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February Program

Our February dinner speaker is SFC Andrew Jay. SFC Jay currently serves as a member of the support cadre with the MSU Army ROTC. A distinguished former 41st Sergeant of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Arlington, he brings a unique perspective on the history and traditions of this sacred memorial. He will offer insights into the history of this revered national memorial, the duties of the elite Soldiers who stand watch day and night, and the symbolic significance behind their ceremonial actions.

February 2026 CAC MOAA Dinner Meeting (\$32)

When: Thursday, 12 February 2026

Our dinner meeting will take place at Coral Gables, located at 2838 East Grand River Avenue, East Lansing MI, Thursday, 12 February. Social hour begins at **5:00** and dinner begins at **6:00**. The meal is buffet style which includes: Grilled Chicken Teriyaki, Roast Loin of Pork with Gravy, Whipped Potatoes and Corn, with a Tossed Salad and Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce. **Cost is \$32 dollars**. Please RSVP by Monday, 9 February to www.cacmoaa.com or contact Jim Sigmon at (517) 582-0962, or email at FASigjrs@aol.com



Chapter President Bruce Bahr presents the CAC MOAA Certificate of Appreciation and chapter coin to guest speaker Colonel (Ret) Jim Allen for his compelling presentation on the process of refugee resettlement following the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan. His heroic efforts and help from the team he put together saved the lives of men and women that gave assistance to U.S. forces in Afghanistan during the war.
(pictured from left to right: Colonel (Ret) Jim Allen, Jawid, Parwen, and Ali)

******* Chapter Scholarships *******

Scholarship Applications are due 15 March. The size of our Scholarship fund will determine how many scholarships we can grant. We had over \$11,100 available to award in each of the last two years thanks to your generosity.

Now is the time to make a donation and help us reach a goal of providing a scholarship or book award to all eligible applicants. Make checks payable to Capitol Area Chapter MOAA and bring to the next Chapter Meeting or mail to: Maj DeLee Dankenbring, 4775 Village Dr Apt 133, Grand Ledge, MI 48837

MOAA Leaders Meet With Military Health Officials to Discuss GLP-1 Coverage Change

MOAA President and CEO Lt. Gen. Brian T. Kelly, USAF (Ret), and members of MOAA's Government Relations team met with senior military health system (MHS) leaders last month and urged them to reconsider the [decision to revoke TRICARE For Life \(TFL\) coverage](#) of some GLP-1 drugs.

MOAA requested the meeting after the White House [announced agreements](#) with pharmaceutical manufacturers Eli Lilly and Co. and Novo Nordisk to dramatically reduce the prices of GLP-1 drugs that help adults struggling with diabetes, heart disease, obesity, and other medical conditions. TRICARE will benefit from the administration's newly negotiated lower prices for GLP-1 medications, Pentagon officials said. They indicated analyses are underway to determine how these reduced prices may affect the Defense Health Program budget and TFL coverage policy moving forward.

Kelly emphasized the extraordinary levels of engagement and outreach from both impacted patients who have lost GLP-1 coverage and other beneficiaries who fear future cuts to the retiree health care benefit. More than 600 TRICARE beneficiaries have contacted MOAA to share their feedback on the MHS decision to revoke coverage of certain GLP-1 drugs from TFL beneficiaries.

Under the administration's new pricing framework, Medicare costs for Ozempic, Wegovy, Mounjaro, and Zepbound will be \$245, less than half the previous cost. State Medicaid programs also will have access to these medications at these prices. Lower negotiated prices for Medicare and Medicaid patients may prompt expanded access through pilot programs as early as this spring. For Medicare patients, pilot program coverage of GLP-1 medications will be under Medicare Part D prescription drug plans.

Before the Aug. 31, 2025, policy change that revoked GLP-1 coverage for TFL, beneficiaries who met stringent prior-authorization criteria — including documented comorbid conditions such as hypertension, sleep apnea, or metabolic dysfunction — could be approved for GLP-1 medications. TRICARE Prime and Select users retain this coverage with prior authorization, and all beneficiaries still receive GLP-1 coverage when the drug is prescribed for Type 2 diabetes. MOAA continues to be a steadfast advocate for restoring GLP-1 coverage under TFL. Creating separate pharmacy tiers for TRICARE and TFL beneficiaries sets a troubling precedent that could weaken the promise of lifelong earned benefits and is inconsistent with congressional intent for TFL and the TRICARE pharmacy program.

As MOAA continues its advocacy, we encourage affected beneficiaries and their families to [share their stories](#) and engage through MOAA's Legislative Action Center to support efforts to restore full GLP-1 coverage for TFL beneficiaries.



Starting classes at the University of Michigan has been an exciting experience! I've also been getting into the full college experience, cheering at football games and immersing myself in campus life. The MOAA scholarship has made this transition so much easier, and I'm really grateful for your support. - Lydia Wilkinson

GO BLUE!

A heart felt thank you from CAC
MOAA Scholarship recipient
Lydia Wilkinson

Chapter Members,

Last year, the number of applications for our Chapter Scholarships declined significantly. Thanks to the continued generosity of our members and friends, scholarship funds are available again this year — and we would love to see them awarded.

Scholarship Application Deadline: March 15, 2026

Please consider encouraging your children, stepchildren, grandchildren, or step-grandchildren to apply.

Scholarship details:

- Typical awards range from **\$1,000–\$1,500**
- Available for **college or university study, graduate programs, or job training**
- Students may also apply annually (except during scholarship years) for a **book allowance of approximately \$250–\$350**
- Eligible applicants include:
 - Children/stepchildren and grandchildren/step-grandchildren of Chapter Members
 - Disabled Michigan veterans and their children
- Applicants must be **full-time students** with a **minimum 2.0 GPA**

Applications **must be received by March 15, 2026**.

For eligibility details and application forms, please visit our chapter website:
www.cacmoaa.org

Please don't let a deserving student miss this opportunity.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at **dherring1970@gmail.com**.

Thank you for helping spread the word and for supporting our Chapter's scholarship program.

Warm regards,

David Herring
Scholarship Committee Representative

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Thursday, 5 February 2026 @ 11:30 am @ Piazzano's, 1825 N
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The Michigan Commanders Group is the coalition of Michigan's congressionally chartered Veterans Service Organizations. Collectively, these organizations represent Michigan's 550,000+ veterans and their families, and have been the state's leaders in successfully advocacy for this population for nearly 100 years. The following link takes you to state and federal legislative priorities as well as the ability for you to contact your State and Federal legislatures: <https://michigancommandersgroup.org/Contact.php>



Membership

For membership inquiries please use this link: www.cacmoaa.com For eligibility or other questions regarding membership please contact Bruce Bahr at (517) 526-2406. **Why join?** <https://youtu.be/42YD9d8WI5Q>

CAC Mission Statement

Our mission is to support legislative and charitable initiatives at the local, state, and national levels to enhance our families, communities and country.

Support our Scholarship Program with a Kroger Card!!

We continue to increase our enrollment in the Kroger Community Rewards Program! Thank you for all of your support in signing up and shopping with Kroger. For those interested in beginning the program, our chapter non-profit organization number is: JR311, use this number when contacting Kroger for admission to the program and Kroger will donate a portion of your purchase to the CAC MOAA chapter scholarship fund.

Veterans Crisis Line

The Veterans Crisis Line connects veterans in crisis and their families and friends with qualified, caring Department of Veterans Affairs responders through a confidential toll-free hotline, online chat, or text. Veterans and their loved ones can call (800) 273-8255 and press 1, chat online, or send a text message to 838255 to receive confidential support 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Support for deaf and hard of hearing individuals is available.

Your local Capitol Area Chapter and National MOAA are nonpartisan groups representing all members regarding legislative issues and current events affecting you and your community! For more information regarding issues that affect you and your family members please use this link: <http://takeaction.moaa.org> or call (800) 234-6622/(703) 549-2311

REMINDER

Bring your cleaned and bagged bottles and cans to our next meeting to support chapter initiatives!