2019 FCOC Council Leadership Forum

Legislative Chairs Round Table Presentation

Bob Bienvenue, Lt Col USAF ret
FCoC Legislative Chair

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Council Role in Advancing the MOAA Legislative Agenda

Council President/Team Leader for Storming the Hill – *April 2019*
- Schedule Appointments (29 potential visits in FL)
- Coordinate team members’ assignments
- Provide feedback on the receptiveness of their visits

Coordinate Coverage amongst the 44(?) chapters for the 27 Congressional Districts and their 50+ District Offices (Area VPs)

http://www.moaafl.org/Documents/LA/FloridaCongressionalDistricts2018ElectionResults.pdf

FCOC Legislative Chair
- 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

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Chapter Legislative Mission

Update members and Newsletter readers on Legislative Issues
Urge 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

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Key Events/Opportunities

Letter of Congratulations on election/re-election
Letter of Introduction to District Office Staff
February “Post Card” Campaign
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

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Resources

Weekly MOAA Newsletter & 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

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Challenges for 2019

- Tricare Reform and fee increases
- Attacks on Compensation and Benefits
- Protect Military Retirement and COLAs
- End Financial Penalties on Survivors & Disabled Retirees

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