



# Quarterly Newsletter



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## Club News

### New Members

Please welcome our newest members:

- **LT Will Agen, USCG.** He and his wife, **Elisa**, live in Allouez (Green Bay).
- **CPT Jesse Metko, USAR.** He and his wife, **Alexis**, live in Kimberly.

### March Dinner Meeting

Tonight we will hold our first Quarterly Dinner Meeting since last March. It will be held at The Radisson Hotel & Conference Center (Great Lakes Complex Room), 2040 Airport Drive, Green Bay, WI 54313.

There will be a short Business update followed by our guest speaker, **John Maino**.

Mr. Maino is the author of the WWII series of 3 books "Frontlines – WWII – volumes I-III." He is also working on a book about Vietnam.

In addition for the first time, for those that are unable to attend, we will be live streaming the business update and Mr. Maino's portion of the meeting on our website [here](#), and on our Facebook page [here](#). It will also be streamed on YouTube [here](#).

### June Dinner Meeting

On Thursday, June 10, the Club will host a "Dinner Detective" murder mystery show and dinner at the Hyatt Regency Green Bay.

"Dinner Detective" is a play with 6-10 actors that interact with the audience to solve a murder mystery.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Outing

**\*\*Update\*\***

As we said last November, "essentially all of our wonderful donors, sponsors, teams, and supporters stayed with us and helped us raise almost \$70,000."

Well, after all of the final donations were received, the new total is **\$86,000**.

Well done to Golf Outing Committee chairman **Joe Tullbane** and committee member **Fred White** for their dedication and hard work.

### 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Veterans Benefit Golf Outing

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual VETERANS BENEFIT GOLF OUTING will be held at the Oneida Golf & Country Club on Monday September 13, 2021.

Our objective this year is to raise \$100,000.

### Board Positions Filled

The previously vacant positions of 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President have been filled by **John**

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**Breuninger and Chad Luebke** respectively.

John will oversee External Operations including: recruiting/membership, outreach, transition/unit liaison, public relations, ROTC/JROTC liaison, webmaster and ESGR liaison.

Chad will oversee Internal Operations including: programs, personal affairs, surviving spouse liaison, the Newsletter, legislative liaison, and the chaplain.

**Tom Martin** has accepted the position of ROTC/JROTC Liaison and **Kristen Berg** has accepted the position of Webmaster.

**Joe Tullbane** has accepted the additional duties of Parliamentarian and **John Friedel** has accepted the additional duties of Chapter/Club Historian.

**Lenore Domers** continues as our faithful Chaplain.

## MOAA News

### National Council and Chapter Leadership Changes

MOAA says farewell to **Col. Terri Coles, USA (Ret)**, senior director, Council and Chapter Affairs.

After leading national MOAA's Council and Chapter Affairs team for more than four years, **Col. Terri Coles, USA (Ret)**, is departing the association.

"It has been an honor and a privilege to work with such dedicated and committed council and chapter members," Coles said. "I greatly appreciate the support you provided to me and the entire Council and Chapter Affairs team. We've made tremendous progress over the past few years. All the best to all of you!"

Stepping into the senior director role is **Capt. Erin E. Stone, JAGC, USN (Ret)**, who has served as the program director since 2019.

"I have benefited from Terri's vision, passion, and collaborative style for almost two years now and am proud of what we have accomplished as a team under her leadership," said Stone. "She developed and strengthened programs and relationships that helped national MOAA, our affiliates, and our members. I am honored to have the opportunity to continue working with our selfless volunteer leaders to guide the evolution of this important mission into the future."

The team also has welcomed **Capt. Frank Michael, USN (Ret)**, as program director. During his 30-year Navy career, he flew SH-60Bs, commanded Helicopter Anti-Submarine Squadron Light 47, and served as commanding officer of USS Boxer (LHD-4). Since transitioning from the Navy in 2015, he has been working in the nonprofit sector.

# Legislative News

## Surviving Spouse Corner: How to Become an Effective Advocate

These tips can help you get started advocating for legislation that impacts military surviving spouses.

It can be very frustrating to find yourself in a position when legislation needs to be changed, but you are unsure where to start.

My nearly 16 years' experience in legislation as an advocate affords me the opportunity to share with you how you can become more involved in improving military survivor benefits. Many surviving spouses already are seasoned advocates, thanks to MOAA and other veteran service organizations. However, for those who are new to this frontier, the following guidance can help you learn to advocate and navigate the process with confidence.

- Find your passion. Choose an issue that directly affects you. This will have more of an impact when telling your story.
- Gather information. Find fact sheets from MOAA's Surviving Spouses and Friends Facebook page, MOAA.org, your local MOAA chapter (legislative committee), or the Surviving Spouses Virtual Chapter. Construct a simple blog regarding how this issue impacts you as a military surviving spouse. Be yourself. It is important you feel comfortable discussing the issue, even if you do not have all the details. Information can be sent later.
- Determine whether the issue is local, state, or federal. Some examples include:
  - Federal: Improve VA Dependency Indemnity Compensation, remarriage law
  - State: Professional licensure, property tax exemption, benefits of military surviving spouses
  - Local (City/County): Noise abatements, zoning ordinance
- Cultivate relationships with staffers. This is important because staffers are the ones who will make a difference to move the effort forward. Again, tell your story (brief). Prepare a short bio to help connect you with a staffer and/or member when setting up a meeting.
- Establish a meeting. During COVID-19, meetings will be held via a virtual platform. There are some advantages, such as no parking issues or inclement weather restrictions. If you do not feel comfortable with a virtual meeting, call the elected official's office and ask for a phone conference appointment with the appropriate staffer or ask to leave a message on staffer's phone. Even though you did not virtually meet with the staffer or member, what is important is you raised awareness about your issue. Remember, the elected official and staffer — whether it is federal, state or local — work for you. You are their constituent.

# Homeowners Insurance

## Does It Cover Power Outages?

Losing electrical power in your home is more than inconvenient and potentially hazardous; it can also lead to serious expenses. Fortunately, some of those are probably covered by your homeowners insurance. That could be good news to more than 3.5 million Americans who are currently without power due to storms in Texas, Oregon, Kentucky and elsewhere. But whether all of your out-of-pocket costs will be covered depends on the insurer and your policy. Already, there are reports of homeowners in affected states contacting their insurance company, only to find they aren't covered in ways they expected or hoped. Here's what to expect in coverage for two common financial impacts of a power outage, and some options to make up the difference if you aren't actually covered. Consider this a rough guide to prepare you; if you're directly affected, check with your insurance company for the details of your own coverage.

## Frozen pipes

Prolonged winter power outages — like the current ones, which have already lasted for days — come with the added risk that water will freeze inside the home's pipes. That can cause the pipes to crack, and lead to flooding damage and plumbing bills once the heat returns and the water begins to flow again. It doesn't take long for such freezing to occur. According to Hope Plumbing in Indianapolis, pipes may freeze if the outside temperature is below 20 degrees for at least six consecutive hours, as it has been during recent days in many of the states with outages.

The process is faster still if you live in a geographical location that usually does not suffer from cold winters, Hope Plumbing writes, since your water pipes are less likely to have much insulation to protect them from extreme temperatures. Here, homeowners in Texas and elsewhere are probably covered, according to property insurance lawyers VossLaw. "If your pipes froze because of an unusual cold snap," causing water damage, your claim will likely be approved," the company writes. They do, however, add a few caveats. Your claim may be denied, the lawyers warn, if your pipes were in poor condition due to age. "If a pipe burst simply because it was worn out, you may be out of luck."

Negligence on your part could also be a reason to deny a claim, VossLaw warns, mentioning as an example shutting off the power when leaving your home, causing its interior temperatures to drop. Less clear is whether a failure to leave water running at a trickle through the pipe in a cold house — a step that reduces the chance of frozen pipes — might be deemed negligent. At any rate, this step is recommended by home experts as a way to mitigate the disruption and inconvenience of pipes freezing.

## Ruined food

While food spoiling (or at least thawing) in a warm refrigerator is most associated with power outages in warmer months, it's possible in any season, especially when outages are prolonged. Homeowners policies usually cover reimbursement for food losses due to an outage in their standard coverage, according to the Insurance Information Institute — although

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some companies instead make it an extra-cost add-on to the policy. However, it's unlikely that claiming the value of ruined food is worthwhile, especially if it's the only financial loss you incurred from the power going out. For starters, many insurers cap the covered loss at \$250 or \$500, according to Allstate. That figure is likely at or below the deductible for your policy, which means you could collect little or nothing on the claim.

If you suffered other financial setbacks from the outage, such as the cost to replace cracked pipes, a potential claim might exceed your deductible. And if you already made a claim on the policy within the last year, your deductible has likely already been paid regardless. In any case, talk with your insurers before submitting a claim, especially one that is fairly modest. Insurers keep track of claims, and you'll need to consider the possible effect of one for a power outage on your future premiums.

You might also want to check with your electricity provider. While most electric companies do not offer their customers reimbursement for food spoilage caused by long-term power outages, according to the Insurance Information Institute, programs are sometimes offered. (For example, Con Edison allowed reimbursements of up to \$500 per homeowner for spoiled food after Hurricane Isaias last year.) It's unclear if any such programs have yet been launched due to the current outages in the South. For what it's worth, none were implemented in areas of Louisiana and Texas affected by Hurricane Laura last year, according to the Insurance Information Institute.

## Financial/Membership Report

### Financial Statement

Total Club Funds Balance (9/30/20) .....	\$23,738.08
Receipts.....	+\$3,365.18
Subtotal.....	\$27,103.26
Disbursements.....	(\$17,206.84)

Total Club Funds Balance (12/31/20) .....	<u>\$9,896.42</u>
Bank-Checkbook Balance (12/31/20) .....	\$8,370.05
Bank-Business Savings Acc't Balance (12/31/20) ....	\$1,526.37

### 2020 Membership Report (As of 12/31/20)

Paid.....	94
Life .....	13
Honorary.....	5
Overdue .....	19
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>131</b>

<b>2021 Paid</b> (As of 12/31/20) .....	37
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## Dates of Interest

- Mar 14—Daylight Savings
- Mar 17—St. Patrick's Day
- Apr 1—April Fool's Day
- Apr 4—Easter Sunday
- Apr 13—Black Sunday (The Dust Bowl) (1935)
- Apr 16—Jackie Robinson's career with the Brooklyn Dodgers began (1945)
- May 9—Mother's Day
- May 15—Armed Forces Day
- May 31—Memorial Day (Observed)





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## MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM (Rev Date: 02/21)

Please circle: Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. / Miss

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: First \_\_\_\_\_ M.I. \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ # / Street \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Rank: \_\_\_\_\_

Component	Branch of Service
USAR _____	USA _____
USNR _____	USN _____
USMCR _____	USMC _____
USAFR _____	USAF _____
ANG _____	USCG _____
ARNG _____	NOAA _____
	USPHS _____

Military History {Complete the applicable category}

1. On Active Duty now? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Date \_\_\_\_\_
2. Former Officer? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Date \_\_\_\_\_ End Date \_\_\_\_\_
- or, 3. Retired Career Officer (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_ Entry Date \_\_\_\_\_ Your Active-Duty Retirement Date \_\_\_\_\_

Note: Please notify the Club Membership Chairman or Club Secretary of any changes to the information on this form.

1. Are you a member of MOAA? (National organization) Yes / No  
 a. If **Yes**, what is your MOAA number? \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_ / \_\_\_  
 b. If **No**, may we join you up for a free Basic MOAA Membership? \_\_\_ / \_\_\_
2. Would you be willing to serve as a chapter officer or as a member of the Board of Directors? \_\_\_ / \_\_\_

Note: Chapter dues are \$20.00 per calendar year, payable by January 1<sup>st</sup> each year.

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