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ROA Academy

Legislative Update

ROA UP TO THE MINUTE MAN UPDATE

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To the members of our Minute Man Movement:

Happy New Year! I hope your resolutions for the new year come true (pun intended).

After bringing in the new year with some of my closest college friends, I looked back at 2023 and set my focus on 2024.

That thought process significantly involved ways and means to ensure ROA's successful transition into the second session of the 118th Congress (which is now well underway).

Therein lies the key word I ask you to keep in your minds and incorporate into your advocacy vocabulary: ***transition***.

The word "transition" is surely familiar to those associated with the Reserve and National Guard. Perhaps there is no better example than the adage "We have transitioned from a Strategic reserve to an operational reserve."

International competitors are actively seeking to ***transition*** into a new world order.

China, for example, has been identified by the Pentagon as the only competitor "with the intent and, increasingly, the capacity to reshape the international order."

To counteract these destabilizing forces, America must successfully transition its superiority. And it must do so quickly.

Constituting more than 40 percent of the Total Force, the reserve components will surely have a significant role in securing such a transition and executing the National Defense Strategy.

As part of my *Putting the Federal in Federalism* presentation at the Jan. 25 ROA Academy, I will "walk" attendees through our policy portfolio and identify three leading priorities.

If you haven't registered for the Academy, please do so by clicking here or visiting https://www.roa.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1806433&group=

In the meantime, what I can share with you is our portfolio strives to transition American military superiority into this "decisive decade" by:

- Ensuring the ***transition*** from a Strategic to an operational reserve is reinforced by modernized law, policy, and practice.
- Ensuring seamless ***transitions*** for component and capability interoperability.
- Eliminating discontinuities and disruptions in ***transitions*** between health care plans for reserve component service members, their survivors, and "gray area" retirees.
- Improving ***transitions*** between military and civilian life for reserve component service

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January'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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Reunions

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USS Yellowstone AD27 Reunion

The USS YELLOWSTONE AD27 Association is hosting their reunion at the Crown 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.

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- No. 24007 - Vote in the 2024 Primary and General Election
- No. 24006 - Congress, Please Close the Loophole in the USERRA Provision for Awarding Attorney Fees in USERRA Cases Involving The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- No. 24005 - You Are Entitled to Civilian Pension Credit for your Military Service Time Only if you Meet All Five USERRA Conditions, Including the Five-year Limit
- No. 24004 - Yes, USERRA Applies all over the World to U.S. Companies. You Meet the USERRA Conditions, and you Are Entitled to Reemployment in the City where you Worked before your most Recent Period of Active Duty, Even if that Means that another Employee Must Be Displaced
- No. 24003 - Individuals Who Served in the Republic of Korea (South Korea) Armed Forces, Alongside U.S. Service Members in the Vietnam War, and who Later Emigrated to the U.S. and Became Naturalized Citizens Are Now Eligible for Medical Care from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs And South Korea is Paying for this Care
- No. 24002 - Advocating for Written Informed Consent for Military Members
- No. 24001 - We Added 66 new "Law Review" Articles in 2023

Honoring our fallen.

During December 2023, ROA was notified of **22** 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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