

## Middle Tennessee Chapter Military Officers Association of America P. O. Box 50252 Nashville, TN 37205-0252

Dear Chapter Members,

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Scholarships provide critical financial support for students of all ages seeking to improve their skills, pursue new careers and continue the quest for lifelong learning. Our Middle Tennessee Chapter has provided vital support throughout the years for numerous veterans, their spouses and military dependents. My daughter was fortunate enough to receive a MOAA scholarship for several years while pursuing her bachelor's degree.

Currently, our chapter focuses your generous annual scholarship donations of \$25.00 or more on the various areas below:

- Funding the annual Middle Tennessee Chapter of MOAA's Veterans Scholarship, which awards \$1,000 to eligible veteran or dependent students at Belmont and Lipscomb Universities. Priority is given to permanently disabled or combat wounded veterans first and each university nominates a deserving candidate.
- Our chapter completed a \$25,000 endowed MOAA Veterans Scholarship at Lipscomb University, which we
  began contributing to in 2017 after transfer of seed funding from an idle scholarship fund. This new scholarship
  will now provide additional benefits to Lipscomb University veterans.
- On the MOAA National level, our chapter completely funded three endowed scholarships. We are currently
  working on our fourth scholarship to benefit eligible students who apply for the scholarship during its
  nomination period.

There are several ways to make your scholarship contributions of \$25 or more to continue this worthwhile work:

- Write a check made payable to the "MTC MOAA Scholarship Fund" and use the self-addressed, stamped envelope to send it to the chapter's P.O. box before October 31, 2022
- If eligible, make a Qualified Charitable Distribution directly from your Individual Retirement Account if you must take Required Minimum Distributions. Our scholarship initiatives fall within the guidelines provided in IRS Publication 526, Charitable Contributions. Please consult your financial advisor about specifics.
- Contributions can also be made through the MOAA National website
   (<a href="https://www.moaa.org/content/forms/donate-now/">https://www.moaa.org/content/forms/donate-now/</a>) where you can donate to the MOAA Foundation, MOAA Scholarship Fund or both. Please indicate that the donation should be credited to the Middle Tennessee Chapter in the "Additional donation information" section of the website or the "Memo" section if writing a check.

Thank you for continuing to support the dreams of veterans and dependents on the local and national levels!

Sincerely,

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President, MTC MOAA