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## ROA Headlines



### ROA's top 10 FY24 NDAA priorities

#### Join ROA's Minute Man Movement by persuading Congress to support ROA's top 10 National Defense Authorization Act priorities for Fiscal Year 2024.

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### CIOMR US Vice President participates in Veterans Day commemorations

#### On Nov. 11, 2023, Col. James Wood II participated in several Veterans Day events.

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### A special thanks from Lt. Gen. David G. Bellon, USMCR for ROA support

#### Letter was presented during the 2023 National Convention in Louisiana.

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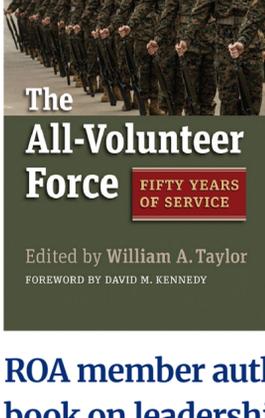
## Virtual ROA Academy scheduled for January

The Department/Chapter Development Committee will be hosting a Legislative ROA Academy Class via Zoom on Jan. 25, 2024. If you would like to participate, please sign up today.

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## Legislative Update



November 15, 2023

To the members of our Minute Man Movement:

It is with high energy that I write to you today. I hope you are all excited for a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends, family, and loved ones. I truly believe that everyone has that one food they especially look forward to eating. Mine is my mom's homemade spaghetti pie.

But before looking forward, I am reminding you with me to be the Minute Man Update on ROA's advocacy activities in Washington, DC, and the rest of the world.

Getting up, my old would frequently say to me, "Mark, that's nothing more than an empty calendar." Well, ROA's calendar has been full of meaningful advocacy campaigns. Planned for all possibilities, we continue to fight for you, protection, and to improve the Thanksgiving work done.

- We're fighting for government funding and continued pay during a recession.

Last weekend, the U.S. House of Representatives voted favorably on just another important funding measure. The House is expected to approve the "rescue" funding package in the coming week for agencies.

- Congress has not been helpful in providing us with funding. In fact, it has only done this once in the last 40 years. CR and funding are the main in military families. The case needs to be made to our members and their families.

On Sept. 21, Rep. Amodeo (R-VT) introduced H.R. 5111, the Pay Our Troops Act. This ROA endorsed legislation ensures members of the U.S. Coast Guard receive the same benefits and pay as other members of the USCG receive on their pay (the government has a problem). Despite ROA's efforts, there have been no updates on the U.S. House for the Service of the Coast Guard and other agencies.

This bill, along with H.R. 2018, the Pay Our Coast Guard Act, calls for the funding for ROA's fight to ensure members of the USCG receive on their pay (the government has a problem). Despite ROA's efforts, there have been no updates on the U.S. House for the Service of the Coast Guard and other agencies.

ROA will continue to fight (and we are) for an adequate, timely, budget and on-time funding. However, we have success in our quest for the worst case scenario.

- We're fighting for one top 10 National Defense Authorization Act priorities.

On Nov. 2, we voted in favor of our members' ability to request reinstatement of pay and 10 NDAA priorities for FY 2024. These priorities were first identified by ROA's executive director, A.B. Phillips in a Sept. 2023 letter to our members of the Armed Services Committee. To date:

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### November's Up to the Minute Man Update

Learn what ROA's Director of Legislation and staff members have been doing on Capitol Hill.

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## Military Family



RECOGNIZED AS a national winner during the Auburn High School Veterans Day program was eighth grader Gavin Moyer. From left are, Dale Anderson, Reserve Organization of America national councilman representing Nebraska; and Gavin, Alicia and Cassidy Moyer.

Nemaha County Herald photo by David Swanson

### Gavin Moyer National Winner in Reserve Organization of America Children's Writing Contest

### CHILDREN'S WRITING CONTEST

### ROA's writing contest featured in local news

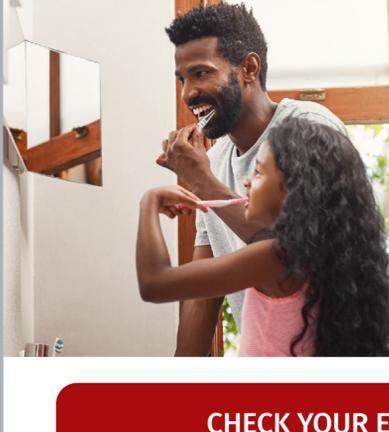
Gavin Moyer was recognized locally in the Nemaha County Herald in Auburn, Nebraska

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## UnitedHealthcare FEDVIP Dental + Vision Open Season ends at midnight on Dec. 11

Open Season: Nov. 13–Dec. 11 (Midnight EST)

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## Reunions



### RHODE ISLAND

### USS Yellowstone AD27 Reunion

The USS YELLOWSTONE AD27 Association is hosting their reunion at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI from April 7 – 10, 2024.

For more information and to receive an information packet, please contact: Karen A Bown, Secretary/Treasurer & Reunion Planner, 30 Briar Drive, Rochester, NH 03867, call 1-352-208-5400, or email: [usnad27@comcast.net](mailto:usnad27@comcast.net).

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The November Law Reviews are linked below:

- [No. 23062](#) USERRA for Students: USERRA Does Not Apply to Students, But another Federal Law Provides Similar Protections.
- [No. 23061](#) Torres v. Texas Department of Public Safety: New Developments on Remand
- [No. 23060](#) Leaving a Job at one Federal Department To Take a Job at another Department Does Not Give You a Fresh Five-Year Limit under USERRA.
- [No. 23059](#) Do Israeli Defense Force Reservists Who Live and Work in the U.S. Have Reemployment Rights under USERRA? No.
- [No. 23058](#) Fishgold v. Sullivan Drydock & Repair Corporation, the First Supreme Court Decision under the 1940 Reemployment Statute.



### Honoring our fallen.

During October 2023, ROA was notified of 45 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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