

2022 April OCC Legislative Affairs Update

MOAA Fights for You. You hear that phrase over and over. The absolute response by all of us should be “Yes, it does!”

When you respond to MOAA’s “take action” efforts and contact your representatives on MOAA’s [Active Legislative Campaigns](#) page, you become a part of the fight.

This month MOAA is, to use an old term, “storming the hill” through the virtual communication links established by Chapters around the nation whose objective is to contact their respective Congressional Representatives and impress upon them the importance of supporting legislation that affects our military family, be they in the active service, retirees, or family members. Today, the term used to describe this action is “Advocacy in Action (AiA).” During the month of April, MOAA members in Ohio are taking three key legislative issues to your respective representatives. They are:

Concurrent Receipt for Combat-Injured Servicemembers: The Major Richard Star Act (H.R. 1242, S. 344).

Affordable mental health for TRICARE beneficiaries. The Stop Copay Overpay Act (H.R. 4824).

A 4.6% military pay raise. This raise applies to all eight of our uniformed services; the percentage is linked to the Employment Cost Index (ECI) by statute.

Besides what the AiA team members are doing, all of us as chapters members have a responsibility to reach out and raise our voice of support. We are all conduits for MOAA achieving success in getting key legislation passed. Go on-line to <https://moaa.quorum.us/> and after registering, contact your representatives by simply clicking on the “Write” box by each issue. It is an easy task, so please, do not forget to do it! As MOAA says **“Get involved and make sure your interests are addressed.”**

If you received the April issue of MOAA magazine, there are tear out letters for us to sign and mail to the four top Congressional Representatives in the Senate. Hopefully, you have taken that action.

Lastly, MOAA created its newsletter to ensure you get the information most important to you. Check out MOAA’s Email Preference Center. It allows you to personalize and update what you want to receive. Check your profile at http://moaa.highroadsolution.com/moaa_preference_page/form.aspx, and tailor your newsletter by clicking on the categories you are interested in and indicating how often you would like to hear about them. You can update your preferences as often as you like.

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