

The **Star Spangled Banner Chapter** is the oldest continuously operating MOAA chapter in Maryland. Founded in 1964, we strongly support MOAA's powerful advocacy with Congress. We are active with the Maryland Council of Chapters in meeting with our federal and state legislators, educating them about the concerns of veterans and retirees. We pursue Maryland State tax free military retirement pay. We support several meaningful philanthropic causes for veterans and local ROTC/JROTC programs all the while enjoying **“camaraderie with a purpose.”**

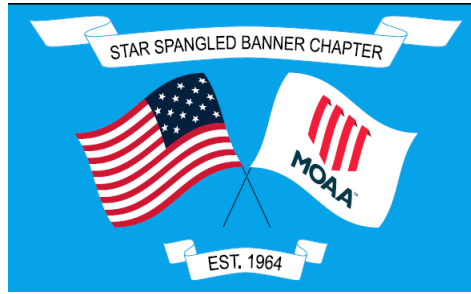
New members bring clout to our Chapter, which, in concert with MD Council and National MOAA, acts as “One Powerful Voice”, supporting National Security and ensuring the nation keeps its commitments to all active duty, retired and former servicemembers and their families and survivors. Visit our comprehensive website at www.starspan.org.

We conduct a variety of meetings or field trips at various locations with outstanding guest speakers. We meet at dinners, luncheons, and historic sites at least six times per year. You can participate as much or as little as you desire. Spouses and guests are always welcome! Join the Camaraderie!

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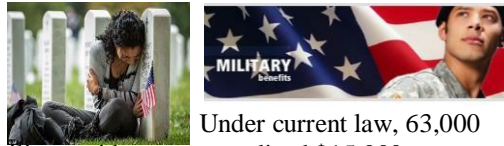


**PLEASE JOIN US!
SEND US \$25 AND
WE'LL DO THE REST.**

Cut off and mail this application with \$25 annual dues check (payable to: Star Spangled Banner Chapter) to: Treasurer, LTC John Dyer, USAF (Ret), 11602 Hunters Run Dr, Cockeysville, MD 21030 **Life and Premium National Chapter Members DO NOT PAY first-year dues!**

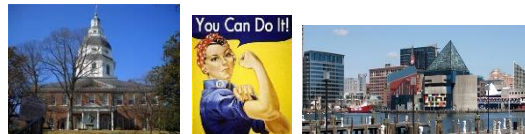
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I would like to continue serving.	Please indicate your interests among:	
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CONGRESSIONAL LEGISLATION



Under current law, 63,000 military widows are penalized \$15,000 a year because military service caused their service member's death. This is called a "widow's tax" because, by law the VA annuity for the service-caused death is deducted from the Survivor Benefit Plan (SBP) annuity. *Service members automatically receive SBP coverage for deaths on active duty.* (Retiring personnel can also purchase SBP coverage to provide their spouses 55% of their retired pay.) **MOAA HAS CORRECTED this injustice to widows and many other earned benefits in the 2020 budget!** – See www.moaa.com

LEGISLATION –STATE, CITY, COUNTY



Our Chapter and the MD Council of Chapters are fighting hard to **achieve 100% tax exemption from MD state taxes for all uniformed services retirees.** Recently, our chapter has contributed legislative support and economic analysis to pass legislation to achieve a **\$15,000 MD state tax exemption** for all age 55 and older in tax year 2018! --See www.starspan.org and **lend your support to achieve 100% for all ages!**

Maryland has approved a 20% property tax credit for five years for veterans and home owners over age 65 to be implemented by Counties and the City of Baltimore. Some counties in the Greater Baltimore area are pursuing this benefit for veterans! We need to support this effort in **all counties and Baltimore City!**

Together, we can do it!

ROTC/JROTC



We support three major university **Army ROTC Programs, JHU, Loyola and Morgan State** with awards and present the *Army Office Guide* to new 2nd Lieutenants. Many high schools **Junior ROTC** units are provided encouragement with leadership awards.



We encourage donations to the **MOAA Scholarship Fund** and **MOAA's Military Family Initiative.**



Our chapter supports the **paws4vets.org** assistance dog placement

program foundation where veterans, service members and dependents can receive specially trained assistance dogs for critical disabilities. **Join our annual special Fundraiser at Sparrows Point Country Club.** See our website www.starspan.org or call us for details and reservations. **It will warm your heart!**



Chapter membership is open to active duty, former, and retired warrant and commissioned officers and their surviving spouses of all seven services living in Baltimore City and the surrounding counties. We have an Annual Banquet in November hosting a distinguished speaker. We often have international affairs experts; government officials and military history authors speak at our various meeting venues. Members and spouses participate each in their own way. Please join us! You will be glad you did!

--Tom Seybold, Colonel USA (Ret) Chapter President