



# Military Officers Association of America

(Formerly The Retired Officers Association)

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### March Social

**Date:** March 26, 2004  
**Time:** Mingle 11:00 AM  
 Lunch 12:00 Noon  
**Where:** Bremerton Elks Lodge  
**Menu:** Corned Beef and Cabbage  
**Cost:** \$10.00  
**Program:** CAPT John Clary, NOAA  
 Acting Director, Pacific Marine  
 Center, Seattle

**IT IS IMPORTANT THAT TIMELY RESERVATIONS BE MADE FOR ALL FUNCTIONS SO THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER OF MEALS CAN BE ORDERED.**

**TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION CALL ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS BY FRIDAY, MARCH 19TH.**

- Bremerton: Lynn Finlay  
360 377-3353
- Poulsbo & North Kitsap: CAPT Al Catriz  
360 297-3529
- Port Orchard: CWO Al Meteney  
360 876-5744
- Silverdale: CAPT Jack Bartlett  
360 779-4608
- Gig Harbor: CDR Jerry Home  
253 851-7057
- Bainbridge Is. LCDR Ron Booth  
206 842-3590

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**Members taking reservations please call Mike Lovejoy at (360) 769-2412 by 6:00 PM Saturday, March 20th.**

*Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty, but...everything else starts to wear out, fall out or spread out.*



### President's Message

The board of directors has designated March as Membership Drive Month. We are going all out to recruit new members—retired, active duty, reserve/guard, and former officers. Surely some of you know someone who is eligible but, for whatever reason, has not joined. By joining the national organization they can take advantage of becoming a part of “One Powerful Voice” for all military members. There are many personal benefits such as group insurance at very attractive rates, and an excellent monthly magazine which keeps us current on military/veteran issues and many other items of interest.

In this edition of the newsletter you will find a chapter membership application. Perhaps you know someone who belongs to the national organization but has not joined a chapter. Please give them this application and explain to them that it is in their best interest to join our chapter. By joining our chapter they can make a difference at the state and local level for military members and veterans and make many new friends and business contacts. This is an excellent transition medium for active duty officers who are close to retirement.

They can be a part of encouraging young people as we do in sponsoring the JORTC, and recognizing outstanding junior officers which we do each year at our Armed Forces Day luncheon. A new youth effort which we have taken on is the “Letters-To-The-Front” program, whereby we coordinate with local schools to help stu-

dents communicate with our troops in combat zones around the world. The purpose of this program is to encourage patriotism and civic involvement in the students and maintain the morale of our men and women in harm's way.

As a chapter member they can also make civic contributions by becoming active in a leadership role in the chapter. We are always looking for people to serve on the board of directors or as a chapter officer. This is a good way to become acquainted with the military and civilian leaders at the local and state levels.

I am asking you to please help our chapter to recruit new members so that we may remain a viable and effective organization for years to come. Remember; we are working not just for

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### NH Bremerton to Convert to Computer-Based Medical Records

Changes to Naval Hospital Bremerton's computer system will require appointment schedules to be adjusted during March, April and May.

No acute need will go unmet, but access to some appointments may take a little longer during the transition to the Composite Health Care System II, or CHCS II.

CHCS II is a complete computer-based patient record that is coming to Naval Hospital Bremerton in March.

The appointment schedule adjustments are required to allow time for the staff to gain proficiency on the new system. The pay off will ultimately result in a vastly improved and safer MHS medical records system.

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## Who is MOAA

MOAA is an independent, not-for-profit organization operated exclusively to the benefit of members of the uniformed services— active duty, former and retired, National Guard and Reserves — and their families and survivors. MOAA is dedicated to preserving their earned entitlements and to maintaining a strong national defense.

While it does advocate a national defense, MOAA does not become involved in matters pertaining to military strategy, force levels or individual weapons systems of the various services.

The association does play and active role in military personnel matters and especially proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community and veterans of the uniformed services.

MOAA was founded in Los Angeles on February 23, 1929. The founders believed that retired officers, as well as their families and survivors would benefit greatly by joining together in an association - one that would counsel and render assistance to all officers in matters related to their retired status.

About the start of World War II, the association realized that a reorganization and expansion was necessary for MOAA to become an effective force on behalf of its membership. Thus, on April 12, 1944, with a membership of 2,600, MOAA was reorganized in Washington, D.C. Today, with approximately 390,000 members, the organization is the nation's largest military officer's association.

Six out of 10 retired officers and more than 30,000 active duty officers belong to the association today.

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## Why belong?

As a MOAA member, you have access to expert benefits information advice, money-saving products and services plus a team of legislative professionals fighting for your rights. You also have the opportunity to network and make connections to aid your personal and professional life.

These are only a few item that many MOAA members find beneficial:

### Insurance:

MOAA offers its members some of the very best insurance plans available, including TRICARE supplemental insurance, outstanding buys in term life insurance and long term care insurance.

### Legislative Action:

The Government Relations Department has five full-time lobbyists who represent the interests of the military community (active duty, retired, guard/ reserve, family members, and survivors - both officer and enlisted) through testimony before Congress and personal contact with elected officials, congressional staffers, and representatives of the Department of Defense and other executive branch agencies.

### Employment Assistance:

MOAA's acclaimed Officer Placement Service (TOPS) provides assistance to members in career transition. TOPS offers resume advice, job listings, background information on more than one million companies, a career fair, and a worldwide network of fellow MOAA members who are already working in industries you are targeting. The popular booklet, *Marketing Yourself for a Second Career*, is free to members.

### Retirement Advice and Assistance:

MOAA Benefits Information experts provide thousands of members each year with assistance and advice relating to military benefits and entitlements, Social Security, and a wide range of other entitlements. Easy-to-understand booklets and fact sheets on these subjects are available to members, including *SBP Made Easy*, *Help Your Survivors - Now!*, *Reserve Retirement Benefits*, *Planning for Military Retirement*, and more.

### Financial Services:

As a MOAA member, you'll have access to competitive credit cards and special rates on CDs and money market accounts. Plus special perks for MOAA members, such as cell phone plans and our new online store, the MOAA Exchange.

*Military Officer* and *Today's Officer*

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ourselves but also for those who will come after us. Think about it!

Our speaker for the social this month will be CAPT John Clary, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). NOAA belongs to the Department of Commerce and is the leading civilian agency in the government for the conduct of oceanographic and atmospheric research. It

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MOAA's award-winning monthly magazines offer diverse feature articles and reports on legislation, financial issues, second-career opportunities, current military affairs, military history, travel, and health/fitness.

**Membership:**

You do not have to be retired to join MOAA! All active duty, retired, National Guard, Reserve, former commissioned officers, and warrant officers of the uniformed services - Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - are eligible for membership.

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**Active Duty, National Guard and Reserve Benefits**

More than 30,000 active duty officers and 72,000 Guard and Reserve officers, both drilling and retired, now belong to MOAA. As a MOAA member you will receive:

**Job Placement Services:**

If you're starting a second career or changing jobs, you'll want to take advantage of MOAA's comprehensive transition services. We provide professional counseling, resume critiques, a job referral service, and hundreds of network contacts throughout the United States and abroad.

**TRICARE/CHAMPUS Supplements:**

As a MOAA member, you'll have access to our Active Duty Family Supplement - *the best and most economical* supplement plan anywhere. Our supplements are a must if you need additional health insurance protection for your family. Our programs are backed by 30 years of outstanding service.

**No Interest College Loans:**

On a competitive basis, MOAA offers interest-free loans of \$3,000 per year for up to five years for under-graduate study for dependent children of military families. Over 900 students currently have active loans.

**Benefits Counseling:**

MOAA's experts can help you at retire-

ment time in deciding whether and how to apply for VA disability compensation, whether or not to elect into SBP, how dual compensation restrictions impact on federal employment, and much more.

**Travel Services:**

If you're planning a vacation, family visit, or a relocation, use MOAA's low association rates to save on the cost of rental cars (AVIS and Alamo) and on all Choice Hotels. You can also use MOAA/Brenco Travel service to book airline tickets, tour packages, and cruise lines.

**Your Voice In Congress:**

MOAA is taking the lead in fighting for your rights. We're already working on your behalf to convince Congress and its staff not to deny or reduce your earned benefits.

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**Special Discount for Active Duty, Guard and Reserve Officers**

Join MOAA and save. Active duty, ready Reserve/National Guard officers and warrant officers are eligible to receive the following initial dues discounts.

**3 Year National Membership:** \$30 vs. regular dues of \$50 (\$20 savings)

**1 Year National Membership:** \$10 vs. regular dues of \$20 (\$10 savings)

As a MOAA member you will receive an award-winning 80-page monthly magazine and be eligible for economical travel, health care and special financial services.

For more than 70 years MOAA has been serving active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired, former officers and warrant officers of the seven uniformed services.

The additional dues for the Kitsap Chapter of MOAA is \$16 the first year and \$12 annually thereafter.

**Why don't you become a member today? Complete the application on page 4 and mail it today.**

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has five components - the best known is probably the National Weather Service. NOAA is also involved in: 1) deep ocean research, 2) living marine resources research (fisheries, etc.), and 3) charting of our nation's coastlines. NOAA is charged with the production of all the charts of U.S. - owned waters. CAPT Clary heads the Pacific Marine Center (PMC) headquartered in Seattle. This should be a most interesting program for almost everyone. I am looking forward to it and hope to see you there. Don't forget to make reservations early - this one is going to be well- attended.

**Nominating Committee**

The Nominating Committee, chaired by CAPT Gerry Egan, USN (Ret) has submitted the following nominations for officers and directors:

**President:**

CAPT William Lounsbury, NOAA (Ret)

**First Vice President:**

CWO Ronald Sedorf, USN (Ret)

**Second Vice President:**

LTC James Rankin, USAF (Ret)

**Treasurer:**

CAPT Charles Meeker, USN (Ret)

**Secretary:**

LCDR Edward Lovejoy, USN (Ret)

**Directors :**

CAPT Paul Middents, USN (Ret) (05)

COL Phillip Robbins, USA (Ret) (05)

CAPT Albert Catriz, USNR (Ret) (07)

CDR Allan Standish, USN (Ret) (07)

CAPT William Tighe, USCG (Ret) (07)

Election of officers and directors will take place at the Chapters annual meeting, April 23, 2004. Other nominations can be made from the floor at that time.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mar 2 Board of Directors - Yacht Club Broiler  
Mar 26 Luncheon Social - Bremerton Elks Club

Apr 6 Board of Directors - Yacht Club Broiler  
Apr 23 Luncheon Social - Bremerton Elks Club  
Election of 2004-2005 Officers

### Armed Forces Day 2004

On Friday May 14, 2004, the Chapter will honor five junior officers from the Kitsap area. This event will be a luncheon at **Olympic Lodge, Naval Station, Bremerton**. Mark your calendar now and plan to be there.



## New Members

The following new members have been approved by the Board of Directors:

**CAPT Thomas A. Burch, USPHS (Ret):** CAPT Burch is a Life Member and resides in Bremerton with his wife Beatrice.

**CWO2 Charles E. Radford II, USN (Ret):** CWO2 Radford lives in Bremerton with his spouse Tonne.

**Ms. Mary F. Staub** is an Auxiliary member and lives in Bremerton.

Look for these new members at our next luncheon and offer your personal welcome to our Chapter.



## Membership Application Kitsap Chapter Military Officers Association of America

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Business \_\_\_\_\_  
E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_ Service Branch: \_\_\_\_\_  
Service Status: Active \_\_\_ Ret \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Years of Service \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date Retired (If Applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
National MOAA Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Spouses Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Hobbies/Interests: \_\_\_\_\_  
Referred By: (Not Mandatory) \_\_\_\_\_

Mail signed application and required fees to: Membership, Kitsap Chapter MOAA, PO Box 842, Bremerton, WA 98337-0176