



MOAA Monthly Leaders Roundtable

Council & Chapter Annual Awards Portal

Thursday, December 19, 2024
7PM (EST)



Agenda

- Welcome
- Program Updates
- Training Dates
- Council & Chapter Annual Awards Portal
- Discussion

Program Updates

- Committee Module and NRT Report update
- Recruitment Annual Incentive Program pause
- 2024 Council & Chapter Annual Awards Portal (through Feb 15)
- Foundation Community Outreach Grant applications (through Feb 28)
- Online Chapter Dues Payment (Cheddar Up) option
 - Send affiliate name, primary administrator (must be someone with access to bank account), and their email to chapters@moaa.org
- CP/ICP meeting: Jan 14, 2-3:30 pm EST
- AiA 2025: April 7-10
 - Hill Day April 9 & Council Presidents Seminar April 10



Important Change Involving TRICARE

- TriWest Healthcare Alliance is the new TRICARE West Region contractor beginning January 1, 2025 and will assume responsibility for six states currently in the East: Arkansas, Illinois, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Texas, Wisconsin
- Beneficiaries in these states **MUST** update their existing payment arrangements with Healthcare Alliance before January 1, 2025
- Does **NOT** affect TRICARE for Life beneficiaries
- Existing military allotment payments **WILL** transfer
- Information at: <https://tricare.mil/About/Regions/West-Region>.

2025 Leader Training Workshops



Leadership Seminar
Orlando, FL
January 16-18
FL, Other C&C by invitation

Virtual Workshop
New Leaders
March 5
Focused on New Chapter Leaders

Central Workshop
Oklahoma City, OK
May 2-3
AR, CO, IA, KS, LA, MN, MO, ND, NE, NM, OK, SD, TX

Virtual Workshop
Experienced Leaders
August 13
Focused on Experienced Leaders

East Workshop
Hershey, PA
November 14-15
CT, DE, IL, IN, MA, MD, ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH, PA, RI, VT, WI, WV



2025 Roundtable Schedule

January 23 Advocacy in Action	February 27 Committee Module/NRT	March 27 Chapter Visit and Awards Program	April 24 Chapter Dues Pay Portal
May 29* Chapter Health	June 26 General Council Issues	July 24 Recruiting and Retention	August 28 MOAA Virtual Chapters
September 25 Council and Chapter Mentorship	Oct 23 MOAA Foundation	November 20* MOAA Annual Awards	December 18* Year in Review/2026 Outlook

7:00 pm EST

*Adjusted from 4th Thursday to Avoid Conflict



2024 MOAA Council & Chapter Annual Awards Portal



MOAA Annual Awards



- Levels of Excellence (LOE)
- Col Marvin J Harris Communications
- Col Steve Strobbridge Legislative Chair/Liaison
- Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence

New Award Application Portal

- SurveyMonkey Apply for Organizational Awards
 - New centralized platform for LOE, Harris Communications, Strobridge Legislative Chair/Liaison, and Surviving Spouse Liaison awards
 - Dec 9 – Feb 15 application/nomination window
 - Criteria is largely the same, database scoring has been removed from LOE this year

Getting Started

[MOAA - Council and Chapter Awards](#) page on MOAA.org:

- General overview of program
- Criteria and instructional guide
- Link to the Awards Portal
- Past recipients



2024 Annual Awards Criteria & Instructional Guide

This guide includes the following:

- **Annual Award Criteria:**
 1. Levels of Excellence (LOE)
 2. Communications Award (CA)
 3. Steve Strobridge Legislative Liaison (SSL)
 4. Surviving Spouse Liaison (SSL)
- **Using the New Awards Submission Portal**

Accessing the Portal

Log In

Register



MOAA Council and Chapter Annual Awards Portal

Welcome to the new MOAA Annual Awards Portal!

We're excited to centralize the submission process for all four of MOAA's major annual awards: the MOAA Levels of Excellence Award, the Col. Marvin J. Harris Communications Award, Col. Steve Strobbridge Legislative Chair/Liaison Award, and the Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellence Award. You may find details about all of MOAA's awards on the MOAA website at [MOAA - Council and Chapter Awards](#).

All award applications and submissions must be submitted by council or chapter representatives through this portal by the deadline. To get started, please note the following two pages within this portal:

The **Programs** page allows you to view each award and initially access the application or nomination form. Once you have applied for an award, you'll need to select Programs to see other awards.

The **Applications** page will house all of your submissions. You'll be able to start an application and return to make edits until you have formally submitted it. Note you must click on the green **Submit** button to complete an application.

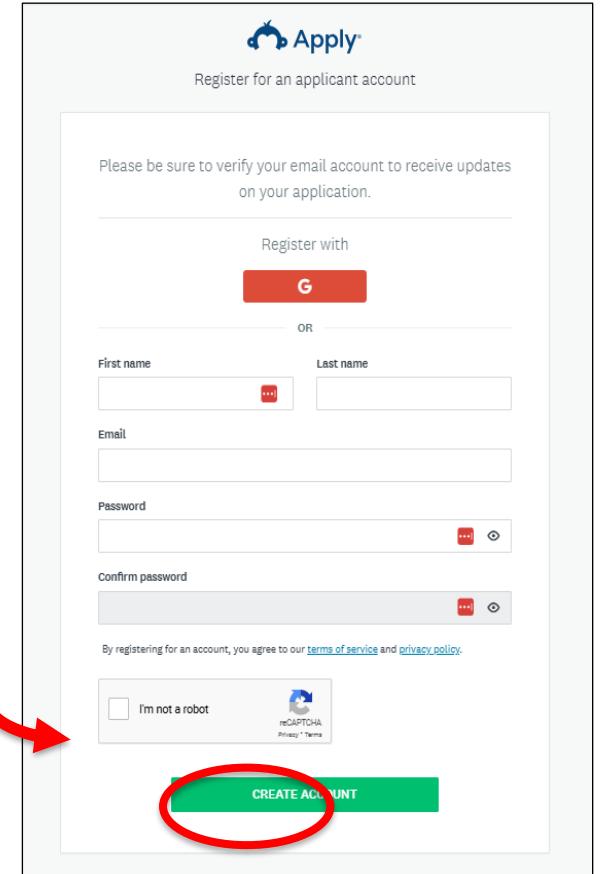
Submissions for awards will be accepted from December 9 through February 15. The review process will take place in March. Applicants will be notified in April of their award status.

Thank you for participating in this awards process. We are proud to recognize the good work of MOAA members!

Confirm Your Email

- Upon registering, must confirm your email to receive submit your application(s).

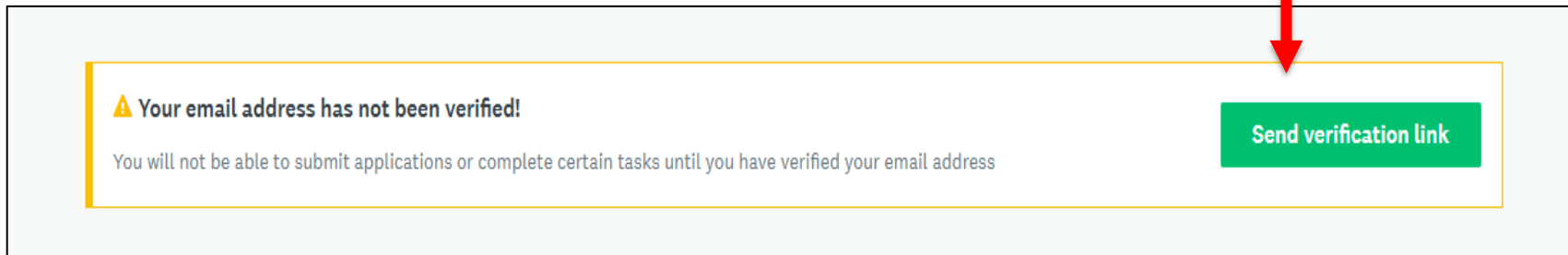
Register



The registration form includes the following elements:

- Logo: Apply
- Text: Register for an applicant account
- Instruction: Please be sure to verify your email account to receive updates on your application.
- Registration options: Register with Google (G icon) or other methods.
- Fields: First name, Last name, Email, Password, Confirm password.
- Agreement: By registering for an account, you agree to our [terms of service](#) and [privacy policy](#).
- Security: I'm not a robot (reCAPTCHA) checkbox.
- Action: **CREATE ACCOUNT** button (circled in red).

Verify Email



The notification box contains the following text and elements:

- Warning icon: ⚠️
- Text: **Your email address has not been verified!**
- Text: You will not be able to submit applications or complete certain tasks until you have verified your email address
- Action: **Send verification link** button

Navigating the Site



Programs

MOAA Col Marvin J Harris Communicatio...

Accepting applications from Dec 9 2024 12:00 AM (EST) to Feb 15 2025 11:59 PM (EST)
MOAA's annual program identifying councils and chapters that do an outstanding job communicating with their members.

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Levels of Excellence Award

Accepting applications from Dec 9 2024 12:00 AM (EST) to Feb 15 2025 11:59 PM (EST)
LOE awards are MOAA's most prestigious affiliate awards, honoring councils and chapters for their efforts across the full scope of our association's mission.

[MORE >](#)

Colonel Steve Strobridge Legislative Chai...

Accepting applications from Dec 9 2024 12:00 AM (EST) to Feb 15 2025 11:59 PM (EST)
This annual award recognizes an affiliate Legislative Chair or Liaison who has demonstrated superior service to their council/chapter and national MOAA in support of national and/or state legislation which affects servicemembers, veterans, retirees, and their families.

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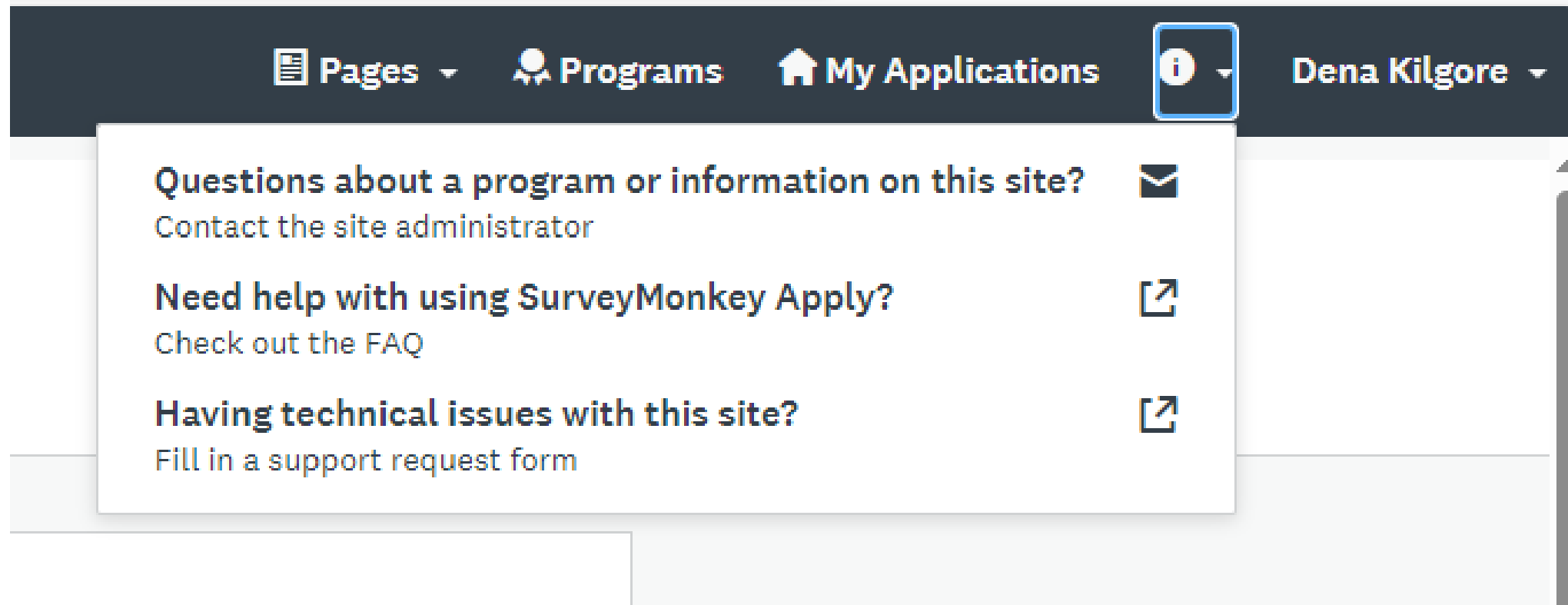
MOAA Surviving Spouse Liaison Excellen...

Accepting applications from Dec 9 2024 12:00 AM (EST) to Feb 15 2025 11:59 PM (EST)
Surviving Spouse Liaisons work at the council and chapter level to ensure fellow survivors remain connected to the military family and participate in local and national programs and advocacy efforts. This award honors their efforts.

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Navigating the Site



The screenshot shows a dark blue navigation bar with the following items: 'Pages' (with a document icon), 'Programs' (with a person icon), 'My Applications' (with a house icon), an information icon (with a blue border and a dropdown arrow), and 'Dena Kilgore' (with a dropdown arrow). The information icon's dropdown menu is open, displaying three items:

- Questions about a program or information on this site?** (with an envelope icon)
Contact the site administrator
- Need help with using SurveyMonkey Apply?** (with an external link icon)
Check out the FAQ
- Having technical issues with this site?** (with an external link icon)
Fill in a support request form

Selecting a Program and Applying

The screenshot displays the MOAA website interface. On the left, a sidebar titled "Programs" lists two award programs. The first is "MOAA Col Marvin J Harris Communicatio...", and the second is "Colonel Steve Strobbridge Legislative Chai...". Both programs include a "MORE >" button. The main content area features a detailed view of the "MOAA Col Marvin J Harris Communications Award". It includes a description of the award, a link to the "MOAA Annual Awards Criteria and Instructional Guide", and a note that users must create an account and log in before applying. A red circle highlights the "APPLY" button, which is accompanied by the opening date "Dec 9 2024 12:00 AM (EST)" and the deadline "Feb 15 2025 11:59 PM (EST)". The MOAA logo is visible in the top right of the main content area and in the bottom right corner of the page.

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MOAA Col Marvin J Harris Communications Award
MOAA's annual program identifying councils and chapters that do an outstanding job communicating with their members. The award honors Col. Marvin J. Harris, USAF (Ret), MOAA's director of public relations from 1996 until 2011. Colonel Harris delivered effective communications to both military and civilian audiences.
To review the award criteria and instructions for applying, please see this [MOAA Annual Awards Criteria and Instructional Guide](#). You may find additional details about MOAA's annual awards program, including past recipients, on the MOAA website at [MOAA - Council and Chapter Awards](#).
Please note that you must create an account, verify your email address, and log-in before you can apply.
Once you have started an application, you will return to the My Applications page upon subsequent log-ins. To view all awards, you will need to select Programs in the upper right corner.

APPLY
Opens
Dec 9 2024 12:00 AM (EST)
Deadline
Feb 15 2025 11:59 PM (EST)

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Name your application

Use affiliate name and add web, newsletter, or both

| Stones River Chapter - Both

75 characters maximum

CANCEL CREATE APPLICATION

Sample Application

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MOAA Col Marvin J Harris Commun...
Stones River Chapter - Both
ID: 0000000017

Eligibility: Qualifying Questions [→](#)

0 of 1 tasks complete

Last edited: Dec 12 2024 12:27 PM (EST)

REVIEW **SUBMIT**

Deadline: Feb 15 2025 11:59 PM (EST)

Eligibility: Qualifying Questions ⋮

Eligibility: Qualifying Questions ✓ Draft saved

Please select which award type you are applying for:

Print/E-Newsletter

Website

Both

Clear

To qualify to submit an award entry, your newsletter must meet the following criteria:



CRITERIA: CONFIRM THE FOLLOWING
1. The newsletter contains the MOAA logo with registered trademark ® (not TM).
2. The newsletter does not include partisan content.
3. The newsletter does not contain service logos.
4. The newsletter does not contain unauthorized copyrighted material.

I confirm that my newsletter meets all the above requirements

My newsletter does not meet one or more of the above requirements

To qualify to submit an award entry, your website must meet the following criteria:

Review Your Application

  Council and Chapter Print/E-Newsletter Application Form
Completed Dec 12 2024 12:39 PM (EST)

Council and Chapter Print/E-Newsletter Application

SECTION 1: Self Scoring Criteria

1. Does the newsletter contain a statement indicating national MOAA and the affi

Yes

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- Download
- Reset
- Edit

Complete Each Task and Submit

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MOAA Col Marvin J Harris Commun...

Stones River Chapter - Both

ID: 0000000017

- Eligibility: Qualifying Questions
- Council and Chapter Print/E-Newsletter Application Form
- Print/E-Newsletter Upload
- Website Application Form

1 of 4 tasks complete

Last edited: Dec 12 2024 12:29 PM (EST)

REVIEW **SUBMIT**

Deadline: Feb 15 2025 11:59 PM (EST)

Eligibility: Qualifying Questions
Completed Dec 12 2024 12:29 PM (EST)

Eligibility: Qualifying Questions

Please select which award type you are applying for

Both

To qualify to submit an award entry, the newsletter must:

1. The newsletter contains the MOAA logo
2. The newsletter does not include any other organization's logo
3. The newsletter does not contain any copyrighted material
4. The newsletter does not contain unauthorized copyrighted material

I confirm that my newsletter meets all the above requirements

To qualify to submit an award entry, the website must:

1. The website contains the MOAA logo
2. The website does not include any other organization's logo
3. The website does not contain any copyrighted material
4. The website does not contain unauthorized copyrighted material

I confirm that my website meets all the above requirements

Are you applying on behalf of a Virtual Chapter, Geographic Chapter, or Chapter with no physical meeting location?

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MOAA Col Marvin J Harris Commun...

Stones River Chapter - Both

ID: 0000000017

- Eligibility: Qualifying Questions
- Council and Chapter Print/E-Newsletter Application Form
- Print/E-Newsletter Upload
- Website Application Form

4 of 4 tasks complete

Last edited: Dec 12 2024 12:41 PM (EST)

REVIEW **SUBMIT**

Deadline: Feb 15 2025 11:59 PM (EST)

Important Reminders

- Verify your email
- Complete each task
- Review and make any edits
- Download a copy for yourself
- “Mark Complete” **AND** “Submit”
- Keep up the great work!

Awards Timeline

- Dec 9 – Portal opens
- Feb 15 – Portal closes
- March – Judging takes place
- April – Applicants/nominators are notified; awards announced

Presentation Options

- April 10 – AiA Council Presidents Seminar
- May 2 & 3 – Central Region Leadership Workshop
- November 14-15 – Eastern Region Leadership Workshop
- During scheduled MOAA visits
- Council meetings or conferences
- Mailed to chapter leadership or designated recipients

Thank You!

Questions?

chapters@moaa.org