MEMBERSHIP



MEMBERSHIP CLASSIFICATION AND ANNUAL DUES SCHEDULE

Each application shall have one named individual as member. Dues are payable for the period July 1 through June 30 (non-prorated).

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VOLUNTEERS SERVING THE COMMUNITY, STATE AND NATION

BMAC is a non-sectarian, non-partisan civilian organization of patriotic individuals, businesses, government, military service organizations, Veterans support organizations and all branches of the military. Its purpose is to promote the awareness of our military and educate the public about the Armed Forces of the United States of America, their state of readiness, contributions to our safety and preservation of our freedom. Its services provide support and benefits to military members, Veterans and their families. In 1995, BMAC was formed by Veterans as a local non-profit organization to show support for a strong national defense. In 1999, BMAC was incorporated in the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an independent civilian non-profit corporation to educate the public about the Armed Forces of the United States of America. In 2003, the IRS granted 501(c) 3 tax exempt status to BMAC. This tax exempt status enables donors to deduct the value of their contributions to BMAC from their annual federal income tax returns in accordance with the law (EIN 77-0595272).



BLUEGRASS MILITARY AFFAIRS COALITION

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INDEPENDENT **VOLUNTEER FORCE** **** ADVOCATE FOR A STRONG NATIONAL DEFENSE **** SUPPORT FOR MILITARY MEMBERS, **VETERANS** AND

THEIR FAMILIES





Since 1995, BMAC has conducted public annual educational events on the third Saturday in MAY (Armed Forces Day) featuring remarks by a senior military commissioned officer. Commanding Officers of local Active Duty, Guard, Reserve and youth military career exploration units nominate two outstanding members to be publicly recognized for their achievements in the past year. Citations are read to inform attendees about the individual accomplishments in training, support, services and combat. Civilians are given the opportunity to meet and show their appreciation to uniformed members of the five military branches.

EDUCATING THE PUBLIC ABOUT OUR VETERANS

Since 2000, BMAC has conducted public annual observances for Veterans Day and/or Veterans Appreciation Week. These educational presentations have taken several forms: meal and non-meal activities; awards presentations; remarks by Veterans and military members; parades; dedications of memorials; and programs in public schools.







EDUCATING THE PUBLIC VAMC – LEESTOWN ROAD

In 2004, BMAC opposed the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs CARES Commission recommendation for closure and sale of the Lexington VA Medical Center – Leestown Division. BMAC informed and educated the public about the potential loss. Its members executed a public petition drive that collected 28,000 signatures in about 4 months. With help and support of U.S. Representatives Ernie Fletcher (in DEC 03) and Ben Chandler (in FEB 04) the signed petitions were presented to SECVA Anthony Principi, Jr. in Washington, D.C., with a BMAC request that he visit the LEXKY site. In APR 2004, SECVA visited the two VAMC campuses in Lexington and the VA hospital in Louisville. The CARES Commission recommendation was reversed.

A new Super Community Based Outpatient Clinic (SCBOC) is slated to be constructed on 40 acres of the Lexington VA Medical Center – Leestown Road campus. The remaining 90+ acres and 51 buildings are planned to be repurposed and developed with benefits flowing to Veterans and their families living in KY, and an economic impact of nearly \$1 billion in capital construction and operations.

In eastern KY, one CBOC was enhanced and two new CBOC's were opened...providing a total of four clinics in Berea, Hazard, Morehead and Somerset. A new Robley Rex VAMC will be constructed in Louisville, KY, as a result of the SECVA visit.



KY EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS FOR OEF/OIF VETERANS

BMAC worked with KDVA Deputy Commissioner Margaret Platter and State Representative Tanya Pullin to get HB425 legislation written and introduced (10 FEB 2011) that would permit KY universities to immediately recognize KY residency and grant in-state tuition to OEF/OIF Veterans using Post-9/11 G.I. Bill education benefits and pursuing an education in KY.

After discussions with university presidents and KY Senator Ken Winters, the bill passed both chambers. Governor Steve Beshear signed the bill into law (17 MAR 2011), effective 09 JUN 2011. This effectively doubles the value of Post 9/11 G.I. Bill benefits in KY compared to non-resident tuition. It helps to bring KY Veterans home to study and work after graduation. Because Veterans can designate dependents to use their benefits, now their spouses and children can go to KY universities, too.



KY WOUNDED WARRIORS PROGRAM/WEEK

The KY Wounded Warriors Program is an operation of BMAC that focuses attention and resources in the Commonwealth of KY to benefit KY Wounded Warriors. BMAC, through its coalition member organizations, sponsors, donors and volunteers, has made a positive impact on the lives of KY Wounded Warriors and their families.

BMAC has developed and conducted KY Wounded Warriors Week since 2010 to provide activities for military members, Veterans and their families who are recovering from the wounds of war. KY Wounded Warriors from Ft. Campbell, Ft. Knox and Lexington VA Medical Center have participated. Community events provide opportunities for the public to meet and support KY Wounded Warriors and their families during the week.



EDUCATING KY YOUTH IN MILITARY CAREER EXPLORATION

Youth in Kentucky are provided many opportunities to learn about the Armed Forces of the United States of America: (ages 11-18) U.S. Naval Sea Cadet Corps; U.S. Army Cadet Corps; Young Marines; Civil Air Patrol; High School Junior ROTC; and university/college ROTC. BMAC encourages individual and organizational members to financially support and actively participate in these military career exploration and training programs. BMAC helps to bring military members to campuses and to arrange trips to military facilities for cadets. It works with congressmen to host military service academy and ROTC representatives at public forums to inform and educate youth, parents, teachers and counselors about the educational opportunities available to future leaders of America. BMAC developed a regional youth aviation ground school at the Aviation Museum of KY

BMAC EDUCATION, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES GRANTS

Proceeds from public events and development enable BMAC to make financial grants to Kentucky National Guard and Active Duty military family support groups and Soldier and Family Assistance Centers at Ft. Knox and Ft. Campbell; Camp Lejeune Wounded Warrior Regiment; LEX VAMC; KDVA Thomson Hood; Bluegrass Army Depot OEF/OIF/OND Living Memorial; and youth military career exploration units. These grants help enable military members, Veterans, KY Wounded Warriors, dependents and cadets to participate in educational and health and human services activities to enhance their quality of life. Public memorials to fallen military members help to educate the public about the human cost of national defense.

DONATIONS



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INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTION

Donations can be made by sending a check or cash to: Bluegrass Military Affairs Coalition 128 E. Reynolds Road, Suite 201 Lexington, KY 40517 or through a secure online transaction utilizing PayPal

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EMPLOYER PAYROLL DEDUCTION

If your employer offers a charitable giving payroll deduction plan, please consider making an annual, monthly, bi-weekly or weekly donation to BMAC.

TO HONOR and IN MEMORY

To honor the life and military service of a Veteran, many families suggest donations to BMAC.

VEHICLE DONATIONS

Cars, trucks, motorcycles, boats may be donated with tax saving benefits to you. Go to: bmaconline.org

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