

Legislative Update

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Agenda

- Meet the Headquarters Team
- Why Advocacy?
- MOAA Legislative Highlights
- 118th Congress – Goals and Road Ahead
- National and Council/Chapter Collaboration

Meet the Headquarters Team



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Why Advocacy?

- Most servicemembers and their families are not in positions to represent their own interests.
- Contracts for the military industrial complex dominate current spending and out-year programming.
 - Personnel and Healthcare have historically taken up 1/3 of the DoD budget, leaders are convinced the costs are out of control; Personnel is stable, and Healthcare is costing more.
- Negative impact of Continuing Resolutions
- National-State legislative efforts/building critical mass through advocacy works.

MOAA Legislative Highlights

- Maintained pay raise comparability.
- Defeated “COLA Minus 1 Percent.”
- Blocked 5 consecutive TFL enrollment fee proposals.
- Halted medical billet cuts.
- Secured comprehensive privatized military housing reform.
- Repealed the SBP-DIC Offset (‘Widows Tax’).
- Secured major GI Bill upgrades to include transferability and improving benefits for those on Title 32 orders.
- Established comprehensive toxic exposure reform.
- Provided wounded warrior protections and caregiver enhancements.

118th Congress Goals

- Compensation and Service-Earned Benefits
 - Military Housing
 - Health Care for Currently Serving and Retirees
 - Health Care and Benefits for Veterans
 - Service Families
 - Survivors
 - Guard and Reserves
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- Scan the QR code below for more information on MOAA's Legislative Goals:



118th Congress – The Road Ahead

Congressional Schedule in Regular Order:

118 th Congress																							
Session 1 – 2023												Session 2 – 2024											
J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
<i>50% of Bill Introduction</i>																	<i>50% of Bill Enactment</i>						

- Advocacy in Action
- Appropriations/Budget
- NDAA
- Additional Key Legislation
- Challenges Ahead

National and Council/Chapter Collaboration

Discussion Questions:

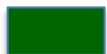
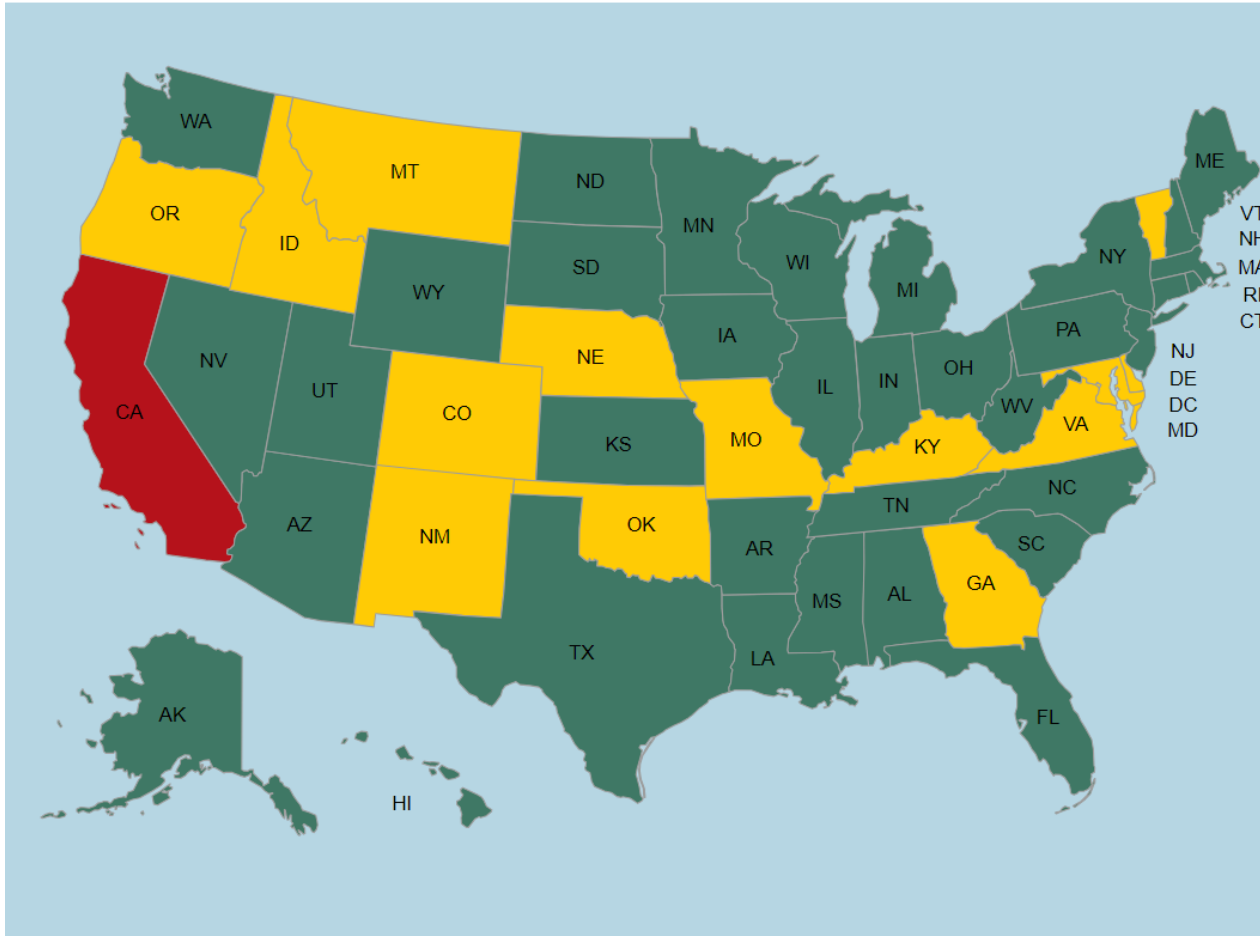
- What does your council/chapter do well?
- Where can you improve?

Council & Chapter Resources:

- Council/Chapter Self-Assessment
- State Report Card
- State Legislative Forum
- Legislative Leaders Page
- Legislative Action Center
- Military Officer Magazine
- The MOAA Newsletter
- Social Media
- Capitol Hill Toll-Free Hotline



State Report Card



Both military retired pay (MRP) and Survivor Benefit Plan payments (SBP) are fully exempt from state taxation.



MRP and/or SBP receive partial exemption from state taxation.



Neither MRP nor SBP is exempt from state taxation

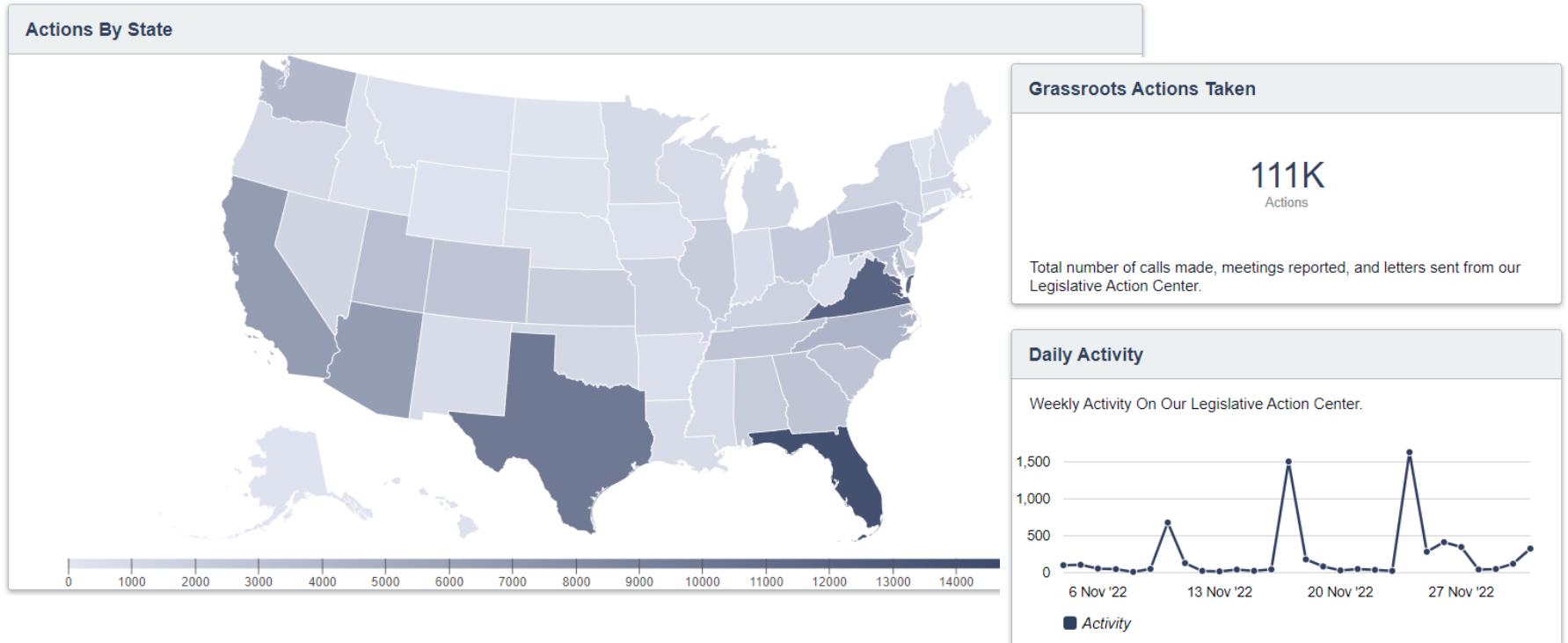


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State Legislative Forum

- Online Forum for council and chapter legislative leaders to share their experiences on issues at the state level.
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Legislative Leaders Page



This site is an enduring resource for Council and Chapter Leadership to provide necessary tools for your federal advocacy efforts. Scan the QR code below to access the webpage:



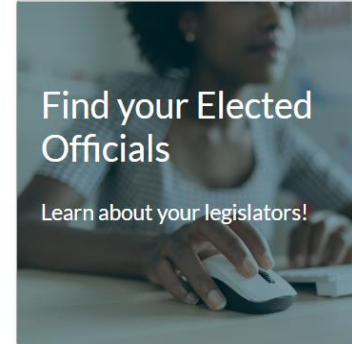
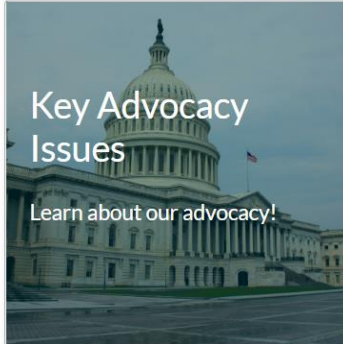
MOAA's Legislative Action Center



[Action Center Tutorial](#)

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Active Legislative Campaigns

Help Support Military Family Access to Mental Health Care

Help MOAA build support for H.R. 4824, the Stop Copay Overpay Act, which would reduce TRICARE copays for mental health visits and address the financial barrier to accessing mental health services.

Write

Scan the QR code below to access the Legislative Action Center:



SC Update – We Need Your Help

MOAA's Legislative Action Center

- H.R. 1282/S.344 Star Act – 4 Reps, 2 Senators
- H.R. 2537/S.1823 Restore BAH – 1 Rep
- H.R. 1413 Expand ANC – 2 Reps
- H.R. 1277/S.596 MSHA - 2 Reps, 1 Senator
- H.R. 1083/S. 414 DIC Improvement – none
- H.R. 1045/S. 956 – TYA - none

NC Update – We Need Your Help

MOAA's Legislative Action Center

- H.R. 1282/S.344 Star Act – 10 Reps
- H.R. 2537/S.1823 Restore BAH – 2 Reps
- H.R. 1413 Expand ANC – 5 Reps
- H.R. 1277/S.596 MSHA - 5 Reps, 1 Senator
- H.R. 1083/S. 414 DIC Improvement – none
- H.R. 1045/S. 956 – TYA – 3 Reps

VA Update – We Need Your Help

MOAA's Legislative Action Center

- H.R. 1282/S.344 Star Act – 10 Reps, 2 Senators
- H.R. 2537/S.1823 Restore BAH – 3 Reps
- H.R. 1413 Expand ANC – 2 Reps
- H.R. 1277/S.596 MSHA - 6 Reps, 2 Senators
- H.R. 1083/S.414 DIC Improvement – 1 Rep
- H.R. 1045/S. 956 – TYA – 2 Reps

GA Update – We Need Your Help

MOAA's Legislative Action Center

- H.R. 1282/S.344 Star Act – 7 Reps, 2 Senators
- H.R. 2537/S.1823 Restore BAH – 1 Rep, 1 Senator
- H.R. 1413 Expand ANC – 4 Reps
- H.R. 1277/S.596 MSHA - 7 Reps, 1 Senator
- H.R. 1083/S. 414 DIC Improvement – 2 Reps, 1 Senator
- H.R. 1045/S. 956 – TYA – 3 Reps

TN Update – We Need Your Help

MOAA's Legislative Action Center

- H.R. 1282/S.344 Star Act – 6 Reps, 1 Senators
- H.R. 2537/S.1823 Restore BAH – 2 Reps
- H.R. 1413 Expand ANC – none
- H.R. 1277/S.596 MSHA – 4 Reps, 2 Senators
- H.R. 1083/S. 414 DIC Improvement – 1 Rep
- H.R. 1045/S. 956 – TYA – 1 Rep

AL Update – We Need Your Help

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