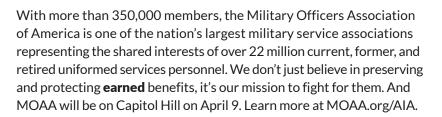


MOAA supports all ranks and all services.









## MOAA's Mission: Service Through Strength

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) has always advocated for a strong national defense, with a particular focus on the people whose service and sacrifices make it possible. Maintaining this strength requires both sufficient funding and a capable workforce. However, the nation's growing debt and fiscal challenges pose a risk to future prosperity and place increasing pressure on our ability to sustain a combat ready force.

Given this reality, ongoing budget scrutiny to find efficiencies is not only appropriate but necessary. As the current administration scrutinizes the budget and seeks to find efficiencies, MOAA believes any actions taken must be thoughtfully and cautiously implemented and must not come at the expense of effectiveness or at the expense of those whose service provides America's freedoms and prosperity.

On April 9, some of MOAA's 350,000 members – representing the shared interests of over 22 million current, former, and retired uniformed services personnel – will be meeting with the nation's legislators to discuss the importance of a strong all-volunteer force and the associated requirement to protect the benefits they've earned through their service and sacrifices. These issues are so important that should they be placed at risk, MOAA stands ready to use all available resources to:

- PROTECT the value of service-earned health benefits from new TRICARE fees, disproportionate TRICARE cost-share increases, or barriers to accessing care in the military health system or through the VA.
- PRESERVE the pay earned by those in uniform, to include scheduled pay increases, and established concurrent receipt provisions and eligibility.
- PREVENT burdensome delays in VA claims processing and/or reduction of earned VA benefits.
- DEFEND the veterans and military spouses who continue their service in the federal government and other federal employees who serve veterans.

MOAA supports work toward an efficient, effective, and capable federal system, to include any reforms resulting in greater support for our all-volunteer force, retirees, and veterans of all ages and disability levels. But without rigorous analysis and thoughtful implementation, our nation risks breaking promises and faith with the wider military and veteran community – a risk that weakens our national defense for generations.

We are grateful for the collective, bipartisan progress made on behalf of the uniformed services community in recent years to maintain earned benefits and improve the quality of life for those who serve and have served, their families, and their survivors. We look forward to continuing this work with administration officials, lawmakers, and our MOAA members to ensure our unified voice remains heard.