increases force levels above the DoD budget request by 20,000 for the Army; 15,000 for Army National Guard; 10,000 for Army Reserve; 4,000 for the Air Force; and 3,000 for the Marine Corps, but reduces Navy forces by 4,500.

The Senate bill accepted all of the administration's proposals to cut force levels, including reducing the Army to 450,000, down from a wartime peak of 570,000.

See MOAA's side-by-side comparison of key House and Senate differences on these issues and more.

#### **What's Next:**

Lawmakers and their staffs already have had initial meetings to start resolving differences between the two bills.

Senate Armed Services Committee chair John McCain (R-Ariz.) has said he wants to complete action on the defense bill as quickly as possible.

Your grassroots input is needed to help influence the process.

***Have a safe and enjoyable Independence Day!***



**JAYHAWK CHAPTER MOAA**

A membership meeting will be held **Tuesday, 19 July, 2016,**  
at the newly remodeled Lawrence Country Club.

**Dinner cost is \$24.00/meal.**

**The Program:** Our speaker for the July meeting will be Chad Lawhorn,  
Managing Editor of the Lawrence Journal-World  
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**Social Hour: 1800 hours                      Dinner:                      1845 hours**

**The Menu:** Tossed salad with ranch dressing; grilled 6-oz. sirloin with Chef's choice on sauce;  
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**Send your reservation and check payable to Jayhawk Chapter MOAA  
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