



2019 FCOC Council Leadership Forum

Legislative Chairs Round Table Presentation

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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.moaafll.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



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



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

2018 QRMC

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