



**POLICIES AND PROCEDURES  
OF  
THE PORTLAND CHAPTER,  
MILITARY OFFICERS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA  
(MOAA)**

**1. POLICY ON CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP**

**Article IV** of the **MOAA Portland Chapter Bylaws** defines the three classes of membership in the Chapter, and this policy expands on that article:

- **Regular Members:** Men and women who are or have been federally-commissioned in one of the seven U.S. uniformed services (Army, Navy, Air Force, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, and Public Health Services) or the National Guard or other Reserve Components of those services. These include:
  - Officers (whether drawing retired pay or not) who are on the retired lists
  - Active Duty Officers
  - Warrant Officers
  - Officers serving in one of the National Guard or Reserve Components
  - Former officers who were separated under conditions acceptable to the Board of Directors
- **Auxiliary Members:** Widows and widowers of former MOAA members who are deceased; or widows and widowers of a deceased individual who would, if living, be eligible for membership.
- **Honorary Members:** Individuals not otherwise eligible may be granted honorary membership by the Board of Directors in recognition of their services to the nation, the retired officer community, or the Chapter.

Regular members are required to hold and maintain membership in the Military Officers Association of America (MOAA). Auxiliary members holding Chapter offices are required to hold and maintain membership in the MOAA. All auxiliary members are also encouraged to acquire and maintain such membership. Applications for Chapter membership must be in writing, using the appropriate application form, which should be sent to the following:

Portland Chapter  
Military Officers Association of America  
P.O. Box 68959  
Portland, OR 97268

The Chapter membership application form is found on the chapter website:

*[www.MOAAPortland.org](http://www.MOAAPortland.org)*

**2. POLICY FOR COMPOSITION OF CHAPTER BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

**Article VIII, Section 1** of the **MOAA Portland Chapter Bylaws** specifies that there shall be 12 directors on the Chapter Board of Directors, but there is no description of the composition of these 12. According to the founding members of the Chapter, the the composition of these directors was intended to be the following:

- 2 representatives each from the Army, Navy, and Air Force;
- 1 representative each from the Marine Corps and Coast Guard;
- 1 representative for Women in Service;
- 1 representative for Auxiliary;
- 1 representative each from NOAA and USPHS; and,
- in the absence of NOAA and USPHS representatives, directors-at-large will be appointed by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors.

The Chapter Board of Directors approved the composition of the Chapter Board of Directors as reflected above on **6 August 2010**.

**3. POLICY ON CHAPTER DUES**

- Dues in the amount of \$25.00, payable to the MOAA Portland Chapter, are due on the first day of January of the calendar year. Dues can be paid when attending Chapter meetings or sent to the Treasurer at the following Chapter address:

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Portland, OR 97268

- Regular members are required to pay dues.
- Auxiliary members are not required to pay dues, but may volunteer to do so if they wish.
- Breakdown of Dues Payments:
  - If an individual pays annual dues (January – December): \$25.00
  - If an individual pays dues from January - August: \$25.00
  - If an individual pays dues between September - December: \$12.00 [The Treasurer will encourage individuals paying between September – December to pay the \$12.00 dues and, at the same time, pay the dues for the next program year (\$25.00), for a total of \$37.00.]
- The Chapter Board of Directors approved this policy on **6 August 2010**.

**4. POLICY ON GUEST SPEAKERS**

- The guest speaker at a Chapter meeting will receive a free meal and a token of appreciation from the Programs Committee.
- The Chapter will also pay the cost of the meal for the spouse of the guest speaker.
- Any other individuals accompanying the guest speaker will be required to pay for their own meals.
- The Chapter Board of Directors approved this policy on *6 August 2010*.

**5. POLICY ON “NO SHOWS”**

- If members make reservations and commit to attending the event, the members must pay since the chapter has to cover the cost of those meals.
- The Treasurer will send out invoices to “no shows” and ask them to reimburse the Chapter treasury.
- The Chapter Board of Directors approved this policy on *6 August 2010*.

**6. POLICY ON MEMBERSHIP APPRECIATION**

- Each member in attendance at the chapter meetings in September, December, March, and June will have his/her name put into a "Membership Appreciation Drawing," and, at each of these meetings, the Chapter will select one winner for a free meal.
- The Chapter Board of Directors approved this policy on *11 February 2011*.