



# Monthly Leadership Roundtable: Affiliate Visit and Awards Overview

May 14, 2026



# Agenda

- Program Updates
- Government Relations Update
- Upcoming Training Opportunities
- Council and Chapter Visit Program
- Awards Program
- Discussion
- Closing

# Program Updates

- ZIP codes distributed to all councils and independent chapters. Councils and chapters asked to work together to confirm/reassign, as needed. ZIP codes define catchment areas for the Near Real Time report.
- Actively seeking a Program Manager to replace Victoria Twyne following retirement. Anticipate early July hire and appreciate continued patience during billet gap.

# Program Updates

- Best practices and specific award feedback from LOE and Harris Communications 2025 awards have been sent to the applicant for each award. Please discuss as a leadership team to prepare for the 2026 cycle.
- Award certificates, year pins, and any needed medallions for the awards will be shipped to affiliates soon.
  - Harris Comms awardees in both categories will receive a single year pin. If an affiliate won a 4-Star and a 5-Star, the year pin should go under the higher-level medallion.

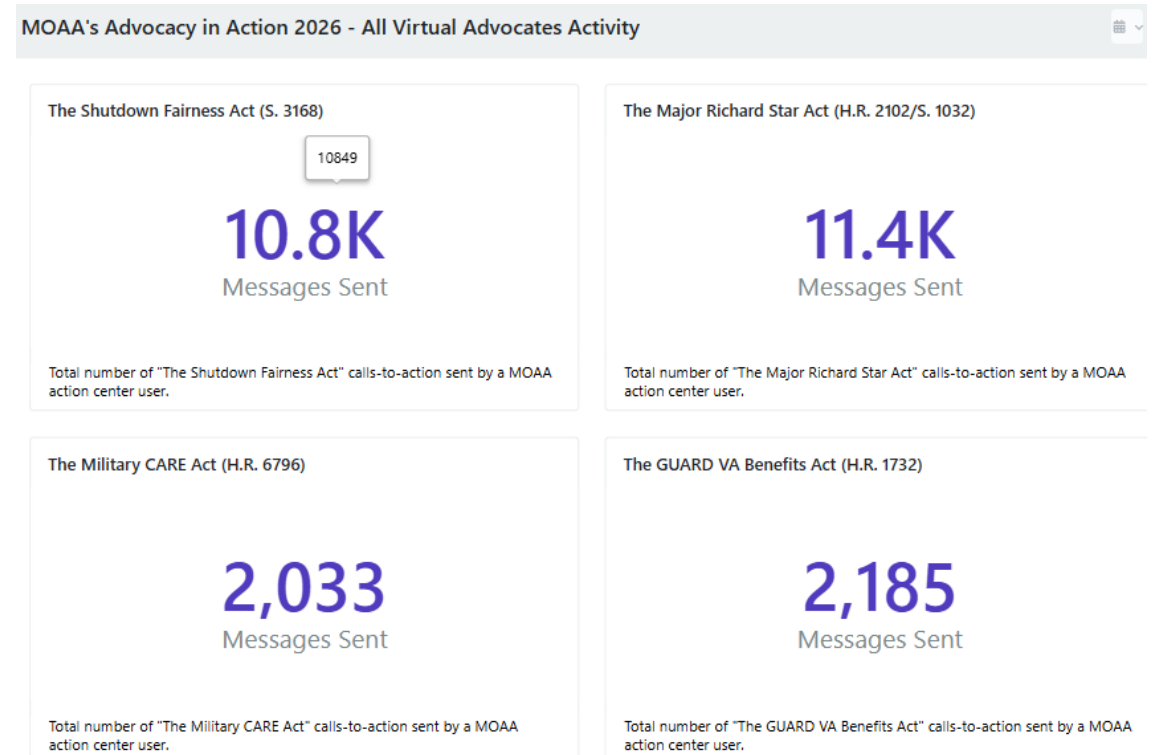
# Government Relations Advocacy Update

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# Post Action – Advocacy in Action

- Key Stats
  - 160 Participants
  - 300 In-Person Meetings
  - 50 Lawmaker Meetings
  - Nearly 25,000 LAC Messages Sent
- New Co-sponsorship Status\*
  - **Shutdown Fairness Act:** 13 House, 1 Senate
  - **Military CARE Act:** 6 House
  - **Major Richard Star Act:** 10 House, 2 Senate
  - **GUARD VA Benefits Act:** 13 House



# Additional Advocacy Updates

- **FY 2027 Budget Update**
  - Administration requests \$1.5 trillion for Pentagon and \$490 billion for VA.
  - Work on the 2027 NDAA well underway. MOAA is assessing changes to MHS funding mechanism.
- **Partial Shutdown Ends – Action Still Needed**
  - Shutdown Fairness Act (S. 3168/H.R. 7137)
  - Pensions for Retired Uniformed Servicemembers Act
- **Richard Star Act** – Key endorsements, building momentum
- **Summer AiA** – Begins in August, details to come

# Volunteer Leader Training

# 2026 Roundtable Schedule

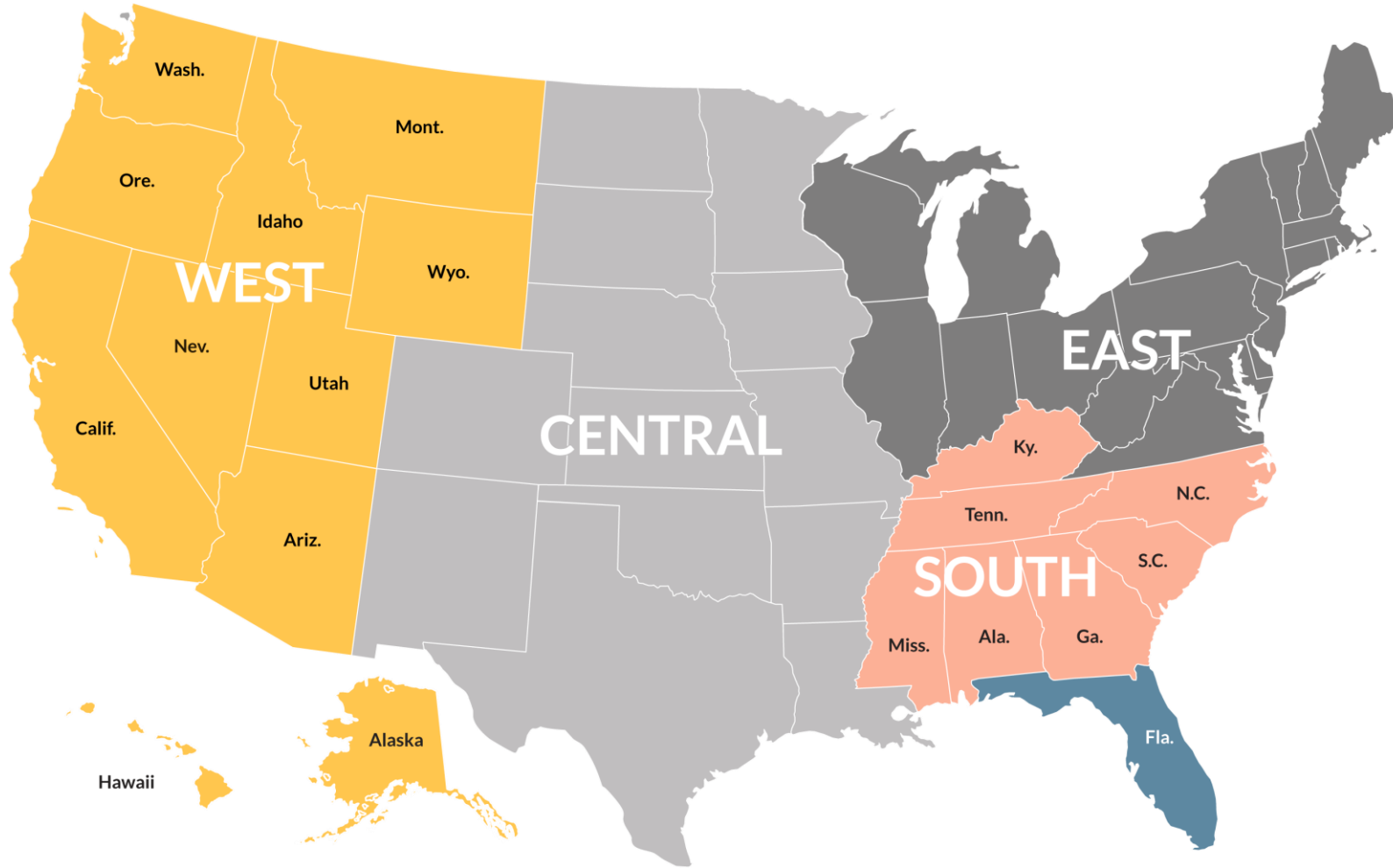
January 22 Privacy Policy Implementation Update	February 26 Committee Module/NRT	March 26 Advocacy in Action Logistics	April 23 Chapter Dues Pay Portal
May 14* Chapter Visit and Awards Programs	June 25 General Counsel Issues	July 23 Recruiting and Retention	August 27 MOAA Virtual Chapters
September 24 Council and Chapter Mentorship	Oct 22 MOAA Foundation	November 19* MOAA Annual Awards	December 17* Year in Review/2026 Outlook

7:00 pm ET

\*Adjusted from 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday to Avoid Conflict



# 2026 Leader Training Workshops



**Leadership Seminar**  
Orlando, FL  
January 29-31  
FL, Other C&C by  
invitation

**Virtual W/S**  
New Leaders  
March 4  
(10:30a-4:30p  
Eastern)

**West W/S**  
San Diego  
May 28-29  
AK, AZ, CA, HI, ID, MT,  
NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**Virtual W/S**  
Experienced Leaders  
August 12  
(10:30a-4:30p  
Eastern)

**South W/S**  
Chattanooga, TN  
November 16 & 17  
AL, FL, GA, KY, MS,  
NC, SC, TN, VA

# Travel Program

# Eligibility

- Councils are Eligible Annually and Chapters Every 2 years
- Schedule now for 2026 and 2027
- Periodic Eligibility Emails Sent to Councils and Chapters
- To Check Eligibility: [chapters@moaa.org](mailto:chapters@moaa.org)
- POC: Rachel Sanks, [Rachelsa@moaa.org](mailto:Rachelsa@moaa.org), 1-800-234-6622, ext. 120

# COUNCIL AND CHAPTER LEADER RESOURCES

## Council and Chapter Awards

Learn about the many honors available to MOAA councils and chapters, and their members.

[READ MORE](#)

## Council and Chapter Recruiting and Membership

Resources for chapter leaders to grow and maintain their membership rolls.

[READ MORE](#)

## Council and Chapter Administration

Forms, links, downloads, and other materials.

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## Council and Chapter Communications

Resources for chapter leaders to grow and maintain their membership rolls.

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## Council and Chapter Community Involvement

Resources for chapter leaders to reach out to their communities.

[READ MORE](#)

## Council and Chapter Training Materials and Opportunities

Leaders and members alike have many learning tools at their disposal.

[READ MORE](#)

# What Happens Next

- ACC Staff Reviews Request, Acknowledges Receipt, Confirms Speaker, and Notifies the Requestor
  - Confirmation email will include name and bio of the speaker
  - Link for additional meeting details
  - Electronic Support Message form/link
  - Speaker will make contact

# Best Practices

- CEO/Chairman requests come with scheduling risks
- Please make initial request via the outlined channel
- Leadership meetings in conjunction with event are highly encouraged
- Keep us apprised of schedule changes
- PPT presentations to fit the venue/event
- Plan award presentations

# After the Event

- “Trip Report” filed
- Follow-up with questions and due-outs
- Match resources to challenges
- Critique the visit
- Follow up with status of new chapter members

# 2026 Program Activity

Speaker	Visits (completed or scheduled)
CEO	4
Staff	49
Board of Directors	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>63</b>

# Personal Awards Program

# Awards Program Overview

- Awards
  - <https://www.moaa.org/content/chapters-and-councils/moaa-awards/moaa-national-awards-application/>
- Other Recognition
  - Council/Chapter Anniversary Certificates
  - President/Past President Pins
- Program POC: Rachel Sanks

# MOAA National Awards

Outstanding  
Service  
Award

Leadership  
Award

President's  
Award

Chairman's  
Award

100<sup>th</sup>  
Birthday  
Certificate

# Outstanding Service Award

- Used for recognizing members for their outstanding service in completing a special project or otherwise contributing to the council/chapter or MOAA
  - This award, on occasion, can be awarded to a non-member of note to the requesting chapter.
- Includes certificate, card from CEO, and MOAA coin

# Military Officers Association of America



Presents This

## Outstanding Service Award

To

**Capt Emil T. Cipolla, USAF (Ret)**

*The Military Officers Association of America is honored to recognize you with our prestigious Outstanding Service Award for your efforts within the Southeastern New England Chapter. As the Legislative Chair, you have demonstrated unwavering support for veterans' legislation in Rhode Island. Your relentless efforts played a pivotal role in successfully pushing for the elimination of Pension Taxation, ensuring the financial security of veterans throughout the state. Additionally, you have actively supported the chapter's fundraising Operation Stand Down in Rhode Island.*

*Through your selfless contributions, you have enriched the lives of so many and served well the MOAA mission to "Never Stop Serving."*

# Leadership Award

- Used for individuals who hold or have previously held a leadership position within the council/chapter
- Includes certificate, card from CEO, and leadership pin

# Military Officers Association of America



*presents this*

## Leadership Award

*to*

**CDR James W. Hargrove Jr., USN (Ret)**

*The Military Officers Association of America is honored to recognize you with the prestigious MOAA Leadership Award for your service as Treasurer of the Chattanooga Chapter, MOAA.*

*In addition to your role as Treasurer, you also serve as Newsletter Editor and Photographer, where your expertise has contributed greatly to the chapter, earning the 5-star Level of Excellence award for three consecutive years. Your extraordinary leadership also earned you the chapter's Board Member of the Year Award for 2021.*

*Thank you for your selfless leadership in your multiple roles within the Chattanooga Chapter. I hope you'll wear the enclosed lapel pin with pride, symbolizing your dedicated leadership.*

*Thank you for your commitment to "Never Stop Serving!"*



# Presidents Award

- Provided to exceptional chapter leaders who have previously been the recipient of the Leadership Award
- Includes enlarged certificate and card from CEO



# President's Award

*For Exceptional Leadership and Meritorious Service  
in Support of the Objectives and Programs of the  
Military Officers Association of America  
Given under My Hand at Alexandria, Virginia*

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*President*

# Chairman's Award

- The highest award from MOAA National
- Reserved for leaders who have gone above and beyond
- Must have received at least the Leadership and President's Award
- Includes enlarged certificate and card from the Chairman of the Board



# Process and Timeline

- Please complete the nomination application at least 45 days in advance
  - Include 3-5 bullet points of notable accomplishments
- Nomination will be verified in our system
  - For President's and Chairman's awards, level of nomination will be contingent on recipient's award history meeting criteria
- Awards will be mailed to the nominator approximately 2-3 weeks prior to the presentation date

# 2026 Awards to Date

Awards	Number Fulfilled
Outstanding Service Award	8
Leadership Award	31
President's Award	13
Chairman's Award	1
100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Certificate	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>53</b>

# Chapter/Council Visit Program

- Upon request, a speaker from MOAA National will present a briefing with organizational updates, as well as briefs on other requested subjects such as legislative priorities
- Councils eligible for a visit annually, and chapters are eligible every 2-3 years
- In 2026, Levels of Excellence Award will provide “extra credit” points for affiliates who have requested a visit within this timeframe

# Visit Request Form

- Visits should be requested at least 60 days in advance, to allow for proper travel planning
  - <https://www.moaa.org/content/chapters-and-councils/council-and-chapter-management/initial-chapter-visit-request/>
- Monthly All President's email contains a full list of scheduled visits.
  - Find the best available date for a visit
  - Consider dates with adjacent council/chapter visits to optimize National travel

# Additional Notes

- Please identify if the visit is a special event or officer installation
- Advise state council president of planned visit
- Consider inviting adjacent chapters to your event
- Advise of invited VIPs or other speakers

# Open Discussion



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