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**(see inside back cover for details)**

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# The Bulletin Board

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



**I recently received a certificate, a Fiftieth Anniversary Affiliation Award, recognizing our fifty-year relationship with MOAA National. It was accompanied with a note from our President and CEO, Lt Gen Dana Atkins, recognizing our Chapter's long-time relationship with National MOAA. Our Chapter was officially established on June 29, 1971 with 69 charter members. There were 29 Chapter Presidents between 1971 and 2001. One member, Quinn G. Smith served as President four times (1972-73, 1986-87, 1993, and 2001). We have had five presidents since 2001: Rick Savage, Joe DeCarlo, Paul Cohen, Rene Dreiling, and me, Dan Donovan.**

**For those of us who served in the military during the Vietnam era and before, we were cautioned to remain politically neutral. Many of us were told we had "medical care for life." In fact, military retirees lost their entitlement for military medical care at age 65 and were told to apply for Medicare. In 1996, Medal of Honor awardee Colonel Bud Day began the effort to change things and TROA (later MOAA) actively supported his efforts. Congress later established the TRICARE for Life (TFL) program, which restored **TRICARE** military medical benefits for career military retirees over the age of 65, making the retirees eligible for both programs with Medicare as the primary payer and TRICARE as the secondary payer. TROA fully supported this political issue as it fulfilled a commitment to military members and families.**

**While TRICARE for Life, may have been MOAA's greatest success, another and more recent significant success was the elimination of the "widows' tax" (the DIC/SBP offset).**

**At the State level, the recent 100% State tax exemption on military retired pay was a major success for our Chapter, the Nebraska Veterans Coalition, other supporters, and the State of Nebraska. Our history shows that we support issues, but not candidates or parties.**

**Due to necessary schedule changes, our speakers for the next two months have changed dates. Our speaker for our August 18<sup>th</sup> dinner meeting was originally to be chapter member Congressman Don Bacon and our speaker for September 15<sup>th</sup> was to be Dennis Pavloc, the last known Korean War POW in Nebraska. They have now switched dates. Please mark your calendars.**



Dennis Pavloc, in the left photo, as a young American soldier and, now, having survived as a Korean War POW, as a Grandpa in Nebraska.

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### **Everything You Need to Know About Korean War Veterans Armistice Day**

(Military.com – 26 July- by Blake Stilwell)

**It's often called "The Forgotten War," but one day a year is set aside to remind Americans of those who served and died in the conflict -- Korean War Veterans Armistice Day on July 27.**

**The Korean War started on June 25, 1950, when North Korea suddenly started rolling tanks across the 38th parallel. The communist assault was initially successful. For the first two months of the war, the North Koreans easily pushed the South Korean and American forces back toward Pusan, nearly into the Sea of Japan. After it recovered from the surprise, the United States set up a perimeter around Pusan to hold the communists at bay. It began to mass men, vehicles and aircraft to push back. U.S. troops under Gen. Douglas MacArthur landed at Inchon, far behind the North Korean line, sending the communist force into disarray.**

**Eventually, 21 countries formed a United Nations force that pushed the North Koreans back past the 38th parallel; captured the enemy capital at Pyongyang; and nearly fought them to the Yalu River -- the North's border with China.**

**Then, the Chinese entered the war.**

**A massive Chinese Army crossed the river and surprised the U.S. and South Korean forces, overwhelming them and pushing them back to the 38th parallel at great human cost.**

**That was just the first four months of the war.**

**The next two years saw the fighting devolve into a bloody stalemate along the 38th parallel. It ground on in a war of attrition along the front while U.N. airpower mercilessly bombed North Korea's cities and infrastructure in an attempt to force the communists to a position of weakness during long-running peace talks.**

**When did the Korean War end? It was at 10 a.m. on July 27, 1953, that two years and 17 days of negotiations finally ended three years of brutal fighting on the Korean Peninsula.**

**The Cleveland Plain Dealer's front page announcing the end of fighting in Korea. (Cleveland Plain Dealer)**

**More than 23,600 U.S. service members had died during the fighting. Between 300,000 and 900,000 communist troops were killed, along with an estimated 2.5 million Korean civilians. South Korea's defense ministry estimates more than 137,000 South Korean troops died in the war. Relatively little territory changed hands, given the volume of the destruction the war caused.**

**Today, historians and even veterans of the conflict may call the war in Korea "The Forgotten War," but tucked on the National Mall, across from the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, is a ghostly memorial designed to ensure that the conflict, those who served in it and the almost 25,000 American troops who died as a result are remembered. The memorial was dedicated in 1995 by then-President Bill Clinton and South Korea's then-President Kim Young Sam.**



Major General Blackshear M. Bryan, U.S. Army (2nd from left), Senior Member of the Military Armistice Commission, United Nations' Command, exchanges credentials with Major General Lee Sang Cho, North Korean Army (3rd from right), Senior Communist delegate, at the Conference Building at Panmunjom, Korea, 28 July 1953. This was the day after the Korean War Armistice went into effect.



**The Korean War Veterans Memorial was confirmed on April 20, 1986. On Flag Day in 1992, then-President George H.W. Bush presided over the groundbreaking on the National Mall, where the memorial now stands.**

**What is Korean War Veterans Armistice Day? Three years after the memorial was finished, U.S. Code Title 36 was amended to recognize Korean War Veterans Armistice Day in the United States every July 27. While not a federal holiday, the law asks Americans to recognize the day with appropriate activities and ceremonies.**

**It also orders all U.S. government agencies and installations to fly the flag at half staff to honor those who died to keep South Korea free from communism. American officials visit Arlington National Cemetery, and speeches are made to commemorate the day.**

**The Korean War Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C. (Korean War Veterans Memorial Foundation) - Every year, the president issues a proclamation to remember Korean War Veterans Armistice Day. In 2020, President Donald Trump issued his proclamation: "Sometimes called 'The Forgotten War,' we will always remember the immeasurable cost incurred by those who fought on the Korean Peninsula. The bravery, tenacity, and selflessness of our veterans liberated the oppressed, brought peace and prosperity to a freedom-loving people, and helped forge our unshakable bonds with the Republic of Korea."**

**Why a COLA Spike Could Put Retirees' Pay Adjustment at Risk**  
(MOAA Newsletter 1 July, by Kevin Lowey)

**Visitors to [MOAA's COLA Watch](#), one of the most-viewed pages at MOAA.org, have seen a skyrocketing graph the last few months. It points to the potential for a large cost-of-living adjustment in future retiree pay, but it also presents an unwelcome opportunity for the erosion of your earned benefits.**

**First, the graph: The May monthly figure for the Consumer Price Index for Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers (CPI-W), released in June, was 4% above the FY 2021 baseline. That's the largest increase above the baseline since MOAA began its current method of tracking the index in 2016 – we even had to change the graph's axis to accommodate the size of the spike.**

**If that number continues its upward climb to the end of the fiscal year, it could join 2008 (5.8%) and easily surpass 2005 (4.1%) as the largest increases since 1990. And it would mean a significant boost to retiree pay and other benefits indexed to the CPI-W (Social Security, most notably) – but there's a catch.**

**MOAA has fought an ongoing battle to prevent Congress from altering this equation by either de-linking the retired-pay increase from CPI-W entirely or using some other calculation, such as “[Chained CPI](#).” A significant increase like the one projected would provide a tempting target.**

**[[RELATED: Here’s Why COLA Is a Battlefield for Your Earned Benefits](#)]**

**Why? Any changes this year could be masked by the increase itself. If the CPI-W dictates a 5% increase, for example, Congress could cut that to 3% and proclaim, accurately, that it had provided the largest retiree pay bump since 2011. That may seem significant to those outside the uniformed services community, but retirees would see immediate erosion in their earned benefit – their retired pay would not keep pace with rising prices, and their quality of life could suffer.**

**MOAA’s Response - It falls to MOAA and other veterans advocacy groups to remind Congress of the impact these decisions make immediately on individuals ... and the even more pronounced impact they have when compounded over time. While shaving 2 percentage points may not seem significant, especially as lawmakers deal with other budget issues and a rising debt, it could mean hundreds or thousands of dollars per year less than a military family had budgeted – and had earned through service.**

**MOAA continues its work on the Hill to drive this point home with lawmakers and their staffs. In addition to monthly updates at [MOAA.org/colawatch](#), visit MOAA’s [Advocacy News](#) page for any news on this and other issues critical to your benefits.**

### **MOAA Tackles TRICARE Pharmacy Tier 4 Coverage, Out-of-Stock Concerns**

**(MOAA July 15 Newsletter – by Karen Ruedisueli)**

**Note: Ruedisueli is MOAA’s Director of Government Relations for Health Affairs and also serves as co-chair of The Military Coalition’s (TMC) Health Care Committee. She spent six years with the National Military Family Association, advocating for families of the uniformed services with a focus on health care and military caregivers.**

**MOAA recognizes one of the most valuable aspects of your military health care benefit is the TRICARE pharmacy program, so protecting the pharmacy benefit is a top priority. Our recent advocacy efforts on Capitol Hill and with the Defense Health Agency (DHA) have focused on [securing an appeals process](#) for TRICARE Tier 4 or non-covered drugs.**

**MOAA also works regularly with [Express Scripts](#), the pharmacy benefits manager for TRICARE, to address beneficiary issues and seek program improvements. One**

issue we have been busy working is TRICARE Pharmacy Home Delivery out-of-stocks: Mail order program out-of-stocks mean higher copays and a hassle for beneficiaries who are forced to transfer their out-of-stock prescriptions to a retail pharmacy, at least temporarily, to get their medications filled.

Why are some medications out-of-stock for mail order yet still available at retail outlets? Military treatment facility (MTF) pharmacies and the TRICARE home delivery program obtain medications via a contract administered by the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA). These medications must meet sourcing requirements outlined in federal law. The DLA contract also provides DoD with prescription drugs at favorable pricing, but it sometimes encounters supply problems that retail pharmacies don't experience. You can learn more about the procurement process for MTF pharmacies/the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy program [at this link](#).

[RELATED: [MOAA's 2020-21 TRICARE Guide](#)]

Based on feedback from MOAA members and other TRICARE beneficiaries frustrated with mail order program out-of-stocks, Express Scripts, DHA, and DLA have worked together to improve out-of-stock rates. Since MOAA began working with Express Scripts on this issue, the TRICARE mail order prescription out-of-stock rate has been reduced by two-thirds. This has been reflected in far fewer calls to MOAA's [Member Service Center](#) about prescription out-of-stocks.

MOAA has also taken this issue to the Hill – it would require legislation to reduce TRICARE retail pharmacy copays for mail order prescriptions that are out-of-stock, and we are pursuing this fix.

MOAA is interested in hearing your perspectives on the TRICARE pharmacy program. Please share your feedback at [legis@moaa.org](mailto:legis@moaa.org).



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### **Wandering Mind of An Old Retired Guy**

The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly contest (2020), in which readers are asked to supply alternative meanings for common words:



1. Coffee (N.), the person upon whom one coughs.
2. Flabbergasted (adj.), appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. Abdicate (V.), to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. Esplanade (V.), to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. Willy-nilly (Adj.), impotent.
6. Negligent (Adj.), describes a condition in which you absentmindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. Lymph (V.), to walk with a lisp.
8. Gargoye (N.), olive-flavored mouthwash.

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**RSVP: Lt Col Ron & Lidiya Glinka - Tel: 402-672-2020 - [heartlandmoaa@hotmail.com](mailto:heartlandmoaa@hotmail.com)**

**Please specify names of attendees, meal choices and  
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