

Military Associations

Military associations represent the interests of active, reserve, veteran and retired military members, and their families. The associations perform many different functions. They lobby Congress and the White House on important military-related legislation, provide services to their members, inform their members and the general public about issues of concern, and help bring together military communities with similar interests or backgrounds. Here are some of the best-known associations, what they do, and how to get in touch with them

Army Aviation Association of America (AAAA)

Formed in 1957, AAAA represents membership interests to the Army and Congress, creates a forum for aviators in the diverse branches to exchange ideas and share experiences and fosters professional development through programs at both the chapter and national level.

49 Richmondville Ave.

Westport, CT 06880

Phone (203) 226-8184

Fax (203) 222-9863

E-mail aaaa@quad-a.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.quad-a.org>

Air Force Association (AFA)

Incorporated in 1946, AFA is concerned with public understanding of the pivotal role a well-manned, well-equipped and well-trained Air Force plays in the security of the nation and its allies and the relevance of overall American military strength to global peace. Conducts programs at the national, state and local levels to increase public understanding of key national security issues.

1501 Lee Highway

Arlington, VA 22209

Phone (800) 727-3337 or (703) 247-5800

E-mail service@afa.org (for member services)

Membership application available online at <http://www.afa.org>

Air Force Sergeants Association (AFSA)

Founded in 1961, the AFSA represents the professional and personal interests of active-duty and retired enlisted members of the Air Force, Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve to Congress and the Defense Department. Advocates improved quality-of-life and economic fairness to support the well-being of Air Force enlisted personnel and their families.

P.O. Box 50

Temple Hills, MD 20757-005

Phone (800) 638-0594

E-mail Staff@afsahq.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.afsahq.org>

Association of Military Surgeons of the United States (AMSUS)

Organized in 1891 and chartered in 1903, AMSUS advances the knowledge of health care within federal agencies and works to increase the effectiveness of its members. Members represent all health care disciplines and serve in the active and reserve components of all of the uniformed services, as well as the Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

9320 Old Georgetown Road

Bethesda, MD 20814-1653

Phone (800) 761-9320

Fax (301) 530-5446

E-mail amsus@amsus.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.amsus.org>

Association of the United States Army (AUSA)

Started in 1950, AUSA is the only organization representing all ranks and components of the Army, including active, Guard, Reserve, civilians, retirees and family members. Works with Congress, the Defense Department and the Army to carry out the aims of the Bill Of Rights for Those Who Serve.

2425 Wilson Blvd.

Arlington, VA 22201

Phone (800) 336-4570 or (703) 841-4300

Fax 703 525-9039

E-mail ausa-info@ausa.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.ausa.org>

Chief Warrant Officer and Warrant Officer Association (CWO&WOA), United States Coast Guard

Established in 1929, the CWO&WOA represents Coast Guard warrant and chief warrant officers to Congress, the White House and the Defense and Transportation departments and the Coast Guard.

c/o James Creek Marina

200 V St. SW

Washington, DC 20024-3321

Phone (202) 554-7753

Fax (202) 484-0641

E-mail cwoauscg@aol.com

Membership information available online at <http://cwoauscg.org>

Commissioned Officers Association of the United States Public Health Service, Inc.

COA is the only organization working exclusively on behalf of Public Health Service commissioned corps officers. Tackles legislative and policy issues on behalf of its members, and raises consciousness regarding public health issues and the PHS commissioned corps in the media.

8201 Corporate Drive, Suite 560

Landover, MD 20785

Phone (301) 731-9080

Fax (301) 731-9084

E-mail mike@coausphs.org (for executive director)

Membership application available online at <http://www.coausphs.org>

Enlisted Association of the National Guard of the United States

Promotes the status, welfare and professionalism of the enlisted members of the National Guard and promotes adequate national security.

3133 Mt. Vernon Ave

Alexandria, VA 22305

Phone (800) 234-EANG or (703) 519-3846

Fax (703) 519-3849

E-mail eangus@eangus.org.

Membership information available online at <http://www.eangus.org>.

Fleet Reserve Association (FRA)

Formed in 1924, FRA represents the interests of the enlisted members of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. Serves as an advocate on Capitol Hill to preserve and enhance pay, benefits and quality-of-life programs for members of the sea services.

125 N. West St.

Alexandria, VA 22314-2754

Phone (703) 683-1400

E-mail news-fra@fra.org

Membership information available online at <http://www.fra.org>

Gold Star Wives of America (GSW)

Chartered by Congress in 1980, GSW provides members with information on benefits/programs for which they might be entitled. Works on Capitol Hill on behalf of members to gain improved benefits for all service widows and their children.

5510 Columbia Pike, Suite 205

Arlington, VA 22204

Phone (888) 479-9788

E-mail gswives2@aol.com

Membership application available online at <http://www.goldstarwives.org>

Jewish War Veterans of the United States of America (JWV)

Organized in 1896, JWV promotes legislation assisting veterans, sponsors projects on Jewish communal concerns and combats anti-Semitism, in addition to promoting the support of Israel and advocacy for Soviet Jewry.

Phone (202) 265-6280

E-mail info@jwv.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.jwv.org>

Marine Corps League (MCL)

Chartered by Congress in 1937, MCL exists for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the U.S. Marine Corps. Provides representation to Congress in legislative matters affecting the Marine Corps, national security and veterans' benefits.

P.O. Box 3070
Merrifield, VA 22116
Phone (800) 625-1775 or (703) 207-9588
Fax (703) 207-0047
E-mail mcl@mcleague.org
Membership application available online at <http://www.mcleague.org>

Marine Corps Reserve Officers Association (MCROA)

201 N. Washington St., Suite 206
Alexandria, VA 22314-2529
Phone (703) 548-7607
E-mail gygreen@aol.com
Membership application available online at <http://www.mcroa.com>

Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America (MCA)

Chartered by Congress, MCA is the professional organization for chaplains of the uniformed services, Department of Veterans Affairs and the Civil Air Patrol. Serves as an advocacy group for the chaplaincy and provides training opportunities for chaplains.

P.O. Box 42660
Washington, DC 20015-0660
Phone/Fax (202) 574-2423
E-mail chaplains@erols.com
Membership information available online at <http://www.wrldnet.net/~mca/index.htm>

Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH)

MOPH is the only congressionally chartered veterans organization exclusively for combat-wounded veterans. Serves as the voice of combat-wounded veterans to Congress and at the Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

5413-B Backlick Road
Springfield, VA 22151-3960
Phone (703) 642-5360
Fax (703) 642-2054
E-mail info@purpleheart.org
Membership information available online at <http://www.purpleheart.org>

Military Officers Association of America (MOAA)

Aims to benefit members of the uniformed services (active duty, former and retired, National Guard and Reserve) and their families and survivors through efforts to preserve earned entitlements and to maintain a strong national defense. Membership is open to active duty, retired, National Guard, reserve, former commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Public Health Service and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Auxiliary memberships also are available for surviving spouses of deceased officers.

201 N. Washington St.
Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone (800) 234-6622 or (703) 549-2311

E-mail msc@moaa.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.moaa.org>

National Guard Association of the United States (NGAUS)

Created in 1878, NGAUS provides united National Guard representation before Congress on issues such as pay, benefits, force structure, training, equipment modernization and missioning of units.

Commissioned officers and warrant officers of the Army and Air National Guard are eligible for NGAUS membership.

One Massachusetts Ave. NW

Washington, DC 20001

Phone (202) 789-0031

Fax (202) 682-9358

E-mail ngaus@ngaus.org

Membership information available online at <http://www.ngaus.org>

National Military Family Association (NMFA)

Organized in 1969, NMFA serves the families of the seven uniformed services through education, information and advocacy and is dedicated to identifying and resolving issues affecting families of the uniformed services through research, education, legislation and public information.

6000 Stevenson Ave., Suite 304

Alexandria, VA 22304-3526

Phone (703) 823-NMFA

Fax (703) 751-4857

E-mail families@nmfa.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.nmfa.org>

National Order of Battlefield Commissions (NOBC)

Founded in 1982, NOBC is an advocate for the protection of American ideals and the American way of life. Membership is open to any member of the armed forces who, in actual combat, demonstrated exceptional qualities of leadership and who, as a result, was appointed from enlisted or warrant officer status to that of commissioned officer as a 2nd lieutenant by competent authority.

Donald Van Roosen, past national commander

4 Meadowlark Lane

Pinehurst, NC 28370

Phone (910) 235-0007

Fax (910) 235-0579

E-Mail donvr@pinehurst.net

Or

Stanley Schmucker, administrative and financial officer

1490 Independence Ave.

Melbourne, Fla. 32940-6808

Phone (321) 255-5919

Membership application available online at <http://www.battlefieldcommissions.org>

Naval Enlisted Reserve Association (NERA)

Established in 1957, NERA is the only association that exclusively represents enlisted reservists in the Coast Guard, Marine Corps and Navy. It represents these reservists to Congress, the White House and the Departments of Defense and Transportation.

6703 Farragut Ave.

Falls Church, VA 22042-2189

Phone (800) 776-9020

Fax (703) 534-3617

E-mail NERAEXEC@aol.com (executive director)

Membership application available online at <http://www.nera.org>

Naval Reserve Association (NRA)

Established in 1954, NRA is the only professional organization devoted exclusively to representing the interests of Naval Reserve officers. NRA represents its reservists to Congress and provides members with answers to questions concerning career and professional matters.

1619 King St.

Alexandria, VA 22314

Phone (703) 548-5800

Fax (703) 683-3647.

E-mail admin@navy-reserve.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.navy-reserve.org>

Navy League of the United States (NLUS)

Founded in 1902, NLUS is a civilian organization dedicated to the education of U.S. citizens, including elected officials, and the support of the men and women of the sea services and their families. NLUS works closely with the Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard and U.S.-flag Merchant Marine to stimulate interest and support for the sea services.

2300 Wilson Blvd.

Arlington, VA 22201-3308

Phone (800) 356-5760 or (703) 528-1775

Fax (703) 528-2333

E-mail execdirector@navyleague.org (for executive director)

Membership application available online at <http://www.navyleague.org>

Non Commissioned Officers Association (NCOA)

Works for the benefit of noncommissioned and petty officers and their families. Membership includes enlisted service members - active duty, veterans and retirees - from all five service branches, including the National Guard and Reserve. It was founded in 1960.

NCOA Membership Processing

P.O. Box 33790

San Antonio, TX 78265-3790

E-mail membsvc@ncoausa.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.ncoausa.org>

Reserve Officers Association (ROA)

Represents the officers of the seven U.S. uniformed services. Chartered by Congress, ROA's purpose is to support and promote the development and execution of a military policy for the United States that will provide adequate national security. Membership is open to active, reserve and former federally commissioned officers and warrant officers of the uniformed services.

One Constitution Ave., NW

Washington, DC 20002-5655

Phone (800) 809-9448

E-mail info@roa.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.roa.org>

The Retired Enlisted Association (TREA)

Aims to enhance the quality of life for uniformed services enlisted personnel, their families and survivors (including active components and all retirees) by pursuing legislation to stop the erosion of earned benefits.

1111 S Abilene Court

Aurora, CO 80015

Phone (800) 338-9337 or (303) 752-0660

Fax (888) 882-0835 or (303) 752-0835

Membership application available online at <http://www.trea.org>

Society of Medical Consultants to the Armed Forces (SMCAF)

Works for the development and maintenance of the highest standards of medical practice in the U.S. military. The society consists of more than 1,000 physicians representing every medical specialty and most of the nation's medical institutions. Active membership is limited to those who have served on active duty or in the medical reserve forces in a consultant capacity. However, the society also offers associate, emeritus and honorary memberships.

5 Southern Way

Fredericksburg, VA 22406

Membership application available online at <http://www.smcaf.org>

United Armed Forces Association (UAFSA)

Promotes the social, political and economic welfare of its members and the military community by providing benefits, discounts, information and help. Serves all ranks and branches of the armed forces - active duty, reserve, veterans, retired military and their dependents and civil service employees. Works to stop the erosion of military benefits and to gain more equitable laws.

P.O. Box 20672

Waco, TX 76702

Phone (888) 457-7667

E-mail info@uafa.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.uafa.org>

United States Army Warrant Officers Association (USAWOA)

Recommends programs for the improvement of the Army, disseminates professional information among warrant officers and promotes the technical and social welfare of its members.

462 Herndon Parkway, Suite 207

Herndon, VA 20170-5235

Phone (800) 5-USAWOA or (703)742-7727

Fax (703) 742-7728

E-mail usawoa@erols.com

Membership application available online at <http://www.penfed.org/usawoa>

USCG Chief Petty Officers Association (CPOA)

Takes care of members and their dependents who may be in urgent need of assistance, financial or otherwise; assists in recruiting; and supports the aim and goals of the Chief Petty Officer's Academy.

5520-G Hempstead Way

Springfield, VA 22151-4009

Phone (703) 941-0395

Fax (703) 941-0397

E-mail cgcpoa@aol.com

Membership application available online at <http://www.uscgcpoa.org>

Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW)

Provides programs and services that strengthen comradeship among members, perpetuate the memory and history of fallen soldiers, foster patriotism, defend the Constitution and promote service to our communities and our country.

406 West 34th St.

Kansas City, MO 64111.

Phone (816) 756-3390

E-mail info@vfw.org

Membership application available online at <http://www.vfw.org>

Veteran Widows International Network (VWIN)

Informs veterans' widows of benefits/privileges for which they might qualify, helps widows collect these benefits/privileges and promotes network's goals to government officials.

Phone (303) 693-4745 or (303) 364-4689

E-mail ywin95@aol.com

Membership information available online at <http://members.aol.com/vwin95/vwin95.html>