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Dental Care for Our Troops Act included in the U.S. House's version of the FY 2024 NDAA and its introduction in the Senate. [Read more >>>](#)

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- [No. 23046](#) - The Restrictions on Political Activity by Active-Duty Service Members Are Much More Severe than the Restrictions on Federal Civilian Employees.
- [No. 23045](#) - You Are Entitled to Seniority and Pension Credit for the Entire Time You Were Away from Your Job for Uniformed Service, But Only the Actual Period of Service Counts Toward Exhausting Your 5-Year Limit.
- [No. 23044](#) - Enforcing USERRA Pension Rights against a State Agency Employer
- [No. 23043](#) - Yes, You Can Double-Dip on your Civilian and Military Pensions, State Law to the Contrary Notwithstanding.
- [No. 23042](#) - A Federal Employee who Leaves his or her Job for Military Service Is Entitled to Differential Pay, but only if the Service Qualifies as "Contingency Service."
- [No. 23041](#) - President Biden Signs Executive Order Authorizing Call-up of 3,000 Reserve Component Service Members for Operation Atlantic Resolve.



Honoring our fallen.

During June 2023, ROA was notified of 109 of our ROA comrades passing from our ranks. On behalf of our membership, we thank these brave men and women for their many years of service and wish their families peace. [Click here for the full list of names.](#)

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