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## ROA Headlines



### In memoriam: ROA salutes Col. Ralph Hockley

A touching tribute to an incredible man that history shall never forget.

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### ROA secures significant successes in defense bill

Legislative team sees six clear wins in FY 2024 NDAA.

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### ROA commends Osprey grounding

Fatal crash in November led ROA to pen letter to Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin.

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## Virtual ROA Academy Registration Open



There's still time to register for the [ROA Academy](#) on

January 25 at 8 p.m. Eastern

Time - visit [ROA.org](#) to

register today and you'll get

email updates leading up to

the session. See you there!

## Legislative Update



**January 13, 2024**

To the members of our Minute Man Movement:

Happy New Year! I hope your resolutions for the new year come true (I'm included). After being in the new year with some of my closest college friends, I looked back at 2023 and for the best of us.

Your thought process significantly broadened my mind and helped to ensure ROA's successful transition into the world of members of the 2023 Congress (which is now well underway). Thanks for the joy and I hope you keep to your values and incorporate into your advocacy vocabulary.

The word "transition" is a key term for those associated with the Reserve and National Guard. Perhaps there is no better example for the change "The Reserve transitioned from a strategic mission to an operational mission."

International competitors are actively working to transition into a new world order. China, for example, has been identified by the Pentagon as the only competitor "with the same end, in technology, the capacity to reshape the international order."

To counteract these destabilizing forces, America must successfully transition its superiority and it must do so quickly.

Consolidating more than 60 percent of the total force, the Reserve components will surely have a significant role in ensuring such a transition and ensuring the National Defense Strategy.

As part of my talking the Federal Reserve presentation at the Jan. 25 ROA Academy, I will "walk" members through our policy portfolio and identify three leading priorities: <https://www.federalreserve.gov/about/pressroom/2023/01/23/20230123a.htm>

In the meantime, what I can share with you is my portfolio of transition American military superiority into this "techno decade":

- Ensuring the transition from a strategic to an operational reserve is reinforced by modernized law, policy, and practice.
- Ensuring seamless transition for component and capability interoperability.
- Identifying, documenting and disseminating to members for some length care plans for reserve component member needs, from support, and "day care" options.
- Improving transition between military and civilian life for member component service.

The Reserve Organization of America, Academy, connecting members like you.

## January's Up to the Minute Man Update

Learn what ROA's Director of Legislation and staff members have been doing on Capitol Hill.

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## Reunions



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### USS Yellowstone AD27 Reunion

The USS YELLOWSTONE AD27 Association is hosting their reunion at the Crowne Plaza in Warwick, RI from April 7 - 10, 2024.

For more information and to receive an information packet, please contact: Karen A. Bown, Secretary/Treasurer & Reunion Planner, 30 Briar Drive, Rochester, NH 03867, call 1-352-208-5400, or email: [usnad27@comcast.net](mailto:usnad27@comcast.net).

## Global News



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The January Law Reviews are linked below:

- [No. 24,008](#) - Domicile Discussion for the Military Legal Assistance Attorney
- [No. 24,007](#) - Vote in the 2024 Primary and General Election
- [No. 24,006](#) - Congress, Please Close the Loophole in the USERRA Provision for Awarding Attorney Fees in USERRA Cases Involving The United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit
- [No. 24,005](#) - You Are Entitled to Civilian Pension Credit for your Military Service Time Only if you Meet All Five USERRA Conditions, Including the Five-year Limit
- [No. 24,004](#) - Yes, USERRA Applies all over the World to U.S. Companies. You Meet the USERRA Conditions, and you Are Entitled to Reemployment in the City where you Worked before your most Recent Period of Active Duty, Even if that Means that another Employee Must Be Displaced
- [No. 24,003](#) - Individuals Who Served in the Republic of Korea (South Korea) Armed Forces, Alongside U.S. Service Members in the Vietnam War, and who Later Emigrated to the U.S. and Became Naturalized Citizens Are Now Eligible for Medical Care from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs And South Korea is Paying for this Care
- [No. 24,002](#) - Advocating for Written Informed Consent for Military Members
- [No. 24,001](#) - We Added 66 new "Law Review" Articles in 2023



### Honoring our fallen.

During December 2023, ROA was notified of 22 of our ROA comrades passing from our ranks. On behalf of our membership, we thank these brave men and women for their many years of service and wish their families peace. [Click here for the full list of names.](#)