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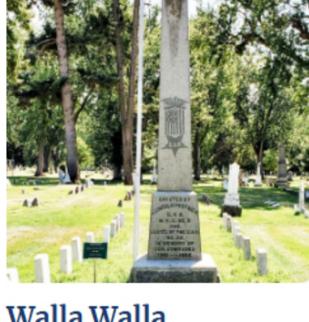
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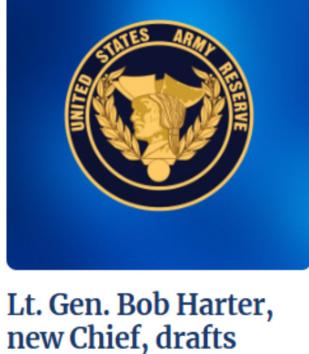
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Vince Cummings
My vision is an ROA Agenda focused upon victory, measured in metrics of uplifting bread-and-butter issues affecting troops.
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Legislative Update

ROA UP TO THE MINUTE MAN UPDATE
September 11, 2024
To the members of our Minute Man Movement: It's been a while since I last wrote to you, hasn't it? I apologize for that: know that the lapse in communication does not reflect a lapse in my thoughts about you, quite the opposite, in fact. When I last wrote to you, ROA was preparing for its Advocacy Day on June 13 in support of the U.S. Public Health Service Ready Reserve Corps. What a remarkable day! If you're interested in the details of the event, I encourage you to read the June edition of our Reserve Voice Magazine, which features a special article on the day's proceedings. To everyone who joined us in person, virtually, or contacted their elected officials—thank you. Your engagement fuels ROA's advocacy efforts. As they Clute, our Director of Operations, often says, ROA will advocate "fierce and unyielding" if necessary, but we seek partnerships wherever possible. We are excited to announce that ROA will soon release a special publication focusing on the power of partnerships. If you caught our Aug. 1 interview with National Guard Reserve and U.S. Public Health Service representatives about their joint efforts in medical readiness, like those will resonate with you. If not, I encourage you to visit ROA's YouTube page and watch it as soon as possible! This focus on collaboration is central to ROA's daily advocacy. The forthcoming publication will highlight our advocacy focus, serving our reservists and partners at the forefront. I look forward to its release, expected in time for our Annual Meeting in D.C. at the MMR from Oct. 4 to 6! I'm writing this update close to midnight, and with the congressional Aug. recess over, the 118th Congress has until Sept. 20 to fund the federal government. Continuing Resolutions are detrimental to military readiness, institutional integrity, and national security. Despite ROA's assistance, Congress often relies on CRs. In response to reports validating concerns that Congress would fund the government via CR yet again, ROA joined the Association of the U.S. Army and four other like-minded associations urging the passage of the FY 2025 defense and mil-con/VIA appropriations bills. Over the weekend, Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin sent letters to congressional

September'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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- [No. 24046](#) – Yes, the SCRA Provision Mandating the Reduction of Interest Rates to 6% for Persons Entering Active Duty Applies to Student Loans.
- [No. 24045](#) – Under the SCRA, a Military Spouse Can Select the Husband's (or Wife's) Domicile for State Income Tax
- [No. 24044](#) – USERRA's Escalator Can Descend as well as Ascend
- [No. 24043](#) – Hamilton v. McDonough: Does the Attorney Work-Product Doctrine Apply to FTCA Files?



Honoring our fallen.
During August 2024, ROA was notified of 137 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.](#)