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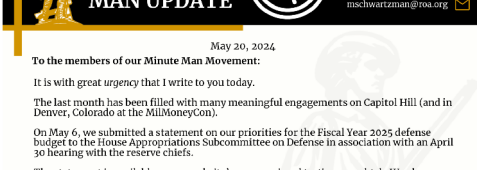
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ROA UP TO THE MINUTE MAN UPDATE

May 20, 2024

To the members of our Minute Man Movement: It is with great urgency that I write to you today. The last month has been filled with many meaningful engagements on Capitol Hill (and in Denver, Colorado at the MILMoneyCON). On May 6, we submitted a statement on our priorities for the Fiscal Year 2025 defense budget to the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Defense in association with an April 30 hearing with the reserve chiefs. The statement is available on our website's congressional testimony subtab. We also published a press release spotlighting our call to Congress to "modernize the reserve components."

On May 8, ROA President Wroblewski, Executive Director Phillips, and I met with staff of House Armed Services Committee Chairman Mike Rogers (R-OK) on these priorities.

One week later, I advocated for legislation that enhances homeownership opportunities for reserve component members and their families at a roundtable hosted by the House Minority Leader (Mike Johnson, Veterans Affairs Committee Chairman Mark Takano, and other congressional leaders).

Before the roundtable, ROA learned that three of its legislative "asks" related to USERRA (sponsored by law review articles authored by life member Sam Wright) were included in the Elizabeth Dole 21st Century Veterans Healthcare and Benefits Improvement Act.

Executive Director Phillips wrote to House Veterans Affairs Committee leadership urging bipartisan support for the package, and if necessary, support for the asks as stand-alone measures.

Two days later, I joined ROA life member Peggy Wilmoth for a meeting with Rep. Brad Wenstrup (OH-02), a retired Army Reserve. We discussed several important issues, including ensuring the Military Student Identifier includes reserve component children and the current crisis facing the U.S. Public Health Service Ready Reserve Corps.

This tip to the Minute Man Update, however, is primarily focused on the latter: our campaign to support the USERRA.

ROA's calls to restore funding for the USERRA EBC have been positively received by members of Congress, including Sens. Ron Wyden (OR), Tammy Duckworth (IL), and Mazie Hirono (HI). However, the USERRA EBC remains unclear. This is why we are hosting an

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Honoring our fallen.

During May 2024, ROA was notified of 85 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.](#)

