



Monthly Leaders Roundtable: Advocacy in Action 2025

March 27, 2025



Agenda

- Program Updates
- 2025 Leader Workshops and Other Training Opportunities
- Advocacy in Action (AiA) 2025
- General Discussion
- Adjournment

Program Updates

- **Committee Module and Near Real Time Report (CM/NRT)**
 - Phase 1 Roll Out commenced 24 February
 - Phase 2 Roll Out commenced 24 March
 - Phase 3 Roll Out planned for 24 April (but will expedite if possible)
 - Review the instructional guide; use online feedback form for issues or manager reassignment.
 - Please limit to one manager accessing the system and providing feedback during reintroduction period.
 - Chapters are actively recruiting new members from NRT data.

Program Updates (Continued)

- **2024 MOAA Council & Chapter Awards**
 - LOE, Harris Communications, Strobridge, and Surviving Spouse Liaison awards reviews complete; notifications to be shared early April.
 - Available for presentation on Thursday, April 10, at the Council President/Independent Chapter President meeting or at the discretion of council and chapter leaders.
- **Alternative Liability Insurance**
 - MOAA has negotiated a contract with Lockton Affinity to provide an alternative for affiliates seeking liability insurance. AMBA also remains an option. Links will be online soon.
- **Chapter Dues Pay Portal Update (Cheddar Up)**
 - 45 chapters enrolled in the program with 25 pending or in progress.

AiA Planning

- **Key Reminders:**
 - Review the 2025 Memorandum on Travel, Lodging, and Meals prior to incurring or submitting expenses.
 - Keep all relevant receipts.
- **Events Start with the Welcome Reception – 5:00 PM, Monday April 7.**
- **MOAA Will Cover Hotel Rooms during the footprint of the event – normally April 7 through 10 unless special circumstances exist.**
- **On Tuesday morning on April 8,** we will have partner presentations and will go over reimbursement procedures.
- **Spouses are not able to join teams on Capitol Hill** but may join at hosted events; spouse travel will not be reimbursed.

2025 Leader Training Workshops



Leadership Seminar
Orlando, FL
January 16-18
FL, Other C&C by
invitation

Virtual Workshop
New Leaders
March 5
Focused on New
Chapter Leaders

Central Workshop
Oklahoma City, OK
May 2-3
AR, CO, IA, KS, LA,
MN, MO, ND, NE,
NM, OK, SD, TX

Virtual Workshop
Experienced Leaders
August 13
Focused on Experienced
Leaders

East Workshop
Hershey, PA
November 14-15
CT, DE, IL, IN, MA, MD,
ME, MI, NH, NJ, NY, OH,
PA, RI, VT, WI, WV



2025 Leaders Roundtable Schedule

January 23 Advocacy in Action	February 27 Committee Module/NRT	March 27 Advocacy in Action Logistics	April 24 Chapter Dues Pay Portal
May 29* Chapter Health	June 26 General Council Issues	July 24 Recruiting and Retention	August 28 MOAA Virtual Chapters
September 25 Council and Chapter Mentorship	Oct 23 MOAA Foundation	November 20* MOAA Annual Awards	December 18* Year in Review/2026 Outlook

7:00 pm EST

*Adjusted from 4th Thursday to Avoid Conflict



Advocacy in Action (AiA) Topics

- **All AiA Teams:**
 - Military Spouse Hiring Act
- **Department of Defense (DoD) Track:**
 - Unaccompanied Housing Improvements
 - Military Health System (MHS) Access to Care
- **Department of Veterans' Affairs (VA) Track:**
 - “Ending the Wait” Report Priorities
 - Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act

Military Spouse Hiring Act (MSHA)

- **MOAA urges Congress to add military spouses as a target group under the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (H.R. 2033/S. 1027).**
 - Military spouses face a staggering 21% unemployment rate — five times the national average.
 - It's time to approach this persistent unemployment issue by incentivizing businesses to hire military spouses by tapping into an existing tax credit program.

Unaccompanied Housing Improvements

- **MOAA is asking Congress to require DoD to make unaccompanied housing installation conditions publicly available to support lawmaker oversight.**
 - Thousands of servicemembers live in substandard barracks plagued by mold, pests, sewage overflows, and broken safety systems.
 - Despite legislative action, a \$137 billion backlog in deferred maintenance leaves servicemembers facing unsafe conditions.

Improve Military Health System Access to Care

- **MOAA urges Congress to pass legislation establishing an MHS digital access assistance platform.**
 - Timely access to quality care has been a longstanding problem in the military health system (MHS).
 - Servicemembers and TRICARE beneficiaries need a digital platform to report access to care issues and receive help navigating the MHS.
 - Such a platform would also provide greater visibility and ensure fixable access challenges are addressed.

Ending the Wait Report Priorities

- **MOAA urges Congress to enact legislation to bolster the legal framework for creating presumptive conditions.**
 - Veterans exposed to toxins during service face decades-long delays for acknowledgment and care.
 - The current system leaves veterans and their families waiting far too long for the benefits and support they need and have earned.

Caregiver Support Improvements

- **MOAA urges Congress to pass the Veteran Caregiver Reeducation, Reemployment, and Retirement Act (H.R. 2148/S. 879).**
 - Veteran caregivers provide essential care for aging and disabled veterans, often at the expense of their own financial security, mental health, and career aspirations.
 - These caregivers deserve tangible resources to support their vital role within veterans' families and communities.

