# Affiliated Councils and Chapters Roundtable: AiA 2025

Thursday, January 23, 2025 7:00 - 9:00 PM EST



# Agenda

- Program Updates
- Training Dates
- Advocacy in Action 2025 (Maj Gen April Vogel)
- Discussion



#### **Program Updates**

- Committee Module/Near Real Time Report Update
- Advocacy in Action
  - States represented 47, total participants 69
- Annual Awards Submissions
  - LOE 26, Communications 61, Strobridge Award 3, Surviving Spouse Award 3
  - Portal open through Feb 15
- Cheddar Up (Online Dues Portal)
  - Active chapters 26, in queue 25, expressed interest 51
  - Send affiliate name, primary administrator (must be someone with access to bank) account), and their email to chapters@moaa.org
  - Email address consistency



#### **Program Updates**

- Council and Chapter TMN transitioning Feb 1. Same content will be shared across weekly newsletters with greater exposure.
- Foundation Community Outreach Grant applications accepted through Feb 28. Four complete packages submitted, 41 in progress.
- Community Sponsorship Grants offered
- 2025 Council President Stipends offered
  - \$1,400 travel stipend, \$180 technology stipend
- Liability Insurance update
- Upgrade Basic members in your chapter
- LOE and Communication Award presentation streamers mailed this week



#### **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, VA, VT, WI, WV



#### 2025 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday to Avoid Conflict



## Advocacy in Action, April 7-10, 2025

- Hyatt Regency Crystal City at Reagan National Airport, 2799
   Richmond Highway, Arlington, VA
- In the process of identifying State Captains and participants
- Next step is opening registration, providing reimbursement guidelines
- Information papers, microsite and other resources forthcoming
- Day on the Hill is a strenuous activity with up to 5 miles of walking
- Spouse are welcome at their own travel expense. They will be included in meals and activities during the week, excluding Hill Day.



## **Advocacy in Action**

- Most economical travel required. Airline or POV expenses over \$750.00 must be pre-approved by CCA
- Plan arrival to attend the Council Presidents welcome reception and dinner 5-8 PM on April 7 and remain through the Council President's seminar, which will conclude at approximately 3 PM Thursday, April 10
- Council President Seminar:
  - Chairman of the Board and CEO participation
  - Senior Leader/VP panel
  - Discuss 2025 initiatives to include chapter health
  - LOE, Harris Communications Award presentation (as desired)



## **Advocacy in Action 2025 Overview**

Maj Gen April Vogel, USAF (Ret) Vice President, Government Relations



#### Advocacy in Action - Program Highlights

- AiA is 1 day out of 365 days, so we are focusing on our Tier 1 priorities
- Topics and priorities will be tailored to specific office visits (5 topics, but only 3 per team)
- New contractor, SOAPBOX, will be scheduling key meetings
- C&C participants are encouraged to visit the remainder of their state's delegation



# Advocacy in Action – What to Expect

- January Team member submission
- February Teams finalized
- March Target meetings scheduled
  - 3/27 Virtual roundtable AiA logistics
- April
  - 4/7 Council Presidents dinner
  - 4/8 AiA training, MOAA awards ceremony
  - 4/9 Lawmaker meetings, AiA dinner
  - 4/10 Council Presidents seminar



#### **Tier 1 Priorities**

- Currently Serving:
  - Military Housing Improvements
- Retirees/Veterans:
  - Ending the Wait Report Priorities
- Family/Survivors:
  - Military Spouse Hiring Act
- DoD Health Care:
  - Improve Military Health System Access to Care
- VA Health Care:
  - Caregiving Support Improvements



#### **Questions/Discussion?**

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