



FAQs for MMA Expanded Membership (NOAA, USPHS Commissioned Corps, National Guard (NG), Reserve Components, and Military Academy & N/ROTC Midshipmen/Cadets.

1. Are veteran and active members of the National Oceanographic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), the United States Public Health Service (USPHS) Commissioned Corps, National Guard and Reserve Components eligible for Membership?

Yes.

2. What changed to permit NOAA and USPHS Commissioned Corps member to join the Marines' Memorial Association?

Recent changes to legislation (specifically, Title 38, Chapter I, Part 3, Subpart A, SS 3.6) and regulations pertaining to veteran status and active-duty definitions were introduced to include the United States Public Health Service (PHS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), military academy cadets and academy prep school students.

3. What changed to allow National Guard Component members to join the Marines' Memorial Association?

Previously, Guard members were considered veterans only if they served 180 days or more in a federal status outside of training. Prior to the new law's passage, even if Guard members served for 20 years or longer, they were not deemed veterans unless they served on active duty. That included those serving in an Active Guard status. Recent legislation bestows official veteran status to National Guard members who served 20 years or more.

4. Can I still become a member if I am in a N/ROTC program and not attending a Service Academy?

Yes. If you are enrolled in an N/ROTC program in any approved college or university, you are eligible for Membership.

5. What is the annual subscription fee to join the Marines' Memorial Association?

The annual fee is \$275 for individual veterans (and spouse), \$50 for Currently Serving members (free when they sign up at the Club & Hotel). Family Member Cards (+1, +2, +3, +4) are currently an additional \$50 per family member.

6. What membership categories will not be affected?

Member rates will remain the same for: Semper Fidelis 2018, Active Duty Complementary, Student Veterans, Complementary, Benefactors (Life), Allied Force memberships.