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CHAPTER PRIORITIES

MOAAJAVC Leadership Elections: Vote now until 30 November!

By MOAAJAVC

Our nominations are in and the ballot is ready. The nominations for each of our leadership roles for the 2026-2028 term include:

President: Col Dan Rogers

Vice-President: Maj Darius Izad

Secretary: CAPT Chris Mora

Treasurer: Col Frank Yoon

Legislative Liaison: CAPT Ted Fowles

Surviving Spouse Liaison: Amber Sax

Bylaws Chairperson: Col Carol Hattrup

Chapter Relations Chairperson: Col Scott Hodges

Membership Chairperson: Lt Col Brooks Rose

Once elections are complete, each successful nominee serves a two year term from 31 December 2026 to 31 December 2028. MOAAJAVC will continue to focus on advocating for military members, veterans, families, and survivors on Capitol Hill and in the statehouse. We will also continue to focus on serving the military and legal community with our community service work.. We look forward to the a great leadership team taking MOAAJAVC into the next couple of years!

Vote now until midnight on 30 November at:

2026 - 2028 Election Ballot

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Recent Chapter News & Events





Our Chapter President and former Surviving Spouse Liaison participated in the 2026 National Veterans Day Commemoration at Arlington National Cemetery. Along with over 50 different Military, Veterans, Families, and Survivors organizations, MOAAJAVC laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier on behalf of National MOAA in commemoration and appreciation of veterans across the nation.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 17 November at 8pm Eastern/ 7pm Central

Please join us on Tuesday, 17 November at 8pm Eastern/ 7pm Central/ 6pm Mountain/ 5pm Pacific as we welcome Rob Evans, developer of the Hots & Cots App.

Mr. Evans spent 12 years in the U.S. Army split between the 3220th Garrison Support unit and six in the North Carolina National Guard. He deployed to Kuwait and Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

In 2023, he launched Hots & Cots, an online app allowing military members a safe and anonymous way to report unsafe conditions in barracks and dining facilities and recieve assistance. We invite you to check out Hots & Cots at:

Hots & Cots App

Please join us on Zoom at:

Zoom Meeting Link 17 November 2026

Meeting ID: 837 6487 3651
Passcode: 736048



Around the Field: JAGC/MOAA/Legal Community

TotalForce+ 1-3 February 2027, Gaylord National Washington D.C.

MOAA, the largest and most trusted military officers' association in the nation, is dedicated to turning words into action with the launch of TotalForce+. Bringing together more than 4,000 participants — active duty personnel, Guard and Reserve members, veterans, caregivers, DoW and VA leaders, and industry professionals — this conference addresses critical issues such as benefits, health care, military recruiting, and pay.

Together, we'll explore new solutions to:

Modernize Talent Management & Innovation

Optimize Leadership Development & Performance

Advance Quality of Life

Amplify the Veteran & Retiree Experience

Register: totalforceplus.moaa.org/

Marketing Yourself in the New Year, 6 January 2027 2-3pm Eastern, Online

Join Capt. Pat Williams, USN (Ret), MOAA's program director for Engagement and Transition Services, for a discussion that will help you make your next career move.

Key topics include:

- Your Personal Assessment: How to start finding the answer to "What it is you want to do?"
- You Marketing You: Selling yourself and finding your dream job.
- Networking 101: Why networking is important, and how to make the most of your contacts.
- Your Transition Toolkit: Covering essentials such as your résumé, LinkedIn profile, 30-second commercial, and other must-haves.

Whether you are transitioning from uniformed service, considering a career change, or simply wondering if the new year is a good time for a new job, this career webinar is for you. Register at:

Marketing Yourself in the New Year

Upcoming Podcasts

After The JAG Corps: Navigating Your Career Progression, is a podcast for separating and retiring Judge Advocates. CAPT Tom Welsh talks to former Judge Advocates and others to learn about their respective career journeys after military service and gain insights into marketing the skills developed while in uniform. The Podcast is available on Apple, Google, and Spotify and is published each Saturday morning. In this episode, recently retired Air Force Colonel Dustin Lane shares his career progression after more than two decades in uniform to now working as a civilian counsel with Berry Law.
After The JAG Corps: Navigating Your Career Progression can be found at Apple and Spotify



Who is MOAA and why should you join us?

The Military Officers Association of America (MOAA) is the country's leading nonpartisan organization protecting the rights of military servicemembers and their families.

To them, we have made the same promise that they have made to their country:

Never Stop Serving.

Join MOAA at:

https://www.moaa.org

Want to take action? Do it with a mouse click at:

www.moaa.org/takeaction

MOAAJAVC 2024-2026 Board of Directors

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Check out our Chapter Website at https://moaajavc.org

Who We Are

We provide opportunities for career networking, professional education, and advocacy. Our organization is non-geographic and can go with you worldwide anywhere you are stationed.

The Military Officers Association of America Judge Advocate Virtual Chapter is here for you. Membership is free and is open to current and former judge advocates on Active Duty, Reserve, Guard, Retired, or Honorably Separated.

As an affiliate of the nationwide MOAA organization, we actively participate in non-partisan advocacy on issues of key importance to military members, veterans, and their families.

Join us at:

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