



**Middle Tennessee Chapter
Military Officers Association of America
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I extend a special thank you to the members of the Middle Tennessee Chapter of MOAA, for your continued financial support of our military families and veteran's scholarship programs.

We continue our focus on funding the *Middle Tennessee Chapter of MOAA Veteran's Scholarship* (\$1,000 annual) at both Belmont and Lipscomb Universities. These are administered with our written direction and available for veterans with priority going to permanently disabled and other combat wounded veterans. Since the GI Bill and the Yellow Ribbon Programs do not provide 100% of the funding students need, our scholarships can be the difference that allows a veteran to obtain a degree.

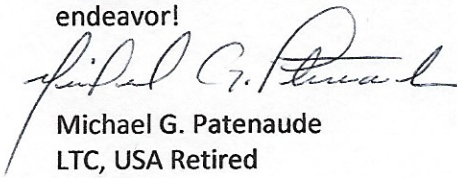
At Lipscomb University our Chapter is also building an endowed MOAA Veterans Scholarship. This endeavor began in 2017 when the school enquired as to our interest in assuming ownership of endowment funds sitting idle.

At the National MOAA level we have completely funded three endowed MOAA scholarships and are actively working on funding a fourth. Students (under age 24) who are children of former, active, or retired officers or active or retired enlisted military personnel are eligible to apply for the MOAA Scholarship program.

And a special note to our Chapter members that have arrived at the age where they and must take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) and have the option of making Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD). Our scholarship initiatives fall within the guidelines provided in IRS Publication 590-B (2020), so following consultation with your financial advisor/CPA you may want to consider a QCD donation to support the Chapter scholarship program.

These programs are not possible without your generous contributions. Your board is once asking that every chapter member make as a minimum a \$25.00 tax-deductible contribution to support this very worthwhile initiative. Should you choose to make a direct contribution to MOAA in response to their National solicitation, we would sincerely appreciate your annotating your check to have the funds credited to the Middle Tennessee Chapter contribution.

We have enclosed a self-addressed envelope which can be used to send your check made payable to the MTC MOAA Scholarship Fund to P.O. Box 50252, Nashville, TN 37205-0252. We ask that you make every effort to do so by October 30, 2021. Thank you again for your support of this highly worthwhile endeavor!



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