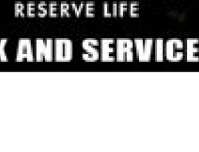




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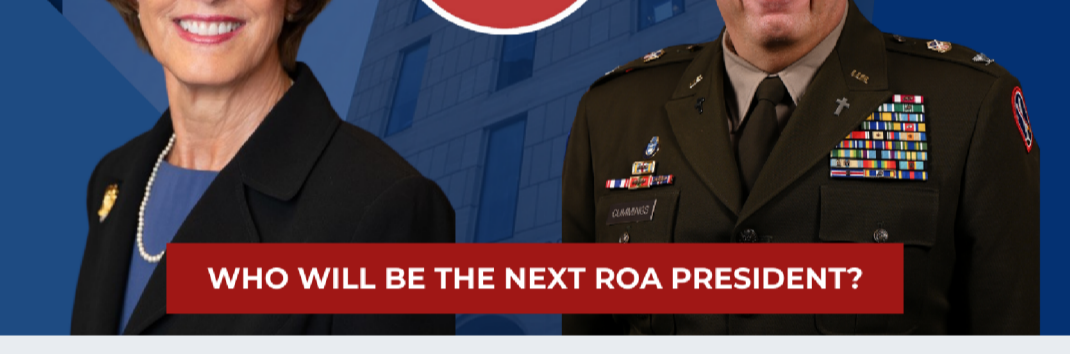
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**WHO WILL BE THE NEXT ROA PRESIDENT?**

### Peggy Wilmoth

My vision as a candidate for the Presidency of this century-long organization is for ROA to reach new heights of strength and vibrancy.

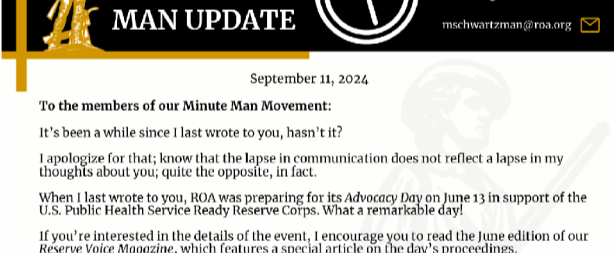
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### Vince Cummings

My vision is an ROA Agenda focused upon victory, measured in metrics of uplifting bread-and-butter issues affecting troops.

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## Legislative Update



**ROA UP TO THE MINUTE MAN UPDATE**

September 11, 2024

To the members of our Minute Man Movement:  
It's been a while since I last wrote to you, hasn't it?  
I apologize for that; quite the lapse in communication does not reflect a lapse in my thoughts about you, quite the opposite, in fact.  
When I last wrote to you, ROA was preparing for its Advocacy Day on June 13 in support of the U.S. Public Health Service Ready Reserve Corps. What a remarkable day!  
If you're interested in the details of the event, I encourage you to read the June edition of our Reserve Voice Magazine, which features a special article on the day's proceedings.  
To everyone who joined us in person, participated virtually, or contacted their elected officials—thank you. Your engagement fuels ROA's advocacy efforts.  
As Trey Criner, our Director of Operations, often says, ROA will advocate "alone and unafraid!" If necessary, but we seek partnerships wherever possible.  
We are excited to announce that ROA will soon release a special publication focusing on the power of partnership.  
If you caught our Aug. 1 interview with National Guard Bureau and U.S. Public Health Service representatives about their joint efforts in medical readiness, this theme will resonate with you. If not, I encourage you to visit ROA's YouTube page and watch it as soon as possible!  
This focus on collaboration is central to ROA's daily advocacy. The forthcoming publication will highlight our Advocacy Story, keeping our members and partners at the forefront.  
I look forward to its release, expected in time for our Annual Meeting in D.C. at the MMB from Oct. 4 to 6!  
I'm writing this update close to midnight, and with the congressional Aug. recess over, the 118th Congress has until Sept. 30 to find the federal government.  
Continuing Resolutions are detrimental to military readiness, institutional integrity, and national security. Despite ROA's resistance, Congress often relies on CRs.  
In response to reports validating concerns that Congress would fund the government via CR yet again, ROA joined the Association of the U.S. Army and four other like-minded associations signing the passage of the FY 2025 defense and mil-com/VA appropriations bills.  
Over the weekend, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin sent letters to congressional

### September'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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*This month's Law Reviews are linked below:*

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- **No. 24044** – USERRA's Escalator Can Descend as well as Ascend
- **No. 24043** –Hamilton v. McDonough: Does the Attorney Work-Product Doctrine Apply to FTCA Files?



### Honoring our fallen.

During August 2024, ROA was notified of 137 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.](#)