

ROA's 2026 Leading Legislative Priorities

1. Service Equipment Priorities and NGREA

RC equipment modernization significantly trails the Active Component. NGREA remains underfunded, and limitations on service-to-Congress communication challenge RC visibility.

2. Duty Status Reform Act (H.R.6976)

The RC operates under more than 30 duty statuses, resulting in inequitable benefits, administrative complexity, and readiness impacts. ROA is advocating to solve this.

3. Pay and Allowance Stability During Government Shutdowns

Government shutdowns halt drills and training, disrupting pay and harming readiness. ROA drafted legislation to ensure continuity of pay, allowances, and training access.

4. Affordable Dental Care for the Selected Reserve (S.2575, *Healthcare for Our Troops Act*)

Dental readiness remains a barrier to deployability. The House routinely advances dental affordability provisions; the Senate has not yet acted.

5. *Retaining Essential Support for Combat and Unified Evacuation (S. 1951, RESCUE Act)*

The Army Medical Service Corps dedicated aeromedical evacuation (AE) capability is at risk of being absorbed into general-purpose aviation forces, undermining readiness. ROA is advocating for S. 1951 (the *RESCUE Act of 2025*), which strives to prevent this.

6. TAP Gaps for the Reserve Component (H.R. 3387, *ETS Act*)

RC servicemembers face inconsistent TAP access due to geographic and timing constraints. Two of ROA's five TAP reforms has been codified, with the others included in H.R. 3387.

7. *Susan E. Lukas 9/11 Servicemember Fairness Act (H.R. 5339)*

Veterans who served at the Pentagon between 9/11 and November 19, 2001, are currently excluded from VA toxic exposure healthcare and benefits. This legislation corrects that gap.

8. Rental Car Reimbursement for Drilling Reservists (H.R.7593, *Reserve Forces Travel Fairness Act*)

RC members often incur out-of-pocket costs for rental cars when traveling to mandatory training, with reimbursement limited to duty hours. H.R.7593 provides full reimbursement for rental car expenses for reservists traveling more than 150 miles to their duty location.