

SEEKING APPLICANTS for MOAA's Board of Directors

Applications sought for board of directors

This year, as required by MOAA's bylaws, eligible MOAA members will elect 12 new directors to take office Oct. 26 to replace those who will complete their six-year terms. The association needs highly qualified officers with proven track records in the grades of W-1 through O-10 to serve on the board.

The bylaws prescribe the apportionment of board seats by service. In addition to four vacancies to be filled without regard to service affiliation, service-specific vacancies this year are two Army, one Navy, three Air Force, and two Coast Guard. The Marine Corps, U.S. Public Health Service, and NOAA have no specific vacancies, but officers from those services may apply for the four at-large seats.

A special nominating committee will select for each upcoming vacancy the nominee who, in its judgment, will best serve the interests of MOAA and its members. The committee's slate of nominees will be presented to the voting membership by mail for election. Printed ballots will be furnished with the August 2016 issue of *Military Officer*, and online voting again will be offered. Newly elected directors will be installed after the annual meeting in the Washington, D.C., area Oct. 26.

Submitting an application

To apply, officers should download the application form from MOAA's Web Base (www.moaa.org/boardapplication). The form will ask for:

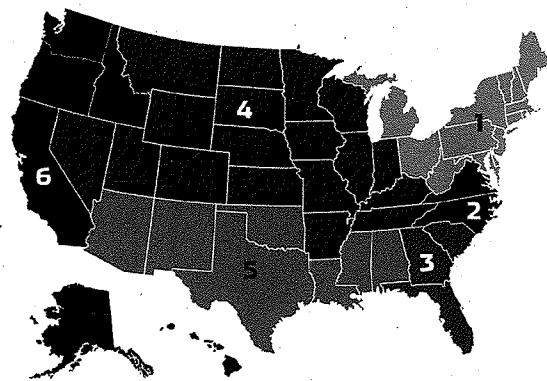
- a résumé of your military service or, if a surviving spouse member, your volunteer activities;
- an account of your present involvement in business, local civic and political affairs, and service to the military community;

- your reasons for wishing to join the board and the skills you would bring to the business management and other affairs of the association;
- a recent head-and-shoulders photograph in civilian clothes that is suitable for publication;
- your consent for a credit check, if nominated (The consent form is included with the application form on the website.);

- a list of commercial and nonprofit boards on which you currently serve;
- for active duty and active-status officers, a copy of a recent Leave and Earnings Statement; for retirees and former officers, a copy of your Report of Separation from the Armed Forces (DD Form 214); for Reserve and National Guard retirees, a copy of your retired pay order or letter of transfer to retired reserve status; for surviving spouses, a brief description of your late spouse's military service; and
- the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of three references whom you will ask to write to the committee on your behalf. Reference letters must not accompany an application but must be mailed separately to the address below. Reference letters must be in hard copy (no emails) and signed. No more than three letters will be considered.

Your application package must be in loose-leaf form. Please do not bind the application package together, and do not staple multipage documents (use only paper clips). Completed applications and letters of reference should be mailed to Committee on Nominations, Military Officers Association of America, 201 N. Washington St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Applications and all letters of reference must be received by March 31.

If there are any questions, you may call (800) 234-MOAA (6622),



Regional Vacancies

To be sure the board reflects the geographic distribution of the voting membership, at least four directors must come from each of six regions, in which reside approximately equal numbers of voting MOAA members.

Vacancies by Region

1	0	4	0
2	0	5	0
3	0	6	2
At-large (without regard to state of residence)		10	

ext. 167. (After working hours, please leave a voice mail message, and include the spelling of your first and last name, your telephone number, and, if known, your MOAA member number.)

Special Committee on Nominations

In early April, incumbent directors from each service will select primary and alternate representatives from their services for election to the nominating committee. Neither incumbent directors nor staff members may serve on the committee.

Bylaw requirements

There are 36 directors of the association: eight Army, eight Navy, eight Air Force, three Marine Corps, two Coast [CONTINUES ON PAGE 18]

Guard, one Public Health Service, one NOAA, and five at-large (without regard to service affiliation).

■ Directors must be active duty, Reserve, National Guard, retired, or former uniformed service officers or surviving spouses and members of the association.

■ Directors hold office for six years.

■ Each director represents the total association and not a regional or service constituency.

■ The board directs and controls the business management and affairs of the association and has the authority to approve contracts, incur liabilities, expend funds, and attend to other association matters.

There are no grade or other limitations on the number of officers who may serve as directors at any one time. Efforts are made to obtain the best-qualified members from within the membership of the association.

Service on the board

Directors serve one six-year term and discharge their governance responsibilities primarily by participating in the three board meetings convened each year. Each board meeting includes meetings of the various standing committees and requires about one-and-a-half days, not including travel.

A director should be able to devote two to three weeks each year to MOAA matters, including travel, board and committee meetings, and participation in other events such as the annual Council Presidents' Seminar, regional chapter leaders' symposia, and individual visits to councils and chapters.

A director must refrain from activities that could reasonably be viewed as conflicting with or possibly influencing the director's judgment regarding his or her responsibilities to MOAA.

Directors receive no compensation, but they are reimbursed for MOAA-related travel, lodging, and meals. MO

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uses the modified adjusted gross income (MAGI) from the most recent tax year that is available. The MAGI reflects both adjusted gross income and tax-exempt interest income. The difference can be non-trivial for many of our members. ...

2. In Financial Forum, "Taxes and Income," [Lt. Col. Shane Ostrom, USAF (Ret), suggests] "To reduce taxes ... reduce Social Security annual income by taking your benefits at age 62; don't work." True, either approach to lowering your income will reduce your taxes, but neither represents a sound financial-planning strategy under most, if not all circumstances.

— *Capt. Michael Feeley, USN (Ret)*
via email

["11 Investing Lessons," December 2015, by Lt. Col. Shane Ostrom, USAF (Ret),] was spot on! Having been around for seven decades and with 50 years' experience in stock market and real estate investments, I can attest to the validity of the points he makes.

Yes, "slow and steady" — along with some self-discipline — wins the race. ... Ostrom is definitely a keeper; I always look forward to his submissions. MOAA is fortunate to have him as a contributor.

— *Col. Vincent M. Levitsky,*
USMCR (Ret)
Wallace, N.C.

The Game

The "Navy football player" in the photo that opened ["America's Game," December 2015] ... is no less than Keenan Reynolds, [the U.S. Naval Academy's] starting quarterback for the last three and a half years who is tied for the all-time lead in touchdowns in

college football, has set the record for rushing touchdowns in college football, [has] surpassed Napoleon McCallum as the all-time rushing leader in Navy football history, and has just set the record for touchdown passes in Navy football history.

— *Lt. j.g. Gary Knight, USN (Ret)*
Life Member
via email

Seeing Joe Bellino's [U.S. Military Academy, West Point, N.Y.] bathrobe really brought back memories, as Joe was a first classman my plebe year at the Naval Academy. My own West Point bathrobe, won in the 1960 game (Navy 17-Army 12), bit the dust in some move years ago. This past summer, though, I found that the good folks at West Point were happy to sell me a new Army bathrobe, made by the Cadet Uniform Factory, a DoD establishment I didn't know existed.

— *Lt. Cmdr. James B. Craven III,*
USN (Ret)
via email

I enjoy reading the monthly magazine and, in particular, this month's Army-Navy football feature. But I have to admit that I couldn't believe that any article about Army football did not have some reference to two of the most famous Army players, namely "Doc" Blanchard and Glenn Davis.

Not a big deal, I guess, unless you're 80 years old and one of your fondest memories is your dad taking you to West Point to watch Doc Blanchard and Glenn Davis play football.

— *Former Navy Lt. j.g. Hal Danzis*
High Point, N.C.

For submission information, see page 6.