
FACT SHEET

The Reserve Officers Association is an approximately 63,000-member professional association of officers, former officers, and spouses of all the uniformed services of the United States, primarily the Reserve and National Guard. It is a congressionally chartered Association that advises the Congress and the President on issues of national security on behalf of all members of the Reserve Component.

Basic Facts

- ROA membership is open to all federally commissioned officers, warrant officers, and their spouses, from the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy, and Marine Corps, U.S. Public Health Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
- ROA's national headquarters, the Minuteman Memorial Building, is located next to the U.S. Capitol grounds.
- ROA has held a Congressional charter since 1960. President Harry S. Truman signed it into law establishing ROA as a corporation to support and promote military policies that will provide adequate national security.
- ROA was founded in 1922 in Washington, D.C. One of its key founders was Gen. John J. "Blackjack" Pershing.
- ROA comprises 55 departments, one in each of the 50 states, plus Latin America, the District of Columbia, Europe, the Far East, and Puerto Rico. These departments include over 300 chapters worldwide.
- ROA members are participants in the Interallied Confederation of Reserve Officers and Medical Reserve Officers (CIOR and CIOMR respectively) and Pan American Union of Reserve Officers of the Armed Forces (UPORFA), international organizations.
- A Key element of ROA is its Defense Education Forum hosting upwards of 70 discussions, symposiums and developmental education events throughout the year on topics related to national security, both from the broad perspective such as America's Energy policy as it relates to national security to more narrow topics such as mental healthcare delivery to wounded warriors.
- ROA hosts the only Servicemembers Law Center, focusing on employment rights of citizen warriors and educating employers on such rights. The center advocates for improvements in the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act as well as advises on the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act and military voting rights. The center offers free advice to any servicemember or organization in need of legal counsel on these topics and publishes a thorough law review with over 600 articles to date.

Legislative Priorities

ROA has a long history of strong and effective legislative activity and can claim many legislative victories on behalf of the nation's warrior citizens, such as drill and retirement pay. Today's legislative priorities, largely shaped by the requirements of overseas contingency operations, are:

- Reset the whole force to include fully funding equipment and training for the National Guard and Reserves.
- Provide adequate resources and authorities to support the current recruiting and retention requirements of the Reserves and National Guard.
- Support citizen warriors, families and survivors.
- Assure that the Reserve and National Guard continue in a key national defense role, both at home and abroad.

Details of these legislative initiatives for the Reserve are at www.roa.org/advocate.

Leadership

Each year, delegates to the national convention elect new leaders to serve as principal officers and members of the National Executive Committee. The principal officers for 2009-2011 are:

National President:	RADM Paul T. Kaye, MC, USNR (Ret.)
National President Elect	COL Walker M. Williams, III, USAF (Ret.)
Immediate Past President	COL D. Ladd Pattillo, USAR (Ret.)
Vice President, Army	BG Michael J. Silva, USAR
Vice President, Air Force	COL Scott S. Russell, USAFR
Vice President, Naval Services	CDR Rafael A. Ortiz, USCGR

Twenty-three other National Executive Committee members and National Officers are appointed by the president or elected by the membership. The full list of ROA national officers is posted at www.roa.org/officers.

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Organizational Meetings

ROA holds one major organizational event each year in Washington, D.C. The 2011 National Convention and Reserve Component Expo will be held Jan. 29 - Feb. 2 at the Marriott Wardman Park.

More Information

- Web site: www.roa.org
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