



2018 MOAA Council and Chapters Leadership Symposium and FCoC Leadership Forum

Legislative Chairs Round Table Presentation

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Council Role in Advancing the MOAA Legislative Agenda

Team Leader for Storming the Hill – ***April 17, 2018***

Schedule Appointments (29 potential visits in FL)

Coordinate team members' assignments

Provide feedback on the receptiveness of their visits

***The goal of this one-day lobbying effort is to increase the number of cosponsors
on key legislative issues.***

Coordinate Coverage amongst the 44 chapters for the 27 Congressional Districts
and their 53 District Offices (FL specific)

Provide Updates to FCoC

Column in Council Newsletter - *monitor & report on voting and co-sponsorship*

Issue Special Calls for Action

Provide guidance and assistance to Chapter Legislative Liaisons



Chapter Legislative Mission

Update members and Newsletter readers on Legislative Issues

Timely Response to Urgent “Calls to Action”

Establish Grassroots Voice

- Contact with Local Congressional Offices

- Meet with Legislators and/or Staff

- Regular Follow-ups

- Assist members in conveying our message

MOAA Ambassadors in the community

- Visible mission activities connected directly to your chapter

Be a “Force Multiplier” – energize your members



Key Events/Opportunities

Letter of Congratulations on election/re-election

Letter of Introduction to District Office Staff

Calls for Action – Capwiz; follow-up with District Staff

Storming the Hill

- Advance Letter to DC offices addressing Issues of importance

- Follow-up Letter on Co-sponsorship Status

August Recess

- Coordinate Chapter visits (consider joint visits)

- Become familiar with issues

Congressional attendance at Chapter Meetings; invite District Staff



Resources

Weekly MOAA Legislative Updates

“On Watch” Column

GovTrack.com

MOAA Website – Legislative Action Center

Current Legislation

Key Bills – Co-Sponsorship status

Action Alerts

Capitol Hill Basics (a primer)

The Hill News website

Sign-up for your Legislator’s email updates/newsletter

Links to or excerpts from Communique



Challenges for 2018

Tricare Reform and fee increases

Attacks on Compensation and Benefits

Protect Military Retirement and COLAs

Wounded Warrior Programs

End Financial Penalties on Survivors & Disabled Retirees

End the Cycle of CR funding

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