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MAY 2012 NEWSLETTER

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

In the April draft of the FY2013 Defense Authorization Bill, H.R. 4310, the House Armed Services Military Personnel Subcommittee was silent on the TRICARE fee issue, other than including MOAA-supported language expressing Congress' view that career military people pre-pay huge premiums for their healthcare through decades of service and sacrifice. If the final defense bill sustains that silence, it would block DoD from implementing most of the large TRICARE fee increases proposed in the defense budget.



The big exception would be the pharmacy copay proposals, which don't require a law change to implement. All of the other proposals for TRICARE FOR Life, TRICARE Prime and TRICARE Standard would require new legislation.

The Subcommittee faced a real quandary on the pharmacy copays, both because the law allows the Secretary of Defense discretion to set them and because of congressional budget rules on so-called "mandatory spending." Under those rules, increasing spending on any benefit that involves a trust fund – military retirement, survivor benefits, or any health benefits for beneficiaries over age 65 – requires an offsetting cut in mandatory spending programs under the purview of the same committee.

Because the pharmacy copays would affect both under-65s and over-65s, blocking the DoD-proposed pharmacy copay hikes would require either raising revenues in some way (such as raising other fees) or making offsetting cuts elsewhere in military retirement, survivor benefits for TRICARE For Life.

The Subcommittee was unable to identify any offsets that weren't equally offensive, so now the problem will be considered by the full Armed Services Committee when it takes up action on the defense bill next week.

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The Redondo Beach **Memorial Day Service** will be held on Monday, May 28, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park, Redondo Beach. The service will be followed by a BBQ picnic open to the public and sponsored by the Redondo Beach Elks.

LA Air Force Base Retiree Expo is scheduled for **Saturday, 2 Jun 2012, 0800 – 1200 at the Los Angeles Air Force Base** in the Gordon Conference Center.

Dinner Meetings:

January through November our Dinner Meetings start at 6:30pm the third Friday of each month at the Ports O'Call restaurant. Our December dinner is the 1st Sunday at 4:30 at Ports O'Call.

Please mail reservations using the form at the bottom of this page. Mail the form with your check to our 3rd VP, Mrs. Sheri Thompson, 1851 Barrywood Ave., San Pedro, CA 90731-1214 or call her at 310-833-5409.

Procedures: The deadline for receiving reservations is 6:45 pm on the Friday of the dinner meeting. Additionally, you must pay for dinner reservations not canceled Friday by 6:45 pm.

For last minute reservations or cancellations, call the Sheri on her cell phone at 310-948-2436 or other chapter officer attending the dinner.

Ride Sharing:

If you are a member who would like to attend our dinner meeting, but are unable to drive here, please call our Ride Chairman, LTC Maurice Keller at 310-541-3703. He will try to arrange for your dinner meeting transportation with another member.

Change of Status Notification:

If you know of a member who has passed on, please call one of the Chapter officers listed on our letterhead.

Attention:

Please send your email address and cell phone number to our Secretary, Peter Dabbieri, (pdabbieri@gmail.com) so it can be included in our Official Use Only database.

Also please note in the email if you would like to receive our Newsletter by mail (i.e. Postal service).

Monthly Board Meeting:

The next meeting of the Chapter Board will be at Ports O'Call Restaurant one hour prior to the Attitude Adjustment Period for our dinner meeting. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

MAY DINNER MEETING

Speakers: Will be student recipients of the \$500 scholarships and MOAA awards that our chapter gives to four local High School JROTC programs. Last year's speakers were well prepared and enthusiastic; their speeches indicated their appreciation for the awards. They are truly outstanding students who reflect the qualities we want in our military men and women.

The High Schools we sponsor are:

North Torrance (Army JROTC),
Narbonne (Navy JROTC),
San Pedro (Air Force JROTC), and
Redondo Beach (Marine Corps JROTC).

Our Guests will be:

AJROTC: C/Capt Misako Hirohara with Mother Debbie Shintaku
NJROTC: C/Cdr Joy De Guzman with Instructor LT Nepumeceno
AFROTC: C/TSgt Ferrufino with Instructor Major Stiegleiter
MCJROTC: C/1stSgt Anthony Downey with Instructor Gunner Willoughby



Location: Ports O'Call Restaurant
Berth 76, Port of Los Angeles
San Pedro, CA 90731

Dress: Business attire or MOAA shirt & jacket

Attitude Adjustment Period: 6:30 p.m.
Announcements: 7:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:15 p.m.

Menu: Mixed Green Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette,

Your choice of: Oven-Broiled Tri-Tip Steak
Baked Breast of Chicken Chardonnay
Baked King Salmon with Lemon Butter
Fettuccine Alfredo w/ Chicken
Grilled Mediterranean Vegetables

Roasted Baby Red Potatoes, Steamed Vegetables, Rolls and Butter
For Dessert: Cheesecake w/ Strawberry Drizzle, Coffee or Hot Tea

Dinner Price: \$30 You may pay at the door before 6:45 pm.

You are invited to attend the:

Memorial Day Service

Monday, May 28, 2012 at 1:00 PM at the Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park, Redondo Beach

The service will be followed by a BBQ picnic open to the public and sponsored by the Redondo Beach Elks. The BBQ is free to all Veterans and members of the military service. A \$5 donation is requested for other attendees.

The solemn observance will include reflection & remembrance, music, commentary and honors to all those members of the armed forces who paid the ultimate sacrifice in our nation's wars. Memorial Day is a time to honor the fallen. Participants include the Redondo Union High School Marine Corps Junior ROTC.

For more information, contact Pete Dabbieri or go to: www.RBVeteransMemorial.com

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

By George Thompson

Coalition Urges Against Huge Defense Cut:

MOAA and its partners in The Military Coalition (TMC) wrote to every member of Congress on Tuesday asking them to avoid the catastrophic consequences that the sequestration process would have on the defense budget and future national security.

Without congressional action, the January 2013 sequestration required by the Budget Control Act would force an additional \$60 billion in automatic cuts to the defense budget for FY2013, over and above the \$45 billion already taken - a cumulative 18% cut in one year, plus nearly a half-trillion dollars in additional cuts over the next nine years.

The defense budget consumes only 17% of the national budget but will be hit with 50% of the cuts.

Such cuts would devastate the all-volunteer force that

already has been required to bear 100% of the nation's burden of wartime sacrifice for the last decade.

Sequestration would require massive force reductions of more than 200,000, leaving the smallest ground forces since 1940 and a remaining force more vulnerable to emerging threats. It likely would also require breaking compensation, health care, and other support commitments to generations of servicemembers, families, and survivors who already have spent decades sacrificing their personal interests in service to their country.

It is difficult to see how the services could continue to recruit and retain a high-quality career force after imposing such grossly disproportional budgetary penalties on servicemembers and families.

We understand that all Americans will be required to share the sacrifice of containing our national debt, but the sequestration process would put a hugely disproportionate burden on servicemembers, retirees, and families.

Please send your legislators a MOAA-suggested message asking them to find an alternative to sequestration.

Community Blueprint Gains Momentum:

In May of 2011, three MOAA chapters stepped up to participate in a new pilot program called Community Blueprint. This effort brings together more than 50 non-governmental organizations, with interest from the federal government and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to provide a set of tools and guidelines for communities that are interested in helping veterans and their families.

Texas and Georgia were identified as states where MOAA chapters could support pilot projects, and three chapters volunteered to take part. The East Texas Chapter in Huntsville, the Rose Capital Chapter in Tyler, Texas, and the South Georgia Chapter in Valdosta took the lead in working with community leaders and other organizations to build model programs in their respective cities.

A year later, the program is hitting its stride.

Friday, May 18, 2012 Dinner Reservations

Please reserve dinners: (Select the number of each) Tri-Tip _____ Chicken _____

Salmon _____ Vegetables _____ Fettuccine Alfredo w/ Chicken _____

Your Name _____ Guest's Name _____

Pls check if: Your Birthday _____ Spouse's Birthday _____ Anniversary _____

For last minute reservations or cancellations call Sheri, cell phone **310-948-2436** or another Chapter Officers listed on the cover page **before 6:45 pm** Friday.

Make your check to MOAA.
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2012 Membership Application

New Member Renewal* Reinstating

* If renewing fill in Name and only information that has changed.

Send this form with a check payable to SP/SB MOAA to: SP/SB Chapter MOAA, PO Box 1041, San Pedro, CA 90733

Name _____ Nickname _____ Branch of service _____ Rank _____

Retired Active Reserve National Guard Former Auxiliary (surviving spouse) Associate (spouse)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (H) (_____) _____ (W) (_____) _____ Cell (_____) _____

Email (please print) _____ Send Newsletter by: email (saves \$\$) mail Both

Occupation _____ Birth month _____ Spouse's Name _____ Birth month _____

Recruited by _____ Current MOAA Member (number _____) **TOTAL \$** _____

Annual dues: check all that apply.

Chapter Membership \$25/year

National Membership \$34/year

Chapter Auxiliary / Associate \$ 7/year

National Auxiliary \$31/year

Active Duty \$17/year

- I would like to help with:
- Dinners
 - Special Events
 - Publicity
 - Personal Affairs
 - Secretary and/or Newsletters
 - Arranging for Speakers
 - Board of Directors

- Contribute to chapter JROTC Scholarships Program \$ _____
- Membership / Recruiting
- Treasurer
- Web Server
- Telephone Tree
- Other _____