HELP SUPPORT MOAA ADVOCACY IN ACTION

Subject: MOAA Lancaster PA Chapter: Legislative Advocacy - Requesting Chapter Member Support

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*** From the Desk of Lancaster Chapter MOAA Board of Directors Member Diane Stackhouse ***

MOAA Members can add their support to national legislative efforts by joining the write in campaign to Congressional representatives online through the MOAA website as follows:

- 1. Go to <u>www.moaa.org</u>.
- 2. Click on "Advocacy" and then "Legislative Action Center."
- 3. Review the list under "Active Legislative Campaigns."
- 4. Click on "Write" located to the right of each legislative initiative you want to address.
- 5. Complete your personal information, select chapter ID: PA03 and then select "Submit"
- 6. After you review the letters to be sent to your individual representatives select "Submit" at the bottom of the letters. Note: Individual letters may be edited as desired.

Active Legislative Campaigns (*2024 Priority issues)

*Urge Your Legislators to Support Concurrent Receipt

Contact your representative and senators and urge them to support the **Major Richard Star Act**, which would authorize combat-injured veterans to receive their full DoD retirement pay earned for years of service and their full VA disability compensation for lifelong injury.

*Urge Your Legislators to Pay Full Housing Costs for Servicemembers

MOAA seeks to **restore the Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) to 100%.** Our nation expects 100% from servicemembers and we need to ensure they get 100% of their housing allowance by supporting BAH restoration.

*Share Your Story: What Does TRICARE For Life Mean To You?

Tell us your story – MOAA needs to hear from you and your beneficiaries what the TRICARE for Life benefit means to you. Our nation has an obligation to provide benefits servicemembers and retirees have earned.

Urge Your Elected Officials to Fix the TRICARE Young Adult Coverage Gap

This bill would expand TRICARE eligibility to young adult dependents up to age 26, bringing TRICARE in line with commercial plan requirements.

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Ask Your Lawmakers to Support the Retain Skilled Veterans Act

This bipartisan legislation would end the so-called "180-day rule," which imposes a waiting period on those leaving service before they can take on certain types of DoD civilian employment. Many of these jobs are empty as qualified applicants with security clearances are forced to look elsewhere to start their careers.

Urge Your Legislators to Support the Military Spouse Hiring Act

Contact your representative and senators and urge them to support the Military Spouse Hiring Act to incentivize businesses to hire military spouses.

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