



Protecting your pay and benefits: MOAA's 2018 advocacy mission

Military Officers Association of America

10 MOAA Goals: MOAA's advocacy team is gearing up to protect your health care and retirement benefits, military pay, force levels, wounded warriors, and caregivers... Goal 3: Block erosion of compensation and non-pay and quality-of-life benefits. Future proposals likely will reduce the value of compensation, to include non-pay and quality-of-life benefits such as the Basic Allowance for Housing, Special Incentive Pays, and commissary, exchange, and morale, welfare, and recreation benefits, harming recruiting and retention. [READ MORE](#)

Here's how your military teen could win a \$2,000 scholarship

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It's no secret that helping your military kids pay for college can be very hard. Sure, you have the post-9/11 GI Bill that you might be able to transfer, but not everyone qualifies. And getting in-state tuition or finding a school in the place you actually live can be impossible. Fortunately, there are a variety of organizations that offer scholarships just for military kids, including one from the Defense Commissary Agency and the Fisher House — and all you have to do is apply before the deadline. [READ MORE](#)

Pentagon audit to cost \$367M in 2018

The Hill

The Pentagon's first full-scale audit will cost about \$367 million in fiscal 2018 and an additional \$551 million to fix identified problems, Defense Department Comptroller David Norquist told lawmakers Wednesday. Norquist, who testified before the House Armed Services Committee, said the amount includes \$181 million to pay independent accounting firms and \$186 million for related infrastructure, including the cost of the salaries for people supporting the audit. [READ MORE](#)

VA promises action to protect veterans from predatory lenders

Stars and Stripes

The Department of Veterans Affairs will soon propose rule changes to its home loan guarantee program that aim to stop lenders from aggressively targeting and pressuring veterans to refinance their home loans, a VA official told congressmen Wednesday. Members of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs on Wednesday discussed the problem of some mortgage firms attempting to coerce veterans who use the VA home loan program into unnecessarily refinancing their loans, racking up fees and lengthening their debt repayment. [READ MORE](#)

Trump signs order to improve mental health resources for transitioning veterans

U.S. Department of Defense

Transitioning service members and veterans can now receive up to a year of mental health care from the Veterans Affairs Department after discharge from the service, according to an executive order President Donald J. Trump signed today. "We will not rest until all of America's great veterans receive the care they've earned through their incredible service and sacrifice to our country," the president said. [READ MORE](#)

Survey indicates higher satisfaction with military medical facilities

U.S. Department of Defense

Results of the Defense Department's Joint Outpatient Experience Survey are in for 2017, and soldiers, retirees family members reported very high overall satisfaction -- 93 percent -- with their experience at Army medical treatment facilities, the senior health policy analyst with the Office of the Army Surgeon General said. [READ MORE](#)