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Notes from the President's Desk

Happy Birthday United States Navy!!

The Continental Navy was founded 27 March 1794 (277 years ago) and The United States Navy was created on 13 October 1775 (246 years ago) Please see Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Adm. Mike Gilday and his wife Linda deliver their 246th Navy Birthday message to the fleet. <https://www.dvidshub.net/video/817038/cno-and-linda-gildays-246th-navy-birthday-message> <https://www.navy.mil/Press-Office/Statements/display-statements/Article/2807555/cno-and-linda-gilday-issue-a-message-to-the-fleet-for-the-navy-birthday/>

This is Admiral Mike Gilday's birthday message –

“Shipmates, this year we are celebrating the US Navy's 246th #Birthday.

The theme of this year's Birthday celebration is "Resilient and Ready," which speaks to the service, dedication and strength of both our Sailors and their families.

America's need for a strong Navy is rooted in our past and has never been more important. Indeed, providing a safe, secure, and stable maritime system is an essential part of what our Navy does every day. We are not simply the "keeper of the seas" but the "keeper of the global way of life" as well. WE are the primary guarantors of peace, prosperity, and maintain the open flow of goods on the oceans.

Through every deployment and PCS move, spouses often endure separations, as well as shoulder the day-to-day responsibilities of managing and running a household - along with their own careers. While our ships and submarines are made of steel, our Sailors and their families are the lifeblood of our force, and at the heart of our birthday celebration.

So today, for the seen and unseen responsibilities you ALL carry, and for the daily sacrifices you ALL make. Thank you.

Happy 246th Birthday, Shipmates. See you in the Fleet.”

As we celebrate our Navy's birthday. October is our opportunity to get our state Senators and Assemblymen, Assemblywomen to communicate, socialize, and work together on submitting a bill to stop taxation. Please see CALMOAA September Newsletter email with **“Talking Points: Military Retirement Tax Exemption for California”**, **“MILITARY RETIREMENT PAY, STATE TAX EXEMPTION PROPOSAL FACT SHEET”**, and **Letter Template, Mil Ret Pay Tax Exemption attached and included in the newsletter.**

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September 18, 2021 All Hands was our kickoff to start our campaign for all of our members to reach out to their California Senators, Assemblymen, and Assemblywomen for Military Retirement Tax Exemption for California. We will need a sponsor for this Bill, and we will need all of our members, every veteran, your friends and neighbors behind us. Please encourage them to support the effort by writing and talking about the need. If you do not have the template, fact sheet, and talking points (see CALMOAA September Newsletter). Please reach out to your board and we can supply them to you. We realize some organizations will need a Bill Number to support us. We are working on it. We have met with San Diego Chamber of Commerce, SDMAC, and we have started conversations with a couple of our California Senators. We also realize more than ever we do need our state behind this so that the Governor is either overruled and/or convince the state that in the long run it will not be losing money and it should pass this bill. True this has been run up the flagpole a few times, but this is the first time we have had a chamber of commerce behind us and a letter campaign asking for ALL VETERANS to join us on this effort.

If you do not know who your California Senator, Assemblyman/ Assemblywoman is please go to this link:

<https://findyourrep.legislature.ca.gov>

In principle our campaign will be applying the Butterfly Effect. Where a small, seemingly insignificant flutters create major impacts on the world. That is basically what the Butterfly Effect is. We know this effect was started out as a simple thought experiment from a meteorologist, it has grown into its own branch of mathematical Chaos Theory.

It has been announced that our San Francisco (CA36) chapter has announced that it will close this year due to age and decreasing membership numbers. On the high side Rio Hondo CA (CA31) chapter has determined that they will remain active. They are looking at all of their members including their Surviving Spouses to be active participates.

More so than ever it we need to REALIZE that Surviving Spouses are members of MOAA, CALMOAA, and they have a VOICE in MOAA. Every member can hold office!! Our Bylaws are very open and it does allow anyone to hold a position in CALMOAA!!

E Fred Green, Jr.
President CALMOAA

Significant dates and MOAA deadlines

1. Annual Meeting / LOE Award Ceremony 15 and 16 October 2021 in Arlington, VA.
2. **Southwest Leaders' Regional Workshop (Southern California – San Diego) 19 – 20 Nov 2021.**
3. **CALMOAA Annual Meeting will be held from 3 – 5 PM Saturday, 20 Nov 2021** after the workshop concludes in one of the breakout rooms. Look for more information to come out later this month!!

October 2021

- Oct. 15: [Annual Meeting of the Membership](#)/Levels of Excellence Awards Ceremony
- Oct. 28: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable: Retention and Succession Planning (7 p.m. Eastern) | Join [here](#) at the time of the meeting.

November 2021

- Nov. 1: Scholarship Application Period Begins ([learn more](#))

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- Nov. 3: Quarterly Council President/Independent Chapter President Meeting (2 p.m. Eastern) | Join [here](#) at the time of the meeting.
- **Quarterly Incentives - chapters only need to have accessed the NRT report -DUE by 5 NOV 2021**
- Nov. 18: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable: Community Outreach Grants and Sponsorships (7 p.m. Eastern) | Join [here](#) at the time of the meeting.
- Nov. 19-20: Southwest Leaders' Regional Workshop (Southern California)

December 2021

- Dec. 1: Community Outreach Grant Application opens
- Dec. 1: Community Outreach Sponsorship Program begins
- Dec. 30: Monthly chapter leader virtual roundtable: Incorporation, Tax Status, and Liability Insurance (7 p.m. Eastern) | Join [here](#) at the time of the meeting.

Remember CALMOAA is here to help to the best of its ability. Please reach out whenever. Please visit CALMOAA website www.Californiamoaa.com it has a wealth of info about VA and TRICARE benefits, job opportunities and much more.

MOAA Third Quarter Paid Incentive

The program's third-quarter incentive has been modified from our original guidance associated with Association Management System implementation and will instead recognize chapters that self-report utilization of the near real time (NRT) report. Due to this change of criteria, the **third quarter will cover the period of Aug. 1-Oct. 31, 2021.**

To qualify for this \$50 paid incentive, chapters only need to have accessed the NRT report once during the period. To receive the paid incentive, chapters must self-report by Nov. 5, 2021.

For us to gather valuable data on NRT usage and effectiveness, we would also like your self-report to include answers to the following questions:

- Aug. 1-Oct. 31: How many times did the chapter access the NRT report during this three-month period?
- How many new members did the chapter recruit during this period as a result of using the NRT report?

When responding by the deadline, email chapters@moaa.org and include your chapter name, your name, and your leadership position.

MOAA TAPS Form

- Click [here](#) to access the form used to notify MOAA National of a member's death

MOAA gave an outstanding Webcast on Preparing a Spouse for Survivorship this month. During the webinar, Shane mentioned several resources and tools available to MOAA PREMIUM and LIFE members that are designed to help you prepare your spouse for the unexpected:

- MOAA's [Help Your Survivors Now](#) planning guide helps servicemembers prepare, make decisions, and ease the financial, medical, and property transition for your family after you're gone.



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- MOAA's [Estate Planning](#) publication provides guidance on arranging for the transfer of your property to your heirs.
- MOAA's **life insurance plan options** offer solid protection for members and their families. Your spouse is also eligible to apply for coverage even if you do not. Learn more at www.moaainsurance.com.
- Have questions about SBP, DIC, insurance, and more? Our military benefits experts will talk with you and give personalized advice tailored to your situation.

If you haven't already done so, you may want to consider upgrading to MOAA LIFE membership. This will ensure your spouse has access to these resources, guidance from MOAA's experts, and all of your MOAA membership benefits. As a LIFE Member, you can have peace of mind knowing your MOAA membership will be transferred to your spouse. We're also happy to extend a special **10% discount** off your **LIFE and PREMIUM** membership today. Simply contact our Member Service Team at (800) 234-6622 and provide the promo code **SURVIVOR** to obtain your discount.

MOAA's Webinar Schedule and Archive <https://www.moaa.org/content/benefits-and-discounts/transition-and-careers/webinar-archive/>

Upcoming Webinars:

Virtual Classroom: Maximize Your Compensation Package. Tues, Oct 26 from 1:00-4:00 PM ET.

Register: [https://www.moaa.org/content/events/transition-and-career/moaa-seminar-maximize-your-overall-compensation-package-\(october-2021\)/](https://www.moaa.org/content/events/transition-and-career/moaa-seminar-maximize-your-overall-compensation-package-(october-2021)/).

Webinar: Life Insurance Options Officers Should Know About. Wed, Oct 27 at 2:00 PM ET.

Register: <https://www.moaa.org/content/events/finance/life-insurance-options-officers-should-know-about/>.

Webinar: TRICARE, Medicare, and FEDVIP Open Seasons: Are you Satisfied with Your Current Plans. Nov 2, 2021 at 2:00 – 3:00 PM ET.

Webinar: Why Great Speaking Is Critical to Great Networking. Nov 18, 2021 at 3:00 – 4:00 PM ET.

Shipmate

Shipmate is an honorable word that is earned, not given. Being called a shipmate is the highest compliment one can earn in his life. Shipmate is a word equal to none in the English language. It is filled with courage, love, hate, duty, honor and country. It is a bond forged in storms, adversity and victory; and it is equaled only by a Sailors' love for their spouse and family. It is formed at sea in a ship with a captain of character who causes "CAN-DO SPIRIT" to pass down the line; Captain, to Executive Officer, to Junior Officers; Chiefs, Petty Officers and Crew.

Flash from the Past – "The Flintstones Opening and Closing Theme 1960 1966" <https://youtu.be/uq7noaMwLfg>

National Legislation and MOAA Advocacy in Action

NATIONAL LEGISLATIVE HIGHLIGHTS

<https://takeaction.moaa.org/moaa/?0>

California Senate Bills (Veteran) for 2021 – 2022

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https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml?session_year=20212022&keyword=veteran&house=Senate&author=All&lawCode=All

California Assembly Bills (Veteran) for 2021 – 2022

https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml?session_year=20212022&keyword=veteran&house=Assembly&author=All&lawCode=All

2021 End of Legislative Year Report-CALMOAA

By Reeb Government Relations, LLC

The 2021 legislative year is now over. The last day for the Governor to take action on bills sent to him by the Legislature was October 10. Listed below are bills that CALMOAA took positions on that were either signed in to law (Chapters), vetoed, or are 2-year bills. 2-year bills roll over to 2022.

To access the Legislature’s bill information website which contains the text, amendments, analyses, votes, and status of all bills back to 1999, please go to: <https://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billSearchClient.xhtml>

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The Legislature will reconvene for the 2022 legislative year (which is the second year of the 2021-22 legislative session) on January 3, 2022.

AB 225 (Gray D) Department of Consumer Affairs: boards: veterans: military spouses: licenses.

Status: 7/14/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(11). (Last location was B., P. & E.D. on 6/9/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 7/14/2021-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires specified boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs to issue, after appropriate investigation, certain types of temporary licenses to an applicant if the applicant meets specified requirements, including that the applicant supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is married to, or in a domestic partnership or other legal union with, an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States who is assigned to a duty station in this state under official active duty military orders and the applicant holds a current, active, and unrestricted license that confers upon the applicant the authority to practice, in another state, district, or territory of the United States, the profession or vocation for which the applicant seeks a temporary license from the board. This bill would expand the eligibility for a temporary license to an applicant who meets the specified criteria and who supplies evidence satisfactory to the board that the applicant is a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States within 60 months of separation from active duty under other than dishonorable conditions, a veteran of the Armed Forces of the United States within 120 months of separation from active duty under other than dishonorable conditions and a resident of California prior to entering into military service, or an active duty member of the Armed Forces of the United States with official orders for separation within 90 days under other than dishonorable conditions.

Position
Support



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[AB 291](#)

(Seyarto R) Income taxation: exclusion: military survivor benefits.

Status: 9/10/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was REV. & TAX on 1/28/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 9/10/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires any bill authorizing a new tax expenditure to contain, among other things, specific goals, purposes, and objectives that the tax expenditure will achieve, detailed performance indicators, and data collection requirements. This bill, for taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, would provide an exclusion from gross income for all survivor benefits or payments received on or after January 1, 2021, and before January 1, 2026, under the federal Survivor Benefit Plan. The bill would require the Franchise Tax Board to submit, on or before December 1, 2025, a report to the Legislature on the income brackets of taxpayers who claimed this exclusion, and would provide findings and declarations relating to the goals, purposes, and objectives of this exclusion.

Position
Support

[AB 305](#)

(Maienschein D) Veteran services: notice.

Status: 9/10/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was INACTIVE FILE on 9/1/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 9/10/2021-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires every state agency that requests on any written form or written publication, or through its internet website, whether a person is a veteran, to request that information in a specified manner. This bill would require specified governmental agencies to include, at their next scheduled update, additional questions on their intake and application forms, except as provided, to determine whether a person is affiliated with the Armed Forces of the United States. The bill would require those agencies, through the intake or application form, to request permission from that person to transmit their contact information to the Department of Veterans Affairs so that the person may be notified of potential eligibility to receive state and federal veterans benefits.

Position
Support

[AB 459](#)

(Mathis R) Vehicles: registration fees: exceptions.

Status: 5/25/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/19/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 5/25/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law defines a disabled veteran to include a person who, as a result of injury or disease suffered while on active service with the Armed Forces of the United States, has a disability that has been rated at 100% by the Department of Veterans Affairs or the military service from which the veteran was discharged, due to a diagnosed disease or disorder that substantially impairs or interferes with mobility. Current law exempts a disabled veteran from the payment of vehicle registration fees, as specified. This bill would extend a prorated discount on vehicle registration fees, as specified, to a partially disabled veteran, as defined.

Position
Support



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AB 576 (**Maienschein D**) **Community colleges: apportionments: waiver of open course provisions: military personnel.**

Status: 10/6/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 562, Statutes of 2021.

Location: 10/6/2021-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law waives open course provisions in statute or regulations of the board of governors for any governing board of a community college district for classes the district provides to inmates of certain facilities, and authorizes the board of governors to include the units of full-time equivalent students generated in those classes for purposes of state apportionments. This bill would waive open course provisions in statute or regulations of the board of governors for any governing board of a community college district for community college courses the district provides to military personnel, their dependents, and authorized civilian employees on a military base, and would authorize the board of governors to include the units of full-time equivalent students generated in those community college courses for purposes of state apportionments.

Position
Support

AB 837 (**Rubio, Blanca D**) **Collection of tax: deployed military personnel.**

Status: 5/25/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 4/28/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 5/25/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current law requires the Franchise Tax Board to administer the levy and collection of taxes pursuant to the Personal Income Tax Law and the Corporation Tax Law and establishes procedures for the collection of delinquent taxes. This bill would prohibit the board from imposing a levy on salary or wages payable to or received by, or place a lien on a bank account of, a member of the Armed Forces of the United States on active duty while deployed away from the individual's permanent duty station.

Position
Support

AB 1470 (**Mathis R**) **Ending Military Suicide Task Force.**

Status: 5/25/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/12/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 5/25/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would require the Department of Health Care Services to establish an Ending Military Suicide Task Force to systematically reduce military suicides and to develop a plan to eliminate all military suicides in the state, as specified. Commencing June 1, 2023, the bill would require the task force to submit a specified report to the Governor and the Legislature on the state of veteran suicide prevention, as specified, including, among other things, an analysis of the plans, activities, strategies, and programs undertaken pursuant to the task force's recommendations and their effects on reducing military suicides in the state.

Position
Support



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[AB 1520](#)

[\(Levine D\)](#) **Health care coverage: prostate cancer: screening.**

Status: 5/25/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(5). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/5/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 5/25/2021-A. 2 YEAR

Summary: Would prohibit a health care service plan contract or a health insurance policy issued, amended, renewed, or delivered on or after January 1, 2022, from applying a deductible, copayment, or coinsurance to coverage for specified screening services for prostate cancer for an enrollee or insured who is 55 years of age or older or is 40 years of age or older and is high risk, as determined by their health care provider.

Position
Support

[ACR 5](#)

[\(Mathis R\)](#) **AMVETS 75th Anniversary.**

Status: 7/15/2021-Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 93, Statutes of 2021

Location: 7/15/2021-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: This measure would commend AMVETS Department of California on its 75th year of providing benefits and services to Veterans.

Position
Support

[ACR 12](#)

[\(Seyarto R\)](#) **Purple Heart Day.**

Status: 8/31/2021-Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 105, Statutes of 2021

Location: 8/31/2021-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would declare August 7, 2021, as Purple Heart Day in California.

Position
Support

[ACR 13](#)

[\(Seyarto R\)](#) **Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.**

Status: 9/7/2021-Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 133, Statutes of 2021

Location: 9/7/2021-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery.

Position
Support



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ACR 21 (**Dahle, Megan R**) **Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge.**

Status: 8/31/2021-Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 107, Statutes of 2021

Location: 8/31/2021-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would designate the South Yuba River Bridge over State Highway Route 49 in the County of Nevada as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Bridge. The measure would request the Department of Transportation to determine the cost for appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Position
Support

AJR 12 (**Stone D**) **Veterans’ educational benefits.**

Status: 8/26/2021-Chaptered by Secretary of State- Chapter 118, Statutes of 2021

Location: 8/26/2021-A. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would urge the United States Congress to revise the United States Code to remove the requirement that, to be eligible for GI benefits, a law school be accredited by a specialized accreditor and the overly broad restriction that graduates must be eligible to sit for a bar examination in any state.

Position
Support

SB 363 (**Leyva D**) **Educational equity: government instruction conferences.**

Status: 10/8/2021-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 676, Statutes of 2021.

Location: 10/8/2021-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Would, commencing January 1, 2023, exempt from the Sex Equity in Education Act’s sex discrimination provisions, and other specified provisions, any gender-segregated programs or activities of the American Legion or the American Legion Auxiliary related to their respective yearly Girls State and Boys State conferences and any promotion of, or selection of pupils for, any of those conferences by secondary educational institutions if the conferences comply with certain conditions, including providing substantially similar access to government officials and facilities, providing substantially similar programming, except as specified, providing an equal number of participation opportunities, and, for pupils who do not identify as either male or female, or with their assigned birth gender, allowing those pupils to participate in either conference.

Position
Remove
Opposition



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[SB 498](#)

(Umberg D) Funds for the provision of legal services to indigent persons: disabled veterans.

Status: 10/8/2021-Chaptered by Secretary of State - Chapter 688, Statutes of 2021.

Location: 10/8/2021-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law requires an attorney or law firm receiving or disbursing trust funds to establish and maintain an Interest On Lawyers' Trust Accounts (IOLTA) account in which the attorney or law firm is required to deposit or invest all specified client deposits or funds. Current law directs IOLTA account interest and dividends to be paid to the State Bar of California to be distributed for the provision of civil legal services to indigent persons in a prescribed order, including, after payment of administrative costs, 85% of remaining funds to qualified legal services projects. Current law defines terms for these purposes, including the definition of "indigent person." This bill would expand the definition of "indigent person" by increasing one measure of income eligibility from 125% to 200% of a specified poverty threshold. The bill would further require, for the purpose of that definition, that the income of a person who is disabled be determined after deducting disability compensation from the United States Veterans Administration paid to a veteran with a service-related disability.

Position
Support

[SB 658](#)

(Grove R) Property tax: exemptions: disabled veterans.

Status: 9/10/2021-Failed Deadline pursuant to Rule 61(a)(15). (Last location was APPR. SUSPENSE FILE on 5/10/2021)(May be acted upon Jan 2022)

Location: 9/10/2021-S. 2 YEAR

Summary: Current property tax law, pursuant to the authorization of the California Constitution, provides a disabled veteran's property tax exemption for the principal place of residence of a veteran, the veteran's spouse, or the veteran and veteran's spouse jointly, and the unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran, as provided, if the veteran is blind in both eyes, has lost the use of 2 or more limbs, or is totally disabled as a result of injury or disease incurred in military service, or if the veteran has, as a result of a service-connected injury or disease, died while on active duty in military service. Current law exempts that part of the full value of the residence that does not exceed \$100,000, or \$150,000 if the household income of the claimant does not exceed \$40,000, as adjusted for inflation, as specified. This bill, for property tax lien dates occurring on or after January 1, 2022, would additionally provide a partial exemption for property owned by, and that constitutes the principal place of residence of, a veteran who is partially disabled, as defined, or the veteran's spouse or the veteran and the veteran's spouse jointly, under these provisions.

Position
Support



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[SB 661](#)

(Newman D) Veterans’ farm and home loan program.

Status: 10/5/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 549, Statutes of 2021.

Location: 10/5/2021-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current law establishes the Department of Veterans Affairs, which is headed by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs. Current law requires the secretary, as head of the department and subject to the policies adopted by the California Veterans Board, to perform all duties, exercise all powers and jurisdiction, assume and discharge all responsibilities, and carry out and effect all provisions vested by law in the department. Current law defines “veteran” for the purposes of the various programs granting benefits to veterans. This bill would authorize the secretary to designate a deputy, employee, or other official in the department to act for them and to represent them at meetings. The bill would authorize the secretary to delegate powers and duties, as specified.

Position
Support

[SB 665](#)

(Umberg D) Employment policy: voluntary veterans’ preference.

Status: 10/6/2021-Vetoed by the Governor. In Senate. Consideration of Governor's veto pending.

Location: 10/6/2021-S. VETOED

Summary: Would enact the Voluntary Veterans’ Preference Employment Policy Act to authorize a private employer to establish and maintain a written veterans’ preference employment policy, to be applied uniformly to hiring decisions, to give a voluntary preference for hiring a veteran over another qualified applicant. The bill would require a private employer with a veterans’ preference employment policy to annually report to the Department of Fair Employment and Housing the number of veterans hired under the preference policy and any demographic information about those veterans that the employer obtained in response to the department’s reporting requirements. Under the bill, failure to submit that report would render any preference granted by the employer ineligible for the protections provided by this bill.

Position
Support



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[SB 667](#)

(Roth D) Property taxation: disabled veterans' exemption: filing of claims.

Status: 9/30/2021-Approved by the Governor. Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter 430, Statutes of 2021.

Location: 9/30/2021-S. CHAPTERED

Summary: Current property tax law, pursuant to the authorization of the California Constitution, provides a disabled veterans' property tax exemption for the principal place of residence of a veteran, the veteran's spouse, or the veteran and veteran's spouse jointly, and the unmarried surviving spouse of a veteran, as provided, if the veteran is blind in both eyes, has lost the use of 2 or more limbs, or is totally disabled as a result of injury or disease incurred in military service, or if the veteran has, as a result of a service-connected injury or disease, died while on active duty in military service. Current property tax law requires any person claiming the disabled veterans' property tax exemption to file a claim, which is required to be filed under penalty of perjury, with the assessor giving any information required by the State Board of Equalization, as provided. This bill would authorize (1) the executor, administrator, or personal legal representative of the claimant's estate or (2) the trustee of the deceased claimant's trust assets to file a claim with the assessor in the manner described above.

Position
Support

[SR 13](#)

(Grove R) Relative to Women's Military History Week.

Status: 3/15/2021-Read. Adopted. (Ayes 39. Noes 0.)

Location: 3/15/2021-S. ADOPTED

Summary: This measure would resolve that the Senate hereby recognizes "Women Warriors" by proclaiming the week of March 14 to March 20, 2021, inclusive, as Women's Military History Week in California. The Senate encourages Californians to recognize the hard-fought contributions of women to our military and our freedom, the courageous sacrifices that women have made while serving our country, and the historic lifting of the ban on women in combat on January 24, 2013.

Position
Support

Get Your Financial House in Order Thanks to This MOAA Publication

By: Kevin Lilley

Automated billing, paperless invoices, and an array of other technological advances have made it easier than ever to keep track of your finances ... or to start losing touch. If you're not sure which account is paying which bill on which date, or you've lost a password to your investing app, or your cellphone or laptop (and all its bookmarks) meets an unexpected demise, the friendly technology designed to streamline your budget can become an enemy in short order.

Instead of looking for another app to organize the first dozen or so apps, consider starting with MOAA's [Personal Affairs Guide](#). This publication – available for download as a PDF for Premium and Life Members at the previous link – goes beyond financial guidance, giving you a roadmap for keeping track of legal paperwork, service records, and much more.



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Yes, it's designed to create peace of mind in the future, but filling it out has the benefit of clearing up many present-day financial concerns. Use the workbook to:

- Keep a running tab of automatic payments, including which account the payments come from.
- Track all your investment accounts, retirement funds, and annuities.
- List your credit card information and any other outstanding debts, including active payment plans.
- Put all your insurance information – a critical part of financial planning at any stage – in one place.
- Turn that messy notepad in your desk drawer into an easy-to-read resource full of passwords, contact information, and other must-save data.

Having these materials in case of an emergency, or for use by your survivors as part of a comprehensive estate plan, may solve future problems before they happen. It also will allow you to take stock of your current financial situation: Are there dormant accounts you've neglected? Are you making automatic payments for services you don't use? Do you have overlapping insurance products you don't need? Knowing your financial situation is the first step toward improving it. MOAA members can access other financial publications [at this link](#), and can keep up with the latest financial updates from MOAA at [MOAA.org/finance](https://www.moaa.org/finance).

DoD: No Further Extensions Planned for Expired ID Cards

By: Kevin Lilley

DoD officials plan no further extensions for expired identification cards, according to a recent [DoD News report](#), and those attempting to renew their IDs in the coming months will have plenty of company.

The expiration dates printed on ID cards held by more than half a million cardholders already have passed, the report states, although that doesn't mean all those cards are expired. Cards with expiration dates between Jan. 1, 2020, and July 31, 2021, remain valid through Oct. 31, 2021, for active duty dependents, as well as Reserve and Guard servicemembers and their dependents; and through Jan. 31, 2022, for retirees, their dependents, and all other Uniformed Services ID (USID) beneficiaries.

Cardholders seeking to make an appointment for renewal can start [at DoD's online ID card office](#). The latest information on deadlines can be accessed at CAC.mil/coronavirus. Appointments may be harder to come by as the deadlines approach; cardholders who can't find appointments at their usual location should consider a location with walk-in availability, said Stephen Wellock, of the Defense Manpower Data Center, in the DoD News piece.

Wellock also warned some cardholders may think they've received an extension but really haven't. For those holding cards with an expiration date between July 31, 2021, and today, "You have no extension, your ID card is expired," he said in the report. "You need to get it replaced. ... So, if a service member's dependent is out there, and their ID card expired on Sept. 7, they don't have until October to get it replaced; their ID card has expired, and they need to make an appointment as soon as possible." Servicemembers should inform their chain of command if they have difficulty securing a renewal appointment, Wellock said.

Why Plans to Merge Commissary and Exchange Systems Have Come to a Halt

By: Jen Goodale



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Although not completely off the table, it appears plans to consolidate the commissary and exchange systems are far more costly than originally expected, according to a new report – one echoing concerns raised by MOAA and other military and veterans groups since early in the merger discussions.

The Aug. 23 report identifies miscalculations from the previous feasibility study and states the plan actually would cost an additional \$1.5 billion. In its conclusion, its authors say DoD now views the initial 2018 case study as “not feasible, and [no longer supports consolidation](#).”

MOAA, along with several other military and veteran service organizations, expressed concern with the [commissary-exchange merger](#) since it was introduced in 2018. After the case study mentioned above concluded strong support for consolidating the defense resale system, the FY 2020 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) included a provision for the Government Accountability Office (GAO) to [review DoD’s analysis](#), and the FY 2021 NDAA included requirements for [further, expansive reporting](#).

“MOAA and our many partners have known for years that merging the exchanges and commissaries would reduce the benefits to military families and the quality of service,” said MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Dana T. Atkins, USAF (Ret). “The previous business case analysis was flawed and documented in a GAO report in April 2020. MOAA remains committed to protecting the commissary and exchange benefit and is encouraged DoD has changed course. We look forward to partnering with the exchanges and commissaries to support outreach on the importance of this benefit to the uniformed community.”

The GAO report and the updated business case analysis revealed three areas that were miscalculated or not considered:

The 2018 analysis overstated savings of the cost of goods sold because the amount of overlap between products sold by the Defense Commissary Agency and those sold by the exchanges amounts to less than one-third of the total cost of goods sold. Original estimates for the development of new, common IT systems to operate the consolidated system only included approximately half of the actual costs. Initial reports failed to account for the costs associated with establishing a new headquarters location.

In 2019, MOAA and 27 other members of The Military Coalition -- a group of organizations collectively representing nearly 5.5 million members of the military community -- [sent a letter](#) to the House and Senate armed service committees to express concern regarding moving too quickly on a commissary-exchange merger, the accuracy of the predicted costs, and the impact on military families if the merger proceeded without further review. We are pleased with the follow-on report and feasibility study which have steered DoD officials in a different direction.



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Ready Reference Contact Information

Air Force Retiree Services: (800) 531-7502;
www.retirees.af.mil

Arlington National Cemetery: (703) 607-8000;
www.arlingtoncemetery.org

Armed Forces Retirement Home: (800) 422-9988;
www.afrh.gov

Army & Air Force Exchange Service: (214) 312-2011;
www.aafes.com

Army Retired Services: (703) 571-7232;
<https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement>

Burial

Burial at Sea Information: (866) 787-0081

- Pre-Need Burial Benefit before you call checklist – [Funeral Director's Before You Call Checklist \(va.gov\)](http://www.va.gov)
- Burial Benefits: http://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/
- Burial Allowance: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/burials/Burial.pdf>
- Headstone/Marker/Medallion: <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/>
- Burial Flag: http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_benefits/burial_flags.asp

Combat Related Special Compensation:
www.donhq.navy.mil/corb/crscb/crscmainpage.htm

DEERS: (800)-538-9552, Fax: (831) 655-8317;
www.tricare.osd.mil/deers

Defense Commissary Agency: www.commissaries.com

DFAS Casualty Assistance Branch: (800) 321-1080 or (216) 522-5955; (For Reporting a Retiree's death, option #1)

Fleet Reserve Association: (703) 683-1400; www.fra.org

Gulf War homepage: www.gulflink.osd.mil

I.D. Cards Benefits and Eligibility: (866) 827-5672;
<http://www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Support-Services/Pay-Pers-Support/ID-Cards/>

Internal Revenue Service: (800) 829-1040; www.irs.gov

Marine Corps Retired Affairs: (800) 336-4649;
www.usmc.mil
(Hover over "Marine Services" then click on "Retired Services")

Medicare: (800) 633-4227. TTY: (877) 486-2048;
www.medicare.gov

Military Officers Assoc. of America: (800) 234-6622;
www.moaa.org

National Burial Services: (800) 697-6940

NPC Navy Reserve Personnel Management (PERS 9): (866) 827-5672;
www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Career-Management/Reserve-Personnel-Mgmt/

Navy Casualty Assistance: (800) 368-3202

Navy Retired Activities Office: (866) U-ASK-NPC (866-827-5672) MILL RetiredActivities@navy.mil;
www.mynavyhr.navy.mil/Support-Services/21st-Century-Sailor/Retired-Activities/

Navy Uniform Shop: (800) 368-4088; www.navy-nex.com/uniform

Reserve Component SBP: (866) 827-5672 ask for PERS-912

Retiree Dental — Delta Dental: (888) 838-8737;
www.trdp.org



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Servicemembers Group Insurance (SGLI): (800) 419-1473;

www.insurance.va.gov

Pay/SBP Questions: www.dfas.mil

Pay inquiries and update of pay or SBP records in case of death, divorce, or remarriage:

Retiree:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

U.S. Military Retirement Pay

8899 E 56th Street

Indianapolis, IN 46249-1200

(800) 321-1080 / Fax: (800) 469-6559.

SBP/RSFPP annuitant:

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

U.S. Military Annuitant Pay

8899 E 56th Street

Indianapolis IN 46249-1300

Records:

For replacement DD 214s, service records, medical records, award information:

Retired prior to 1995:

www.archives.gov/veterans/militaryservice-records

Retired after 1995:

Navy Personnel Command

PERS-312E

5720 Integrity Drive

Millington, TN 38055-3120

Fax requests to: (901) 874-2664

Gray-area reservists: (866) 827-5672

Navy recreation: www.mwr.navy.mil

Navy Gateway Inns & Suites: <http://dodlodging.net>

ITT: <http://navymwr.org/mwrprgms/itt.html>

Sister service retiree publications:

Air Force Afterburner: www.retirees.af.mil/afterburner

Army Echoes:

<https://soldierforlife.army.mil/retirement/echoes>

Coast Guard Evening Colors:

<http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg1/psc/ras>

Marine Corps Semper Fidelis:

www.manpower.usmc.mil/portal/

(800) 321-1080 / (800) 469-6559

VA: www.va.gov

Regional offices: (800) 827-1000 (overseas retirees should contact the American Embassy/consulate), TDD (800) 829-4833

Insurance:

VA Regional Office and Insurance Center

PO Box 7208 (claims inquiries) -ORPO

Box 7327 (loans) -ORPO

Box 7787 (payments)

Philadelphia PA 19101

(800) 669-8477; www.insurance.va.gov

Burial information: (800) 827-1000; www.cem.va.gov

GI Bill: (888) 442-4551; www.gibill.va.gov

page/portal/M_RA_HOME/MM/SR/RET_ACT/Semper_Fidelis

TRICARE: www.mytricare.com/mtc

TRICARE East: www.humanamilitary.com/beneficiary

AL, AR, CT, DC, DE, IL, IN, KY, FL, GA, LA, MA, MD, ME, MI, MS, NC, NH, NJ, NY, OH, OK, PA, RI, SC, TN (except 35 Western zips),

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TRICARE West: www.tricare-west.com

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TRICARE Overseas: (888) 777-8343; www.tricare-overseas.com

TRICARE For Life: (866) 773-0404; www.tricare.mil/tfl

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www.tricare.mil/pharmacy

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"USCG Retiree Services" (includes USPHS & NOAA)
<https://www.dcms.uscg.mil/Our-Organization/Assistant-Commandant-for-Human-Resources-CG-1/Retiree-Services-Program/>

Long Blue Line Retiree Bulletin (USCG, USPHS, NOAA) : <https://www.longblueline.org/>

Fact Sheets/Eligibility Requirements:

- Pre-Need Burial Benefit before you call checklist – [Funeral Director's Before You Call Checklist \(va.gov\)](#)
- Burial Benefits: http://www.cem.va.gov/burial_benefits/
- Burial Allowance: <http://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/burials/Burial.pdf>
- Headstone/Marker/Medallion: <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/hmm/>
- Burial Flag: http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/burial_benefits/burial_flags.asp
- Survivor Pension: http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/spouse_pen.asp
- Dependent Indemnity Compensation: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/survivors/dic.pdf>
- Aid and Attendance: http://www.benefits.va.gov/pension/aid_attendance_housebound.asp
- Medical Expense Report: <http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/20/cio/20s5/forms/VBA-21P-8416-ARE.pdf>
- Presidential Memorial Certificate: <http://www.cem.va.gov/cem/pmc.asp>
- Accrued Benefits: <https://www.benefits.va.gov/BENEFITS/factsheets/general/Accrued.pdf>
- Military Funeral Honors: [How do I arrange for military funeral honors for a veteran? And what exactly are they? > U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE > FAQ](#)

Burial Benefit Forms:

Burial

Allowance: <http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/20/cio/20s5/forms/VBA-21P-530-ARE.pdf>

- Headstone/Marker/Medallion: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-1330.pdf>

Mail Headstone/Marker/Medallion form

to:

Memorial Programs Service (41B)
Department of Veterans Affairs
5109 Russell Road
Quantico, VA 22134-3903

- Burial Flag: <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-27-2008-ARE.pdf>

If working with Funeral/Mortuary Director, they should procure the flag for the family.

Survivor Benefit Forms:

- Widows DIC/Pension Claim form: <http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/20/cio/20s5/forms/VBA-21P-534EZ-ARE.pdf>
- Income and Asset Statement: <https://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/20/cio/20s5/forms/VBA-21P-0969-ARE.pdf>
- Substitution of Claimant (if Veteran had open claim/appeal @ death): <http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/20/cio/20s5/forms/VBA-21P-0847-ARE.pdf>
- Accrued Benefits claim form <http://vbaw.vba.va.gov/bl/20/cio/20s5/forms/VBA-21P-601-ARE.pdf>
- Aid & Attendance/Housebound: <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-2680-ARE.pdf>
- Aid & Attendance Nursing Home (if in home and filing A&A): <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-0779-ARE.pdf>
- Veterans Life Insurance Withdrawal: <http://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-29-4125-ARE.pdf>



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Mail Life Insurance Withdrawal form
to:
Department of Veterans Affairs
Regional Office and Insurance Center
P.O. Box 7208 Philadelphia, PA 19101

- Presidential Memorial Certificate: <http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-0247.pdf>

Mail/FAX PMC Form to:
Presidential Memorial Certificates (41B3)
National Cemetery Administration
5109 Russell Road Quantico, VA 22134-3903
Fax (800) 455-7143

- Third Party Authorization: <https://www.vba.va.gov/pubs/forms/VBA-21-0845-ARE.pdf>
- Mail any completed forms (unless otherwise noted above) to appropriate office below:

Department of Veterans Affairs
Pension Intake Center
PO Box 5365
Janesville, WI 53547-5365

Toll Free Fax: 844-531-7818

U.S. Senate directory for 117th Congress.
https://www.senate.gov/general/contact_information/senators_cfm.cfm

U.S. Senate: Contacting U.S. Senators
<https://www.senate.gov/senators/senators-contact.htm>

U.S. Senate: Committee on Veterans' Affairs
https://www.senate.gov/general/committee_membership/committee_memberships_SVA.htm

U.S. Senate: Committee on Armed Services
https://www.senate.gov/general/committee_membership/committee_memberships_SSAS.htm

House Armed Services Committee members
<https://armedservices.house.gov/meet-our-members>

MOAA Surviving Spouses and Friends (Private Group) - Facebook link
https://www.facebook.com/groups/581427115240904/?multi_permaLinks=3829526447097605%2C3825063920877191%2C3824863560897227%2C3821842571199326%2C3815695241814059¬if_id=1609513928974893¬if_t=group_activity&ref=notif

CALMOAA (Private Group) – Facebook
Link: www.facebook.com/groups/582556558468846/

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) - Facebook link
<https://www.facebook.com/28446275521/posts/10159082027055522/?d=n>