

Read our award-winning, informative monthly newsletter, *The Retrospect*, available on-line at www.MOAA Tampa.org. This publication is packed with information addressing our community based projects and updates readers on the national and local initiatives that improve the quality of life for all servicemembers, their families, and survivors. It also includes myriad non-political articles that are of interest to both military and civilian communities.




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Contribute to help us support our military members and their families during and after service

The MOAA Tampa Chapter is dedicated to supporting our military community in the following ways through our Community Outreach missions:

- **Veterans Affairs** – helping veterans find employment, affordable housing and providing assistance to get homeless veterans off the street
- **Transitioning** to life after the service – providing more than the service member gets when “mustering out”
- Support of the **Veterans Treatment Court** – providing mentors to assist in the VTC’s goal of keeping veterans involved in the criminal justice system from incarceration and guiding them in a positive direction to turn their lives around
- **Scholarship Programs** – providing monetary grants to eligible high school seniors as they move on in their education, whether in college or vocational training
- **Guard and Reserve Support** – advocate for the men and women of the National Guard and the various service reserve programs to ensure that they receive the support, benefits and pay commensurate with the service they perform
- **Protecting Military Benefits** – working with the 368 chapters in the MOAA national network to give voice to the needs of active duty and retired veterans, speaking to state & local officials and national legislators to support bills preventing the erosion of benefits



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What is MOAA all about? As you will see in the mission statement below, in both the national MOAA organization and the MOAA Tampa Chapter, it's all about serving our military family across the nation and around the world. Although the organization is made up of current, retired, and former officers, we look out for any and all members of our uniformed services persons – officer and enlisted alike.



MOAA Mission Statement: The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is a non-profit veterans' organization dedicated to maintaining a strong national defense and ensuring our nation keeps its commitment to currently serving, retired and former members of the uniformed services and their families. Membership is open to active duty, National Guard, Reserve, retired, and former commissioned officers and warrant officers of the following uniformed services: Army, Marine Corps, Navy, Air Force, Space Force, Coast Guard, Public Health Service, and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

MOAA Tampa Chapter Mission Statement: To maintain a strong national defense and to ensure our nation keeps its commitment to currently serving, retired and former members of the uniformed services, their families, and survivors.

Your financial help is critical to the MOAA Tampa Chapter conducting the crucial missions below. Service and Duty to the Country are inherent qualities of any military service-member and is equally prevalent in our service to the local community of active, retired and former members of the uniformed services, their families, and their survivors.



What does your financial support provide? Direct support to our Community Outreach programs as outlined on the cover. Below are more details on each of our initiatives.

Veterans Affairs not only includes working with local organizations to help find shelter or permanent housing for homeless vets, but also helping to get them counseling, meals, clothing, and other basic needs. The Chapter is not equipped to do this on our own so we are developing a network of other concerned community volunteer service organizations. The resultant synergy helps us all!



Transitioning from military to civilian life is a stressful and sometimes overwhelming process. The military provides a dedicated series of seminars to ease some of those stresses; such as interviewing skills, resume guidance, and job-hunting lessons. However, MOAA Tampa has developed a unique series of sessions that provides additional assistance and guidance presented by Chapter members in quarterly seminars focused on two specific areas: family and community involvement.

Veterans Treatment Court is vitally important in keeping first time non-felony offenders out of prison and allowing them to have successful lives. It's a second chance that can pay dividends for the individual and the community at large. While MOAA Tampa does not provide financial support (it is a county court administered program) – we do provide mentors who function within the program to guide the errant veteran from a life of crime, with the promise of an expunged record after successful completion. It's a win-win for everybody.

The **Chapter Scholarship Program** invites high school seniors to submit applications with recommendations to the Chapter to qualify for grants that can be used for college or vocational school expenses. The grants are given annually to the winners of the scholarship, directly to the student.

Your assistance will enable the Chapter to sponsor and support local **Guard and Reserve** advocacy programs and initiatives.



The MOAA motto is **"Never Stop Serving"** – the MOAA Tampa Chapter lives this motto every day through both military and community centric programs.

