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### CHAPTERS

#### The Affiliate

February's edition of The Affiliate is now available. Find helpful information for chapter leaders, details on the 2017 Chapter Recruiting Program, enter the Communications Award Contest, and more!

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### ADVOCACY

#### Push For Full Concurrent Receipt Is Renewed In The 115th Congress

Veterans groups cheered this week as legislators introduced new bills to allow full concurrent receipt.

#### Projecting Your COLA

The last three years of monthly inflation numbers may be a barometer. What do they imply for this year?

#### Loophole Leaves Reservists Without Education Benefits

Special orders aren't always special. Some Guard and Reserve members were called up on orders that did not count towards benefits they expected to receive in return for their service.

### TRANSITION & CAREER

#### MOAA's Military Executive Transition Program

On Feb. 9, attend an exclusive one-day workshop focusing on the key aspects of a successful military-to-civilian career transition. This workshop, designed for senior military leaders, is for anyone beginning the career transition process, or anyone who would like a refresher on networking and negotiation strategies, identifying mentors, strategies for using recruiters, and more. Register Today!

#### Marketing Yourself for a Second Career

There are many challenges, rewards, and even stresses when it comes to transitioning from a military career to a civilian career. This guide contains comprehensive advice on planning and conducting an effective job-hunting campaign. Learn what you can do to prepare yourself for a successful transition.

### FINANCE

#### Possible Tax Refund Available to Combat Veterans

If you served in the military at any time since 1991, you might get a notice referring to a possible refund. In order to get the refund, you will need to file an amended return to recover the refunded amount.

#### Survivor Benefit Program Alternatives for Those Who Did Not Enroll in SBP

Enrollment in the Survivor Benefit Program (SBP) is the only plan for continuing an income based on Service retired pay to a survivor upon a retiree's death. Without SBP, there is no survivor income based on Service retired pay. Participation in SBP requires enrollment at the time of retirement. After you retire, if you change your mind and wish to enroll, you can't.

### HEALTH CARE & EARNED BENEFITS

#### MOAA Wants Your Pharmacy Feedback

Are you happy with your prescriptions? Let us know.

#### Reduce your DOD HealthCare Costs

From our in-house expert, here's our top 16 ways to reduce your health care costs with the DoD. Comment on the post with other ways you've saved.

### SPOUSE & FAMILY

#### Help Your MilKid Rock the College Application Essay

Get ahead of the game with these tested tips from Tom Wahl that you can share with your MilKid!

#### Why We Need More STEM Professionals Within the Military Spouse Community

Outside of the military community, science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) is getting a lot of buzz lately. In fact, STEM is a major part of the current federal education plan because investing in exposing and educating our youth is critical to developing the workforce needed to fulfill the future demands of our fast-paced world. STEM professionals are vital to protecting our environment, improving our way of life, safeguarding us from harm, and developing innovative solutions to the most complex problems.

### RECOMMENDED READS

#### Tech Tactics – Top Tech Trends

Market share continues to evolve and change with personal computers (PCs), smartphones, and software. One good way to gauge who is using what is how users connect to websites. We think of PCs as giving way to smartphones, but the most popular way people connect to the web is through PCs, according to the Digital Analytics Program (DAP), whose figures are based on the past three months of visits to government websites.

#### Think Tank Nation - Are Today's Veterans Less Public-Service Minded?

American voters are comfortable electing public officials with military service on their résumés, yet the number of lawmakers in Congress with military experience continues to decline. An American Enterprise Institute (AEI) essay titled Second Service: Military Veterans and Public Office looks at this trend.

### FROM THE HEADQUARTERS

#### Win A Cruise from MOAA's New Travel Partner

MOAA Vacations is our new trademark for MOAA travel services and replaces our former trademark, MOAA Travel. As of Jan. 1, Brenco Travel Services Inc., or Brenco, is MOAA's new travel partner. Brenco desires to provide best-in-class concierge, tailored vacations, and superb customer service as MOAA's designated travel provider. Visit the MOAA Vacations website and enter to win a "GRAND PRIZE" eight-night European River Cruise for two people on Viking River Cruises. The drawing will be held Feb. 15.

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