



MOAA Roundtable Council of Virtual Chapters

August 27, 2026



Updates

- Revised Affiliated Councils and Chapter Webpage Available August 31
 - Increased functionality with Chapter Locator, Calendar, and Leaders Hub
- Summer Advocacy in Action Campaign
 - August 1-31
 - Grassroot advocacy in home district offices

Updates

- National Board Election Class of 2032
 - Electronic voting August 1-31
- MOAA Store reopening soon
- Please complete Council and Chapter Survey
- MOAA Total Force Plus
 - Feb 1-3, 2027 Gaylord Convention Center, National Harbor, MD

MOAA Council of Virtual Chapters



Newsletter



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OUR MISSION

To create a thriving network of MOAA Virtual Chapters that foster meaningful connections, advocate for uniformed service members and their families, veterans, surviving spouses, and all beneficiaries by leveraging technology to expand MOAA's mission beyond geographical boundaries.



OUR VISION

To expand and sustain a network of MOAA Virtual Chapters that connect, empower, and advocate for uniformed service members, their families, and the broader veteran community. Through innovation, collaboration, and steadfast commitment, we aim to enhance professional development, foster camaraderie, and amplify the collective voice of all members in legislative advocacy.

Virtual Chapter Demographics



First Chartered in 2016

Number of Chapters: 8

Number of Members: ~1,455

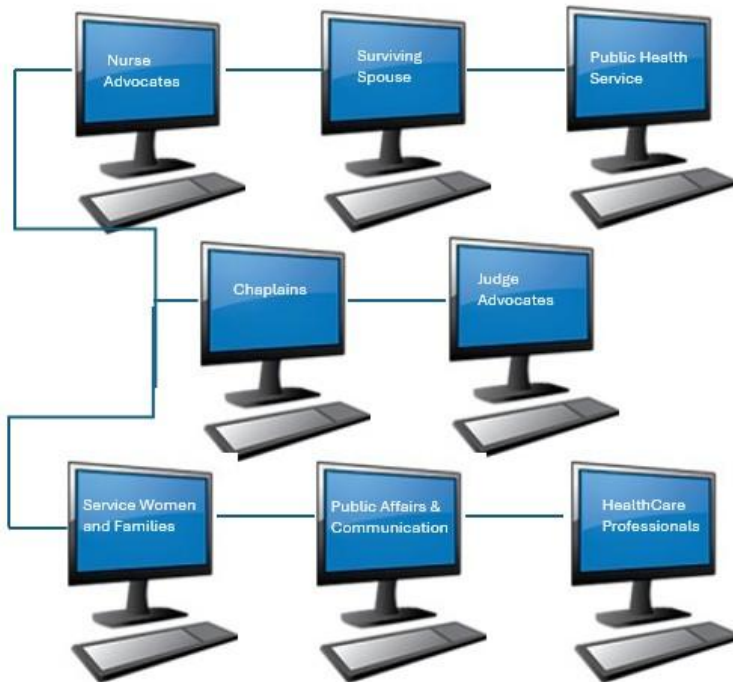
Number of States: 50 + DC, PR

Number of Congressional Districts: ~300

The only MOAA Council with Chapter members across the nation with affiliated specialties, experience, and outreach.

* Most members also belong to a local geographic chapter

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Chapter Members' Experience, Knowledge, Outreach, and Influence

- Members from Uniformed Services to include ranks O-1 thru O-8; currently serving; retired; former; and surviving spouses.
- Professionals with vast Military and Civilian Experience and Leadership Experience.
- Located in all 50 States plus DC and PR
- All made the commitment to Never Stop Serving!

Contributions Made by Virtual Chapters

- MOAA Operational Matrix
- LOE-Harris Award Criteria
- New to Advocacy Handbook
- Virtual Chapter Starter Kit
- Amicus Briefs Development
- Communications Guide Updated
- Healthcare Issues Reporting
- MOAA and Chapter Recruiting
- MOAA Virtual Chapters Video

MOAA Advocacy in Action 2026



Our virtual chapter advocates were able to support any state team where needed since we have members in all 50 states. Each member walked the walk, talked the talk, and represented constituents.

We had the pleasure to meet many other virtual chapter members who were there representing their state and geographic chapters. It was wonderful to finally meet in person.

State Level Legislation Collaboration



The collaborative initiative with MOAA Councils and Independent Chapters on state level legislation began in 2024. We currently have nine (9) states participating including CA, FL, MO, NC, NV, OH, PA, TN, and TX.

There are many issues which affect military, uniformed service and veteran beneficiaries at the state level. MOAA councils and independent chapters have done outstanding work advocating these issues. Our virtual chapters have over 1400 members across the Country in all 50 states. By adding our voices and advocacy efforts to their endeavors, we can make a difference and improve the outcome for all.

When the states identify specific legislation, they forward to our Virtual Council and it is shared with all of our members within that state, and they are encouraged to participate and support. Collaboration between MOAA virtual and geographic chapters makes us all stronger, with one powerful voice.

MOAA Legislation Adjunct

Adjunct to MOAA Legislation Action Center

- Easy listing for staying up-to-date on new and updated campaigns
- Includes articles with background information supporting legislation
- Provide instruction and link for registration and tracking
- Member-reported satisfaction and use

<https://www.moaavirtualchapters.org/moaa-active-campaigns>

Important Request

PLEASE take a moment and update your status following these simple steps, or watch this video [HERE](#) to walk you through it.

1. Go to the [MOAA website](#) and click on Legislative Action Center from the dropdown under Advocacy on the top of the page.
2. On the upper right hand corner there is a BAC button with either your name or sign up. Click that button.
3. Fill out the form if not already completed. At the bottom of the form you'll see "MOAA Chapter Affiliation". Scroll down and select **EACH** chapter you are a member of.
4. Click the "sign up and take action" button and you're finished.

This is how MOAA tracks and credits chapter support.

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MOAA New and Updated Active Campaigns

Listed are the MOAA Active Campaigns by the Month they were added or updated. We hope that this will be easier for members to track that they are remaining current in "Taking Action" on important legislation.

It is recommended that you check this section monthly and stay current on your support and Never Stop Serving!

You make a big difference by letting your Representatives hear from their constituents.

Advocacy Activities

Feb 2026 **Mar 2026** **Apr 2026** **May 2026**

May 2026

Ask Your Lawmakers to Support the Improve and Enhance the Work Opportunity Tax Credit Act

The Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) has played a key role in keeping veteran unemployment rates closer to civilian levels. Originally designed to support "job seekers who have consistently faced barriers to employment," this definition clearly applies to military spouses, who have faced sustained unemployment rates of jobs or higher for over a decade. Continuing to offer that tax credit to employers, while enhancing the program will ensure the veteran unemployment rate remains low, and expanding the benefit to military spouses will improve financial stability for the currently serving military family and increase military readiness and retention rates.

Please take a moment to write your lawmakers about the importance of continuing that tax credit for veterans and making military spouses a target group for WOTC.

[Take Action](#)

Support Duty Status Reform for Members of the National Guard and Reserve

The Duty Status Reform Act (H.R. 3731) would allow the Pentagon's ability to place members of the Guard and Reserve on "active orders." The delivery of benefits under this new structure will no longer negatively impact the servicemember with respect to the type of housing allowance they receive or the credit they receive toward retirement, and it will enable unit commanders to lead teams without having to distinguish between duty type.

[Take Action](#)

Protect USPHS and NOAA Retirees from Future Shutdowns

The Personnel for Serious Unfunded Service Members Act (H.R. 3731) would sign U.S. Public Health Service Commissioned Corps and NOAA Commissioned Corps retirement payments with those of all other uniformed services by drawing them from the Military Retirement Fund rather than discretionary agency budgets. This change would protect approximately 8,000 USPHS and NOAA retirees from future funding issues. The same protection extended to Coast Guard retirees in FY 2025.

[Take Action](#) [Read Background Article](#)

Honor Veteran Caregivers - Pass the Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act

The caregivers who provide daily care and support to aging and disabled veterans often sacrifice their own careers.

Virtual Council HealthCare Issue Team

Nurse Advocates, Healthcare Professionals, and Public Health Service Chapters

Grassroots reporting of potential issues across the Country

Clearing house on reported issues

Educate, feedback, and elevate

No personal health information, no advice given, no patient advocacy involved

Expanded Collaboration with Council of Virtual Chapters

Assigned representative(s) from various virtual chapters

Coordination and collaboration with MOAA Government Relations



Currently Serving Recruiting

Expand and Grow Currently Serving Membership



Portable community: If you move, change duty stations, or deploy, your virtual chapter connection can move with you.

A stronger advocacy voice: MOAA advocates for servicemembers, veterans, families, retirees, and survivors; joining adds your voice to a large, organized membership base focused on protecting earned benefits.

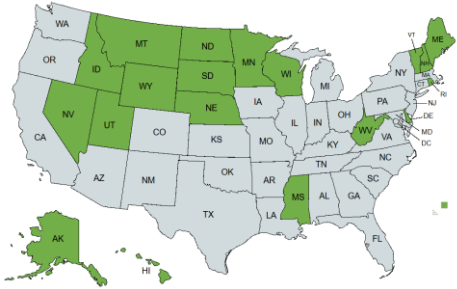
Professional development and networking: Virtual chapters emphasize camaraderie, education, communication, and professional development, helping active-duty members build relationships beyond their installation or service.

Access to timely information: MOAA membership includes legislative updates, newsletters, analysis on benefits issues, discounts, insurance options, and other resources relevant throughout a military career.

*Using MOAA Member Personas data to develop strategies

State Remote Virtual Chapters Concept

Expand and Grow Remote Chapter Membership



State	Count
Alaska	3256
Delaware	2231
Hawaii	7252
Idaho	3561
Iowa	3226
Maine	2816
Minnesota	5304
Mississippi	5649
Montana	2431
Nebraska	4481
Nevada	7259
New Hampshire	3160
New Jersey	7897
North Dakota	1217
Rhode Island	2671
South Dakota	2212
Utah	5456
Vermont	978
West Virginia	2129
Wyoming	1497
Puerto Rico	2339

Chapter members are the most active and effectively contribute the most to the overall MOAA mission

Less than 9% of National members belong to a Chapter

20 States do not have a MOAA Council

Remote State Virtual Chapters could bring additional Chapter members from these States

Contributing factors: age, distance, transportation, work and family responsibilities, plus others...

Collaboration with geographic chapters, State level advocacy, support and involvement with chapter affiliates

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