

Appropriation Priorities

End Strength: Support Strategic and Operational Requirements

ROA urges Congress to support end strength so the Reserve Components can continue to meet strategic and operational requirements.

Equipment: Fund National Guard Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA).

ROA urges Congress to support the National Guard Reserve Equipment Appropriation in the budget to reduce shortages and replace equipment currently being used beyond the functional life.

“Supporting the Reserve force is part of what some other associations do; it’s all that ROA does.”

Equipment: Concurrent and Proportional Fielding of Equipment

ROA urges Congress and the administration to budget for required equipment to fill unfunded requirements and to modernize equipment in the Reserve Components in parallel with the Active Component.

Training: Fully Resource Training to Meet Strategic and Operational Missions

ROA urges Congress to provide funding to support the strategic and operational requirements of the Reserve Components.

ROA Legislative Agenda

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Guard and Reserve Overseas Activations

Currently Activated:	37,689
Deactivated Since 9/11:	929,792
Total:	967,481

Activations as of: December 18, 2018

Authorization Priorities

Veteran Status: Change Federal Hiring Preference for Reserve Component Members

ROA urges Congress to confer veteran status for purposes of federal hiring veterans' preference on Reserve Component members after 180 "cumulative" days on active duty versus 180 "consecutive" days on active duty.

DD Form 214: Issue upon Retirement/Separation from the Reserve Component

ROA urges Congress to direct all members retiring from the Reserve Components to receive a DD Form 214 or, if already retired, upon request by the service member, family or legally recognized entity.

ROA urges Congress to direct DoD to establish an e-DD Form 214 that is continuously and automatically populated from the military personnel system for servicemembers to access when needed; eliminating the need for an "issued" DD Form 214.

Toxic Exposure: Recognition of Illnesses Caused by Hazardous Warfare Agents

ROA urges Congress to enact legislation to recognize exposure to toxins as a service-connected disability for service members whose service includes, but is not

limited to, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War, Iraq, Afghanistan, Camp Lejeune, and Canada.

Continuity of Care: Establish Continuous Health Care Coverage

ROA urges Congress to extend TRICARE Reserve Select for all members of the Reserve Components or establish one health care program for the RC regardless of duty status.

Taxes: Update Tax Laws and Policies to Reflect Changes in the Military

ROA urges Congress to exempt Title 26 USC 401(k) Guard and Reserve employee and government contribution limits from the new "blended retirement" plan.

ROA urges Congress to amend Title 26 USC §62(a)(2)(E) to decrease the distance to 50 miles for the above-the-line deduction for travel expenses.

ROA urges Congress to update IRS Revenue Procedure 2016-47 to allow members of the Reserve Components on military deployment to qualify for a waiver of the 60-day rollover requirement.

ROA urges Congress to establish a tax credit for employers who hire members of the Reserve Components in high-demand specialties, such as cyber, counterdrug, pilots, medical, and security.