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APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

And pick a main course when making reservations

President's Message:

The San Pedro/South Bay Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) had a well-received March Meeting. We were treated to a great performance from the Pennyroyals. I think everyone had a good time.



Remember, if you have any suggestions for future guest speakers, please let us know.

Of note, April features several key military observances, including Gold Star Spouses Day (April 5), honoring partners of fallen service members; and National Former POW Recognition Day (April 9). The month also celebrates the Air Force Reserve Birthday (April 14) and Army Reserve Birthday (April 23), along with highlighting military children, with National Military Brats Day (April 30)...to recognize the resilience of military children.

I propose that at our dinner meeting, we raise our glasses and Salute all our MOAA Members who may have had the "opportunity" to be in a household with "Military Children".

Parking will be validated. Be sure to carry your parking ticket with you into the hotel.

Warm regards,
Jack Pharris

Please pay your 2026 Dues.

Dinner Meetings: Jan. through Nov. our Dinner Meetings start at 6:30pm the third Friday of each month at the restaurant noted in the newsletter. Our December meeting is Brunch usually 11am on the 2nd Sunday. Check newsletter.

Please make reservations:

Procedures: Jan-Nov please make reservations in accordance with the instructions below the menu.

Late reservations and cancellations are acceptable. Contact Sheri at 310-948-2436 or Sherriljean@aol.com.

Donations: If you have new or used clothing or Household Items you would like to donate to a Veteran's Organization please contact, our President, Bob Ettinger at 310-541-8625.

A Charity Donation letter for Income Tax purposes will be provided.

Ride Sharing: If you are a member who would like to attend our dinner meeting, but are unable to drive here, please call a chapter officer who 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 Data Base Manager, Harry Axelrod at hiaxelrod@earthlink.net 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 the Restaurant 30 minutes prior to the Attitude Adjustment Period for our dinner meeting. Members and guests are welcome to attend.

APRIL17 DINNER MEETING

Performers: YouTube

Topic: A Recent YouTube Video

Kathryn has selected a YouTube video consisting of current events that leadership thought would be a good presentation that will stimulate conversation among attendees. We will be showing the selection on the large screen television that is on the wall in our dining area. After the video, we will discuss the

I don't want to give too much detail in the newsletter because we want the suspense to help encourage attendance. I know you will excited to participate in our program at our April 17 dinner meeting. I will see you there.

Peter

Dress: Business attire or MOAA shirt & jacket

Location: Torrance Doubletree Hotel
21333 Hawthorne Blvd
Torrance, CA 90505

Attitude Adjustment Period:	6:30 p.m.
Announcements:	7:00 p.m.
Dinner:	7:05 p.m.

Menu: Bread and butter, Iced tea, hot tea, and coffee,

Appetizer: Classic Caesar Salad

Choice of Entrée: **NOTE: All entrees can be prepared Gluten Free (advise Sheri when placing your order please)**

- **Braised Short Rib** - With Potato Puree and Seasonal Vegetables
- **Seared Scottish Salmon** - Lebanese Rice and Ajo Blanco Sauce with pea and pea tendrils
- **Lemon Egg Pappardelle Pasta** - Seasonal Vegetables, Parmesan cheese

Dinner Price: \$60. You may pay at the door before 6:50 pm.
Please TEXT or Voice Mail Sheri Thompson at 310 948-2436 with your **Reservation (commitment to pay) and menu choice or Cancellation no later than noon the Wednesday before the dinner.** Cancellations acknowledged by Sheri will be accepted.

LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

By George and Sheri Thompson

‘Veteran Savings Program’ Postcard Scam Hits Multiple States

**By: Kevin Lilley
March 30, 2026**

An image of a postcard received by veterans in North Carolina promoting a fake veterans savings plan. (Courtesy of North Carolina Department of Justice)

A postcard scam targeting veterans and their spouses in North Carolina mirrors similar fraud attempts reported last year in other states, with con artists offering up to \$185 a month and free dental coverage to those who call a toll-free number within five days.

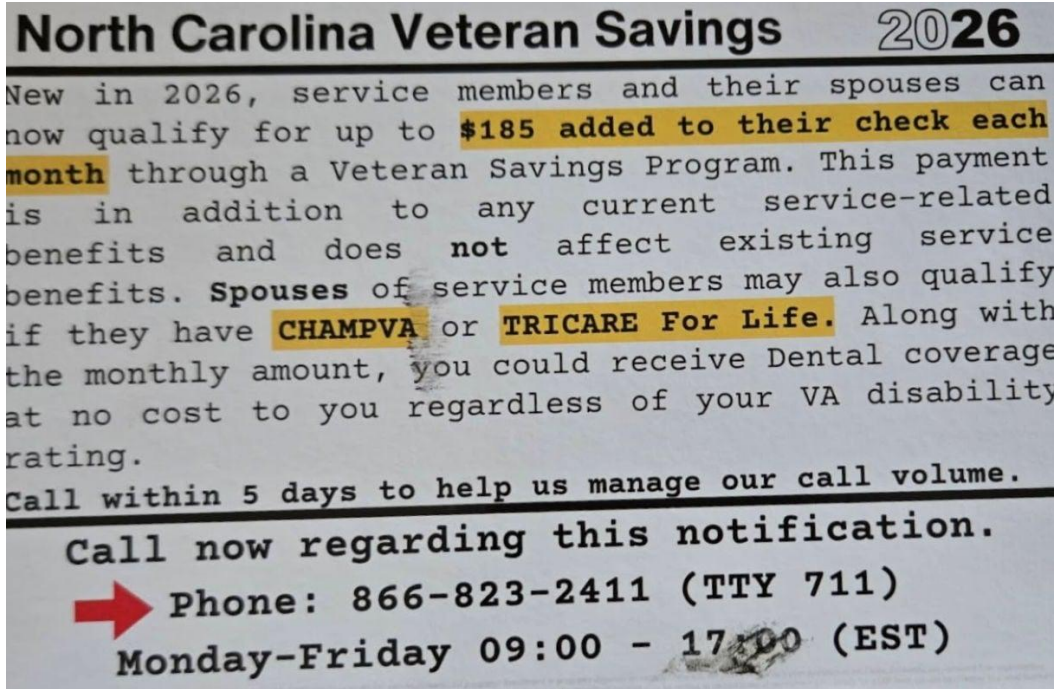
“No such program exists,” said a [March 27 press release](#) from the North Carolina Department of Justice, which included a photo of the postcard touting a “Veteran Savings Program.”

The release also offers simple advice for recipients: “Throw the card away.”

Warnings from [Pennsylvania](#), [Michigan](#), and [Iowa](#) in late 2025 highlighted similar scams. The postcards mention legitimate programs like CHAMPVA and TRICARE For Life, but they are not connected to an official federal agency. Those who call the number on the cards may be asked to provide personal or financial information, which could be used to access bank accounts or credit cards, or to commit other types of identity theft.

Some warning signals from the postcard may be useful in detecting similar fraud attempts:

- The message encourages beneficiaries to call within five days, a common tactic of fraudsters designed to pressure recipients into a rushed decision to respond.
- The postcard includes no return address and offers no way for beneficiaries to research the



program beyond calling the toll-free number.

- Legitimate changes to service-connected benefits will be communicated through established channels and posted on government-run websites like [VA.gov](#) or [TRICARE.mil](#). Beneficiaries will not receive word of such changes via postcard.

“If it sounds like someone is offering you free money – it’s probably a scam,” North Carolina Attorney General Jeff Jackson said in the March release.

Recipients can report fraud through multiple channels, including the [Federal Trade Commission](#), [the VA](#), [TRICARE](#), and the [U.S. Postal Inspection Service](#). Older scam targets can call the National Elder Fraud Hotline at (833) 372-8311 from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Eastern, Monday through Friday.

For more information on fighting other types of scams, visit [MOAA’s Scam Prevention Resources](#).



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April 2026 Newsletter

Please RSVP for the dinner meeting with your menu choices by Wednesday Noon before the meeting.

It is time to pay your 2026 Dues, Charity and JROTC donations may also be paid using the form below.

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Moved? Let us know. The Post Office will not forward Newsletters even if you have submitted a "Change of Address" form.



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2026 Membership Application

New Member Renewal*

Reinstating

*** If renewing: Please 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 601, Redondo Beach, CA 90277

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

Birth Month _____ Spouse's Name _____ Birth Month _____

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

Annual chapter dues:

Please check one

- Chapter Membership \$ 40/year
- Chapter Surviving \$ 10/year Spouse

I would like to:

- Contribute to chapter JROTC Scholarships Program \$ _____
- Contribute to chapter Veterans Charity Programs \$ _____
- Serve on the Board or help with other projects.